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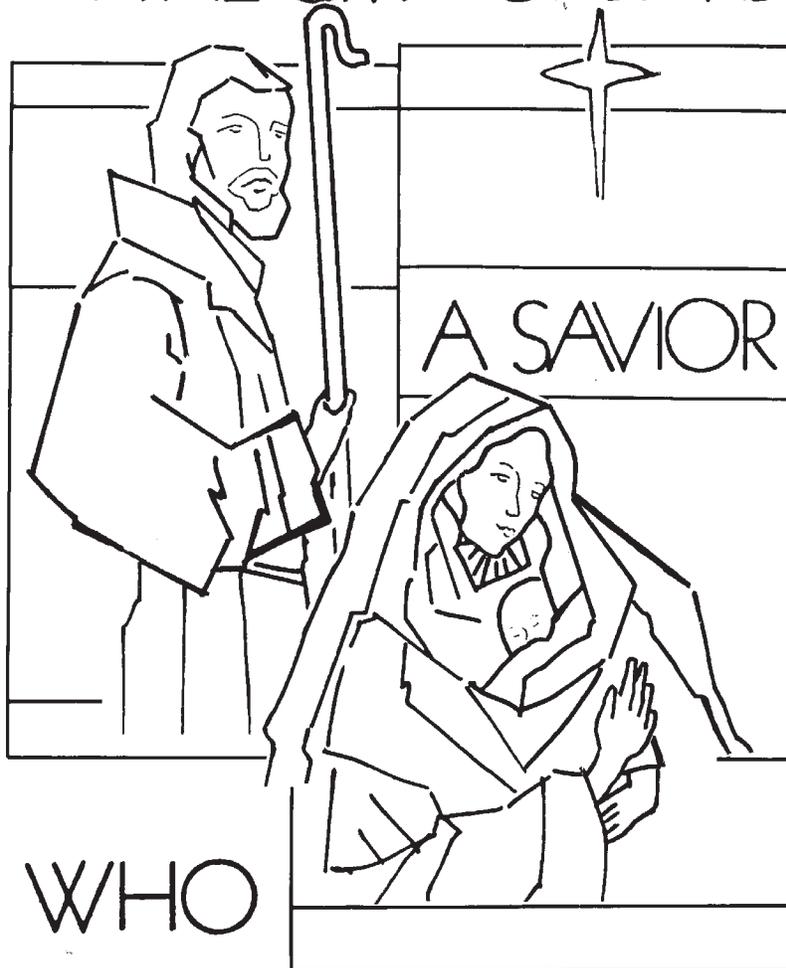
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BORN THIS DAY

IN THE CITY OF DAVID



WHO

IS CHRIST THE LORD

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

*How can I keep from singing?*

Can we imagine Christmas without music? The “sounds of the season” prepare our hearts to welcome the birth of Jesus, an event which occurred long ago in the silence of God, but which is now loudly proclaimed.

Throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons, the Roman Catholic Church keeps up the venerable tradition of singing the Latin hymn *Alma Redemptoris Mater*:

O loving Mother of our Redeemer, gate of heaven,  
star of the sea, hasten to aid thy fallen people  
who strive to rise once more. You who brought  
forth your holy Creator, all creation wondering,  
yet remaining ever Virgin, taking from Gabriel's  
lips that joyful "Hail!": be merciful to us sinners.

This beautiful hymn was composed in the 11<sup>th</sup> century by a monk named Hermann the Cripple. Born severely disabled, his parents placed him in the care of the monks of Reichenau Abbey. Hermann proved to be a brilliant scholar, mastering Latin, Greek and Arabic, and writing books on history, mathematics and astronomy. He died at the age of forty-one and is now remembered for his hymns, among which is also the *Salve Regina*, which we know as the prayer “Hail Holy Queen,” prayed at the end of the Rosary.

St. Augustine, contemplating the incarnation and birth of Jesus, says: He who existed before all ages now enters the course of years. The Son of God chooses to become the Son of Man. He takes on the fullness of our human nature so that the “king of the universe” might be subject to human parents; that the “bread of life” might be hungry; that the “fountain” might thirst; that he who is the “way” might be wearied by the journey; that he who is “truth” might be condemned by lying witnesses. He submits to evil for our sake without our having done anything to deserve it. The eternally begotten of the Father is made man in the womb of a virgin Mother whom he himself had made. In order that he might exist here for a while, he is born of her who could never have existed except through his power.

