



# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Mission of Holy Savior Catholic Church  
Main Street at Elm Street

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**Pastor, Fr. Lincoln Dall**

**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**December 22, 2024**

## Fr. Lincoln's Reflection

We want to welcome all of you to our Masses for the 4th week of Advent and for the solemnity of Christmas. We usually have a lot of visitors and extended family members attend Mass during the Christmas holiday. We extend a warm welcome to all of you and wish you and your families a very blessed holiday season. We are glad to continue the tradition of midnight Mass this year at Holy Savior, which is the third year we are following in this tradition. On the 4th weekend of the Advent season, I am presenting a homily that is a bit more creative with the help of some of the youth. I always look for new and creative ways for us to immerse ourselves in the world of the Sacred Scripture and to expand the way I approach preaching. I look forward to our celebration of the Christmas season together as a community of faith. Blessings to all of you - Father Lincoln.

Father Lincoln posts all his homilies, prayers of the faithful, and other reflections on his blog. You can access them on: <http://peregrinolincoln.blogspot.com>

## CALENDAR

December 24 – Christmas Eve Mass, 5pm at Holy Savior  
7:30 pm at Immaculate Conception  
December 25 - Midnight Mass at Holy Savior  
December 25 – Christmas Day Mass, 9am at Holy Savior  
January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Mass at Holy Savior, 9am

Help us save paper and ink!

If you would like to have our church bulletins emailed to you on the Saturday before Sunday Mass, please shoot a text to Lacey at 601-672-2616.

**The Holy Savior parish office will be closed until January 2. If you have an emergency while the office is closed, you may call 662-571-1953.**

## Immaculate Conception Collection

December 15 - \$1122  
Thank you for your continued support to Immaculate Conception.

## Catholic Quiz!

According to the Bible, which animals were present at Jesus' birth?

- A: None                      B: Sheep and donkey  
C: Cattle and donkey      D: Donkey, sheep and goats

(See the answer on the bottom of the back page.)

## Ministers for Today, December 22

Lector 1: Matt Nalker  
Lector 2: Cookie Schemmel  
Eucharistic: Lulu Birdsong  
Home-Bound: Lulu Birdsong  
Altar Server: Greta Nalker

## Ministers for Christmas Eve Mass

Lector 1: Beth Stevens  
Lector 2: Joy Hohmann  
Lector 3: Lacey Nalker  
Eucharistic: Lulu Birdsong  
Home-Bound: Victoria Vanderschaaf  
Altar Server: Gage and Greta Nalker

## Ministers for

Lector 1:  
Lector 2:  
Eucharistic:  
Home-Bound:  
Altar Server:

**Lectors and Servers:** If you are unable to serve on a day you are scheduled, please arrange for someone to take your place. If you would like to be scheduled as a lector, Eucharistic Minister, server, or minister to the Home-bound, please contact Lacey Nalker.

## Weekly Readings

### Sunday, December 22

Micah 5: 1-4a  
Psalms 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
Hebrews 10: 5-10  
Luke 1: 39-45

### Monday, December 23

Malachi 3: 1-4, 23-24  
Psalms 25: 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14  
Luke 1: 57-66

### Tuesday, December 24

Second Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
Psalms 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29  
Luke 1: 67-79

### Christmas Eve – Mass at Night

Isaiah 9: 1-6  
Psalms 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13  
Titus 2: 11-14  
Luke 2: 1-14

### Christmas Day – Mass at Day

Isaiah 52: 7-10  
Psalms 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6  
Hebrews 1: 1-6  
John 1: 1-18

### Thursday, December 26

Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59  
Psalms 31: 3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17  
Matthew 10: 17-22

### Friday, December 27

First John 1: 1-4  
Psalms 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12  
John 20: 1a and 2-8

### Saturday, December 28

First John 1: 5 – 2: 2  
Psalms 124: 2-3, 4-5, 7b-8  
Matthew 2: 13-18

### Sunday, December 29–Holy Family

Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14  
Psalms 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5  
Colossians 3: 12-17  
Luke 2: 41-52

Bishop Joseph Kopacz invites all to come and celebrate the installation and blessing of a life-sized bronze statue of Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA, on Saturday, Dec. 21, at 11 a.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter the Apostle in Jackson. The statue is a gift from the Bishops of the Province of Mobile. The celebration will begin with Mass followed by the blessing of the statue, then a reception in the Cathedral Center.

### Let us keep in prayer...

#### Parishioners & Friends who are Ill

Spencer and Reagan Smith and their soon to be born baby, Elsie Bridges, Cecilia Young, Bobby Mashburn, Sam and Ann Grecco, Peggy Broom, Grace Salter, Shirley Jackson, Lois Litwin, Josh Mason, Jessica Taylor, Joe Lariccia, Cheryl Boseman, Pat Hubbard, Casey Edenfield, Shelby Birdsong, Travis Hester, Sheree Hester, Tracie and Lark Sowell, Jack and Karen Williams, and Anthony Waters.

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY SAVIOR, Clinton

### TUESDAY, December 24

Christmas Eve Mass – 5 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, December 25

Christmas Midnight Mass –  
Midnight

Christmas Day Mass – 9 a.m.

### THURSDAY, December 26

Rosary – 5 p.m.

Mass – 5:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, December 27

Rosary – 8:00 a.m.

Mass – 8:30 a.m.

### SATURDAY, December 28

Reconciliation – 4:15 p.m.

Mass – 5 p.m.

### SUNDAY, December 29

Mass – 10:30 a.m.

The Diocese invites all couples who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or longer year anniversaries to the Diocesan 2025 World Marriage Day Celebration on Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 1 p.m. at St. Peter's in Jackson.

To register, contact the Holy Savior parish office or scan the QR code before January 7.



## Announcements:

Join us after Mass, in the church hall for coffee, hot chocolate or tea.

We are in need of volunteers to take Holy Communion to the sick and home-bound. This is an easy, very rewarding job and makes a positive difference in lives. If you are interested, please contact Lacey or Lulu. Volunteers will be able to tag along with an experienced Eucharistic Minister until they are comfortable going alone.

### Catholic Quiz Answer: A

While the Bible does not actually mention any animals, it would have been normal practice for some animals to be in the stable. Some animals were probably there, most likely donkeys, cattle, sheep, goats and/or camels.

Please notify the Holy Savior's Parish Office of deaths, births, illnesses, or hospitalizations.  
To add a prayer intention or any bulletin items please contact Lacey Nalker of Immaculate Conception by Thursday at noon.