

# Peace<sup>2</sup>



*God gives us His Son—The Prince of Peace—  
to make the dark, painful areas of our lives less fright-  
ening. He whispers softly to us, “Don’t rush, walk  
slowly, don’t be afraid of the dark—  
I am with you always.”*



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*They found Mary and  
Joseph, and the baby  
lying in a manger*

**CHRISTMAS DAY NATIVITY OF THE LORD DEC. 25/11**

( Unless otherwise mentioned, all weekday Masses are at 9 AM )

**Monday, Dec 26 NO MASS**

**Tuesday, Dec 27 NO MASS**

**Wednesday, Dec 28 † GILBERT DELORME by Rose & Family**

⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ 7:00 P M

**Thursday, Dec 29 † GERALD AUSSANT by Henry & Helen Aussant**

**7:00 P M**

**Friday, Dec 30 CAROLE & WALT AGOPSOWICZ ANNIVERSARY**

**Saturday, Dec 31 † JULIET C. MONTIAGUE by Ken Schuweiler & Family**

⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ 7:00 PM **SUNDAY MASS ~ WILLOW BUNCH** ⇐ ⇐ ⇐ ⇐

**Sunday, Jan 1 9:00 AM SUNDAY MASS ~ MOSSBANK**

**11:00 AM SUNDAY MASS ~ ASSINIBOIA**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE**

RECONCILIATION : Before Masses or anytime by appointment

MARRIAGES: Contact priest at least 6 mths prior

BAPTISMS : Contact priest 2 months prior

House Blessings By Appointment

*Christmas*

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS from / for .:

Hazel Major

Rosemary & David Young Family

Henry & Helen Aussant & Family

IN MEMORY OF .:

Schuweiler & Rossignol Families

Ed Beauchesne Love Always from  
Maureen Beauchesne & Family

Cecile & Ken Kraushaar; Amy &  
Adam Agopsowicz; Gilbert  
Delorme from Walter & Carole  
Agopsowicz; Helen Kraushaar

Robert Harrington; Jean & Virginia  
Harrington; Albert Mynett; Lizzie  
Mynett Labocchetta; Kathleen  
Lethbridge; Shirley Wirt from  
Raymond & Jeannette Mynett;  
Betty Harrington

Mike & Lea Orban by Bob, Doreen  
Orban & Boys

Dorothy Gasper by Laura Gasper

The Pana & Hildebrand Family  
Love : Nick & Lucille

David Struble, Frank Struble,  
Louise Struble; from Richard &  
Cheryl Struble

Juliet Montiague Love George &  
Irene Marcenko

Louise Bergeron Love Del  
Bergeron

Stanley, Anna & John Hildebrandt  
by Wanda Pawlowski

Thinking of You, Mom & Dad;  
Love Kevin & Sharon Schauenberg

Nellie, Joe Fedyk; Sherry  
Demitroff; Bob Fedyk; Ryan  
Sutor; Alfred Antonovitch; by  
Diane & Dennis Antonovitch

Deceased Relatives by Eugene &  
Irene Clermont

Ted, Eva Klatt; Mary Music; by  
Music Family

Gilbert Delorme by Rose, Marcel,  
Corrine & Jackie



*A light will shine on  
us this day:  
The Lord is born for us*

Anyone omitted / forgotten,  
please notify office 642-4439

**Sunday Ministries**

**Sunday, JAN 1** 11:00 A M  
Collection Please Volunteer

Greeters & Offerings Jackie Simard  
Gil Keck

Rosary Leaders Please Volunteer

Readers Gail Delorme  
Gerald Delorme

Communion Ministers Jeremie Brochu  
Philomene Brochu  
Rene Chabot

Cross Bearer PLEASE

Candle Bearers VOLUNTEERS

Altar Servers PLEASE

**Church Finances**

Saturday Collection DEC 17 - \$614.00

Sunday Collection DEC 18 - \$2284.81

**Thank You !**

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*We wish you a merry Christmas*

# Good News!

**December 25, 2011**

**NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

Midnight: Is 9:1-6 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12 / Ti 3:4-7 / Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

This may not seem like the most seasonally appropriate comment, but I really dislike camping. I love the outdoors during the day, but give me a hotel bed at night. Others see camping in a much different light, but for me it involves too much dirt, too little sleep, and an unfortunate lack of electricity and running water. I don't need the Ritz, but camping is just too bare bones for me.

This is why I'm so struck by the Greek translation of the verse from John's Gospel we hear at Christmas Mass during the day: "And the Word became flesh and pitched his tent among us" (John 1:14). *Pitched his tent among us*. Not an RV. Not a camper. Not a hotel room. Simply a tent. Bare bones. Vulnerable.

This is how God chose to come—and come *among us*. Not over us. Not above us. *Among us*. It's as completely simple and completely mysterious as that.

In the weeks leading up to this wonderful day, we've certainly been surrounded by and probably participated in much feasting and purchasing and planning—some of it to excess, for sure. Many presents were bought, festive parties planned, special food prepared. It's good and right to celebrate with friends and family and to share our blessings generously with those in need.

