Holy Family Advent Mission 2024

Monday, December 16th and Tuesday, December 17th

7:00-8:30 PM In the Church

The Birth of the Messiah: A Journey through the Infancy Narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke

Presented by Fr. Timothy Peters, Professor of Biblical Theology at Saint John's Seminary in Camarillo, CA.

Give yourself and your family the gift of scripture this Holiday season. Father Peters excels at providing scriptural insights that can deepen your understanding of and appreciation for our faith. These two nights will help you prepare for the arrival of the Messiah this Christmas in new ways!



Monday - December 16th – The Infancy Narrative in Matthew: Matthew Chapter 1 - The Good News of the Gospel and the importance of the Lord's promises to Abraham and David; The Virgin Mary, the Great prophecy of Isaiah and four other unlikely women who were Matriarchs in Israel; Saint Joseph, his silence, his dreams and his actions; Mary's perpetual virginity, reading the text with the early Church.; Matthew Chapter 2 - The Magi, the Star and the prophecy of Balaam in Numbers 24:17; King Herod, his ambition, his building projects and his reputation in Rome; The Holy Innocents, a great challenge for our culture; The importance of Bethlehem and the prophecy in Micah 5; The meaning of Nazareth and the promise of a Davidic King in Isaiah 11.

Tuesday - December 17th - The Infancy Narrative in Luke: Luke Chapter 1 - Zechariah, his service in the Temple and his encounter with Gabrial; The Annunciation and Mary's Fiat; Gabriel's words and the importance of the Davidic Kingdom; The Virgin Birth and the Great Prophecy of the Son of Man in Daniel Chapter 7; The Visitation, Mary's Magnificat and Hannah's Song in 2 Samuel chapter 2; Zechariah's Canticle and the mission of John the Baptist.; Luke Chapter 2 - The census in Luke's Gospel and Jesus' birth in Bethlehem; The Presentation in the Temple; Simeon and his prophesy that a sword would pierce Mary's heart; Simeon's prayer; Mary contemplated all these things in her heart.



A "Free Will" Offering Will Be Collected Each Night to Support Father Peters' Work in Opening Up Sacred Scripture for All. Thank You for Your Generous Support of Father Peters' Work.

The Catholic Biblical Institute in the Diocese of Orange presents these short retreats with the goal of inspiring the faithful to continually study Sacred Scripture. All are welcome to attend. Those wishing to take more courses in The Biblical institute may take these retreats as part of their introductory preparation. More information will be provided during our retreat.