



SAINT HELENA CHURCH
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JUNE 28, 2020

Take up your cross

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me"

Matthew 16:24





OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

ONE FAMILY

United as members of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, we are committed, as **ONE FAMILY**, to be messengers of God's love and presence in the world, and to welcome and invite others to become part of this family and this mission.

ONE HEART

Called by our Baptism to a life of service in the Lord, we are committed, with **ONE HEART**, to live in charity, practice the works of mercy, and work for peace and justice.

ONE FAITH

Strengthened by God's Word and nourished by His Sacraments, we are committed, in **ONE FAITH**, to promote lives of learning, living, and proclaiming the Gospel message, as we continue to grow in the knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of all that embodies these awe-inspiring truths.

PRIESTS/DEACONS:

Parish Priest: Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Nicolò
 Parochial Vicar: Rev. Robert M. Gross
 Deacon: Deacon A. Kenneth Belanger
 Deacon: Deacon Francis Cavaliere

PARISH OFFICE:

Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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 Mrs. Madeleine Fitzgerald

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PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM
 Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM
 Weekdays: Mon - Sat 9:00 AM ~ Church until the Green Phase
 Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 PM
 Holy Day: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, & 12:15 PM
 (Except Saturdays)

ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED

DEVOTIONS:

Most Holy Rosary: Mon - Sat 8:25 AM (Church)
 Adoration, Green Phase: Mon - Fri 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM -
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy Mon - Fri 3:00 PM (Chapel)

CHAPEL HOURS: The Saint Theresa Chapel is open Monday — Friday from 6:15 AM to 9:00 PM; Saturday from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM; & Sunday from 7 AM to 5 PM.

BAPTISM: Baptisms are celebrated the second Sunday of each month after the 11:00 AM Mass. Please stop by the Parish Office for information on scheduling Baptism for your child. Pre-Jordan classes are required for parents and optional for godparents and are *usually* offered the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Education Center. Call the Parish Office to register for class. Letters of eligibility are due at the Parish Office before a date can be confirmed for Baptism.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made with a priest at least six months prior to your desired wedding date. The Archdiocese requires that all couples attend a Pre-Cana class. Please contact the Rectory at 610-275-7711 or e-mail tveasy@sainthelenachurch.org for class information and registration.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION: **Saturdays 3:00 PM** in the Church or any time upon request. Call the Parish Office for an appointment.

MEMORIALS: *Mass Cards, Candles, Bread & Wine*
 If you are interested in having a spiritual Memorial offered in memory or in honor of a loved one, please visit the Parish Office.

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you are interested in having flowers placed on the Altar in the Church or Chapel, please contact Theresa Smith at 215-646-7636.

"God is never out done in generosity!"
Thank you for your tithle!

"Some say that money is the root of all evil. That is not true when it is given to God." Thank you for tithing!

◆ *Monsignor Nicolò*

"Our God is truly a God of surprises! We have learned this time and again with our tithing."

◆ *A Parishioner*



NIC NOTES

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend we had our special Father's Day Blessing at all of the Masses. It is always a wonderful time of the year to acknowledge the many wonderful things our fathers and the fathers of our parish have done for their children. Let us continue to ask God through the intercession of St. Joseph, that each and every one of our fathers and the fathers of our parish will be abundantly blessed and strengthened in their most important role of being a role model for their children, especially in the faith.

Last weekend we also celebrated the Sacraments for four of our newest parishioners. Kelley was a catechumen and receive the Initiation Sacraments, that is, Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist. This occurred on Saturday afternoon. We also had three candidates- Kevin, Beth, and David, who were Received into the Church, Confirmed, and made their First Eucharist. It was so wonderful for them to be able to celebrate this special occasion with family and friends. For Kevin, who was a candidate, his daughter Sophia was able to make her First Holy Communion with her dad. She was supposed to have received this sacrament earlier with her class at Gwynned Mercy.

I wish to Congratulate and Welcome them into the Church.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Deacon Ken and the RCIA Team. They do a wonderful "job" in preparing people to become Catholic. It's a big commitment on the part of the members of the team and I am deeply appreciative of all that they do. Thank you and God bless you!

