

The National Catholic Register's Christmas Gift Guide 2012

In anticipation of welcoming Christ at Christmas, we offer our readers a selection of Christmas gifts to give to family and friends in honor of Jesus, the best Christmas gift the world has known.

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—Compiled by staff writer Joseph Pronechen



TAPESTRY ROSARY POUCHES

Lovely tapestry pouches allow receivers to carry their rosaries safely. Each features a zipper closure and an image on the reverse and measures 5 3/8 inches by 4 inches. Choose from a variety of choices. Divine Mercy/Blessed John Paul II, Item: Tip 6; Our Lady of Guadalupe/St. Michael, Item: Tip 7; Madonna and Child/Cross (not shown), Item: Tip 4; Virgin of Smolensk/Christ the Pantocrator (not shown), Item: Tip 11; and Madonna Comforter/Cross (not shown), Item: Tip 5. Each is \$8.

COLOR-AND-HUG 'O HOLY NIGHT'

Little ones will love to color and hug this 7-inch Nativity scene. Using six washable markers, children can color the squeezably soft scene again and again after a rinse in the sink. A ribbon allows it to hang in the child's room. For ages 2 and up. Item: W1125, \$7.



AVE MARIA BRACELET

This sterling-silver bracelet made in America features a Möbius strip shape — which means that, because of its twisted form, it has a plane that never ends — and features the Hail Mary, in both Latin and English, continuously engraved around it. Item: FC07B, \$94.

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this Child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

Luke 2:15-20, Christmas Day reading 2012



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1. 12-PIECE NATIVITY SET

During Advent and Christmas, every family should have a Nativity set as a reminder of the humble way Our Lord came into the world. This beautiful Nativity from Joseph Studio includes 6-inch figures of the Holy Family, Three Kings, an angel, a shepherd with sheep, a stable, a camel, an ox and a donkey. The stable measures 10 1/2 inches by 18 3/4 inches. Made of resin. Item: 3437K, \$200.

2. CHRISTMAS ANGEL WITH STAR

This beautiful hand-painted angel, with a detailed image of the Holy Family on her gown in vibrant Christmas colors, is made of a resin-stone mix and measures approximately 15 3/4 inches by 7 1/2 inches by 4 inches. Item: 27061, \$52.

3. NATIVITY TRIPTYCH

This hand-painted resin Nativity triptych looks like a decorative cabinet when closed. It opens to reveal a relief depicting the Holy Family in the center section, with an angel, young shepherd boy and the Magi. It measures 8 1/2 inches by 10 inches by 2 1/4 inches when opened. Item: 34358, \$31.50.

4. FOUR-PIECE NATIVITY VOTIVE SET

This unique set includes four separate rectangular votive holders: one with the Holy Family and the other three with one of the Wise Men. The hand-painted set resembles blocks of wood. The tallest piece measures 8 inches. The glass votive candleholders are included, but not the candles. Item: 34467, \$40.

5. NATIVITY ORNAMENTS

These Fontanini ornaments feature the Holy Family resting comfortably within the letters of **JOY**, which measure 5 inches, and upon the letters of **PEACE**, measuring 4 inches. Both are made of colorful resin. Item: 5631J for Joy; Item: 5631P for Peace; each \$12.50.

6. INFANT JESUS IN GOWN WITH CRIB

This beautiful handmade statue of Baby Jesus has glass eyes and is clothed in a beige gown with gold detail. Measuring 10 inches, it comes with a wood crib. Item: N1126, \$65.

7. GIANT NATIVITY GLITTER DOME

This lovely Fontanini musical Nativity glitter dome features the Holy Family, one of the Wise Men and some sheep. The battery-operated internal motion keeps the glitter moving throughout the glass globe, which is approximately 6 inches in diameter and 8 inches tall. When wound, it plays a portion of the Christmas carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem*. Item: 66166, \$115.

8. STABLE-SCENE GLITTER DOME

This Fontanini musical glitter dome features the Holy Family atop a scenic base with 3-D animals and a battery-operated light. The music box plays a portion of *Silent Night*. Made of resin and glass, it measures 5 3/4 inches. Item: 66129, \$55.

