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# Liturgical Calendar for Sundays and feasts

## — 2019 — 2020 —

### December

1 Su ..... 1  
2 M ..... 2  
3 Tu ..... 3  
4 W ..... 4  
5 Th ..... 5  
6 F ..... 6  
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24 Tu ..... 30

25 W ..... 31  
26 Th ..... 34  
27 F ..... 35  
28 Sa ..... 36  
29 Su ..... 37

### January

5 Su ..... 39  
12 Su ..... 40

## — 2022 — 2023 —

### November

27 Su ..... 1  
28 M ..... 2  
29 Tu ..... 3

### December

1 Th ..... 5  
2 F ..... 6  
3 Sa ..... 7  
4 Su ..... 8

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### January

8 Su ..... 39  
9 M ..... 40

## — 2025 — 2026 —

### November

30 Su ..... 1

### December

1 M ..... 2  
2 Tu ..... 3  
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### January

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## — 2028 — 2029 —

### December

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**READINGS FOR  
SUNDAYS AND FEASTS  
ORDINARY FORM OF  
THE ROMAN RITE  
YEAR A  
CHRISTMAS SEASON**

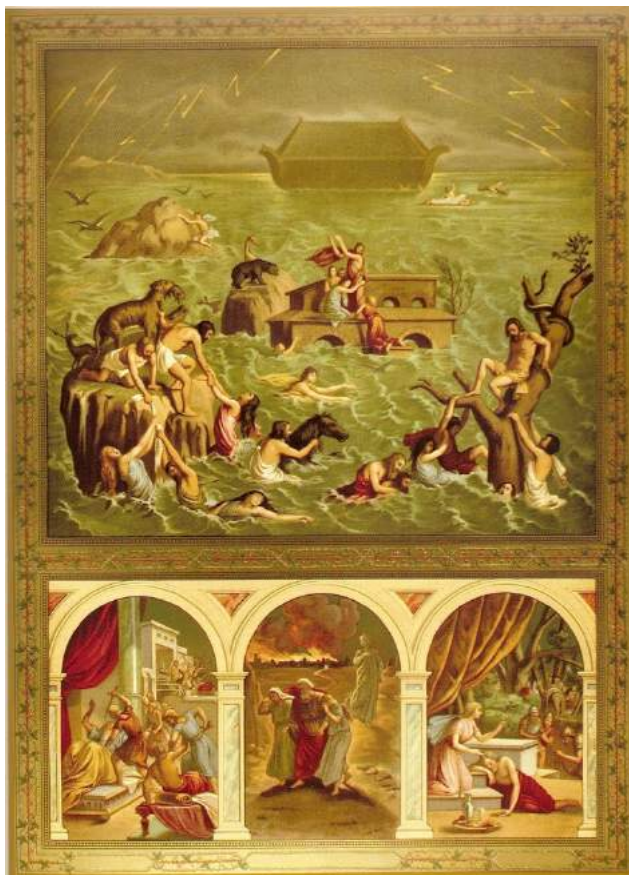




## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Mt 24:37-39*

For as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In (those) days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be (also) at the coming of the Son of Man.



Le Grand Catéchisme en Images, 1891

## MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

*Mt 8:5-8*

A centurion approached him and appealed to him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering dreadfully." He said to him, "I will come and cure him." The centurion said in reply, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed.



Healing of Centurion's Servant

## TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

*Isa 11:9*

There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea.