Before you know it, we will be in the month of July. I remember as a child we were always told that when the Fourth of July comes the summer is over. Never made sense then, but I guess it makes sense now. Let us continue to thank God for the many gifts that we have as one nation under God. Let us continue to ask God to bless us, heal our wounds, open our hearts, and to give us the strength and determination to love each other as He loves us. Happy Fourth of July!

On July 8 we will be welcoming *Father Peter DiMaria* as a Parochial Vicar pro tem at our parish. Even in this time of social distancing let's make sure that he feels how welcome he is and our love. Happy to have you with us Father! May your time with us be a grace filled "moment" for you and us.

May God through the intercession of St. Helena bless us!

Love and Prayers,

Msgr. Nicolò



Mass Intentions

- MON., June 29 9:00 AM
IMO John Patrick McCormick
 Req. by the McCormick Family
- TUE., June 30 9:00 AM
IMO Dick Fretz
 Req. by Helen Fretz & Family
- WED., July 1 9:00 AM
IMO Marguerite Lawrence
 Req. by Eileen Mahady
- THU., July 2 9:00 AM
IMO Eugene & Susanne Shaw
 Req. by Joe & Marie Kushnerick
- FRI., July 3 9:00 AM
IMO Pat Kelly
 Req. by the Kelly Family
- SAT., July 4 9:00 AM
For the Living & Deceased
Members of the St. Theresa Guild

*Monsignor Nicolò offers Mass every Sunday
 & the Holy Days for the People of Saint Helena Parish.*

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



My Jesus,
 I believe that You
 are present
 in the Most
 Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I
 desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
 come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as
 if You were already there and unite myself wholly to
 You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Pray for our Sick

In your charity, please pray for our sick & home-bound parishioners, as well for those living in health or nursing facilities. In particular, please remember the following:

Patrick Banicki, Marie Marrongelli, Becky Beitzel, Harry Beitzel, Max Woodward, Joshua Gelenberg, Guido Perfetti, Pat Gabel, Raymond Uccelletti, Jr., Chuck Slobodzian, Joe Kuklinski, Jordan Banicki, Linda Basile, Berniece Hitchner, Beth Young, Bonnie Kramer, Kaye Grasso, Ron Caldwell, John DeRosier, Sr., Mary Ann Freeman, Diane Bambino, Betty Beebe, Eleanor Burke, Ron Caldwell, Linda Burke, J. A. Joyce, Joe Keenan, Ed Lopez, Jen McAlary, Rita Orfanelli, Teckla Volpe, Michelle Young, Frank Caperilla, Gary Lee Kalar, Vera Fedorkiw, James Pischock, Angela Walker, Suzetta Eason, Ed O'Hanlon, Sr., Frank Gallo, Anthony Gallo, Tony Maginnis, Louis Drozd, David Steele, Grace & Ralph Reeves, Sean McGrail, Jr., Alyson, Kyle & Jocelyn Windahl, Maryann Tinti, Msgr. Thomas Flanigan, Jane Beraedelli, Emily Ocelus, Jeff Ocelus, Gertrude O'Donnell, Bob Gubicza, Joseph McLane, Audi Wales, James Vochie, Joe Gnias, Rocky D'Antonio, Paul Teodori, Ceara Hughes, Teresa Rogers,

& all suffering from the Coronavirus.

To have someone listed, please call the Parish Office at 610-275-7711. Names will stay listed for 2 weeks.

If you need them to stay on, you must call every 2 weeks to update.

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Kindly remember in prayer all who have died recently, especially for

Ann Hill, Brendan Regn



A PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

Lord God, Almighty Father, Creator of mankind and Author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask You to bless the members of our Armed Forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience Your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To You be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.

Please pray for all of our military personnel especially for:

PO1 ELIZABETH FENERTY, CPT KEVIN MAGUIRE,
SFC JAMES KILGORE, CDR DANIEL NEVEROSKY,
SSGT JAMES LAPORTE, SGT BRIAN D. QUINN,
SPC JOHN Z. MATEJA, LT NICHOLAS HUMES,
CPL ANTHONY J. CICCARONE,
CPT. EMILY M. LORENZO-WOMACK,
CPT JONATHAN R. WOMACK,
SSGT JOSEPH P. LORENZO,
2NDLT CHRISTINA TAORMINA-LAPORTE
& LTJG BRENDAN J. KOCH.