9. HOLY FAMILY MUSICAL GLITTER DOME

This decorative glitter dome features the Holy Family encased in a glittery glass globe with a dark-brown resin base painted to look like carved wood. When wound, it plays a portion of the favorite Christmas classic *O Holy Night*. It measures nearly 7 inches by 4 3/4 inches. Item: 35587, \$45.



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10. MYSTIC MONK COFFEE AND TEA

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11. FAITH NECK TIES

Proclaim your faith by wearing a Catholic tie during the Year of Faith. Choose from a **Divine Mercy** image and the words "Jesus, I Trust in You" or an image of a **St. Benedict** medal and Benedictine crucifixes. Ties measure approximately 3 1/2 inches by 56 inches. Divine Mercy, Item: TIE35; St. Benedict, Item: TIE210, \$25 each.

12. NATIVITY NIGHTLIGHT

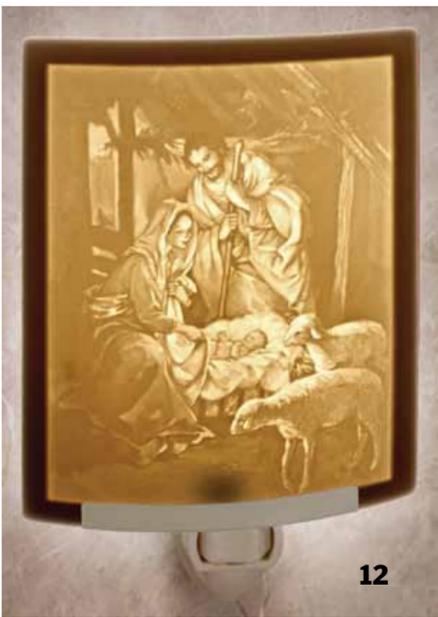
Remember Christmas all year with this nightlight that features a beautiful image of the Nativity. Warm tones will cast a gentle light perfect for any room. Measures 5 1/2 inches and includes one standard 7-watt bulb. Item: NR183, \$25.

13. CATHOLIC COFFEE MUGS

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14. GOD BLESS OUR HOME PLATE

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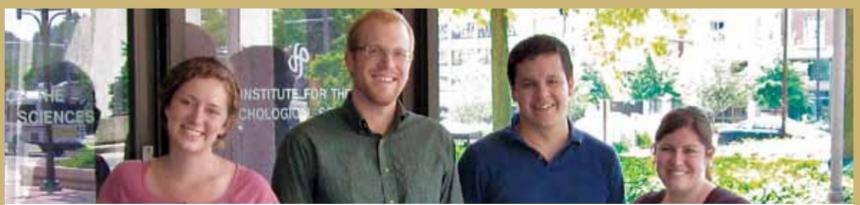
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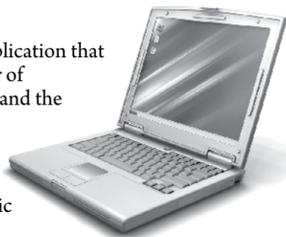
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15. CHILDREN'S FAITH MATS

These colorful placemats are just right for a child's meal or snack time, featuring an Advent Wreath and a joyful St. Francis with birds, animals and the Prayer of St. Francis. For ages 2 and up. Advent, Item: W1112, \$6; St. Francis, Item: W1113, \$5.

16. HOLY FAMILY BLOWN-GLASS ORNAMENT

After arriving in Bethlehem and finding no room at the inn, Mary and St. Joseph spent the night in a stable. Baby Jesus was born and placed in the hay-filled manger instead of a cradle. The brightly shining star announced the blessed event. This ornament captures the first Christmas in beautiful detail and measures 5 1/2 inches. Item: 10132, \$16.

17. CHILD'S NATIVITY

This charming Nativity set of 11 pieces includes Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus, as well as an angel, the Wise Men, a shepherd, a lamb, a donkey and a stable. The stable measures 8 inches. The set is suggested for display only. Item: 36144, \$36.

18. CERAMIC ORNAMENTS

Christmas trees are the perfect place for these glossy, double-sided ornaments of the **Marriage of Joseph and Mary** and **St. Joseph With the Child Jesus**. Each ornament includes ribbon for hanging and measures 2 1/4 inches by 3 1/4 inches. Joseph and Mary, Item: ORN109; Joseph and Jesus, Item: 1418. Each \$8.

19. OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE WITH ANGELS

This detailed picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe shows the entire tilma on which her image appears, suspended by five cherubs and richly adorned with flowers and ribbons. It is framed in an ornate frame with glass and measures 12 inches by 14 inches. Item: 35870, \$60.

20. GOLD, FRANKINCENSE & MYRRH

Give the original gifts of Christmas. Each comes in an antique-looking, handmade wooden box designed to capture the spirit of the gifts carried by the Magi. The 23-karat gold floats in a hand-blown glass globe; the frankincense is from the same region as the original gift brought by Balthasar; and the myrrh is the finest quality from southern Arabia, the same region as the gift brought by Caspar. Each box is approximately 3 inches by 3 inches and includes an enclosure card telling the story as well as a "certificate of authenticity." Item: GFM33, \$50.

21. BEST-LOVED CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Ronald Clancy offers historical perspective on the development of carols since the 13th century. This boxed set includes the stories of 25 carols, beautifully illustrated with masterpiece art reproductions. The package includes a CD with the carols performed by world-renowned choirs and orchestras like the Royal Philharmonic. A bonus songbook with lyrics and music for sing-a-longs is included. Item: 4601, \$30.



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22. HOLY WATER FONTS

Holy water is one of the sacramentals in the Catholic Church. These pretty fonts not only remind the faithful to bless themselves, but also to keep the Holy Family and Our Lady of Lourdes in their hearts every day. The **Holy Family Font** is made of onyx and painted to look like wood; it measures 4 inches by 7 1/4 inches, with a 1 1/2-inch basin, and is imported from Korea. The **Our Lady of Lourdes Font**, made in Italy of resin, is based on the work of Venetian engraver Giacomo Piccini. It features a raised silver-plated image of St. Bernadette and Our Lady of Lourdes. It's 3 1/4 inches by 7 1/4 inches, with a 1 1/2-inch-deep bowl. Holy Family, Item: OJ148, \$28; Our Lady of Lourdes, Item: F2087, \$23.



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23. MIRACULOUS MEDALS

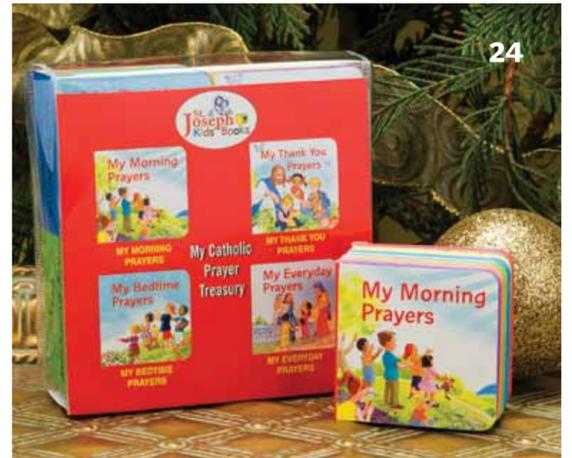
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24. MY CATHOLIC PRAYER TREASURY

This treasury of prayers includes four board books that young children can turn to again and again: *My Morning Prayers*, *My Thank You Prayers*, *My Everyday Prayers* and *My Bedtime Prayers*. The books are made of a lightweight material and are vividly illustrated. The four books are packaged in a clear vinyl case. Item: 88522, \$8.



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25. STATUES OF OUR LADY

Christmas always reminds us that Mary is the Mother of Jesus. Each of these statues depicts an image of our Blessed Mother. **Our Lady of Lourdes** recalls Mary's appearance to Bernadette, when she told her about praying the Rosary. 17 inches. Item: OJ101, \$65. The beautifully hand-painted **Our Lady of Grace** is made of onyx and measures 18 1/2 inches. Item: OJ106, \$84. In addition, the **Immaculate Heart of Mary** statue measures 17 1/2 inches and is imported from Peru. Item: K0482, \$72. **Our Lady of Fatima** stands at 15 inches. It's made of resin in Portugal. Item: 28015, \$55.



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26. PARDON CRUCIFIX

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27. JERUSALEM CROSS NECKLACE

This beautiful 1-inch gold-plated Jerusalem cross comes on an 18-inch chain from the Vatican Library Collection, which offers authentic recreations inspired by the masterpieces within the Vatican Library. Made in America, the large cross is surrounded by four smaller ones representing the four Gospels and four routes in which the Gospel spread. The five crosses symbolize Christ's wounds. Item: P4294, \$26.