A thousand Christmases ago in a cold German monastery, a middle-aged monk crippled from birth and now blind, confined to his bed and in constant pain, also contemplates the birth of Christ. His heart is so filled with wonder and joy that he has to express it in song.

St. Paul wrote to the Colossians: “Be thankful... With gratitude in your hearts, sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” We might think that a man whose nickname is “the cripple” has little enough to be thankful for, but Hermann sings out his gratitude, and leaves the world a musical treasure.

As another old-time hymn says: “The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing; all things are mine since I am his — how can I keep from singing?”

The Angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David.” Lk 1:30-33

**First Reading + 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16**  
**Second Reading + Romans 16:25-27**  
**Gospel + Luke 1: 26-38**

### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

#### **Monday, December 25 - Christmas**

9:00am+(IC) Bing Gibson, RIP – Family  
10:30am+Gord/Debbie Tardif & Family, Pers. Int.

#### **Tuesday, December 26**

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle  
6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Jim MUIR, RIP – D/B Salter

#### **Wednesday, December 27**

8:00am+Christopher McCauley, RIP – J/K Quinlan

#### **Thursday, December 28**

8:00am+Maria McGuire, RIP – P/P Kennedy  
10:30am+Mass at Riverwood Home

#### **Friday, December 29**

12:10pm+Sean Bennett, RIP – P Murray

#### **Saturday, December 30**

*(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)*

9:00am+Letty Barolet, RIP – T/J Reingeuitt  
5:00pm+Brian Durkan, RIP – E Durkan & Family

#### **Sunday, December 31**

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Tim Skelton, RIP – D Fleming

#### **Monday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary**

9:00am+Jeff Kavanagh, Pers. Int. – J/C Orr  
10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

### **Saint of the Week:**

Who shall resist Anti-Christ when he comes if we show such patience towards the vices and crimes of his precursors? By such leniency, we encourage kings to become tyrants and tempt them to withdraw every privilege and all jurisdiction from the Churches. - Thomas Becket (1118-1170), Martyr, Bishop, Feast Day December 29

**PARISH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**



**Confessions:**

Every Tuesday: 6:00 – 6:45p.m. (before 7:00p.m. Mass)  
Every Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45p.m. (before 5:00p.m. Mass)  
There will be No confessions on December 24<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*\*SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

*(At St. Paul the Apostle Church)*

**Sat. December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00p.m.**  
**Sun. December 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am**

*(At Immaculate Conception)*

**Sun. December 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am**

**Christmas Mass Times:**

*(At Saint Paul the Apostle Church)*

**Sun. December 24<sup>th</sup>: at 5:00p.m. 7:30p.m. & 12midnight**  
**Mon. December 25<sup>th</sup>: at 10:30a.m.**

*(At Immaculate Conception Church)*

**Mon. December 25<sup>th</sup>: at 9:00a.m.**

**New Year's Eve Mass Times:**

*(At Saint Paul the Apostle Church)*

**Monday, January 1st: at 10:30a.m.**

*(At Immaculate Conception Church)*

**\*\*\*NOTE: Sunday, December 31: at 12:00midnight**  
**Monday, January 1st: at 9:00am**



On behalf of all the Pastoral team, we would like to wish you all a Blessed and Merry Christmas. May you and your family and friends experience the presence of the Emmanuel - 'God is with us' and be touched by His presence and love. Let us pray for the strength and courage to share that love with others especially the needy and vulnerable among us including our youth and children.

*May God Bless you. Fr. Glass.*

**Please note the Office Hours during the Holidays.**

**CHRISTMAS HOURS**

The Parish Office will be closed at 12:00noon on Friday, December 22nd and will reopen on December 28th.

**NEW YEAR'S HOURS**

The Parish Office will be closed at 12noon on Friday, December 29th and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**UPDATING OUR PARISH LIST...**

Before we issue the 2017 tax receipts, we need to update our Parish List. 90% of envelope users do not record their name on the envelope. I cannot issue a tax receipt if I don't know who the donor is. We understand not recording the amount, but please put your name and address on the envelope for the first month of the coming New Year.



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