



**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Sunday Bulletin
4th Sunday Advent**

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Today's Epistle tells us that He is both the Son of David and the only "begotten" Son of God, come "in the flesh" (see also [Psalm 2:7](#)). He is also our "high priest," from the mold of the mysterious Melchizedek, "priest of God Most High," who blessed Abraham at the dawn of salvation history (see [Psalm 110:4](#); [Genesis 14:18-20](#)). All this is recognized by John when he leaps for joy in his mother's womb. Elizabeth, too, is filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. She recognizes that in Mary "the Mother of my Lord" has come to her. We hear in her words another echo of the Psalm quoted in today's Epistle (see [Psalm 2:7](#)). Elizabeth blesses Mary for her faith that God's Word would be fulfilled in her.

Mary marks the fulfillment not only of the angel's promise to her, but of all God's promises down through history. Mary is the one they await in today's First Reading—"she who is to give birth." She will give birth this week, at Christmas. And the fruit of her womb should bring us joy—she is the Mother of our Lord.

Yours in Christ,

Scott Hahn, PhD

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Crusade Prayer (5) Praise to God the Most High

O Eternal Father we offer You our prayers in joyful thanksgiving for Your precious gift of Mercy to the whole of mankind. We rejoice and offer You, most Glorious King, our praise and adoration for Your loving and tender Mercy. You, God the Most High, are our King and for this gift you now bring to us, we lie at Your feet in humble servitude. Please, God, have mercy on all Your children...Amen



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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY	11:00 am
Rosary	10:30 am
Monday	9:00 am
Tuesday	9:00 am
Wednesday	9:00 am
Thursday	9:00 am
Friday	7:00 pm
Saturday	7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Friday 7:30 – 8:15 pm
and by appointment

ADORATION

Friday 7:30–8:15 pm

Sunday Mass Readings

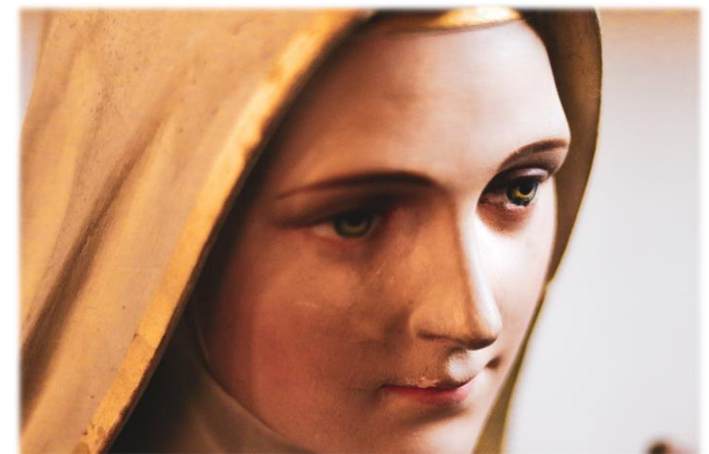
1st Reading	Micah 5.2-5a
2nd Reading	Hebrews 10.5-10
Responsorial	Psalm 80
Gospel	Luke 1.39-45

Submissions for the Sunday Bulletin
before 5:00 pm Thurs to
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A Mother's Greeting

On this last Sunday before Christmas, the Church's Liturgy reveals the true identity of our Redeemer: He is, as today's First Reading says, the "ruler . . . whose origin is from . . . ancient times." He will come from Bethlehem, where David was born of Jesse the Ephrathite and anointed king (see [Ruth 4:11-17](#); [1 Samuel 16:1-13](#); [17:1](#); [Matthew 2:6](#)). God promised that an heir of David would reign on his throne forever (see [2 Samuel 7:12-13](#); Psalm 89; [Psalm 132:11-12](#)). Jesus is that heir, the One the prophets promised would restore the scattered tribes of Israel into a new kingdom (see [Isaiah 9:5-6](#); [Ezekiel 34:23-25](#), [30](#); [37:35](#)). He is "the shepherd of Israel" sung of in today's Psalm. From His throne in heaven, He has "come to save us."...cont'd on reverse.



