

Bringing Home the Word

First Sunday of Advent (C)
December 1, 2024

Birth Day

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

of our birth day is not the anniversary of our birth—that is our birthday. Our birth day is the actual day of our birth. However, we do have a second birth day, and it is this day to which this Sunday's readings refer. We might call it our final birth day—the day when we are born into fulfillment. Jeremiah assures us that will be the day when God's promises will be fulfilled in us. We will finally have a righteous leader; the nation will be safe; and the place where God dwells amid the people will be secure.

In the Gospel, Jesus is probably speaking figuratively about the end of

the world—at least the end of the world as it is known to humans. However, it is not the end of everything, for after cosmic destruction takes place, "then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:27). Something new will appear; we will see that our redemption is at hand. We will be born into a new life in a new world.

Advent is the time to look forward to this new birth day of fulfillment. We do not simply await the anniversary of Jesus' human birth day, for that day announced the coming of the final birth day of each of us. *His* birth announces *our* new birth. ‡

Sunday Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16

In those days, at that time, I will make a just shoot spring up for David.

1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all.

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

[Jesus said,] "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life."

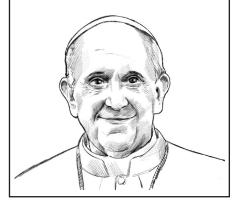


On our final day, something new will appear; we will be born into a new life in a new world.

A Word from Pope Francis

We need to...guard our hearts against apathy.... Apathy is a type of laziness that makes us slide into sadness, it takes away zest for life and the will to do things.... The Book of Proverbs says: "With all vigilance guard your heart, for in it are the sources of life" (Prv 4:23).... Stay awake and guard your heart.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 28, 2021



REFLECTIONS QUESTIONS GREATIONS

- How am I preparing for my final days?
- How can I live today to avoid regret on my last day?



Meditation on the Annunciation

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC, STL

How often do you say "yes" to extra work, tasks, chores, favors, and events? How often do you say "yes" to the work God asks of you? Sometimes, we have to say "no" to be free to give our wholehearted "yes" to greater things.

What are you afraid of? Like Mary, sometimes we are asked to go into the unknown, to face things we don't feel prepared for. Ask God for the graces you need to keep going.

The secret of our own peace lies in balancing the tensions of our fallen human nature with our new life in Christ. What are some ways we can work toward this

new life within our day-to-day tasks? Sometimes, the people around us need help saying "yes" to what God asks. What are some ways you can help the people in your life say "yes"?

Mary didn't say, "Yes, but I need some details first," or "I'm really busy, but I'll fit it in sometime next year." She said "yes" with total trust and surrender, no caveats attached. Make time in your life to build your personal relationship with God, whether that's through the sacraments, prayer, or just returning to Mass after a lapse. Make your goal the trusting surrender of Mary, and don't be afraid if that feels a long way off. *

This reflection is an excerpt from *Meditations on Vatican Art: Angels* by Fr. Mark Haydu, LC, STL, Liguori Publications (825606). (Note: This beautifully crafted book with meditations and photographs is available at Liguori.org for the closeout price of \$5.99; originally \$31.99.)

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Advent and Christmas Signs and Symbols"

One of the most common symbols used during Advent is the Advent wreath, usually made of evergreen branches formed into a circle. It holds four candles: three purple (or dark blue) and one pink. The purple candles represent the time of preparation and are lit at the beginning of the first, second, and fourth weeks of Advent. The pink candle, lit at the beginning of the third week of Advent, symbolizes our focus on rejoicing during this penitential season. Many families make a small Advent wreath for use at home. Some families place a white or light-colored candle in the middle of the Advent wreath on Christmas Eve to symbolize the coming of the Christ Child.

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Lord Jesus, so that
we may enter into the
peace of this season
and be a source of
peace to others,
we pray:
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be born in our world.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

December 2-7

Monday, Advent Weekday: Is 2:1-5 / Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, St. Francis Xavier: Is 11:1–10 / Lk 10:21–24

Wednesday, *Advent Weekday:* Is 25:6–10a / Mt 15:29–37

Thursday, Advent Weekday: Is 26:1–6 / Mt 7:21, 24–27

Friday, Advent Weekday: Is 29:17–24 / Mt 9:27–31

Saturday, St. Ambrose: Is 30:19–21, 23–26 / Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6–8





Bringing Home the Word

Second Sunday of Advent (C)
December 8, 2024

And the Word Was Made Flesh

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Any of us grew up thinking that this life doesn't amount to much. It's full of pitfalls and enticements that threaten our eternal salvation. Such disdain often boils over into contempt for the world. According to this thinking, it is only the next life that is important, which will unfold in a much better place. Today's readings challenge such extreme thinking. They assure us that the glory of God is partially revealed to us even within this life. They astound us by insisting that God speaks to us through life's events—events that often appear to be quite mundane.