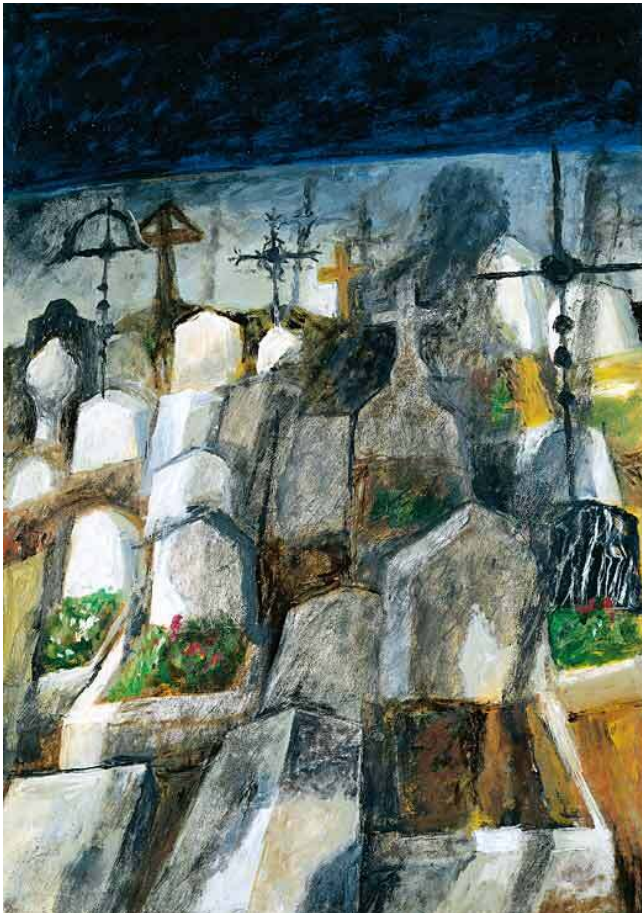


Margaret Tarrant, Christ Child

## WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

*Isa 25:7-8*

On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, The web that is woven over all nations. He will destroy death forever. The Lord G will wipe away the tears from all faces; The reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the L has spoken.



Sieger Köder, Friedhof - ©Sieger Köder

## THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

*Mt 7:24-27*

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined."



Daily Grace, Build on the rock, 2012 - ©Daily Grace

## FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

*isa 29:18-19*

On that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book; And out of gloom and darkness, the eyes of the blind shall see. The lowly will ever find joy in the LORD, and the poor rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.



Be blessed

## SATURDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

*Mt 10:1-4*

And gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter; and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon the Cananean, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him.



12 apoteles

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Mt 3:3-5*

It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: "A voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'" John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him.



Caravaggio, Saint John The Baptist In The Wilderness



## MONDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

*isa 35:3-5*

Strengthen the hands that are feeble. make firm the knees that are weak. Say to those whose hearts are frightened. Be strong, fear not! Here is your God. he comes with vindication. With divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened. the ears of the deaf be cleared.



Eustache Le Sueur, Christ Healing the Blind Man, eerste helft  
17e eeuw (Bildergalerie (Sanssouci), Potsdam, Duitsland)

## TUESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

*Isa 40:11*

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, Carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.



Philippe de Champaigne, The Good Shepherd, 17th c.

# WEDNESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 40:29-31

He gives strength to the fainting; for the weak he makes vigor abound. Though young men faint and grow weary, and youths stagger and fall, They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings; They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.



They shall mount up with wings like eagles - ©Overcomersart.com

## THURSDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

*Mt 11:11*

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.



Eric Armusik, Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist, 2015 - ©Eric Armusik

## FRIDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

*isa 48:17-18*

Thus says the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, I, the LORD, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go. If you would hearken to my commandments, your prosperity would be like a river, and your vindication like the waves of the sea.

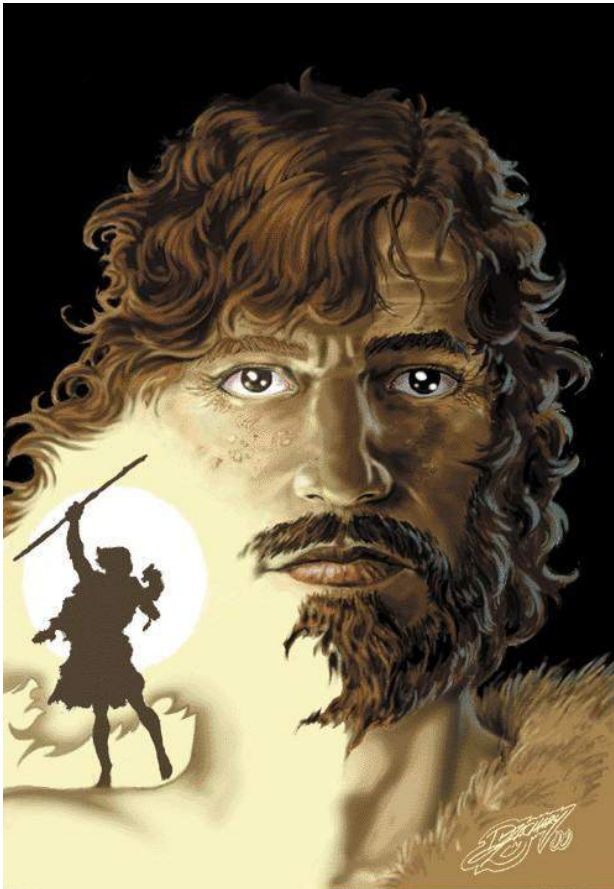


River with stepping stones

## SATURDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

*mt 17:11-13*

He said in reply, "Elijah will indeed come and restore all things; but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him but did to him whatever they pleased. So also will the Son of Man suffer at their hands." Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.



