

FAITH KNOWLEDGE QUIZ FOR ADULTS

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"Preparing for Christmas"

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- In the last two weeks of "Advent" Christians prepare to celebrate:
 - a. the anniversary of the Lord's first coming at His Birth;
 - b. the Annunciation by the Angel Gabriel to Mary;
 - c. the Immaculate Conception.
 - d. the eventual second coming of the Lord at the end of time.
- The third Sunday of Advent is often referred to as:
 - a. "Laudate Sunday";
 - b. "Advent Season III";
 - c. "Gaudete" Sunday;
 - d. "Christmas Carol" Sunday.
- In the Season of Advent:
 - a. Pink represents a time of joyful singing and purple, a reminder to do penance;
 - b. Royal purple signifies the royalty of Christ and pink represents joy at His coming;
 - c. The colour, violet reminds us that Advent is a Season of Penance before Christmas;
 - d. Royal purple signifies serenity and pink, joyful laughter.
- "Gaudete" means:
 - a. "be generous to those in need";
 - b. "get ready for the Lord";
 - c. "be prepared";
 - d. "rejoice".
- Two good ways to prepare for Christmas are:
 - a. to be especially generous to the needy and to be forgiven of one's past sins;
 - b. to pray daily and reflect on the Bible passages that refer to the birth of Christ;
 - c. to attend Mass and to reflect on the life difficulties that the Holy Family endured;
 - d. all of the above.
- "A.D.", which stands for "Anno Domini" is used to mark the years,
 - a. after the Annunciation to Mary;
 - b. after the birth of Jesus;
 - c. after the death of Jesus;
 - d. after the Immaculate Conception.
- Christmas as a Christian Feastday in the Church was not celebrated:
 - a. until 33 years after Christ's actual birth;
 - b. until 100 A.D.;
 - c. until 1200 A.D.;
 - d. until 300 years after the actual birth of Christ.

8. We celebrate Christmas on December 25 each year because:
- a. the Gospel of Luke records that date;
 - b. December 25 is just a few days after the winter solstice;
 - c. that date is prophecied by Isaiah in the Old Testament;
 - d. it provides us with a time of joy in the midst of a cold and bleak winter.
9. The word, "Christmas" literally means:
- a. Christ's Nativity;
 - b. Christ' Birth;
 - c. Christ's Mass;
 - d. Christ's Promise of eternal life.
10. The word, "Noël" in old French, comes from the Latin word which means:
- a. day of glory;
 - b. day of expectation;
 - c. day of birth;
 - d. day of joy.
11. To write Merry "Xmas" instead of Merry "Christmas",
- a. is just another validly religious way to write, Merry Christmas;
 - b. is the same as saying, "Happy Holidays".
 - c. is to cross Christ out of Christmas and to secularize the day
 - d. is to make Christmas sound more acceptable to non Christians.
12. Catholics are authorized to celebrate the Day of Christmas for:
- a. twelve days after December 25;
 - b. one month after December 25;
 - c. two months after December 25;
 - d. eight days after December 25.

CORRECT ANSWERS

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| <p>1. a. In the first two weeks we prepare for his Second coming and in the last two weeks, we prepare for His first coming at Christmas.</p> <p>2. c. It means: "Rejoice" because the birth of Christ is near... in just 2 weeks!</p> <p>3. b. Royal purple both for Christ the adult King and for Christ, the infant newborn King. Pink is a colour of Christian hope and joy.</p> <p>4. d. It is the Sunday when we light the pink candle of rejoicing.</p> <p>5. d. All these actions will help us spiritually prepare ourselves both for this great Feastday.</p> <p>6. b. We began the Christian year count after the birth <u>and not</u> after the death of Christ</p> | <p>7. d. Christmas was not considered as important as Easter, which was always celebrated.</p> <p>8. b. After the winter solstice, the days begin to get longer. This reminds us that Christ was born to bring more light into a dark world.</p> <p>9. c. It comes from two old English words: "Christe-Masse" literally which mean, "Mass celebrated on the occasion of Jesus' birth".</p> <p>10.c. Sometimes it is spelled in an English way: "Nowell" but means the same thing.</p> <p>11.a. The letter "X" is the first letter for the Greek word for Christ so in the early years of Christianity it was often used for this.</p> <p>12. d. We call it the Christmas "Octave" (eight).</p> |
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