Sunday Readings

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on forever the splendor of glory from God.

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

Luke 3:1-6

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Baruch tells of Jerusalem, the city loved passionately by every Israelite. This was a city like so many other cities. However, God dwelt there, and wherever God dwells is, for that reason, a holy city—be it is Jerusalem, Munich, or Detroit. God dwells in our midst, right here, right now. Hence, this imperfect life and this damaged world are holy.

The gospel situates John the Baptist in the middle of the ancient Near Eastern world. It was a Roman world controlled by Caesar and a Jewish province ruled by Herod. John stated that it was to that place at that time that the Promised One would come, and it was up to John to "prepare the way of the LORD" (Isaiah 40:3; Luke 3:4).

Most importantly, we must never forget that God took on the troubles and sins of this world and entered our life, making it his life. This is the real reason this world is holy. *#



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A Word from Pope Francis

We are in the age of walls and barbed wire. To be sure, we can appreciate people's fears and insecurities, the difficulties and dangers involved, and the general sense of fatigue and frustration, exacerbated by the economic and pandemic crises. Yet, problems are not resolved, and coexistence improved by building walls higher, but by joining forces to care for others....

ADDRESS TO REFUGEES, MYTILENE, GREECE, DECEMBER 5, 2021



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- What do I most value?
- How do my actions reflect my values?



Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

y sacramental Savior and divine Love, how full of kindness and tenderness are the means your love has invented to win over the love of souls. Eternal Word, you were not satisfied with becoming human and dying for us; you have also given us the Blessed Sacrament as a companion, as food, and as a reassurance of heaven. At one time, you show yourself to us as an infant in a stable, at another, as a poor man in a workshop, then as a criminal on a cross, and now as bread on an

altar. Tell me, is there anything else you could do to win over our love? Infinite Goodness, when shall I really begin to be in accord with such a refinement of love?

Lord, I wish to live for the one purpose of loving you alone. And what use is life to me if I do not spend it entirely in loving and pleasing you, my beloved Redeemer, who has given your whole life for me? And what have I to love if not you, who are all beauty and grace, all goodness and love and worthy of love? May I live only to love you. May the simple memory of your love make my heart tender with that love. May the very words crib and cross and sacrament set it on fire with the wish to do great things for you, my Jesus, who have indeed done so much and suffered so greatly for me. *

This reflection is an excerpt from *Visits* to the *Blessed Sacrament* and *Our Lady* by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Liguori Publications (828706). Visit Liguori.org for other spiritual reading.

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "The Christmas Crèche: A Franciscan Tradition" by Kathleen M. Carroll

I can relate to the image of Mary bent over her infant son in the Christmas crèche, marveling at this new life. But unlike that most perfect of mothers, I can well imagine what would fill my thoughts: You put your newborn child in what? With all of those smelly animals around? What kind of mother are you? Surely, if any mother was "good enough," Mary must have known herself worthy of that label. But to be the mother of such a Son? And what was good enough for that child? To be born without an earthly father? To spend his first night on a bed of straw? The miracle of birth is too much for any of us to understand, but the miracle of this birth was on a different scale altogether. Mary did well to ponder these things in her heart.

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Lord Jesus, so that this season may inspire respectful dialogue among those who disagree, we pray: Be born in us, be born in our world.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

December 9-14

Monday, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Gn 3:9–15, 20 / Eph 1:3–6, 11–12 / Lk 1:26–38

Tuesday, Advent Weekday: Is 40:1–11 / Mt 18:12–14

Wednesday, Advent Weekday: Is 40:25–31 / Mt 11:28–30

Thursday, Our Lady of Guadalupe: Zec 2:14–17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab / Lk 1:26–38 or Lk 1:39–47

Friday, *St. Lucy:* Is 48:17–19 / Mt 11:16–19 **Saturday,** *St. John of the Cross:* Sir 48:1–4, 9–11 / Mt 17:9a, 10–13





Bringing Home the Word +

Third Sunday of Advent (C)
December 15, 2024

Joy to the World!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

This is the Sunday of joy, Gaudete Sunday. In the first reading, the people are told to "Shout for joy" because "the Lord is in your midst" (Zephaniah 3:14–15). In response to the first reading, we sing, "Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel." The second reading directs us to "Rejoice in the Lord always" because "The Lord is near" (Philippians 4:4–5). In the gospel, we see that "the people were filled with [messianic] expectation," even wondering "whether John might

Sunday Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

The LORD your God, is in your midst...who will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love.

