



SAINT NICHOLAS

December 6 – St. Nicholas Day

Patron saint of children, sailors, innocents and others in need

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Stories tell of Nicholas saving three young women from slavery, protecting sailors, sparing innocents from execution, providing grain during a famine and rescuing a kidnapped boy.

Gracious God, send your spirit upon us that we may follow in the steps of St. Nicholas, loving you and generously caring for others; we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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