

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

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The Divine Manifestation of His Nature

ALL SAINTS' MISSION STATEMENT

"Our mission is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ's love to our entire community through traditional Anglo-Catholic worship, fellowship, outreach, and Christian formation."

OUR VISION

"We strive to be a haven of healing, reconciliation, joy and peace in service to our wider community and beyond, so that our example in prayer and practice may reflect Christ's love for us all."

OUR CORE VALUES:

- Welcoming strangers like old friends
- Embracing the Anglo-Catholic tradition
- Being dependable members of a caring community
- Respecting each other's differences
- Being faithful stewards of God's gifts
- Remembering that God loves everyone unconditionally

On the cover: An original painting by Maratta (1698) which was the main altarpiece at St. Peter's Baptistery Chapel, Rome. It is now in Sant' Maria dei Angeli.

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FROM YOUR RECTOR

We Are God's Beloved Ones



The month of January brings us one of the most relevant Christian celebrations of the year: the Epiphany of Our Lord (January 6th).

The word Epiphany is derived from Greek and it means divine **manifestation** or **revelation**. In our Western Christian tradition the account of the visit of the magi in St. Matthew's Gospel is taken as the event in which God's incarnation was revealed or manifested to the Gentile world.

In the Eastern Church this celebration is known as Theophany (manifestation of God) and it celebrates Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist as the revelation of His divine nature. This celebration in the Eastern Church overlaps with Christ's birth and his first miracle at the wedding in Cana. It also includes the blessing of the waters as an essential part of the Feast.

In fact, the Epiphany is much older than the celebration of Christmas in the Western Church, which only began in the 4th century. The Western Church has kept the distinction among Christ's birth (Christmas), His manifestation to the Gentiles (Epiphany) and His Baptism (First Sunday after Epiphany).

As we can notice, it was mainly Jesus' Baptism at the Jordan River which gave rise to the celebration of the divine manifestation of His nature, the revelation of the divine Light to the world. In the Eastern and oldest tradition of the Christian Church this revelation is second in importance only to the Easter event.

The account of Jesus' Baptism appears with little variation in the three synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel there is not a direct narrative of the event, but John the Baptist makes reference to it in his testimony when he mentions that he saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on Him.

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Jesus' divine filiation is shown both visually and audibly during his Baptism. The Spirit is depicted as descending upon Him as a dove and the voice coming from the Father declares Him as the beloved Son in Whom He is well pleased.

But all this is preceded by Jesus' emergence from the waters in which the heavens are opened to Him. This is the event which marks Jesus' inner revelation of His true identity. At that moment He fully grasps that His true nature is that of God and that His mission on earth entails being God's Light for the world.

The divine filiation is marked by God's unconditional love. This is what the audible expression of this filiation entails. Being God's beloved and the fact that this constitutes God's greatest pleasure is not something that has to do with Jesus' former behavior or fulfilment of an assigned mission. Jesus' Baptism preceded His mission. It was this assuredness of God's unconditional and infinite love for Him which enabled Him to carry out His loving mission in the world.

As followers of the Lord of unconditional love, we are also heirs together with Him of this divine filiation. The voice that was heard in the Jordan was not only for Jesus, but for all of His followers throughout the centuries.

When we are baptized, God is also affirming that each of us is the beloved child in whom He is well pleased. This is not based on some merit of ours or our ancestors, but solely on His infinite and unconditional love for His creatures, especially for the creatures He made in His own image and likeness.

As much as being so infinitely loved is a good reason to share this love with the rest of humankind and all of creation, it is also a reminder that we are also, as Jesus pointed out, the Light of this world, and that our mission is to let this Light shine and spread out to our needy darkened world.

Your Rector,
Father Carlos E. Expósito +

FROM YOUR TREASURER

Year-End Message from the Treasurer

As we approach the great seasons of Christmas and Epiphany, I am able to report that All Saints' is having a good year financially in 2021. Key to our success has been careful control of spending by the Rector, Vestry, and parish staff. In addition, our investment advisers have been able to take advantage of a strong (so far) stock market to maintain the value of our Endowment Trust and significantly increase the value of the "Ready Fund" account that can provide us with operating revenue now and in the future.

