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## DECEMBER 19 2021 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CYCLE C (LUKE)

### **A Mother's Greeting: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

#### **Readings:**

**Micah 5:1-4**

**Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19**

**Hebrews 5:5-10**

**Luke 1:39-45**

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." 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.

*Thank you to Dr. Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center for the use of the weekly Mass reflections. More resources are available at [www.stpaulcenter.com](http://www.stpaulcenter.com)*

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### DECEMBER 11TH TO DECEMBER 18TH & DECEMBER 18TH TO DECEMBER 25TH

- Sat Dec 11th 5:00pm - Danielle Frith †
- Sun Dec 12th 7:30am - Orlandino Penafiel †
- 9:00am - Michael & Delaila Paes
- 10:30am - Thanksgiving for Michael & Delaila Paes
- 12:00pm - People of the Parish †
- Mon Dec 13th 7:30pm- Afonso Vicente †
- Tues Dec 14th 8:30am- Joan Crowley †
- Wed Dec 15th 7:30pm- David Mark Gonsalves†; Tracey Gallagher†; Rocky Fernandest†; M.A. Thomas Family Memberst†; Ma. Theresa Gaytano-Zamora †
- Thurs Dec 16th 8:30am- Joan Crowley †
- Fri Dec 17th 7:30pm- Rose Johner †
- Sat Dec 18th 8:30am- Thanksgiving for Grayson Allen Lugos; Rolloy Yap†; Rolando Yap†; Rose Joseph†; David Gonsalvest
- Sat Dec 18th 5:00pm- Socorro Quebral & Cesar Quia†
- Sun Dec 19th 7:30am- Orlandino Penafiel †
- 9:00am- Tony Loberto †
- 10:30am- Cyril & Cecelia Rodrigues †
- 12:00pm- People of the Parish
- Mon Dec 20th 7:30pm- Teresa Pavao †
- Tues Dec 21st 8:30am- All Souls in Purgatory
- Wed Dec 22nd 7:30pm- Ciriaco Dizon†; All Souls in Purgatory; Gregoria Santos Punzalan†; Charles & Florens Gonsalves †
- Thurs Dec 23rd 8:30am- Kathy N. †
- Fri Dec 24th 5:00pm- Thanksgiving for Devaraj Family
- 7:00pm- Rico Medina †
- 9:00pm- Benjamin, Cecelia & Jeffrey Lugos †
- 12:00midnight- Open
- Sat Dec 25th 9:00- People of the Parish
- 11:00am- Thanksgiving for Hector & Ursula Stanislaus

### **CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR. PETER**

It would be difficult to find anyone today who is not aware of the needs and suffering of our times. Yet, we are living in a time of hope and joyful expectation. The birth of Jesus is all the more moving when we look at the many needs of the world around us. What is our future to be? As we celebrate the birth of Jesus our Messiah, we welcome the coming of our own salvation. And in these times, we must reflect and give thanks for the many gifts and blessings we have received from our loving God.

One of my greatest reflections on this has been thanksgiving for the people here at St. Boniface Parish. You who have persevered in faith, love, and hope through this pandemic, and who have maintained your generous spirit of support and kindness. We still have much good to look forward to together.

On behalf of myself, Fr. Sherwin and Brother Savio I would like to thank you for your many expressions, words, gifts and kindnesses this Christmas season. We wish you all peace and the joy that comes from knowing and loving Jesus. You are in our most treasured thoughts, and our prayers in a special way this Christmas.

Fr. Peter  
Fr. Sherwin  
Brother Savio



### **CONFESSION FOR ADVENT**

Confessions will be available throughout Advent as follows:

**Wednesday and Friday Evenings after the 7:30pm Mass throughout Advent.**

**With Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**  
**Friday evenings 8pm to 9pm.**



### **CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

**CHRISTMAS EVE - FRIDAY DECEMBER 24TH**  
**5:00 PM; 7:00 PM; 9:00 PM & 12 MIDNIGHT**

**CHRISTMAS DAY - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH**

**9:00 AM & 11:00AM**  
**(NO 8:30 AM MASS)**  
**(NO 5:00 PM MASS)**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE - FRIDAY DECEMBER 31ST**  
**5:00 PM**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY - SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST**

**9:00 AM & 11:00AM**  
**(NO 8:30 AM MASS)**  
**(NO 5:00 PM MASS)**



### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022**

#### **Enrollment Cross Ceremony:**

The enrollment cross ceremony will take place the week-ends of Saturday, January 8th & Sunday January 9th 2022 at all Masses. Please register for Mass by calling the Parish Office at 416-261-5983 or by visiting our website: [stbonifacesc.archtoronto.org](http://stbonifacesc.archtoronto.org)

#### **Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation:**

The Confirmation Mass will take place on Saturday, May 14 2022 @ 1pm and @ 3pm - Bishop Nguyen will be presiding.

### **THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

A BIG THANK YOU!!

The CWL Krispy Kreme Fundraiser was a huge success!!

The Catholic Women's League executive and members thank each and everyone who supported this endeavor. Money raised will be shared with the Church and for the upcoming CWL 50th Anniversary Celebration. Once again, your support is very much appreciated. A blessed Christmas to all.



### **MASS REGISTRATION ON EVENTBRITE**

If you are not able to register for a Mass on EventBrite or if the Mass you want to register indicates sold out, please call the Parish Office at 416-261-5983, and we will add your name to the list. We have reserved some spots for walk-ins and call-ins.

### **OVERFLOW SEATING FOR MASS IS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH HALL**

We can now accommodate more people for Mass in the parish hall via live video feed. You will have to come early to occupy the main church even if you have registered. Once the main church is full, we will invite the remaining parishioners downstairs to the hall. All WorshipSafe guidelines will be followed with masks, physical distancing, etc.

The collection and the distribution of holy communion will take place in the hall as well.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas.







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