Philippians 4:4-7

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

Luke 3:10-18

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah.

be the Messiah" (Luke 3:15). All John could say was that "one mightier than I is coming" (Luke 3:16).

So what are we waiting for this Sunday, and how is God present? We know that God is already present with us in many ways: in the Church and sacraments, in the lives of good people we know, in the depths of our hearts. And so, we rejoice. We also know that the story of salvation is unfinished. There are still so many evils from which we must be saved. When you think of them, what's at the top of your list?

We are eager for God to come into our lives anew to comfort us and strengthen us. We know we cannot do it alone. Even as we wait for the day of salvation to dawn, we rejoice, for we know that it came before and will come again. That's why we sing "Joy to the World." #

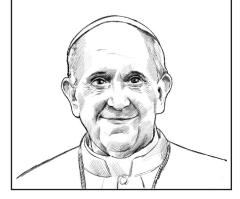


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A Word from Pope Francis

What can I do concretely...as we draw near to Christmas?... For example: I can call a person who is alone, visit that elderly person or that person who is ill, do something to serve a poor person.... Maybe I need to ask forgiveness, grant forgiveness, clarify a situation, pay a debt.... Brothers and sisters, let us find something concrete and do it!

ANGELUS, ROME, DECEMBER 12, 2021



REFLECTIONS QUESTIONS GREATIONS

- How many blessings have I experienced today?
- Can I list three ways I can be a blessing to someone?



La Fiesta!

Fr. Michael McAndrew, CSsR

The fiesta was an important part of our ministry at Casa San Alfonso. One of our padrinos said of Mexicans, "Somos fiesteros" (We are party people). When we began the Casa ministry, we celebrated birthdays, patron saint days, and all the feasts of the communities that our young people came from. We celebrated Church holy days and especially the feasts of Mary, Posadas, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. If there was no reason for a party, one would be created. Casa San Alfonso was a welcoming community for young people seeking a better life in Denver. What better way to receive the youth than to have a celebration—a fiesta?

Some Church ministers wondered if we would ever develop a serious ministry. We opened our doors to young people without families in the area. Many young men arrived in the United States to seek work to help their families back home. They could come to the Casa and find friends who knew their journey. These young people knew the Redemptorists in the Casa simply welcomed them as they were and did not push them into an unfamiliar religiosity.

To witness good news, we had to celebrate fiestas at Casa San Alfonso. One of the joys of my life as a missionary is to party with the poor. Often, when visiting a home unannounced, the woman of the house says, "Padre, come and eat." Soon children, cousins, aunts, uncles, and neighbors arrive. The fiesta begins. People celebrate the arrival of a guest, especially if the guest is a priest or religious. If you walk with my people, always be ready for the fiesta.

This reflection is an excerpt from Walk With My People: A Life in Migration Ministry by Fr. Michael McAndrew, CSsR, Liguori Publications (828720). Visit Liguori.org for other spiritual reading.

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "The Origin of Christmas Traditions: A Window to Our Faith" by Christopher M. Bellitto Whenever and wherever the gospel was spread, first in the Mediterranean area and then throughout Europe in the first millennium of the faith, preachers and bishops often deferred to local customs. They adapted the people's inclination to believe in the supernatural, cleverly redirecting it to Christian ideas. This process, known as enculturation, has a long history in the Church. The Christian celebration of Christmas, then, is a mixture of cultures— secular and sacred, ancient and modern—and it spans the entire planet. Some of our traditions are not rooted in Christianity, but that needn't trouble us. Those traditions have, in a sense, been baptized, which is in line with Christianity's goal to convert the world. As long as our rituals and traditions point to the essential truth of the Christmas feast—that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us—we can hardly go wrong.

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WEEKDAY READINGS

December 16-21

Monday, Advent Weekday: Nm 24:2–7, 15–17a / Mt 21:23–27 Tuesday, Advent Weekday:

Wednesday, Advent Weekday: Jer 23:5–8 / Mt 1:18–25

Gn 49:2, 8-10 / Mt 1:1-17

Thursday, Advent Weekday: Jgs 13:2–7, 24–25a / Lk 1:5–25

Friday, Advent Weekday: Is 7:10–14 / Lk 1:26–38

Saturday, Advent Weekday: Sg 2:8–14 or Zep 3:14–18a / Lk 1:39–45





Bringing Home the Word

Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)
December 22, 2024

Are We There Yet?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

It's not only children who are impatient with the lo-o-o-o-ng ride that takes them to a party or an amusement park. Adults can hardly contain themselves as they await the announcement of a winner, the return of an absent loved one, or the birth of a baby. This is the kind of excitement found in today's readings. Micah describes the long-awaited leader promised by God. He will be even more than the people could have imagined: firm, strong, and dependable. They must have asked, "When is he coming?"

