

❖ Seasons Greetings ❖



The statue of Santa Maria del Pueblito, a representation of the Patron Saint of Queretaro, stands as a symbol of the Catholic faith.

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a candle on the Menorah (candlestick) for the eight days of Hanukkah and exchange presents each night," Greenfield said.

"You don't have to give presents," she said. "I think it is a result of commercialism. More large scale presents (for kids) is the recent thing. In the past it was much more of a religious holiday. If there were gifts, they were usually small.

"We usually eat traditional food during Hanukkah like potato latkas. We eat them until you can't eat any more."

Hanukkah is the celebration of the rededication of the Jerusalem Temple that was taken over by the Syrians. It is called the Festival of Lights because the oil in the Temple burned miraculously for eight days instead of one.

South of the border, the Mexicans celebrate Christmas as do many Catholics around the world, but they add a new twist to the idea of Santa Claus.

In University student Manuel Ibarra's house, "Christmas is a time for the family to get together and eat and drink.

"We go to Mass at 12 a.m., and after Mass, the whole family stays up late eating and drinking until early in the morning.

"We don't usually exchange presents on Christmas, but on Jan. 6, the three kings bring presents for the kids," Ibarra explained. Those three kings are the equivalent of Santa Claus, and they, like Santa, bring presents to the good boys and girls.

LCC student Maria Uquillas tells about Christmas at her home in Quito, Ecuador.

"We usually buy a Christmas tree each year and decorate it and put a nativity scene under it," she said. "Making nativity scenes is a contest in Quito. About 40 years ago, people would fill an entire room in their house with the scene."

People try to build a nativity scene that resembles Quito and its mountains, valleys and rivers. The figures are made out of ceramic and are sold in many stores. The result is "like a mixture of Israel and Quito," Uquillas explained.

Nine days before Christmas, nine families get together each night to pray and enjoy each oth-

er's company.

"On the 24th, my family likes to be alone, and we pray together and put the baby Jesus in the manger in the nativity scene to signify the night he was born," she said.

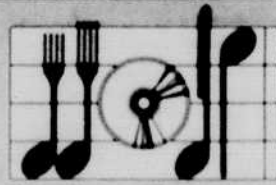
Presents are exchanged that night when the children receive their gifts. "Jesus is the one who we were told gave us our presents when we were little," Uquillas explained. Similar to Santa Claus, then, Jesus gave the parents the money to buy presents for their children.

"Santa Claus is just in the department stores in Quito," she said. "It is not very popular with the people, but it is growing with commercialism."

The holiday season in Japan for Kyoko Kaneko, LCC student, is mostly centered around her country's New Year.

"At my house, my mother usually buys a Christmas cake to celebrate the holiday," Kaneko said. "We have a special dinner and just enjoy Christmas day. We usually don't have school off and people have to work on this day."

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