Now, as the Vestry is working to finalize the parish budget for 2022, we have realized that compensation for our Rector and loyal parish staff is an issue that must be addressed as the impacts of inflation are being felt across most sectors of the economy. Thanks to generous pledges and income from our investments, we anticipate a budget similar to that of the current year. But we cannot assume that our revenue growth will keep pace with inflation in the coming year. That is why year-end gifts are more important than ever.

Throughout the 45 years that I have been part of the All Saints' family, our parish has relied on year-end gifts to provide a portion of the financial support necessary to carry out its mission and ministries. Pledge envelopes have always included an envelope marked "Christmas offering," and I recall announcements in the parish newsletter suggesting that an appropriate Christmas offering might be an amount equal to the value of the average family Christmas gift. As always, this kind of Christmas offering would seem appropriate for most parishioners.

In addition, we are encouraging larger-than-usual Christmas offerings from members and friends of All Saints' who are in a position to support the parish while simultaneously lowering their taxes. At its November meeting, the Vestry approved a plan to solicit "early Christmas offerings" as part of a plan to help parish staff meet the challenges of higher prices at the gas pump and in the grocery store. Christmas offerings received by December 16 will be dedicated to providing a one-time "Christmas bonus" for our parish staff and to funding an otherwise-unattainable increase in the Rector's annual compensation package. We received checks and pledges of more than \$11,000 before Thanksgiving, and additional "early Christmas offerings" will be added to the pool to pay for Christmas bonuses and associated costs.

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Other types of year-end offerings are slightly more complicated, but may be appropriate for some individuals. In recent years All Saints' has received generous year-end contributions through donor-directed trusts and direct donations of appreciated stocks. Those who have created a charitable foundation may be able to direct a trustee to send a check to All Saints' with a request to thank the individual who created the foundation.

Both our parish and the donor may be able to benefit financially from a direct donation of appreciated securities. Unfortunately, these transactions have complicated paperwork rules that require communication between the individual's broker and our financial administrator, Theresa Krist. Because of these time-consuming requirements, we ask that anyone considering a gift of appreciated stock begin the process no later than December 10.

With tax laws in a state of flux, other types of charitable giving may also be possible this year. Tax-free gifts from IRA distributions are in the news these days and may be a possibility for parishioners or friends of All Saints' who meet the minimum age and other requirements. As with all charitable contributions, those making any kind of gift that may provide tax benefits need to rely on the guidance of their own tax advisers.

What we at All Saints' can offer is a reminder that the Advent season is the best time to prayerfully consider what Christmas gift is appropriate for you. Whether your offering is large or small, we urge all parishioners to consider year-end gifts that will help our parish thrive as we embark on new ministries and plan for the future.

Please be sure to write "Christmas Offering" on your check or envelope so it goes to the correct account.

Edward V. Heck
Treasurer
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PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

We continue worshipping in our historic church each Sunday at 10AM. The service will also be on Zoom. To join the Zoom Meeting click [here](#).

During the week in St. Mary Chapel, Mass is offered on Tuesdays at noon and Morning Prayer on Fridays at 10am. Following the Mass on Tuesdays a snack time is held in the Flower Room.

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|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 3  | Morning Prayer (St. Mary Chapel)                                | 10:00am     |
| 5  | <b>The Second Sunday of Advent</b>                              |             |
|    | Mass                                                            | 10:00am     |
|    | Mass in Spanish (St. Mary Chapel)                               | 1:00pm      |
|    | Greater San Diego Music Coterie Christmas Concert – Parish Hall | 3:00pm      |
| 7  | Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397                                   |             |
|    | Mass (St. Mary Chapel)                                          | Noon        |
|    | Snack Fellowship in the Flower Room                             | 1:00pm      |
| 8  | Spanish Class taught by Fr. Carlos – Rector’s Office            | 5:30–7:30pm |
| 10 | Morning Prayer (St. Mary Chapel)                                | 10:00am     |
| 12 | <b>The Third Sunday of Advent (Rose Sunday)</b>                 |             |
|    | Mass                                                            | 10:00am     |
|    | Christian Formation—History of the Book of Common Prayer        |             |
|    | Rector’s Office                                                 | 11:30am     |
|    | Mass in Spanish (St. Mary Chapel)                               | 1:00pm      |



