

Dear Padre,

I just learned there are two versions of the Christmas story in the Bible. How can that be? What's the difference?

One Christmas story is in Matthew, and the other is in Luke. They differ on some details—but at their hearts, the teaching is the same. In both, Mary is a virgin betrothed to Joseph but not yet living with him, and Jesus is conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit. Both also have Jesus born in Bethlehem.



In Matthew, the angel announces Jesus' birth to Joseph; in Luke, Mary receives the announcement. Jesus is named by Joseph in Matthew and by Mary in Luke.

The biggest difference involves the Christmas visitors. Matthew's Magi were educated Gentiles from a pagan country.

They worshiped Jesus and brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, showing us at the start of the Gospel that Jesus is King, Priest, and Savior. Luke is always partial to the poor, so he has shepherds rather than Magi witness to Christ.

The Christmas stories are different because the authors and their audiences were different. But there's no need to get lost in the details. Read both accounts and allow God's grace to deepen your faith.

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Calendar

Monday
DECEMBER 20
Advent Weekday
Is 7:10–14
Lk 1:26–38

Tuesday
DECEMBER 21
Advent Weekday
Sg 2:8–14 or
Zep 3:14–18a
Lk 1:39–45

Wednesday
DECEMBER 22
Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24–28
Lk 1:46–56

Thursday
DECEMBER 23
Advent Weekday
Mal 3:1–4, 23–24
Lk 1:57–66

Friday
DECEMBER 24
Advent Weekday
2 Sm 7:1–5,
8b–12, 14a, 16
Lk 1:67–79

Saturday
DECEMBER 25
Nativity of the Lord
(Christmas)
Is 52:7–10
Heb 1:1–6
Jn 1:1–18 or
1:1–5, 9–14

Sunday
DECEMBER 26
Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary, and Joseph
Sir 3:2–6, 12–14 or
1 Sm 1:20–22, 24–28
Col 3:12–21 or 3:12–17
or 1 Jn 3:1–2, 21–24
Lk 2:41–52



4th Sunday Of Advent



December 19, 2021

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Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of December 18 – December 25

Sat 6:00 pm †Mildred Werther
Sun 11:00 am †Mark Jones
Sun 6:00 pm Parishioners Living & Deceased
Mon 8:00 am NO MASS
Tue 8:00 am Albert Ortiz (Birthday)
Wed 8:00 am Albert Santa Cruz (Healing)
Thr 8:00 am Annika Jensen (Healing)
Nativity of the Lord
Fri 6:00 pm †Leonard Sumter (Vigil)
Fri 11:00 pm Pete Dacri (Healing)
Sat 11:00 am Parishioners Living & Deceased
Sat 6:00 pm NO MASS

Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of December 18 – December 25

Sat 4:00 pm †Dec. Members of Radich Family
Sun 9:15 am †Arthur Renadette
Tu 4:00 pm Special Intention
Nativity of the Lord
Fri 4:00 pm †Arthur Renadette (Vigil)
Sat 9:15 am †Ann Newman



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before and after daily Mass, and by Appointment

1st Friday Adoration – 8:30am- 6:00pm

at Holy Spirit in St. Patrick's Chapel

Adoration at Christ the King – Tuesday 3:30pm-4pm



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

[Jesus] did not wait until we were good before he loved us, but gave himself freely to us. May we not wait for our neighbors to be good before we do good to them, for the Church to be perfect before we love her, for others to respect us before we serve them.

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS, DECEMBER 24, 2019

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