Pointing the Way to Jesus

In today's Gospel reading we hear about the people being filled with expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Saint John the Baptist told the people how to prepare for his coming—by doing good and repenting of their sins.

At first the people thought that John the Baptist might be the Messiah. But Saint John was only a messenger. We can think of him as a sign-post pointing the way to Jesus. People came to see and hear him, and he showed them the way to God.

How can you be like Saint John the Baptist and show other people the way to Jesus?

God sent Saint John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus. What did he say when some of the people thought that he might be the saviour? Look in the mirror to find out!
Saint Peter Canisius

December 21

Peter Canisius was born in Holland in 1521. He studied in Cologne, Germany, and received his master’s degree when he was 19.

Fr. Peter was a great preacher, and brought the universities back from Protestantism. He also worked with the poor and sick, and taught children.

He was sent to the Council of Trent, a very important meeting of the Pope and bishops.

Afterward he had to smuggle the documents from the Council into Protestant Germany.

Saint Peter was commissioned to write a catechism, a book explaining the faith for the people. He died at age 76.

Saint Peter Canisius knew it was important for everyone to understand the Church’s teachings. After he wrote the catechism, he wrote another— for children. No matter how old you are, you should try to learn all you can about God. How can you do that?

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Philippians 4 Cross-Word

Fill in the blanks with the words at the bottom and fit them into the puzzle. a=across d=down

Brothers and _________ (13a): Rejoice in the _______ (12d) always. I _______ (3a) say _______ (14d) _______ (2d): rejoice! Your _______ (6d) should be known _______ (15d) all. The Lord is _______ (9a). _______ (4d) no anxiety at _______ (11a), but in everything, by prayer and _______ (1d), with _______ (5a), make _______ (10d) requests known to _______ (8d). Then the _______ (1a) of God that surpasses all understanding will _______ (7d) your hearts and minds in _______ (16a) Jesus.

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