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 28



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns
in memory of

WILLIAM & FLORENCE BARTO

Req. by Betty Barto

The Sanctuary Candle in the Chapel burns
in memory of

DICK FRETZ

Req. by Joanne & John DeRosier



A Candle burns at the Blessed Mother
in memory of

Florene Barto

Req. by Betty Barto



A Candle burns at St Joseph
in memory of

William Barto

Req. by Betty Barto



A Candle burns at St Joseph
in memory of

David L. Cole, Jr.

Req. by Msgr. Nicolo, Fr. Bob & the Rectory Staff



A Candle on the Sacred Heart Altar burns
in memory of

Agnes Bertha McDonnell

In loving memory her mother, Bertha McDonnell



A Candle on the Sacred Heart Altar burns
in memory of

Bertha V. McDonnell

Req. by her daughters, Jennene & Krisanne

MADELEINE'S MESSAGE

The summer season is a great time of year because of warmth and fun. Summer also provides us with a chance to relax and reflect. You can take a look at your priorities and see how they line up. In all of your summer plans, don't forget about God and your obligation to Him, especially attending Mass each week.

Thank you to our pastor, Monsignor Nicolo, and Father Bob who are available and always willing to help with our Parish Religious Education Program (RPEP) when we need them. We are fortunate for our parish, for all that it offers and for the parishioners who make Saint Helena a parish family. For all that we have, I am grateful.

Have a great week!

Madeleine



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER DiMARIA

Dear Friends in Christ,

Emblazoned high above the main altar on the sanctuary wall of Nativity B.V.M. Church in Media, my first assignment as a newly ordained priest, are the following words: "God saw her beauty and visited her in her lowliness." These words come to mind on this feast of our Lady's Immaculate Heart as I write this letter of introduction to you and as I reflect on her life giving love and intercession which she has exercised throughout my life.

The Blessed Mother has always been in my life. With a surname like "DiMaria," how could it be otherwise? The beauty and lowliness of our Lady is but a reflection of the beauty, holiness and humility of her Incarnate Son, Jesus Christ.

The priestly vocation, by the design of God, is meant to assist the Lord's people on their pilgrimage through this life to the New Jerusalem. The Lord and the gift of faith mean everything to me. The priestly vocation to which I was ordained twenty-seven years ago grows more precious with each passing year.

On July 8th I will arrive at St. Helena's as the new parochial vicar "pro-tem" to minister to you. Before I explain what "pro-tem" means, let me share with you a little bit of my own background. Born in the Germantown section of Philadelphia, I grew up in Glenside graduating from St. Luke School and Bishop McDevitt High School. While most of my priesthood has been spent in parochial ministry, I also served as a fulltime high school teacher for five years while simultaneously serving as the chaplain of St. Mary of Providence Retreat House in Elverson. Three years ago, after serving as the pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Royersford, for seven years, I was released for service as a full time spiritual director at St. Meinrad Seminary in Southern Indiana where I was involved in the training and formation of future priests. It was a privileged work and one which I will miss.

While it was my intention to remain in St. Meinrad for the foreseeable future, my father's failing health has brought me home to Pennsylvania. The Archbishop was gracious enough to assign me to St. Helena so that I could be of assistance to my parents and their growing needs. They live only a few minutes from the parish Church so it will be easy for me to both fulfill my priestly work and observe the biblical injunction: "Be steadfast in honoring your father; do not grieve him as long as he lives." (Sirach 3:12)

How long will I be here? Well, quite honestly, I do not know. To be assigned to a parish "pro tem" (from the

Latin "pro tempore") means that my assignment is a bit open ended. I will be at St. Helena's for as long as my parents need my assistance. What the Lord has in store for me in the future, I am unsure. For the present moment, however, I am grateful to God and the Archbishop for placing me at St. Helena's. I look forward to working with Msgr. Nicolo and Fr. Gross while getting to know, love and serve you.

