

Kids Column

A Little Story for Christmas



Before Emmanuel was born, his brother and sister felt that they were enough - and they certainly kept things busy at home. There was a lot of noise in the house after school when they were fighting for the couch, the TV, or the favorite snack. One time, even as

Christmas drew near, there were a lot of loud temper tantrums: she had ruined his video game and he had thrown her doll and taken her favorite snack. For these two, it was almost like Emmanuel would never come.

They weren't really expecting him, but Mom and Dad knew that he would arrive. They tried to remind the kids but it wasn't easy. However, on December 25th, all was quiet in the house. And that was the day Emmanuel came too, very quietly. He could have been the centre of attention, but he was the kind of baby that could not be heard unless you were very quiet. His brother and sister began to understand that. Actually it was like that even when he was older. It was because you didn't expect him, they said.



Emmanuel was Jesus, and we are his brothers and sisters. A little noisy at times, a little selfish, and sometimes we just don't expect him. We feel that we are enough. Even today, unless we stop to visit him, and come up quietly to the crib to talk to him in our hearts, we might never realize that God has come.



Answer to Word-Find: Jesus was born!

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Word Search

Luke 2:1-20

J B E T H L E H E M N G I H K
S A F P V T E N C D N Z B H H
F H A T Y F S O N B B D Q B J
A V E R E P D R K C A M G Z O
S S A P N P V U R I B G Q D S
E M D B H A E O I Z Y A K H E
L B X I C E I C E N S U S L P
S Q O H V V R B R O O M G R H
I M U R A N R D B S W S A R K
Y F E S N C A B S C H I L D R
C M A S L V A X F T E I S E G
A J H E S Q M E Z I Z L G K P
Y T G K Z I T G S C M N W R Y
A N G V W E A G J A A S R X G
A Z H X Y W Y H M M R S F F C

SAVIOR	CENSUS	MARY	MANGER	BORN
CAESAR	SON	JOSEPH	MESSIAH	ROOM
CHILD	SHEPHERDS	ANGEL	BETHLEHEM	BABY



Nativity Prayer

*Let the just rejoice,
for their Justifier is born.*

*Let the sick and infirm rejoice,
for their Saviour is born.*

*Let the captives rejoice,
for their Redeemer is born.*

*Let slaves rejoice,
for their Master is born.*

*Let free men rejoice,
for their Liberator is born.*

*Let all Christians rejoice,
for Jesus Christ is born!*

St. Augustine of Hippo, AD 354-440

Synod 2021-2023: Communion/Participation/Mission

NATIVITY OF THE LORD - 25TH DECEMBER 2022 - YEAR A



The Lord is Come!



The Church's Liturgy rings in Christmas with a joyful noise. We hear today of uplifted voices, trumpets and horns, and melodies of praise. In the First Reading, Isaiah foretells Israel's liberation from captivity and exile in Babylon. He envisions a triumphant homecoming to Zion marked by joyful singing.

The new song in today's Psalm is a victory hymn to the marvelous deeds done by our God and King. Both the prophet and psalmist sing of God's power and salvation. God has shown the might of His holy arm, they say. This language recalls the Exodus, where the people first sang of God's powerful arm that shattered Israel's enemy, Egypt. The coming of the Christ child into the world fulfills all that the Exodus and the return from exile prefigured. In Jesus, all nations to the ends of the earth will see the victory of God over the forces of sin and death.

Jesus is the new king. He is the royal firstborn son and Son of God promised to David, as we hear in the Epistle. As our Gospel reveals, He is the Word of God, the one through whom the universe was created, the one through whom the universe is sustained. In speaking to us through His Son, God has unveiled a new age, the last days.

The new age is a new creation. In the beginning, God spoke His Word and light shone in the darkness. Now, in this new age, He sends us the true light to scatter the darkness of a world that has exiled itself from God. He is the one Isaiah foretold, who brings good tidings of peace and salvation, who announces to the world that God has come to dwell and to reign.

So we sing a new song on Christmas. It is the song of those who have believed in the Christ child and have been born again, who have by grace been given the power to become children of God.

(excerpt: stpaulceter.com)

CONFESSION

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
&
by appointment

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

(Is. 9:1-7)

Is. 52:7-10

Second Reading

(Ti. 2:11-14)

Heb. 1:1-6

Gospel

(Lk. 2:1-14)

Jn. 1:1-18

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:
5:45 a.m.



MONDAY:

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.