Sunday Readings

Micah 5:1-4a

But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah / least among the clans of Judah, / From you shall come forth for me / one who is to be ruler in Israel.

Hebrews 10:5-10

We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Luke 1:39-45

[Elizabeth] cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." By the time the gospel was written, Jesus' followers knew a lot about him, so they were able to embellish stories a bit—the way we often do to emphasize the greatness of someone. They believed he was so extraordinary that his greatness was recognized even before he was born. His pregnant mother was told, "Blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:42). She must have been asked frequently, "When are you due? When is he coming?"

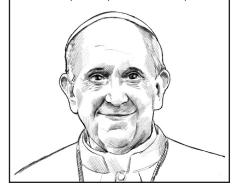
The reading from Hebrews does not provide specific details of Jesus' coming. Rather, it tells us why he came: "I come to do your will, O God" (10:7). That is what the people of Micah's era were really longing for—not simply a leader, but one who did God's will and who would lead them to do it too. We're now on the threshold of the fulfillment of that promise. Are you excited? Are we there yet? #



We're now on the threshold of the fulfillment of God's promise.

A Word from Pope Francis

On her way to Elizabeth's house, Mary proceeds with the quick step of one whose heart and life are full of God, full of his joy. So, let us ask ourselves.... Do I move forward with hope...? [T]he first act of charity we can do for our neighbors is to offer them a serene and smiling face... bringing the joy of Jesus to them, as Mary did with Elizabeth. ANGELUS, ROME, DECEMBER 19, 2021



QUESTIONS GRESTIONS SEEPLECTION

- What about Christmas do I enjoy the most?
- How can I offer as prayer any difficult feelings I have at Christmas?



Two Faithful Women

William A. Anderson, DMin, PhD

Mary's journey to Elizabeth would ordinarily have taken four days. Upon her arrival, the child in the womb of Elizabeth leaps, proclaiming the arrival of Jesus, living in the womb of Mary. Just as John would point the way to the coming of the Lord during his ministry, so now, in his mother's womb, he performs his mission. In the presence of Jesus, Elizabeth receives the Holy Spirit; just as John acknowledges Jesus as greater than himself, Elizabeth declares to Mary, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:42). Elizabeth praises Mary for placing her trust in the message of the Lord. Mary

responds to the words of Elizabeth with a canticle (song) that recalls the canticle of Hannah at the birth of her son Samuel. (See 1 Samuel 2:1–10.) Mary proclaims that her whole person has now become a hymn of praise to God because of the great gift bestowed on her, a gift that will lead all people to refer to her as blessed. She praises God, who throughout the ages has raised the lowly above those who are powerful in the world. God shares all riches with the hungry and leaves the rich empty. Mary ends by proclaiming that God remembered the covenant made to Abraham and his descendants in this great gift that she bears within her. Her canticle alludes to many Old Testament prophecies that look forward to the coming of the Messiah. Mary remained with Elizabeth for three months, until the birth of Elizabeth's child. †

This reflection is an excerpt from *The Gospel of Luke: Salvation for All Humanity* by William A. Anderson, DMin, PhD, Liguori Catholic Bible Study, Liguori Publications (821226). Visit Liguori.org for other Scripture commentary.

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Carols of Christmas: Songs of Celebration, Reflection, and Formation" by Jim Peters

The poet Hilaire Belloc once wrote: "Wherever the Catholic sun doth shine, / There's always laughter and good red wine." Joy and celebration are hallmarks of our Christian faith. It is not possible to realize all that God has done for us and not be filled with incredible joy. And what better time of year is there to be joyful than this, when we, with all the angels and saints in heaven and all creation on earth, celebrate the birth of our Messiah!