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## December

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| 14 | John of the Cross Common—Theologian and Teacher                                                                                                                                                                                    |             |
|    | Mass (St. Mary Chapel)                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Noon        |
|    | Snack Fellowship in the Flower Room                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1:00pm      |
|    | Finance Committee via Zoom                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 6:30pm      |
| 15 | Spanish Class taught by Fr. Carlos – Rector’s Office                                                                                                                                                                               | 5:30–7:30pm |
| 17 | Morning Prayer (St. Mary Chapel)                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 10:00am     |
| 18 | <b>Societies of Mary</b> (St. Mary Chapel)                                                                                                                                                                                         | 11:00am     |
|    | <i>All are welcome to join the Societies of Mary for their monthly day of devotion, beginning in the Chapel with Rosary at 11:00am with Mass to follow. After which we will adjourn to the Parish Hall for a potluck luncheon.</i> |             |
| 19 | <b>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                 |             |
|    | Mass                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 10:00am     |
|    | Vestry Meeting Parish Hall                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 11:30am     |
| 21 | Mass (St. Mary’s Chapel)                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Noon        |
|    | Snack Fellowship in the Flower Room                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1:00pm      |
| 22 | Spanish Class taught by Fr. Carlos – Rector’s Office                                                                                                                                                                               | 5:30–7:30pm |
| 24 | Musical Offering                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 8:45pm      |
|    | Christmas Eve Mass                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 9:00pm      |
|    | Christmas Chocolate Party – Parish Hall                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10:30pm     |
| 25 | <b>Christmas Day</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                               |             |
|    | Said Mass with Hymns                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 10:00am     |

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## December

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| 26 | The First Sunday after Christmas Day                     |             |
|    | Mass                                                     | 10:00am     |
|    | Christian Formation—History of the Book of Common Prayer |             |
|    | Rector's Office                                          | 11:30am     |
|    | Mass in Spanish (St. Mary Chapel)                        | 1:00pm      |
| 28 | The Holy Innocents                                       |             |
|    | Mass (St. Mary Chapel)                                   | Noon        |
| 29 | Spanish Class taught by Fr. Carlos – Rector's Office     | 5:30–7:30pm |
| 31 | Morning Prayer (St. Mary Chapel)                         | 10:00am     |

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January

2	Second Sunday after Christmas Day	
	Mass	10:00am
	Mass in Spanish (St. Mary Chapel)	1:00pm
4	Mass (St. Mary Chapel)	Noon
	Snack Fellowship in the Flower Room	1:00pm
	Finance Committee via Zoom	6:30pm
5	Spanish Class taught by Fr. Carlos Rector's Office	5:30–7:30pm
6	The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ	
	Mass	10:00am
7	Morning Prayer (St. Mary Chapel)	10:00am
9	The First Sunday after the Epiphany	
	Mass	10:00am
	Christian Formation—History of the Book of Common Prayer	
	Rector's Office	11:30am
	Mass in Spanish (St. Mary Chapel)	1:00pm
11	Mass (St. Mary Chapel)	Noon
	Snack Fellowship in the Flower Room	1:00pm
	Finance Committee via Zoom	6:30pm
12	Spanish Class taught by Fr. Carlos Rector's Office	5:30–7:30pm
14	Morning Prayer (St. Mary Chapel)	Noon

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- 15 **Societies of Mary** (St. Mary Chapel) 11:00am
All are welcome to join the Societies of Mary for their monthly day of devotion, beginning in the Chapel with Rosary at 11:00am with Mass to follow. After which we will adjourn to the Parish Hall for a potluck luncheon.
- 16 **The Second Sunday after Epiphany**
Mass 10:00am
Vestry Meeting (Parish Hall) 11:30am
- 18 The Confession of St. Peter the Apostle
Mass 10:00am
- 19 Spanish Class taught by Fr. Carlos – Rector’s Office 5:30–7:30pm
- 21 Agnus, Martyr at Rome, 304
Morning Prayer (St. Mary Chapel) 10:00am
- 23 **The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**
Mass 10:00am
Christian Formation—History of the Book of Common Prayer
Parish Hall 11:30am
Mass in Spanish (St. Mary Chapel) 1:00pm
- 25 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Mass (St. Mary Chapel) Noon
Snack Fellowship in the Flower Room 1:00pm
- 26 Spanish Class taught by Fr. Carlos – Rector’s Office 5:30–7:30pm
- 28 Morning Prayer (St. Mary Chapel) 10:00am

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January

30	The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	
	Mass	10:00am
	Greater San Diego Music Coterie Concert	
	Parish Hall	3:00pm

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# PARISH LIFE

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## Garden News – December/January

The Memorial Garden continues to thrive and as winter approaches (hopefully soon!), the garden will be undergoing a transformation with some new plants and the replacement of some of the original plants that were there when the garden was landscaped. The critters seem to be under control and no new damage has been noted.