John the Baptist

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Mt 11:7-10*

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: 'Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.'"



Ernest Vincent Wood III, John the Baptist in the Wilderness - ©Ernest Vincent Wood III

## MONDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

*num 24:2-5*

When he raised his eyes and saw Israel encamped, tribe by tribe, the spirit of God came upon him, and he gave voice to his oracle: The utterance of Balaam, son of Beor, the utterance of the man whose eye is true, The utterance of one who hears what God says, and knows what the Most High knows, Of one who sees what the Almighty sees, enraptured, and with eyes unveiled: How goodly are your tents, O Jacob; your encampments, O Israel!



Christina Mattison Ebert, Parashat Balak - ©Christina Mattison Ebert



## TUESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

*zeph 3:13*

the remnant of Israel. They shall do no wrong and speak no lies; Nor shall there be found in their mouths a deceitful tongue; They shall pasture and couch their flocks with none to disturb them.



The tongue

## WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

*isa 45:22-23*

Turn to me and be safe, all you ends of the earth, for I am God, there is no other! By myself I swear, uttering my just decree and my unalterable word. To me every knee shall bend, by me every tongue shall swear.



Kacper Pempel, People kneel on the street as they take part in a Corpus Christi procession, 2013 (Gora Kalwaria, Poland) - ©CNS photo/Kacper Pempel, Reuters

## THURSDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

*isa 54:1-5*

Raise a glad cry, you barren one who did not bear, break forth in jubilant song, you who were not in labor, For more numerous are the children of the deserted wife than the children of her who has a husband, says the LORD. Enlarge the space for your tent, spread out your tent cloths unsparingly; lengthen your ropes and make firm your stakes. For you shall spread abroad to the right and to the left; Your descendants shall dispossess the nations and shall people the desolate cities. Fear not, you shall not be put to shame; you need not blush, for you shall not be disgraced. The shame of your youth you shall forget, the reproach of your widowhood no longer remember. For he who has become your husband is your Maker; his name is the LORD of hosts; Your redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, called God of all the earth.



Jump For Joy-Mary en Elizabeth - ©ArtByCorby

## FRIDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

*isa 56:1-2*

Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. Happy is the man who does this, the son of man who holds to it; Who keeps the sabbath free from profanation, and his hand from any evildoing.



Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Mt 1:23*

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."



Our Lady of She-Shan

## DECEMBER 17TH

*Mt 1:1-6*

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab. Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. Boaz became the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of David the king. David became the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah.



Master of the Life of the Virgin, The birth of Mary, 1470 (Alte Pinakothek, Munich)

## DECEMBER 18TH

*Mt 1:20-21*

Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."



François-Xavier de Boissoudy, L'Annonciation à Joseph, 2014 - ©François-Xavier de Boissoudy

## DECEMBER 19TH

*Lc 1:5-6*

In the days of Herod, King of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah of the priestly division of Abijah; his wife was from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both were righteous in the eyes of God, observing all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blamelessly.



