

St. Nicholas died on December 6th, in 327. His remains were brought to Bari, in Sicily. One of his finger-joints is kept at St. Nicholas-du-Port, and the magnificent gothic church dedicated in that city to the patron Saint of Lorraine, impatiently awaits the powerful inspiration that will bring thousands of pilgrims to the foot of the altar where, after so many others, knelt of yore the noble virgin of Domremy, the liberatrix of France.

—Young readers, do not forget to pray to St. Nicholas during the holy month of December—when asking him for Christmas or New Year's gifts, head the list with those virtues that make childhood so lovely and happy: innocence, candor and truthfulness, piety and obedience. The good Saint who loves you so well will obtain them for you from the Christ-child and you will thus be sure to spend

A HOLY AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

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