The olive tree will be trimmed, some of the larger plantings will be pruned and some plants I have been nurturing at home will finally make their way into the ground. I am looking forward to filling in “some of the blanks” that currently exist in certain spots of the garden. The irrigation system will be improved and reworked in order to make it more efficient.

The help of Todd Muffatti and Karl Jørgensen with watering, trimming and weeding is much appreciated. I am recruiting a new volunteer to help as well. If you have any interest in gardening, please get in touch with me!

Wishing everyone a joyful holiday season!

Sue Johnston Eaton

# PARISH LIFE

## Life Stories of Members of All Saints'

*John Gray , III*



Having been one of the originators of this project to learn more about our fellow parishioners at All Saints' it's only apropos that I share a bit of my back story. I thank you for the opportunity to share more about my life than is seen at All Saints'.

I've been a part of the All Saints' family since the late 70s. I first started attending when Pamela and I were in marriage preparation classes with Father Satrang. We were married on June 23, 1979. We started attending regularly when our boys, Franklin, and Stephen, became interested in becoming acolytes and preparing for confirmation.

When I noticed that the photographer who had been taking photographs passed away and no one took up the job, I "volunteered" to take photos for the church. I've photographed baptisms, funerals, Easter and Christmas programs, music programs, and many of the social events of the parish. My proudest photography for All Saints' is the book featuring the stained-glass windows "The Windows of All Saints' Church" with commentary by Stephen Cox.

This "volunteering" continued as I became an usher and then was asked to be part of the Vestry. I have been part of All Saints' as secretary of the School Board, when the school was a full elementary school, and a member of the calling committee that selected Father Noble and serving on the Vestry several more times. I believe I've been on the Vestry for the current and last three rectors and during the three times that All Saint's has had an interim rector.

My most recent service was as a member of the Pre-School Oversight Committee and several terms as assistant treasurer and treasurer for the church. It's as treasurer I feel that

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I've been most effective. I was blessed to work with a vestry and finance committee that worked together to revitalize our finances and help uplift our financial wellbeing with the Diocese.

The discipline that I have in my life, career and working as a part of All Saints' originated with my father, John Jr., who was a 30-year career Marine, retiring as a Master Gunnery Sargent and my mother Gloria who worked as an assistant to elementary school principals in Orange County. I'm a native Californian, born December 30, 1951, in a Navy Hospital in Torrance, while my father was fighting in Korea. After he returned from overseas, we moved briefly to a farm in Virginia, then he reenlisted, and we moved back to California and lived in the city of Orange in Orange County. I have three siblings, a younger brother, Bryan, who still lives in Orange, with his wife Dana, in the same house we grew up in. I have two older sisters, Katherine, who is a member of the sisters of Saint Joseph of Orange, and Marilyn who lives in Hemet, California with her husband Frank.

I attended Holy Family Catholic School in Orange for my elementary schooling. I was an altar boy in the pre-Vatican II days, so mass was in Latin! High School was Villa Park High School, where I decided that I wanted to work in the film industry when I graduated. At Orange Coast College I received an Associate of Arts Degree in Photography, transferred to San Diego State (SDSU), and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Radio/Television/Film.

While attending SDSU, I met Pamela Lewis. We started dating after I graduated and when I finally got a fulltime job at General Dynamics we were married at All Saints'. Pamela obtained an elementary teaching credential as well as a Handicapped and Severely Handicapped credential. But there were no teaching jobs at that time in California. After graduation she was hired at Allied Home Health as a medical secretary for a team of nurses, physical and occupational therapists, and social workers for 16 years. After the founder of the company retired, Allied Home Health became UCSD Home Care. Pamela worked there for 22 years becoming a Help Desk supervisor and retiring in 2014.

