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also apply to Jesus' conception?

I know Immaculate Conception refers to Mary's conception because she was born without original sin. But since Jesus was also born without original sin, wouldn't that term refer to his conception as well?

Christine

Dear Christine,

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception asserts that Mary was free of the stain of original sin from the time she was conceived. Jesus was also free of the stain of original sin, but his conception by Mary is referred to as the Incarnation of Christ.

In the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar, Mary's conception is celebrated on December 8, and her birthday is celebrated exactly nine months later on September 8. Likewise, Christ's conception is celebrated on March 25, and his birthday is celebrated exactly nine months later

on December 25. Mary's Immaculate Conception was celebrated many centuries before Pope Pius IX defined it as dogma on December 8, 1854, in his apostolic constitution Ineffabilis Deus: "That the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved from all stain of original sin in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God...has been revealed by God and must, therefore, firmly and constantly be believed by all the faithful."

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. Holy Ďays at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION): By appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

THIS WEEK
DECEMBER 3RD – 4TH
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 9:00-9:45 a.m.
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TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST WITH BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL USHERS' GROUP I

SATURDAY, DEC. 3

4:00p.m. Mass offered for <u>+Arthur Kehl</u>
request Marty & Carol Zabielski, and for
+The Fletcher & Gately families, request of
Jean and Joe Gately
Children's Christmas Choir rehearsal

SUNDAY, DEC. 4

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for <u>+Agnes Murphy</u>, request of Carol and Marty Zabielski

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for <u>+Sylvester E.</u>
<u>Labanowski</u>, request of Stephanie
Labanowski
Children's Choir Rehearsal after Mass

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Hours

MONDAY, DEC. 5

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for the <u>recovery of George Murphy, Jr.</u>,

TUESDAY, DEC. 6

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for the <u>recovery of Neda Skehan</u>, requested by Gloria Holbrook 7:15p.m. Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Ivan Dube, request of Solange Fournier

3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THURSDAY, DEC. 8 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for <u>+Agnes Murphy</u> request of Murphy family

7:00 p.m. Mass offered for Magnano family

FRIDAY, DEC. 9 NO MASS

SATURDAY, DEC. 10

10:00 a.m. <u>Meeting of 1st Holy Communion</u>
<u>Parents at the Parish Center</u>
Recitation of the Rosary before 4:00 p.m. Mass

Last week's offertory \$ 3,399 Last years' offertory \$ 2,859

"John was clothed in camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist." Mk 1:6

St. John the Baptist's Advent message is "Prepare, Prepare, Prepare." This is very different from the media's Christmas message of "Buy, Buy, Buy." At this time of the year the good steward is most definitely challenged to embrace the simplicity of St. John the Baptist more than the commercialism of the season.

A special "thank you" to Sybil Bartone for all her work with the Pictorial Directory. You may or may not know that Sybil & Pat have just recently moved to Broad Brook. We wish them well in their new home and pray that they will come to visit us often.

From the pastor.....

Once again I would like to thank you for the tremendous effort so many of you have shown in keeping your commitment to financially support our parish. Our income has increased due to the large response from this caring, dedicated community. I realize this has been a sacrifice for many of you but such a financial commitment is helping us to address the many needs facing our parish today.

Fr. Wojciech

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE UPCOMING CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE.....

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2011 MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED AT: 4:00 P.M. AND AT 10:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH. 2011
MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT:
10:00 A.M. (THERE WILL BE NO 7:30
A.M. MASS)

DECEMBER 31, NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT THE REGULAR VIGIL TIME OF 4:00 P.M.

JANUARY 1, NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES WILL AT THE REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE OF 7:30 A.M. AND 10:00 A.M.

Christmas, Christmas time is near. Time for fun and time for cheer



PLEASE REMEMBER OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR CHRISTMAS FOOD DISTRIBUTION.....

Non perishable food items may be left in either vestibule anytime that the Church is open; perishable items should be delivered the morning of Dec. 18th. Or, you may donate, by making a check payable to "St. Maurice Church" with the memo "Christmas Food" and place in the regular collection or mail. For more information or if you can help make deliveries, contact Tom Manning at 860-647-1259.

Also

TOYS FOR KIDS:

For families attending Mass on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day, please encourage your child/children to bring a new unwrapped toy to place under our parish Christmas tree in the sanctuary. These toys will be transported to a parish in Hartford, where the Hispanic community will celebrate Three Kings Day on January 6th. If you have any questions call Jim Boylan at 860-872-9071. (sevens)

And last but not least

The "Share Christmas" Tree. Due date Dec. 11th Its very simple. The tree is covered with Bells. Each bell has information about an individual who could use your support this Christmas season. Just select a bell of your choice and purchase an item appropriate for the individual based on the information provided to us...it may be an article of clothing or even a gift card. After you have made your purchase, place the item under the "Share Christmas" tree, in a gift bag, unwrapped and attach the bell to the outside of the gift bag by Sunday, December 11, 2011. (Gifts are distributed December 19th.) For more information call Dorli Cloutier at 860-649-6255.

NEXT WEEK DECEMBER 10TH – 11TH THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. **COFFEE SOCIAL** CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL USHERS' GROUP II

SATURDAY, DEC. 10

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Joyce Bachl

Altar Servers: Kyle Toce Lector: Charles Luchini

Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea

SUNDAY, DEC. 11

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +Dale Smith

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck Lector: Lynn Mancino

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Robert Cassel Childrens' Christmas choir rehearsal

Altar Servers: Ryan & Nicholas VanDine

Lector: Evelvn O'Connor

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scorso

MONDAY, DEC. 12

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for a Special Intention

TUESDAY, DEC. 13

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Annette Kristoff

Christmas packing at Parish Center

Parish Council meeting 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. **Adult Choir rehearsal**

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14

Mass offered for **Special Intention** 9:00 a.m.

Christmas packing at Parish Center

3p.m.- 7p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAY, DEC. 15 NO MAS

FRIDAY, DEC. 16 **NO MASS**

SATURDAY, DEC. 17

Wedding of Kristofer Caya and Gwendoline V. Rose





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