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WEEKDAY READINGS

December 23-28

Monday, Advent Weekday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Lk 1:57-66 Tuesday, Advent Weekday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Lk 1:67-79 Wednesday, Nativity of the Lord:

Wednesday, Nativity of the Lord Is 52:7–10 / Heb 1:1–6 / Jn 1:1–18 or 1:1–5, 9–14 Thursday, St. Stephen:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22

Friday, St. John:

1 Jn 1:1–4 / Jn 20:1a, 2–8

Saturday, Holy Innocents: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 / Mt 2:13–18





Bringing Home the Word +

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (C)

December 29, 2024

All in the Family

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

So many television programs today feature the antics of dysfunctional families. They're often so well produced that we laugh at the blundering exploits, thus giving them credibility. The readings for today's feast show us what a healthy family looks like. Parents worry about the security of their children (Luke); brothers and sisters are told to be compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, and patient (Colossians); elders are respected and cared for in their need (Sirach). Even the psalm response

Sunday Readings

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

[Hannah said,] "I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD."

Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Luke 2:41-52

And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

sketches the profile of a flourishing family as understood at that time.

We can only guess what the Holy Family must have been like. There is no indication that their neighbors saw them as anything more than an average family. Jesus learned Joseph's trade and would have been expected to take over the business after Joseph died. Instead, he launched out as an itinerant preacher. Even that does not seem to have been so exceptional for the time. Nor was Mary's widowhood reason for him to stay home. The gospels indicate that she was part of a protective family unit. This did not appear to be an exceptional family. But how exceptional it was!

The lesson is that even an average family has the potential to be a holy family. What we should do is pattern our lives after St. Paul's exhortation to the Colossians. If we live like this, we will discover that holiness is all in the family. #

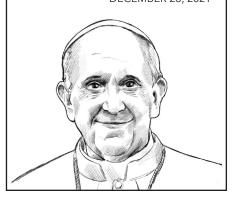


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A Word from Pope Francis

To be sure, raising children is no easy task. But let us not forget that they also "raise" us.... Children need a sense of security that can enable them to have confidence in you and in the beauty of your life together, and in the certainty that they will never be alone, whatever may come their way.

LETTER TO MARRIED COUPLES, DECEMBER 26, 2021



QUESTIONS CONTROL C

- How do I show gratitude to my family?
- What can I do to make family life easier for those with whom I live?



Clothing Ourselves in Christ

William A. Anderson, DMin, PhD

The imagery used in this passage suggests the putting on and removal of clothing. The author speaks of taking off the old self, with its practices, and putting on the new self, which is being renewed in the image of Christ. When the Church celebrates the sacrament of baptism, a white robe is placed on the person, which symbolizes that the person is now clothed in Christ.

In his Letter to the Colossians, the author refers not only to putting on a robe but also to putting on all the virtues expected of Christians. Christians are to clothe themselves in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, and, above all,

love. During the sacrament of baptism, those being baptized clothe themselves in Christ, which means that they are now called to practice the virtues expected of Christians and to wear them externally and obviously, as though they were a robe.

Those who clothe themselves in Christ should seek the things that are above. The author of Colossians tells us that when Christ appears, his followers will appear with him in glory. With this in mind, the Church places a white covering on the casket of a Christian during the funeral liturgy, reminding us that the deceased who was clothed in Christ at baptism is now raised in Christ. The white covering reminds us of the baptismal robe. From baptism to death, Christians are called to keep their minds and hearts on the things of heaven. †

This excerpt is from *Paul's Early and Prison Letters* by William A. Anderson, DMin, PhD, Liguori Catholic Bible Study, Liguori Publications (821271). Visit Liguori.org for other Scripture commentary.

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Twelve Days of Christmas with Thomas Merton"

It is most fitting to talk about Mary as a Queen and to act as if you knew what it meant to say she has a throne above all the angels. But this should not make anyone forget that her highest privilege is her poverty; her greatest glory is that she is most hidden; and the source of all her power is that she is as nothing in the presence of Christ, of God. It is because she is, of all the saints, the most perfectly poor and the most perfectly hidden, the one who has absolutely nothing whatever that she attempts to possess as her own, that she can most fully communicate to the rest of us the grace of the infinitely selfless God. And we will most truly possess him when we have emptied ourselves and become as poor and hidden as she is, resembling him by resembling her.

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WEEKDAY READINGS

December 30– January 4 **Monday,** Christmas Weekday: 1 Jn 2:12–17 / Lk 2:36–40

Tuesday, *Christmas Weekday:* 1 Jn 2:18–21 / Jn 1:1–18

Wednesday, Mary, Holy Mother of God: Nm 6:22–27 / Gal 4:4–7 / Lk 2:16–21 Thursday, Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen: 1 Jn 2:22–28 / Jn 1:19–28

Friday, *Christmas Weekday:* 1 Jn 2:29—3:6 / Jn 1:29–34

Saturday, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: 1 Jn 3:7–10 / Jn 1:35–42