We have two sons. Franklin who lives in San Diego and works as a Journeyman Stagehand in theaters and live entertainment events and Stephen, who lives in Oklahoma



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with his wife Diana and our four grandchildren.

My working career started while I was attending Orange Coast College and during a period of forty years I worked in the still photography, motion pictures and television industry, and live theater.

For more than nineteen years I worked in the Visual Communications Department of Solar Turbines here in San Diego. This group produced in-house safety, marketing, and employee communications programs as well as supplying video support for Solar's parent company Caterpillar. We also supported external clients which included medical, defense, manufacturing, non-profit and recreational sports equipment companies.

Before Solar I worked as a film/tape editor, cameraperson, director and producer in the Motion Pictures and Television Department of General Dynamics in the Convair, Electronics and Space Systems Division also in San Diego. Projects included: safety, marketing, defense propaganda, employee motivation, trade shows, corporate image, and a variety of managerial support programs.

While working for these two major corporations I traveled nationally and internationally for many of these programs. During my career I've been able to work on many types of projects and experience the technical change from physical media to electronic media. In earlier days, with financial help from my parents, I opened a film postproduction company, editing television commercials, documentaries, religious, and trade show films for many of the major commercial film and television producers and production companies in San Diego.

During my career I've received several film and television awards. A San Diego Emmy Award for Individual Achievement in Film Editing, a 2004 and 2006 Telly Award for producing, directing, and editing, and shared a 2004 MCAI Golden Reel for Editing.

My theater experience began backstage in high school and junior college as a prop master, sound effects, and media support operator. After retiring from Solar Turbines, I was one of the Assistant Directors of the Grossmont College production of "The Odyssey: A Play"

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and produced & co-directed a video segment shown during the play “An Ordinary Day” also at Grossmont College. I also directed a production of “Red” by John Logan and “The Nerd” for the Trinity Theater Group at the 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Arts Center in San Diego in recent years.

Also, after retirement I’ve been able to invest more time in my numismatic hobby. Beginning with my world travels, I collected paper currency from around the world. I also collect medals and tokens from museums, theaters, places of worship from around the world. I’m a member of several local, national, and international coin and paper money collecting organizations. In January I will be installed as the President of the San Diego Numismatic Society, a club that is celebrating it’s 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2022.

Thank you for sharing a bit of my history.

# PARISH LIFE – CONCERT

Sunday, January 30 at 3pm – Parish Hall



## The Brilliance of Youth



The Greater San Diego Music Coterie, directed by Dr. Angela Yeung, presents The Brilliance of Youth, a concert celebrates the brilliant young composers past and present. The concert features local talent, 14-year-old Bradley Carpiuc. Born in 2007, Bradley started playing the piano when he was almost 6 years old, and started composing not long after. A winner of numerous competitions in piano and composition locally and statewide, Bradley is presently a semi-finalist for the Music International Grand Prix competition in both categories of piano and composition. His current piano teacher is Dr. Anna Savvas and he studies composition with Mr. Justin Weiss.

For the concert, the Greater San Diego Chamber Orchestra will accompany Bradley in the third movement of Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3, and 2 Coterie members will perform with him his Trio for Trumpet, Violin and Piano. Other works in the program include Mozart's Symphony No. 1 and Britten's Simple Symphony.

Admission to the concert is free with free-will donation at the door.

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## Arts and Crafts Show Sale and Music



While fewer vendors participated in our annual arts and crafts show this year than in other years, we had a good attendance and number of sales/ donations. Many outsiders stopped by to enjoy the artwork and music. As always, the baked goods and chocolate were a big hit. We continue to consider it a worthwhile event in our outreach to our unique community.



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## Annual Fall Arts and Crafts Show and Sale





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## *Christmas at All Saints'*

### *Decorating the Courtyard and Church*

The Flower Guild welcomes your help on Saturday, December 18 at 9:30am as they decorate the courtyard for Christmas and on Friday, December 24 at 9am to decorate the church. Let Sue Johnston Eaton know you will be there to help hang the garlands, wreaths and arrange the poinsettias. All are welcome! Email Sue at [labretired@cox.net](mailto:labretired@cox.net)



### *Christmas Poinsettias*

We are offering an opportunity for parishioners to dedicate a Christmas poinsettia in memory of a loved one. These flowers will be used to decorate the courtyard for Christmas. Orders must be completed by Friday, December 18th to ensure that all names will be in the Christmas bulletins. We ask for a \$25 donation. Forms are available from the Greeters.