4th Sunday Advent
12-19-2021

Parish Pastoral Council meets 1st Tuesday after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August
Parish Financial Council meets 2nd Tuesday after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August
CWL meets 4th Tues after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August

Sunday Collection 12-12-2021 = \$ 1,225.00
\$1,200.00 NEEDED... Thank you so much
Collection Count December Ron + Rose Major

Date	Time	Lector/Reader 1	Lector/Reader 2	Gift Bearer	Alter Servers/Cross Bearer	Music
12-19-2021		Barb London	Frank Wasowicz	TBA	Ron Major	Carmen + Mona + Shirley
12-24-2021	8:00 pm	Ron Major	Mary McLaughlin	Denis + Isabel Blanchette	Jacob + Cameron + Liam Slade	
12-24-2021	11:00 pm	Lucille Partington	Cecile Gregory	Karen Leslie + Bjorn Benoit	TBA	
12-25-2021	11:00 am	Joe Raskauskas	Sharon Lagace	TBA	TBA	
12-26-2021		TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Carmen + Mona + Shirley

Mary's Meals

We are starting to collect for Mary's Meals for 2022. Mary's Meals is a global movement and they believe every child deserves an education and enough food to eat. They are feeding 1,504,471 children every school day with rice porridge or beans. It costs \$26.00 to feed a child for a whole year. Thank you for your generosity. Please see Rose Major for any details.

Mass Intentions for Dec 19-25, 2021

	Offered By	Offered For
Sun		
Mon	Parishioner	Personal Intentions
Tue	Parishioner	Personal Intentions
Wed		
Thu		
Fri		
Sat		

Prayer for Blessing of the Advent Candle and Wreath

Lord our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ. He is Emmanuel, the hope of all peoples; He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us; He is the Saviour of every nation. O God, let Your blessings come upon our community gathered here before You. Bless us and our advent candles. May the light that shines forth from them illumine our way as we journey towards Christmas. May the light that shines forth from them illumine our lives as we wait in hope for the birth of Christ Jesus. We ask this through Christ who is the Light of the World....Amen

Feasts and Saints of the Week

Tuesday	12-21-2021	St. Peter Canisius
Sunday	12-26-2021	Feast of the Holy Family
Monday	12-27-2021	St. John
Tuesday	12-28-2021	Feast of the Holy Innocents
Wednesday	12-29-2021	St. Thomas Becket
Friday	12-31-2021	St. Sylvester

Quote of the Week

"Today our Saviour is born; Let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of Life: Pope St. Leo the Great"



Call Cecile Gregory with prayer requests urgent or emergency 587-202-8887
Linda Foley, Lena Hagerman, Brooklynne Russell and for all the sick and needy in our community.

St Mary's School Christmas Mass
December 21st at 10:30am

Thank You

The parish community would like to thank John and Mary Vavrek, for preparing the Advent/Christmas masses and Tom Vavrek for the crib. Carmen Sakundiak, Mona Pohl, Shirley Roth, Pat Zmean, Chelsea Pal, Vella Anderson and Mary Vavrek for the beautiful Christmas music. Mona and Randy Pohl and Family, Joe Raskauskas, Cecile Gregory, Steve and Barb London, Mary McLaughlin and others for Christmas decoration. Ray Wald and Lucille Partington for putting up the Jesse Tree and taking Christmas gifts to more than 25 people and all those who donated generously. Ron and Rose Major for all their help during this blessed season and counting the Sunday collections throughout the year. Readers, Gift bearers, alter servers during this joyful season and all the parishioners who helped in so many ways. Thank you all and God bless you. The Immaculate Conception Parish wish you a Merry Christmas. Have a wonderful Christmas and may God bless you with His choicest Graces.

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