

Hail,  
full of grace!  
The Lord is  
with you.



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## Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2020

The child to be born will  
be called holy,  
the Son of God.  
—*Luke 1:35*



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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

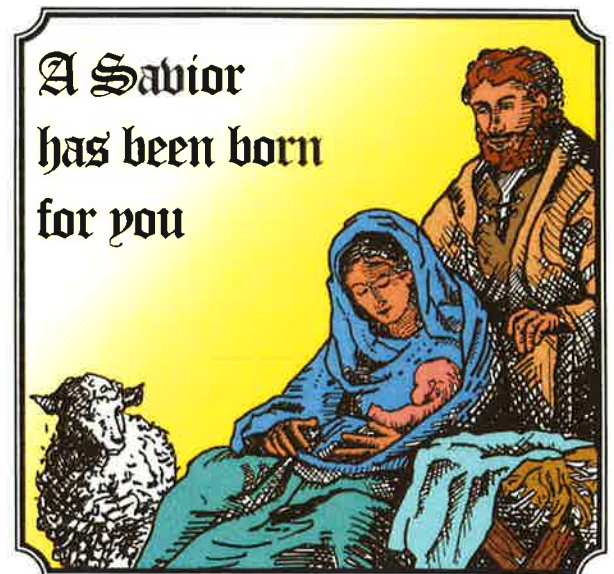
Monday: Winter begins

Wednesday: St. John of Kanty

Thursday: The Vigil of Christmas

Friday: The Nativity of the Lord  
(Christmas)

Saturday: St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa



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**Please note the schedule of Masses on the board at the back of the church:**

**Thurs. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm**

**Friday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9am**

**Friday Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> @ 9:30am (Holy Day of Obligation)**

**The office will be closed the week of Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> thru Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. It will reopen for regular hours starting Monday Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>**

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

We are experiencing the darkest, longest nights of the year. For centuries, people in the Northern Hemisphere have kindled fires against the dying of the light, turning away the dark of the winter solstice, and leading the imagination to hope and new beginnings. It is thus easy to understand why these solstice celebrations of non-Christian Europe attracted the annual remembrance of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

In time the solstice migrated away from December 25, but the Christmas feast remained in place. From this day, a whole season of celebration developed, stretching from Advent through the days of Christmas, and even beyond to the February 2 blessing of the candles, and beyond that to March 25, the Annunciation, nine months before the next Christmas. Centuries ago, this was New Year's Day, and many reasoned that it was the date of Adam and Eve's fall, and the date of the Crucifixion. The message is clear: don't let your Christmas be over too soon. Keep the lights blazing into January, and savor the meaning of the feast!

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**NOT TOO MUCH**

If you have too much to do, with God's help you will find time to do it all.

We are in need of non-perishable food item so that we are able to provide food baskets to families in need during the Christmas & Easter season and those who come seeking food during the year.. What ever you can donate will be much appreciated.

Saturday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 4pm: We pray for the intentions of Andrea Stringer

Sunday Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30am: Repose of the soul of Sal Gilardi

Tuesday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. 9:30am: Our Mission Family

Wednesday Dec.23<sup>rd</sup>9:30am: Repose of the soul of Sal Gilardi

Thur. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 8pm: We pray for peace on earth

Friday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 9am: we pray in thanksgiving for the gift of life

Saturday Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> 4pm: Repose of the soul of Michael Dezort

Sunday Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30am: Intention of the Fitzkee-Young family



Thank you for your continued support

**Prayer Requests**

Averi Antich  
Blaine  
Marvin Bordetsky  
Dawn Brenan  
Janice Cahill  
Danny Canzolino  
Mary Canzolino  
Catherine Coleman  
Diane DaSilva  
Eric Day  
Thelma Einboden  
Ruth Faulkner  
Lorraine Fitzkee  
Pamela Fitzkee  
Kevin Fitzpatrick  
Dawn Fraher  
Gene Loosemore  
Mary Sutton  
Samantha Houldson  
Mary Porter  
Patsy Beam  
Ruvia Doyle  
Peggy Dowd

Gail Garrett  
Martha Gartland  
Lisa Gibson  
Ben Hall  
Maggie Hall  
Lawrence Harris  
Edward Hickey  
Florence Humble  
Chris Keller  
Jeff Keller  
Rodney Keller  
Jennifer Kesse  
Caleb Knaggs  
Helen Kocijan  
Joan Langlie  
Laquittia Linquist  
Adam Linquist  
Morris Lunn  
Jim Mansfield  
Bob Benjamin  
Roger Soucey  
Christopher Cochran

Rick Muhlig  
Joan Nehiley  
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Marie Sample  
Concetta Santangelo  
Woody Salisbury  
Dennis Soucey  
Kitty Thompson  
The Homebound  
Michael Vilt  
Margaret Wimberly-Charles Young  
Carolyn Ashe  
Chris Jones  
Charles Dougherty  
Francis Carrizzo  
Chris Ulrich  
Jack Cola  
Mike Carper