

Midnight mass

The Roman Catholic custom of saying midnight mass on Christmas Eve stems from the belief that Jesus Christ was

actually born at that hour. Actually, mass may be said at any hour the night before Christmas and in some countries there is no midnight mass, the first Christmas mass being said at four or five in the morning.



a Joyous Christmas

To all our friends, we send sincere wishes for Yuletide joy!

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and THE SINCERE WISH FOR A PROSPEROUS & MEANINGFUL NEW YEAR

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TIN TOYS were exported from Germany and shipped world-wide in the early 1900's. The photograph shown is typical of this kind of toy and many 70 and 80-year-oldsters will be familiar with them. Their rarity has relegated them to the realm of collector's items. — (Staff Photo)

Vigilance is key to family safety keep children busy to keep them safe

Signals for the holiday season are visible across Canada, and among them is one storm signal with a special warning for mothers: The price of a happy holiday season for the entire family is constant vigilance. More persons sustained fatal injuries due to accidents last December than in any other month of the year.

The holiday season might be aptly described as the season of

the great upset. Routines and schedules for regular living are disrupted. This places an extra burden on the homemaker.

The Council on Family Health in Canada suggests some ways in which mothers can reduce the chances of accidents in the home, despite the hectic activity and the jolly distractions of the holiday season.

Maintain prompt mealtimes, advises the Council. Small children are more likely to eat non-food objects when they are hungry and tired.



Keep a vigilant eye on youngsters. When they seem tired, divert them with calmer activities. Put them in a safe play space. Even if you are certain the child is safe, check frequently.

According to one group of researchers, half the children involved in accidents in the home were completely unsupervised around the time of their accident.

When adult members of the family are engrossed in gift wrapping, gift making, or the creation of decorations for the home and the Christmas tree, little children can be made part of the group. They can be assigned safe little tasks, performed under the watchful eyes of adults, says the Council, a non-profit organization sponsored by members of the drug industry to promote home safety.

Left to their own devices and unsupervised, small children may discover their own projects, such as lighting matches, playing with electrical equipment, or trying to investigate what's bubbling on

top of the kitchen stove. Older children on school vacation during the holidays need some extra supervision, too. If the weather is wet, make sure they change to dry clothes immediately upon arriving home. Be alert to the flushed skin, the dry hacking cough and the sniffles that may indicate the onset of illness. Some school-age children try to hide these symptoms from their parents so they will not be confined to home and bed while their friends are having holiday parties.

If your children are taking part in school, church, club or community programs which require costumes, make sure the costumes are made of flameproof material. Fluffy, fluffy or flowing costumes are a hazard. The most frequent victims of clothing fires are children, particularly little girls. In the home, see that portable heaters have guards and are never placed near curtains or towel racks. If there is a fireplace, be sure the screen is firmly in place at all times. It may not be as gala or romantic as an open fire, but it is much safer for the entire family.

Vigilance during the holiday season includes a thorough check of toys for small children, says the Council on Family Health in Canada. Check them for loose construction, sharp edges, or small parts that might be pulled off and put in the mouth.

As for the joyful Christmas tree, see that it is placed away from any source of heat, including the television set. And never permit the tree to be placed in the line of traffic in the home, nor where it blocks an exit.

A happy holiday season for the entire family can be a safe season, says the Council.

Welcome bells

Bells welcome the New Year to Japan, ringing out 108 times at midnight on New Year's Eve, reminding the people of the 108 commandments of Buddha. The people of Japan still observe many age-old customs with regard to the New Year. One of the most interesting is the practice of scattering parched beans about the house, supposedly driving away evil influences and inviting good luck to enter.

Use leftovers

When plenty of company is coming for the holidays, the wise homemaker does as much cooking in advance as possible. That favorite bird, the turkey, is a frequent choice. The turkey is the centre of attraction at many a Christmas day feast... and the "leftovers" help make for easier meals in the days that follow.

Turkey is a king, turkey soup, turkey sandwiches, turkey bits (cubes of cold turkey, served appetizer style), represent but some of the ways this versatile bird may be used to help during the holidays.

Christmas of old family observance

Have you ever wondered what older folk are talking about when they speak of "Christmas of old"? What is an old-fashioned Christmas?

Certainly, it is impossible for us to go back to the "horse and buggy" days. We can't even get back to the days of the "Model T".

We live in a modern world. We have modern transportation. We have modern conveniences. In the old days, Sunday was "dress-up" day and when folks went for a stroll or a surrey-ride they donned their Sunday-best. Today, we wear whatever we please, take an hour or so to drive to a place where no one knows us — or cares what we wear.

We can't go back to the old days. So what can we do about Christmas? Simply, we can observe Christmas in the traditional manner.

First, we must remember that Christmas is a religious holiday, a day given to observance of the greatest event in the history of mankind, the birth of a Redeemer. Let us keep Christmas a religious holiday.

Secondly, let us keep Christmas as a family observance. Christmas becomes more meaningful when families plan together; make gifts together, have or engage in social affairs in which all family members have a part; have a family worship service at home; and stress the religious aspects of Christmas throughout all the season's activities.

Many Merry Christmases may result from such a family tradition.

IT'S CHRISTMAS The French say "Noel". The Spanish refer to "Navidad". The Italians say "Natale" and the Germans say "Weihnachten". But Christmas in our part of the world is derived from an old English term Cristes mæsse (Christ's Mass) a term first used in the 11th century.

HAPPY HOLIDAY

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