28. PERSONALIZED HOUSE BLESSING

The Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary give Catholics great comfort and hope. Along with these two familiar images, this beautiful picture reads: "God Bless the (Name) Home." Displayed in an attractive gold frame, the blessing measures 15 1/2 inches by 12 1/2 inches. (Include family name when ordering.) Item: HB4, \$38.

29. GUARDIAN ANGEL ARTWORK

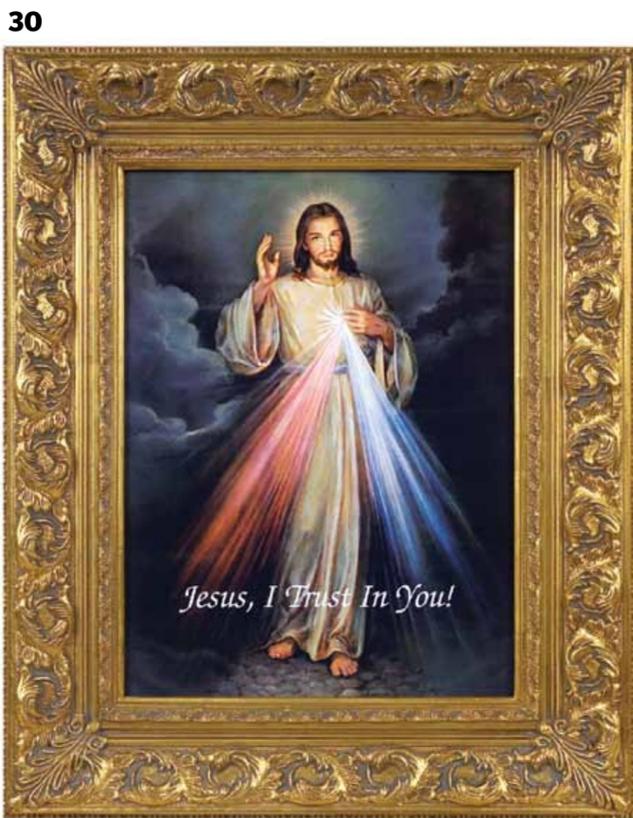
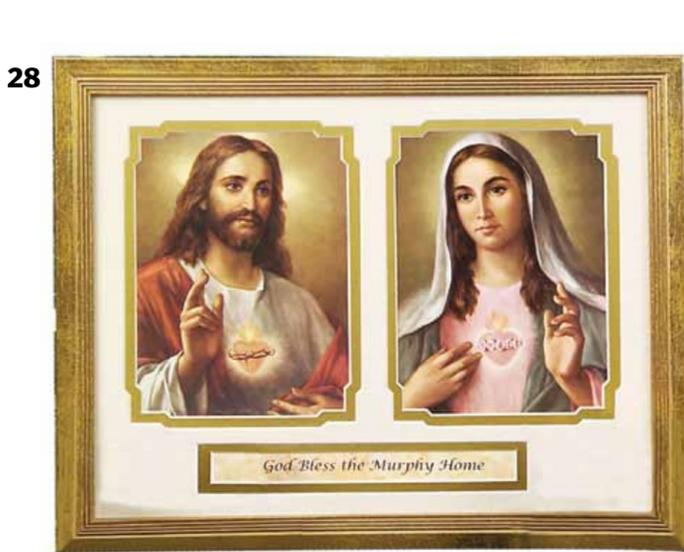
This colorful print of a guardian angel on a bridge watching over children has been a popular work of religious art for over a century. The comforting scene comes in an antiqued-gold wood frame that measures 9 1/2 inches by 11 1/2 inches. Item: 7826, \$33

30. DIVINE MERCY ART

Jesus, The Divine Mercy, born in Bethlehem and later revealed as the Divine Mercy in the 20th century to St. Faustina, is beautifully captured in this canvas **Divine Mercy Print** in an ornate resin gold-colored frame that measures 18 1/2 inches by 22 1/2 inches. Great for a dorm room or locker, the **Divine Mercy Poster** measures 18 inches by 24 inches. Print, Item: 86829, \$80; Poster, Item: P35H, \$8.