God love you!

Father DiMaria



Vacation Bible School 2020 Update

Dear V.B.S. Families & Volunteers,

We are deeply grateful for your willingness to participate and volunteer each year, which truly makes our Vacation Bible School week such a tremendous success and joy within our community.

We hope this note finds you safe and well, enjoying the summer as best you can. Know of our prayers for all of you!

Our utmost concern is the safety and welfare of you, our families who participate and volunteer at V.B.S. With the current restrictions and safety measures in place for the general public as well as schools and summer camps, we have decided to **cancel** our Vacation Bible School week for this summer (2020).

Though this is disappointing for all of us, we see this as a small bump in the road, looking ahead to the summer of 2021, when we *eagerly anticipate* the return of our annual summer tradition of Vacation Bible School. The blessing of V.B.S. is truly seeing God's work in the lives of our kids and volunteers.

Any questions, please contact Kurt Zampier at 610-930-0349. May God continue to work through us as vessels of His joy, hope and love!



RESPECT LIFE CORNER

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Your spiritually adopted baby was born last month! This is truly a miracle!!!
 Your baby is no different now than before birth except for new breathing and eating methods. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone who is just like this baby exist. Your prayers saved his/her life. Thank you on behalf of all of the little babies that you cared enough to pray for them and their parents. May God continue to bless them and you.

ANNUAL ADOPT-A-BABY SHOWER

On Mother's Day weekend, towards the end of our eighth months of prayers, we usually have a baby shower with a gift for **A Baby's Breath** in our Narthex. We were unable to do that this year. Instead, **A Baby's Breath** requests that monetary gifts be provided. Please mail your check donations to: **A Baby's Breath**, Attn: Kate Chetta, 2062 W. Main Street, Jeffersonville, PA 19403.

Thank you for your prayerful donation!

HELP US KEEP ST. HELENA BEAUTIFUL BY ADOPTING A GARDEN!

The Garden Club maintains various flower beds on the Church campus grounds. We are asking for your help in keeping our gardens looking beautiful. Maybe a family or a Church ministry group could adopt one of the gardens to upkeep during the spring, summer, and fall months. We are asking that the gardens are weeded weekly or as needed. If area is dry when you are weeding, please water.

Please start whenever you feel comfortable and keep a safe distance if others are around.



If you can help, please call Theresa Smith at 215-646-7636 or email at theresacsmith@verizon.net

WE REMEMBER

and we gratefully acknowledge the following families who so thoughtfully asked that donations in memory of their loved one be sent to St. Helena Church. We ask that you please keep them in your prayers:

