December 25

Today, celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him... including the fact that he was born to die for us.

On this Feast of St. Stephen the Martyr, pray for Christians throughout the world, who suffer hardship and persecution because of their faith.

January 1

Today, honor the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and patroness of our nation, by attending Mass and praying the Rosary for world peace.

On this, their feast day, learn about and pray through the intercession of Sts. Basil and Gregory, who were named Doctors of the Church because of their profound theological and spiritual influence.

January is Poverty Awareness Month. Help the poor in your area by giving some time, goods, or basic necessities to your local St. Vincent de Paul group.

On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, retell the stories of your children’s baptisms and renew your baptismal promises by reciting together the Apostle’s Creed.

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.

—Mt 1:23