



Catholic Church

215 South 8th Street
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December 28, 2023 The Fourth Day of Christmas



Good morning and Merry Christmastime,

We celebrate the Holy Innocents. We read 1 John 1:5-2:2, Psalm 124, and Matthew 2:13-18. How are we called to witness to our faith as the Christmas spirit is waning and the wonder of the New Year lurks? John asks if we walk in darkness or light, lies or truth. Jesus is our expiation for our sins, while walking in the light we can see this. The darkness threatened Jesus and took the lives of many innocents. Still today we recognize that darkness lingers and innocent lives are lost because of fear, power, greed, or many other reasons. The light has come into the world and still, the world is trying to destroy the light. Sin dampens the light in our lives but Jesus renews our light and frees us. May we be strengthened in faith and continue to live lives of faith, hope, and charity in today's world bringing hope, love, and working towards peace and justice where we can. Who may you encounter today that you can share in the Good News of Jesus' birth?

Peace,

RevKev

"Our soul has been rescued like a bird from the fowler's snare."

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