- James Adams, John Botto, Mary Ellen Brogan, Dr. Elwin S. Carlin, Audrey F. Crause, Harry DeFazio, Ann Kelly, Jennie Dinardo, Michael Frawley, Nicholas Grant, Ann Gerlach, Eugene P. Kenworthy Sr., Peter J. Kelly, Sr., Orville Johnson, John S. Maguire, Jane O'Doherty, Lucille Mazur, Grace Migliarese, George T. McCool, Jean P. McQuade, Dorothy Nicolo, Joanna Roth, Thomas Oakes, Matilda M. Schoppet, Mary Ellen Sullivan, Gertrude Usher, Virginia Valentine, Louise Vanelli, Jean Vereb, Mary C. & Raymond F. Uccelletti, Sr., Margaret Wright, Carmen Pagliaro, Dottie Monastra, William Curran, Shawn Henry, Jack Gambone, Gasper Butera, Helen Borkowski, Mary Ryan, Edward Garbacz, John Cantarini, Dave Landers, Joseph Nicolo, Sr., Ron Miles, Harold Rodgers, Marge Fitzpatrick, Mildred Dulin, Candida Barone, Stanley Lentz, Sr., Walter P. Pieczyk, Henry Orzechowski, Gasper Sclafani, Rose Trombetta, Brad Souders, Peter Nicolo, Joseph Yaccarino, Irene Koziol, Frances Lavin, Anna Silvaggio, Vincent J. Petrone, Stanley Toscani, Rita Rego, Charles Halfpenny, Sr., Gerard Geisel, Carol Piskai, Stephen Imms, Betty Hally, Ed Sciarra, Ralph Martino, Thomas Keane, Mary Russo, Marlin Souders, William Guerrini, William Schmitz, Jr., Andy Ortlieb, Nicola Rocco, Richard Duszak, Salvatore Giuffrida, Harry Neff, Sr., Ronald Lattanze, Katherine Roth, Maria Begley, Peggy Guerrini, Daniel Staffieri, Norma Leuallen, John Frawley, Rae Bordo, Veronica Graff, Thomas & Anne Yuengling, Francis Nolan, Thomas Swan, Dixie Katrina, Anna Marie Esposito, Karen DeGennaro, Catherine Murphy, Rita Curran, Ann Yaccarino, Tom Gaasche, Catherine Swanick, Agnes Dougherty, Vera Lentz, Marg Agresti, James Frawley, Suzanne Bottinger, Jack Fitzpatrick, Antoinette Cannon, Harvey Kreitzer, Nancy Cavan, Theresa Tomczak, John Barry, Nicholas Machion, Daniel Begley, Joseph Monastra, Catherine Frawley, Rev. John T. Coates, Linda Taormina Kuhn, Dorena Colonnello, Marian Curran, Alexander Piermani, III, Kathleen DePietro, Francis Zuest, Joseph O'Hara, Steve Bacino, Phyllis D'Amico, Emil Bilinski, Carol Mignogna, Edward Stimmier, Marie Neff, Joan Schmitz, Yolanda Marinari, Deacon Donald Kretsch, Charles Walters, James F. "Smitty" Smith, Sr, Edward Sciarra, Jr., Daniel Fitzgerald, Marie Litman, Elaine Thompson, Carmen Branco, Matthew Mazza, Edward Lock, Phyllis Galanti, Mary Scarafone, Anne Burr, James Bozzelli, Margaret (Peg) Tannenbaum, Barbara Souders, Joseph Smee, Sr., James Bottinger, Anne Nolen, Martha Flannery, Joan Cannon, Hilda Carr, Joseph Wallin & Kathleen Fenerty.

BEQUESTS

The following people have made bequests in their Wills to Saint Helena Church. Please remember them in prayer as well.

- Vivian Becker, Alice P. Devlin, Mary E. Flanagan, Hon. Robert W. Honeyman, Concetta Marchesani, Mary Ellen Sullivan, Laura E. Wisniewski, Estelle Noska, Elizabeth Ann Quillinan, Jean Stock, Lawrence Marinari, Catherine Frawley, Mary Rosciola, Marian Curran, Charles Loeper, Rev. John Coates, Kathleen Schoemaker, Regina Zaleski, Margaret Donahue, Lorraine Gigliello, Margaret (Peg) Tannenbaum.

July Saints and Feast Days Word Search



Directions: Search only for the parts of the saints names or feast days that are in **bold print**.

Junipero Serra
Elizabeth of Portugal
Maria Goretti
 Augustine **Zhao** Rong
Benedict
Henry

Kateri Tekakwitha
Bonaventure
 Our Lady of **Mount Carmel**
Apollinarius
Lawrence of Brindisi
Mary Magdalene

