



# Christmas

2022

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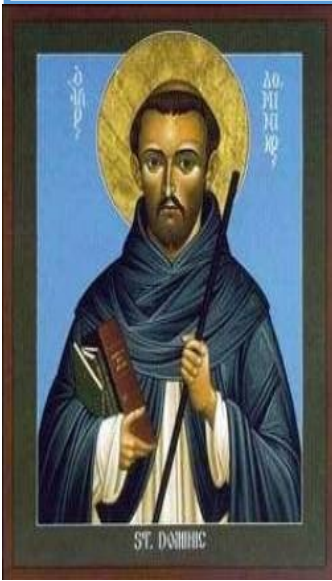
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## SAINT'S CORNER



### SAINT DOMINIC OF SILOS

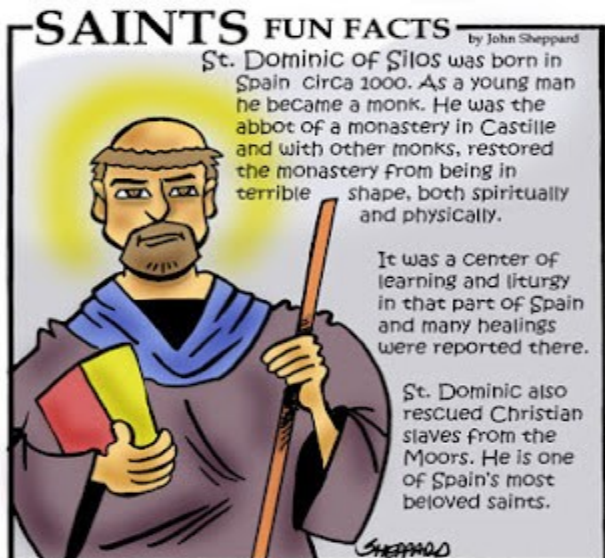
It's not the founder of the Dominicans we honor today, but there's a poignant story that connects both Dominics. Our saint today, Dominic of Silos, was born in Spain around the year 1000 into a peasant family. As a young boy he spent time in the fields, where he welcomed the solitude. He became a Benedictine priest and served in numerous leadership positions. Following a dispute with the king over property, Dominic and two other monks were exiled. They established a new mon-

astery in what at first seemed an unpromising location. Under Dominic's leadership, however, it became one of the most famous houses in Spain. Many healings were reported there.

About 100 years after Dominic's death, a young woman who experienced difficult pregnancies made a pilgrimage to his tomb. There Dominic of Silos appeared to her and assured her that she would bear another son. The woman was Joan of Aza, and the son she bore grew up to be the "other" Dominic—Dominic Guzman, the one who founded the Dominicans. For hundreds of years thereafter, the staff used by Saint Dominic of Silos was brought to the royal palace whenever a queen of Spain was in labor. That practice ended in 1931.

### REFLECTION

Saint Dominic of Silos' connection with the Saint Dominic who founded the Dominican Order brings to mind the film *Six Degrees of Separation*: We are all connected it seems. God's providential care can bring people together in mysterious ways, but it all points to his love for each of us.



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2022

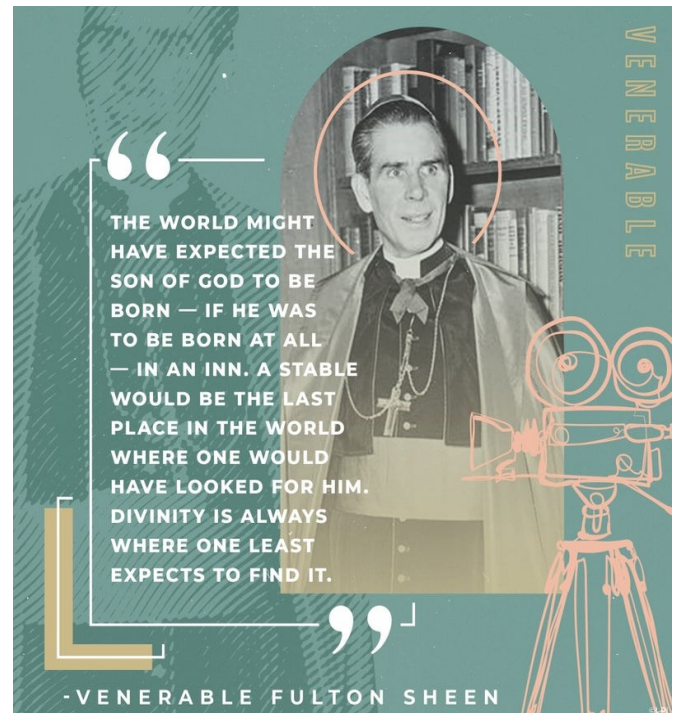
Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Wednesday 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18  
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35  
Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23  
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18  
Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

## ADORATION

We will **NOT** have Adoration Saturday, December 24 or Saturday, December 31st.

## FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar this week are given by Kathy Smith and Family in thanksgiving for a blessed and joyous Christmas Season. We would like to thank the Smith family for their gift.



## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

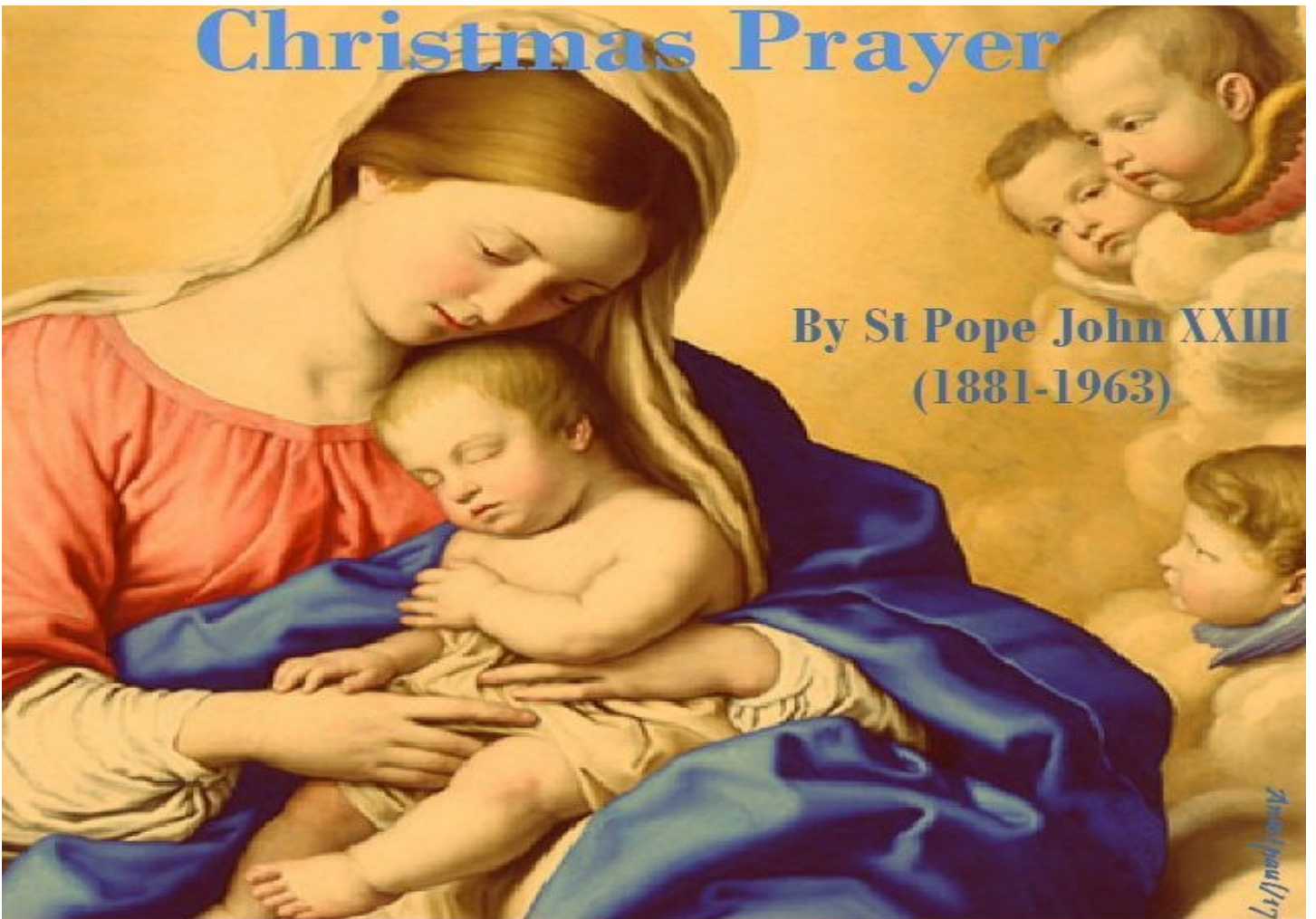
The parish office will be closed Monday, December 26th in observance of the Christmas Holiday. The office will be opened Tuesday, December 27th.

We would like to wish all our parishioners Blessed and Merry Christmas.



# Christmas Prayer

By St Pope John XXIII  
(1881-1963)



O sweet Child of Bethlehem,  
grant that we may share with all our hearts  
in this profound mystery of Christmas.  
Put into the hearts of men and women this peace  
for which they sometimes seek so desperately  
and which You alone can give to them.  
Help them to know one another better,  
and to live as brothers and sisters,  
children of the same Father.  
Reveal to them also,  
Your beauty, holiness and purity.  
Awaken in their hearts  
love and gratitude for Your infinite goodness.  
Join them all together in Your love.  
And give us Your heavenly peace, amen.



**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD,  
VIGIL MASS**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31ST**

5:30pm St. Mary the Virgin Mother

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST**

9:00am St. Joseph the Worker

11:00am St. Mary the Virgin Mother