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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 2025

## The Immaculate Conception

Tomorrow we will be celebrating the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Mother. The words "Immaculate Conception" mean that she had no sin on her soul, not even original sin, from the first moment her life began!

Why do you think God saved Mary from all sin? He wanted her to be the perfect mother for His Son Jesus. If you could make your own mother wouldn't you make her perfect too?



Mary is also a model to all people of how to live a good Christian life and to serve God as best we can. We should thank God for giving us such a beautiful example in His holy Mother. We should pray to Mary every day and ask her to help us love her Son Jesus more. Can you say an extra 'Hail Mary' on Our Lady's feast day?

Answer to puzzle on front: He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Answer to "Peace Among Animals" puzzle: lamb, leopard, calf, bear, lion, baby.

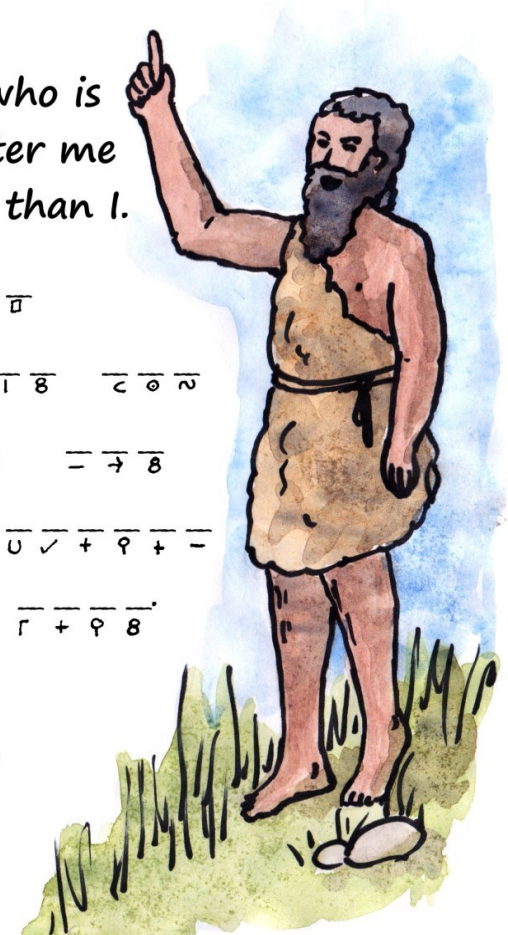
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The one who is  
coming after me  
is mightier than I.

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What did Saint  
John the Baptist  
say about the one  
who was coming  
after him?  
Use the code to  
find out!

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# Peace Among the Animals

*In today's first reading, the prophet describes peace between animals and people in God's kingdom.*

*Can you figure out which animals (or people) go with which?*

*Clue: the pictures might help!*



Then the wolf shall be a guest

of the \_\_\_\_\_,

and the \_\_\_\_\_

shall lie down with the kid;

the \_\_\_\_\_ and the young lion

shall browse together,

with a little child to guide them.

The cow and the \_\_\_\_\_

shall be neighbors,

together their young shall rest;

the \_\_\_\_\_ shall eat hay like the ox.

The \_\_\_\_\_ shall play

by the cobra's den,



baby   leopard  
calf   bear  
lamb   lion

Did you notice what colour clothes the priest was wearing at Mass today? The clothes that the priest wears at Mass are called Vestments. Can you colour in the priest's vestments the same colour you saw at Mass? Which priest said Mass today? Do you know his name?



Fr. \_\_\_\_\_

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