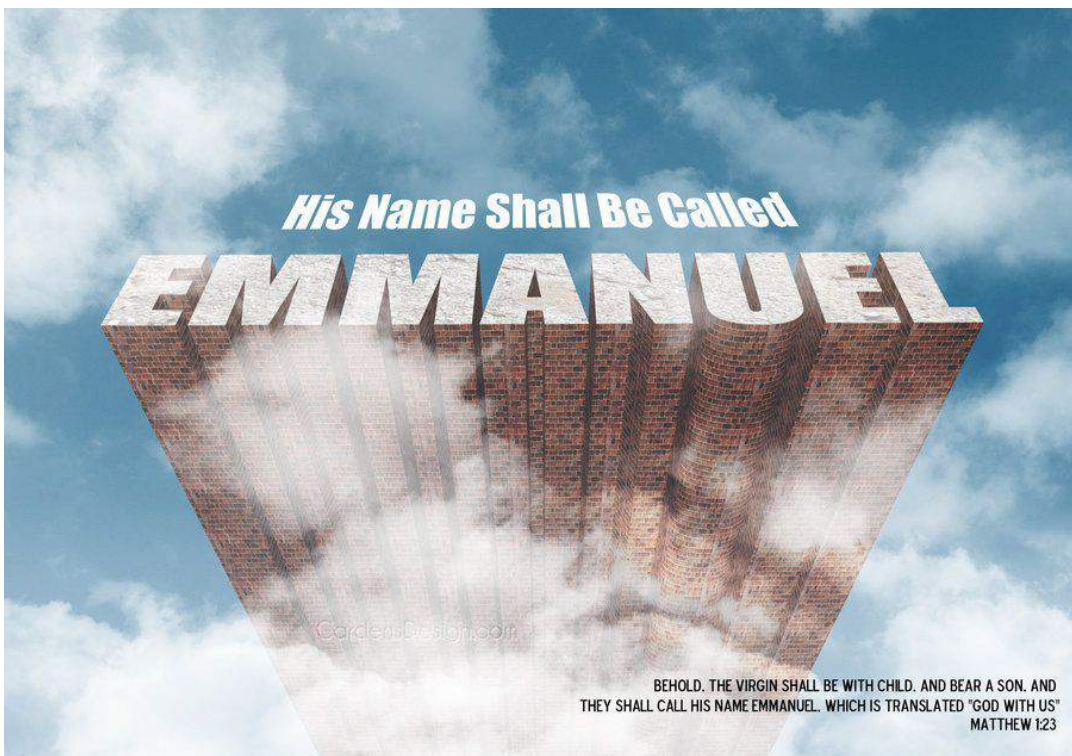
François-Xavier de Boissoudy, Zacharie et Élisabeth, 2014 - ©François-Xavier de Boissoudy



## DECEMBER 20TH

*isa 7:12-14*

But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!" Then he said: Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary men, must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.




Matthew 1:23

## DECEMBER 21ST

*song 2:8-9*

Hark! my lover—here he comes springing across the mountains, leaping across the hills. My lover is like a gazelle or a young stag. Here he stands behind our wall, gazing through the windows, peering through the lattices.



*The voice of my beloved! Now he comes,  
Leaping upon the mountains,  
Skipping upon the hills.*

*Song of Songs*

*2:8-9*

*My beloved  
is like  
a gazelle or  
a young hart. . .*

The voice of my beloved

## DECEMBER 22ND

*Lc 1:46-48*

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.