But the deepest truth of what we celebrate today is that God came among us in simplicity. There was little fuss, just a poor couple in a poor place. The divine tent was pitched in the dirt where animals slept.

God came as a vulnerable, helpless child—a mystery as old as the ages, but ever new each Christmas. Celebrate it well today. Merry Christmas!

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# dear Padre

December 25, 2011

## When is Jesus' birthday?

*How do we know Jesus was born on December 25? I've checked my Bible, and I can't find any mention of the date.*

Jimmy

Dear Jimmy,

You're right: The Bible doesn't say Jesus was born on December 25. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke are the only Scriptures to give much detail about Christ's birth and infancy. They name the key political figures of the day, but not much else (Luke 1:5 and 2:1-2). Neither evangelist included specific information about the dates.

Dates were apparently not important to the earliest Christians. Besides, the first few generations of Christ's followers were far more interested in celebrating Christ's resurrection each Sunday, and eventually on Easter, than they were in celebrating his birth.

Christians started to associate December 25 with Christ's nativity centuries after the fact: the year 336 according to the earliest evidence. The most popular theory is that the Church chose to replace a popular pagan Roman sun festival celebrating the winter solstice (December 21 or 22) with a Christian feast that could overtake the pagan festival and use its sun imagery to speak of Christ as the unconquered "Sun of Righteousness."

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# dear Padre

December 18, 2011

## What is vespers?

*My friend has invited me to attend his parish's Advent vespers service. I'm confused: Isn't vespers prayed year round?*

Tracey

Dear Tracey,

Indeed it is. Vespers is an evening prayer praising and thanking God for the gift of the day. It's one piece of the Liturgy of the Hours, a set form of hymns, readings, and prayers recited at specific times of day.

As you say, vespers is prayed all year long, but many parishes have special vespers celebrations during Advent and Lent or on special feasts. In those cases the format of the service is customized; for example, the celebration at your friend's parish will include Advent hymns.

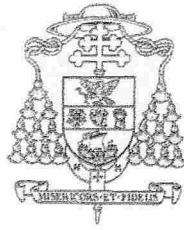
From the very beginning of its history, the Church has prayed psalms and Scriptures. Priests, deacons, monks, and nuns are obligated every day to the Liturgy of the Hours. But they are not the living heart of this prayer—Jesus is. As members of the Church, they pray through him, with him, and in him.

Can you, a layperson, be part of this? You certainly can! You're not obligated, but you *are* warmly invited because you're a member of the Church that is the Body of Jesus on this Earth.

A suggestion: At little expense you can buy a slim volume called *Shorter Christian Prayer*, a compact Liturgy of the Hours. You'll find the instructions there. Pray for all of us!

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## THE ARCHBISHOP OF REGINA

*Christmas 2011*

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, God's own people in the Archdiocese of Regina,

*"All the angels cry aloud with joy, for God has come himself to save humankind."* The angels have a big part to play in the wonderful telling of the Christmas event. They are truly the messengers of God's love poured out for us. The angel spoke the message of hope and promise to Mary that she would conceive and bear a son whose name was to be Jesus: *"God is Salvation."* And salvation came to the wounded world.

In the dead of night as Joseph tossed in uneasy sleep, troubled by Mary's pregnancy, the angel of the Lord whispered into his heart words of assurance and affirmation and saved Joseph from his fears and worries. Joseph opened his heart in love and trust to God and to Mary. In the deep darkness of the winter night angels spoke to shepherds bringing good news of freedom from fear and words of great joy. The angels speak God's message to us in the moments of deep darkness in our lives. God's message, God's Word, announced by the angel, transforms our lives with messages of hope, promise, assurance, affirmation and above all JOY. God saves us from the threatening darkness.

We are like Mary in many ways. She found herself caught up in the rough realities of life which threatened to take from her all that was her security and her peace. God spoke his invitation and her life was filled with meaning and purpose. God has spoken his Word to us and that Word took on our human flesh, a profound and deliberate immersion into our frail humanity. Jesus, the Word made flesh, speaks words whispered in the recesses of our very soul and those words give us meaning and purpose to our lives. Jesus saves us from drifting and meaningless lives.

And so we welcome the message of joy given by the angel to the shepherds: *"I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David as Saviour; who is the Christ, the Lord."* The darkness still hovers close. The economy of the western world teeters precariously, weakened by greed and avarice and without strong moral principles to guide it. Thus it threatens the material security of many but especially of the poor and vulnerable. But the One born to us is our hope in times of uncertainty, our light in the times of darkness and, above all, our loving Saviour who has poured out his life so that we may live forever.

And so I wish each of you and all of you the angel-sung joy of Christmas, the hope that can come only from our God who set aside all power and might to take on the helplessness of a new born infant and the love of God and one another that shines gloriously through the birth of Jesus the Saviour of the world.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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