Bridget
James
Joachim and **Anne**
Martha
Peter Chrysologus

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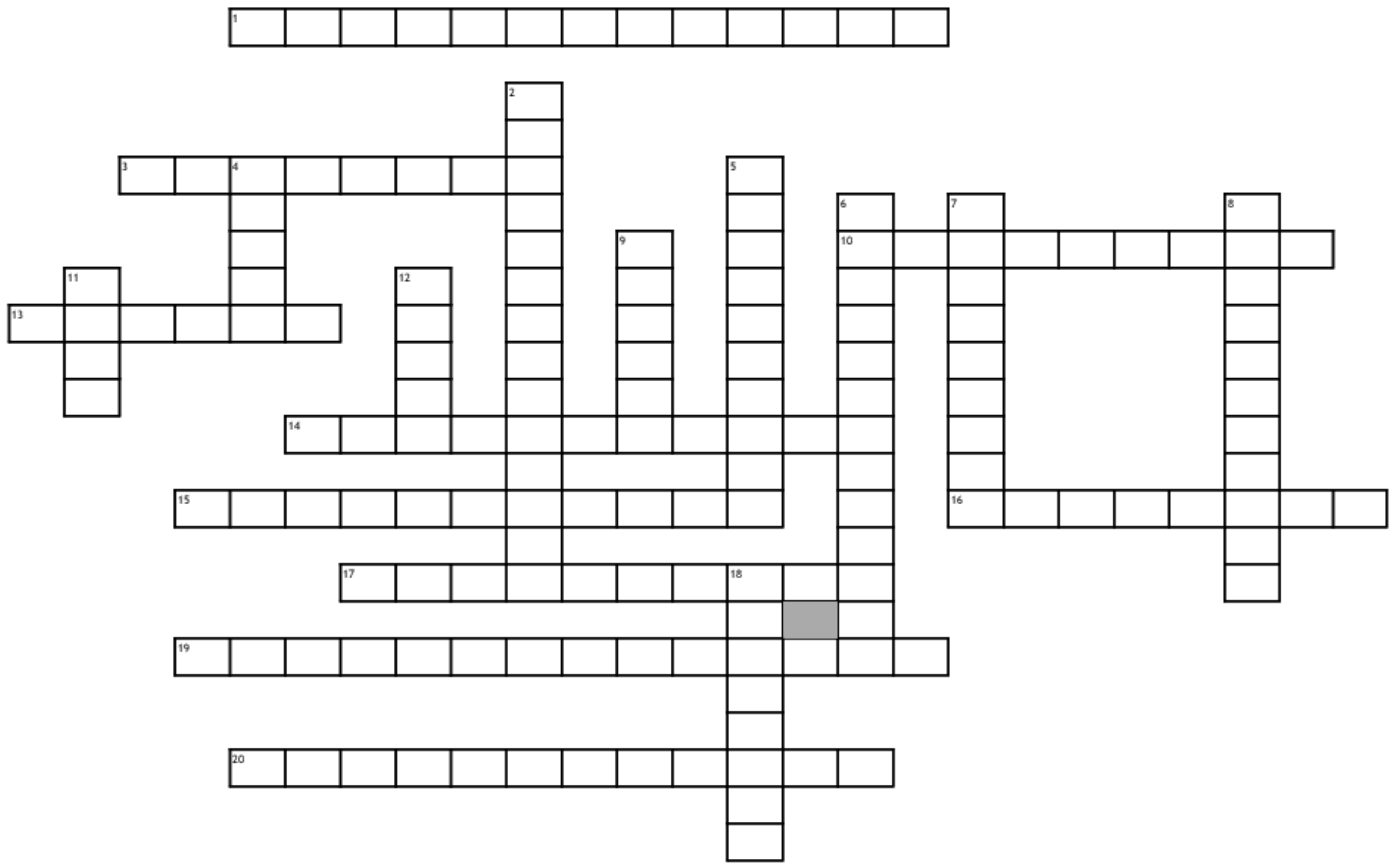
Jesus And Little Ones

SaintAnnesHelper.com

Name: _____

Date: _____

Who is Jesus Christ?



Across

- 1. condemned Jesus to be crucified
- 3. overthrow the government
- 10. Jesus moves from place to place
- 13. Roman emperor when Jesus was born
- 14. Word of God
- 15. Jesus asks people to make a clear choice
- 16. Jesus only seemed to be real
- 17. sorrow for your sins
- 19. baptized Jesus
- 20. Gabriel's announcement to Mary that she will name her son Jesus

Down

- 2. The coming of God's Kingdom, and repentance
- 4. the church teaches truths that are binding on all Christian people accept
- 5. not much is known about Jesus as a kid
- 6. Jesus claimed to be this
- 7. Jesus is born during the reign of this King in Palestine
- 8. a distinctive sign of the Christian faith: Jesus becomes human
- 9. descendant of King David whom there is not much is known about him in the New Testament
- 11. Mother of the Palestinian Jew born in Bethlehem
- 12. "Yahweh is salvation"
- 18. the birth of Jesus written in the Gospel of Mathew