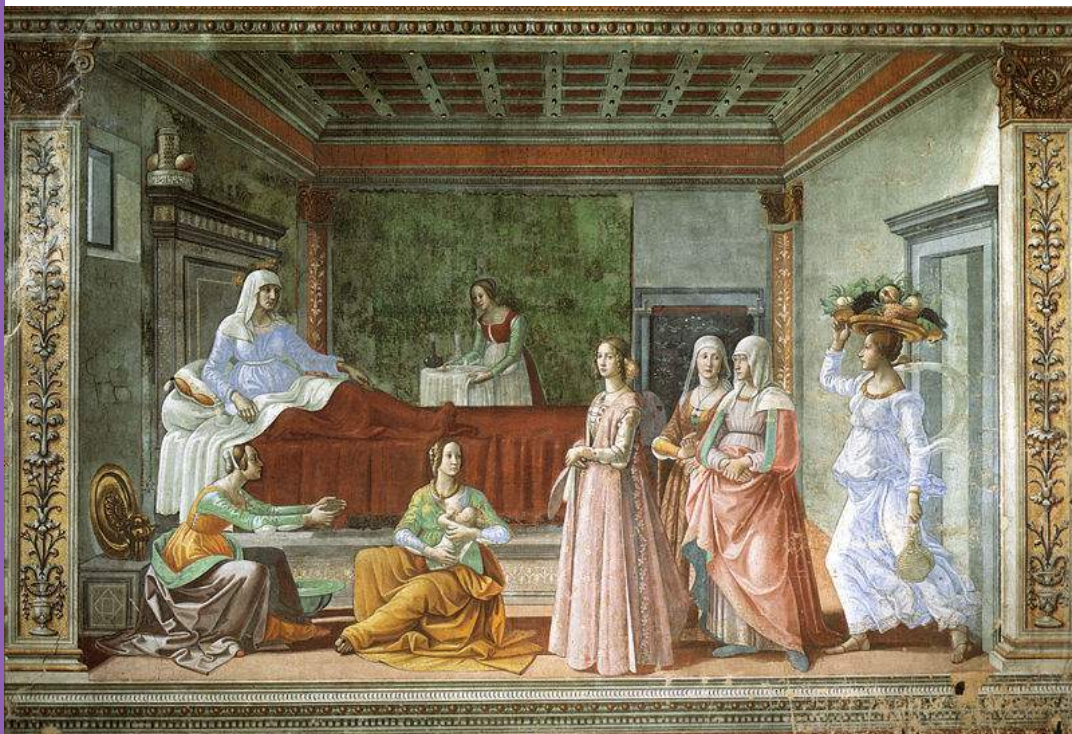


Sandro Botticelli, *Madonna of the Magnificat*, 1481 (Uffizi, Florence)

## DECEMBER 23RD

*Lc 1:57-58*

When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her.



the-birth-of-john-the-baptist-domenico-ghirlandaio-1486-1490-santa-maria-novella-florence.jpg

## DECEMBER 24TH (MORNING MASS)

*2 sam 7:2-3*

he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you."



The ark of God

## VIGIL FOR CHRISTMAS

December, 24th

*Mt 1:23*

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."



Traditional greek icon, De ontmoeting van Joachim en Anna (Private collection)

## CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

December, 25th

*Lc 2:7*

And she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.



Bradi Barth, Joseph and Mary in Bethlehem - ©Herbronnen vzw.

# CHRISTMAS DAWN MASS

## December, 25th

*Lc 2:19*

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.



Joseph Stella, Holy Mary Mother of God, 1926 (Brooklyn Museum)



## CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

December, 25th

*Jn 1:14*

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.



Teresa Kogut, Divine Grace

## **SAINT STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR** **December, 26th**

*Mt 10:19-20*

When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say. For it will not be you who speak but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.



Peter-Paul Rubens, The Martyrdom of St Stephen, 1620 (Musée des Beaux-Arts, Valenciennes)

## SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

December, 27th

*Jn 20:3-4*

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first.



Eugene Burnand, Les Disciples Pierre et Jean courant au sépulcre le matin de la Résurrection, 1898 (Musée d'Orsay, Paris)

## **THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS** **December, 28th**

*Mt 2:13-14*

And stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt.