31. SACRED HEART HOUSE BLESSING

This house blessing features an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, an inspiring prayer and a decorative border. It is displayed in an ornate silver frame with an easel back and a hook for hanging. 10 inches by 12 inches. Item: 12084, \$25.



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33. BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

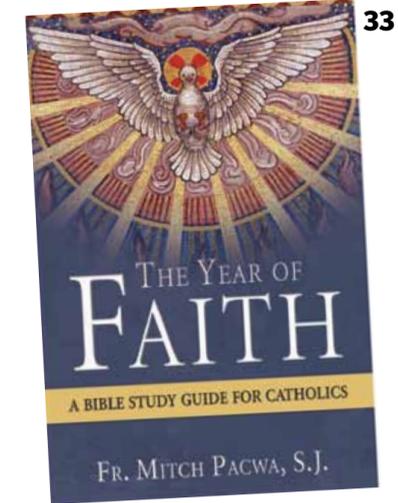
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34. MASS PUZZLE BOOK

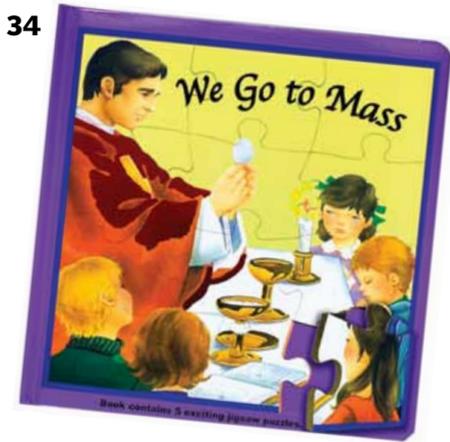
This book will teach children about the faith in a way that is interesting and fun. Five exciting jigsaw puzzles of 12 pieces each come in a padded cover, with foil stamping and vibrant colors. Item: 97097, \$9.

35. HOLY FAMILY AND BLESSED MOTHER WATCHES

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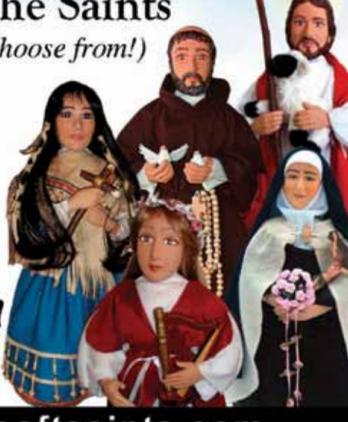
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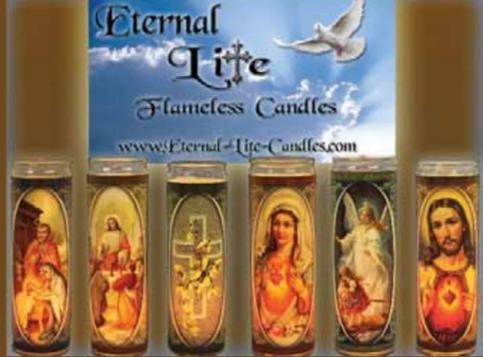


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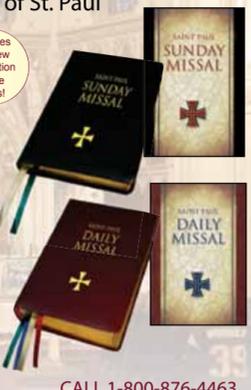
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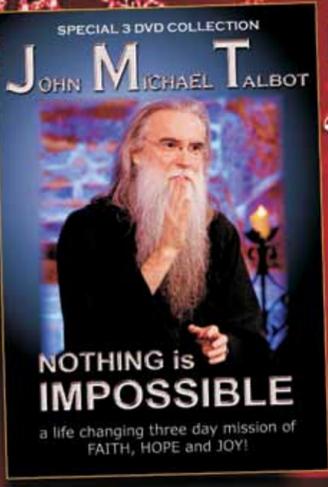
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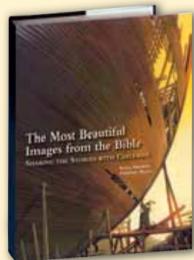


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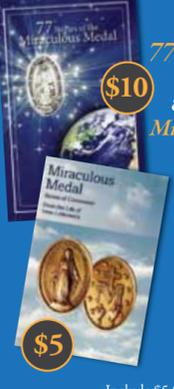

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