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## *Christmas at All Saints'*

### *Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Schedule*

- **Friday, December 24 — Christmas Eve**  
Morning Prayer — St. Mary Chapel  
Musical Offering — Christmas Music: Organ, Choir and Carols at 8:45pm  
Solemn Mass at 9:00pm  
Christmas Eve Cookie Party at 10:30pm
- **Saturday, December 25— Christmas Day**  
Said Mass with Hymns at 10:00am
- **Sunday, December 26 — First Sunday after Christmas**  
Mass at 10:00am



# COMMEMORATIONS

Holy Innocents

28 December



**Feast of the Holy Innocents**, also called **Childermas** or **Innocents' Day**, is the Christian feast in remembrance of the massacre of young children in Bethlehem by King Herod the Great in his attempt to kill the infant Jesus (Matthew 2:16-18). The feast is observed by Western churches on December 28 and in the Eastern churches on December 29. The slain children were regarded by the early church as the first martyrs, but it is uncertain when the day was first kept as a saint's day. It may have been celebrated with Epiphany, but by the 5th century it was kept as a separate festival. In Rome it was a day of fasting and mourning.

It was one of a series of days known as the Feast of Fools, and the last day of authority for boy bishops. Parents temporarily abdicated authority. In convents and monasteries the youngest nuns and monks were allowed to act as abbess and abbot for the day. These



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customs, which were thought to mock religion, were condemned by the Council of Basel (1431).

In medieval England children were reminded of the mournfulness of the day by being whipped in bed in the morning; this custom survived into the 17th century.

The day is still observed as a religious feast day and, in Roman Catholic countries, as a day of merrymaking for children. Some churches omit both the Gloria and the Alleluia of the mass in honour of the grieving mothers of Bethlehem, unless the feast falls on a Sunday.

*Source:* Encyclopaedia Britannica

*Painting:* *The Virgin and Child surrounded by the Holy Innocents* or *The Virgin and Child with Angels* is a 1616 oil painting by Peter Paul Rubens, showing the Virgin and Christ Child with the Holy Innocents. It was originally produced as oil on panel, before being transferred to canvas. In 1671 it was acquired from a Monsieur de la Feuille by Louis XIV and is now in the Louvre Museum. On 8 January 1968 the painting was carved into with a knife by a mentally deranged man in the Louvre Museum.

# COMMEMORATIONS

## Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Friar, 1274 28 November



Perhaps the most well-known and highly regarded theologian and philosopher of the Catholic Church, Thomas Aquinas was born the youngest son to a Sicilian noble family in 1225. Although Aquinas was intended from a young age to become an abbot, Italian political and papal infighting redirected him to a university in Naples, where his studies, including his earliest encounters with Aristotle, were directed by members of the newly founded Dominican Order, an order of which Aquinas eventually became a member despite prolonged, powerful objections from his family.

Traveling to France in 1245, Aquinas continued his studies under the renowned Aristotelian commentator and fellow Dominican, Albert Magnus, before joining the University of Paris' faculty as regent master in theology, during which time he began work on his *Summa contra Gentiles*. Upon completion of his regency in Paris, Aquinas returned to Italy in 1259, where he was eventually called to Rome, in 1265, by Pope Clement IV to serve as a papal theologian. While in Rome, Aquinas continued to teach, now at a newly

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established Dominican school at Santa Sabina, and began to write his most famous work, the *Summa Theologiae*, sometimes called the *Summa Theologica*.

In 1268, Aquinas was called once again to serve as regent master in Paris, where “Averroism”— or heterodox Aristotelianism—had risen to prominence within the university. Upon the completion of his second regency in Paris, Aquinas returned to Naples, where he founded a new Dominican university and once again assumed the position of regent master and continued work on his *Summa Theologiae*. In 1274, Pope Gregory X called the Second Council of Lyons in an attempt to repair the great schism that had taken place within the Church in 1054. Summoned to the council, Aquinas suffered an accident while traveling, fell ill, and died several days later on March 7, 1274. Fifty years following his death, Aquinas ascended to sainthood and, then, in 1567, was named a Doctor of the Church.

[Source](#): Ralph McInerny. *Aquinas*. Cambridge: 2004.



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