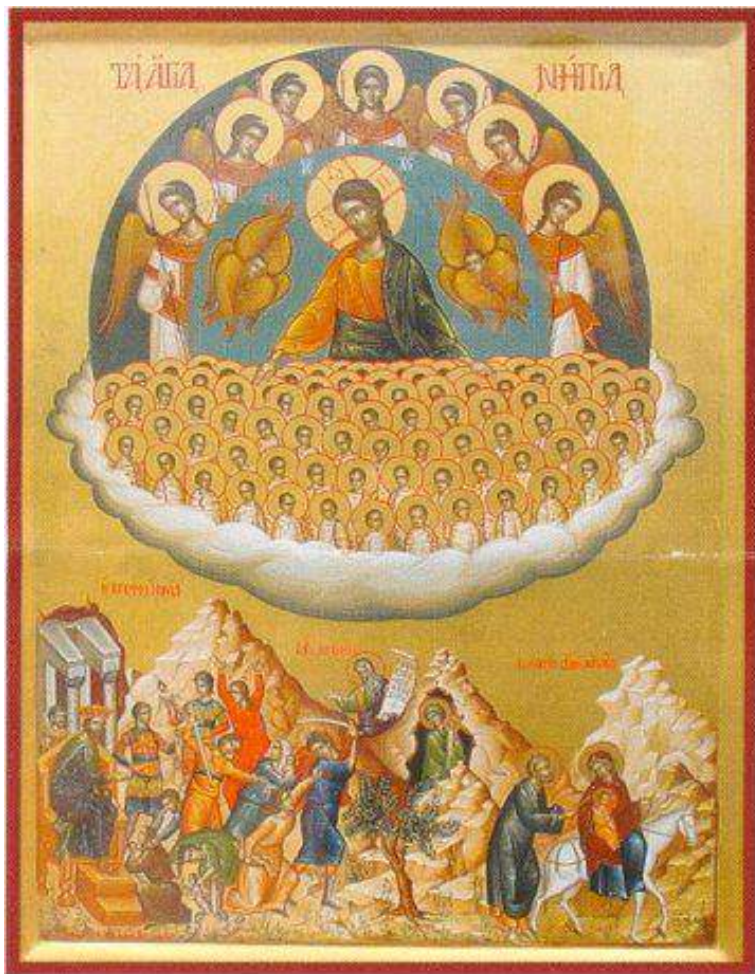


Rose Datoc Dall, *Escape by night* - ©Rose Datoc Dall

## THE HOLY FAMILY

*Mt 2:18*

"A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be consoled, since they were no more."



Icon commemorating the Slaughter of the Innocents with the Flight into Egypt

## SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

*Jn 1:16-18*

From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.



David Binnig, The Ten Commandments - ©David Binnig

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*Mt 2:1-2*

behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

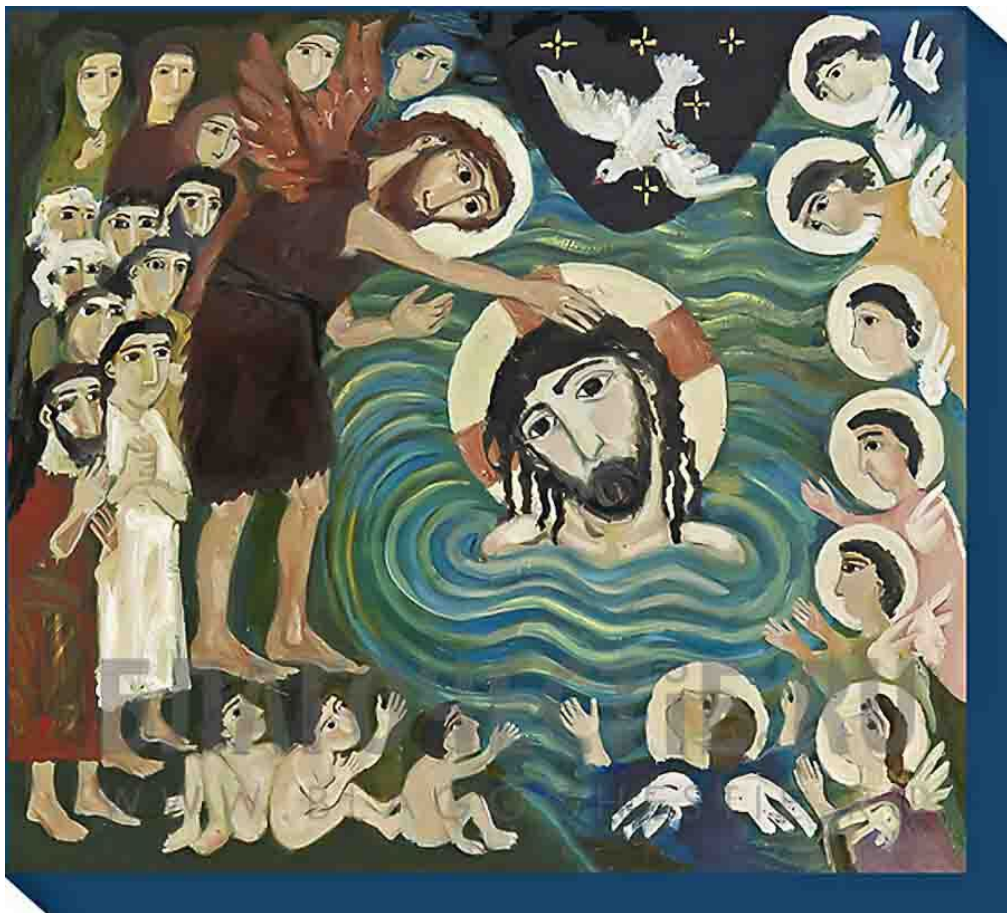


Gustave Doré, De wijzen die door de ster geleid worden

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*Mt 3:16-17*

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened (for him), and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove (and) coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."



Baptism of Jezus





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