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DECEMBER 22, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CYCLE C (LUKE)

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

Readings:

Micah 5:1-4

Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Hebrews 10:5-10

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

Mass Intentions 
 FOR THE WEEK

DECEMBER 21ST TO DECEMBER 28TH 2024

- Sat Dec 21st 5:00pm - Arthur & Judith D'Souza †
- Sun Dec 22nd 7:30am - Georgina Da Costa
- 9:00am - People of the Parish
- 10:30am - Ricarido Palencia †
- 12:00pm - Dionisia Barretto †
- Mon Dec 23rd 8:30am - Corazon Ong †
- Tue Dec 24th 8:30am - No Morning Mass
- 7:00pm - Stephanie Cabello
- 9:00pm - Carolina Mabugat
- 12:00am - Benjamin, Cecilia & Jeffrey Lugost
- Wed Dec 25th 7:30pm - No Evening Mass
- 9:00am - People of the Parish
- 11:00am - Jesusa Jimenez Alinast
- Thur Dec 26th 8:30am - Thanksgiving for Shella Atchico
- Fri Dec 27th 7:30pm - Gaudencia Jr. and Hilaria Birondo †
- Sat Dec 28th 8:30am - Hilda Martyn; Victor Martyn; Crofton Martyn and all deceased members of the Martyn family

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

7:00PM — Mass with Children's Pageant
9:00PM and 11:30pm Carols
Mass 12 MIDNIGHT
(NO MORNING MASS)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
9:00AM and 11:00AM
(NO EVENING MASS)

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
5:00PM
(NO MORNING MASS)

NEW YEAR'S DAY
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST
9:00AM AND 11:00AM
(NO EVENING MASS)



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Lay Pastoral Associate (LPA), Part-time (15-19 hours per week).

St. Boniface Parish, Scarborough, Ontario.

The Lay Pastoral Associate (LPA), under the direction of the Pastor, is responsible for religious education initiative in the parish including RCIA, Sunday school, and sacramental preparation for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The Lay Pastoral Associate also serves as a liaison to three parish schools and is a member of the Pastoral Team.

Those wishing to be considered for the position should submit a resume and cover letter to Fr. Alex Osei, CSSp. Pastor, at **st.boniface@rogers.com** or **stbonifacesc@archtoronto.org** by **Friday, January 9th 2025**.

Applicants with formal pastoral education preferred. The successful applicant will be required to submit to a police background check.
Thank you to all those who have applied.

LAST CALL FOR REGISTRATIONS FOR SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024-2025



If your child has not yet registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation, or if you know of anyone who has not received their Sacrament of Confirmation, please ask them to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible at 416-261-5983 to pick up a registration package.

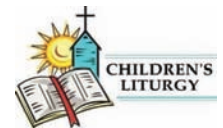
Enrollment Ceremony for registered Candidates:

The enrollment ceremony where you will receive the Confirmation Cross is on the weekend of **January 11th & 12th, 2025** at any one of the Five (5) Masses. The Candidate and Parent (god-parent/sponsor are welcome) are required to attend any ONE of these Masses.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD PROGRAM

Our next Children's Liturgy of the Word Programs will be on **Sunday, January 12th 2025 at the 10:30am Mass.**

All Children ages 4 to 7 years of age are welcome.



OUR SICK:

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DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS FOR 2024 (tax receipt purposes)



Please note that the last day to drop off donations for this year's (2024) tax receipt will be on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27TH.

Any donations received after that day will be counted towards next year's (2025) donation.

Thank you for always being generous towards our Parish.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your kind support throughout the year for SSVP and your generosity for our Christmas Collection. A 2024 tax receipt will be provided to anyone who provided their name and address. **Please note that the last day for 2024 SSVP donations will be Sunday December 29, 2024.** Any donations received after this day will be counted towards next year's (2025) donations.

Thank you for supporting our neighbours in need. If anyone is interested in volunteering with us, please contact: stboniface@ssvptoronto.ca or call the SSVP Helpline 416 261 3528 for more information.

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