TUESDAY:

6:00 a.m.



WEDNESDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.

G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.



THURSDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.

Monchy: 6:00 p.m.



FRIDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.



SATURDAY

6:30 a.m./6:00 p.m.



SUNDAY

Gros Islet/G.Riviere
7:30 a.m.

Gros Islet/Monchy
10:00 a.m.



HOLIDAY

Variable

Christmas day is a day of
joy and charity. May God
make you very rich in both.

St. Stephen, First Martyr - Feast Day December 26th

St. Stephen's name is derived from the Greek "Stephanos", meaning "crown". He was the first of Jesus' disciples to receive the martyr's crown. Stephen is first mentioned in Acts as one of seven deacons appointed by the Apostles to distribute food and charitable aid to poorer members of the community in the early church.

Stephen is said to have been full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and to have performed miracles among the people. He aroused the opposition of the "Synagogue of the Freedmen" and others, who challenged Stephen's teachings, but he bested them in debate. Humiliated, they arranged for false witnesses to testify that Stephen had preached blasphemy against Moses and God, and dragged him before the Sanhedrin, the supreme legal court of Jewish elders.

Stephen was unperturbed, his face looking like "that of an angel". He denounced his listeners as "stiff-necked" people who like their ancestors resisted the Holy Spirit and persecuted prophets. "They even killed those who *predicted* the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered Him", he said.

Stephen, seemingly now oblivious to them, looked up and cried "Look! I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God!" To the Sanhedrin, this claim that the recently executed Jesus was standing by the side of God was such intense blasphemy that they drove Stephen outside the city and stoned him. Stephen prayed that the Lord would receive his spirit and that his killers would be forgiven.

His martyrdom was witnessed by Saul of Tarsus, a Pharisee who would later become the Apostle Paul.

(excerpt: wikipedia.org)



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Carmen Lord
Iris Macauldy
Patsy Crafton
Martha Mason
Teresa Huntley

DECEASED

Mr. Pierre
Coleta Henry
Helene Poyotte
Francis Marshall
Mary Alexander
Augustin Edwards

WEEKDAY READINGS

✠
MONDAY
Acts 6:8-10;7: 54-59
Matt.10:17-22

✠
TUESDAY
1Jn.1:1-4
Jn.20:2-8

✠
WEDNESDAY
1Jn.1:5-2:2
Matt.2:13-18

✠
THURSDAY
1Jn.2:3-11
Lk.2:22-35

✠
FRIDAY
Eccl..3:2-6, 12-14
Mt.2:13-15, 19-23

✠
SATURDAY
1Jn.2:18-21
Jn.1:1-18
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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
NATIVITY OF THE LORD - YEAR A		
Sat Dec 24– 7:00 p.m. <i>Vigil</i>	 <p>Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his Salvation from day to day. <small>Psalm 96:2</small></p>	MISSA PRO POPULO
Sun Dec 25 - 7:30 a.m. <i>Nativity of the Lord</i>		Guid: Brian Melius
10:00 a.m	 <p>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11</p>	B'day: Soyini James Nichette Scholar
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Thks: Catherine Augustin & family
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Johnathan Eben Daniel
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Dec 26 - 7:00 a.m. <i>St. Stephen, First Martyr</i>	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephanie Banda	Dc'd: Henrietta Mitchell
Tues Dec 27 - 7:00 a.m. <i>St. John, Apostle, Evangelist</i>	Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	Healing: Alexander B. Blanchard
Wed Dec 28 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	All Clergy & Religious	B'day: Sian Odium Leah & Eric Giblan Gaspard Holy Spirit: Tronai Louis
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Dc'd: Nathan Timaitre
Thu Dec 29 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Thomas Becket Bishop & Martyr</i>	Rev. David Popo Rev. Herald Wilson Rev. Gerard Calderon	Thks: Cecil Graham Int: Bernadette Pamphile & family
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Felicite Clery, Samuel Brooks Irvine & Alexander Blanchard Charmaine Blanchard-Johnson
Fri Dec 30 - 6:00 a.m. <i>The Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	Rev. Peter Fevrier Rev. Winston Taylor Sr. Margaret Maynard	IHO Holy Trinity: The Jules family
12:30 p.m.		Sp. Int: Ike Blanchard & family
Sat Dec 31 - 6:30 a.m.	Rev. Arnold Clouden Sr. Mary Mumba	Thks: Donors & Benefactors Claude & Mary Severin & family