



SAINT LOUIS ABBEY



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On Christmas day we celebrated the birth of a baby. Three days later we remember the senseless slaughter of many babies. How to celebrate this jarring feast in the midst of our joy? The first reading of the Mass gives us a clue. It tells us that the blood of God's Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin. We are saved not just because God's Son was born on earth but because he shed his blood for us. We will partake of his saving blood at this very Mass. The martyrs shared in this shedding of the blood of the Son of God, even those who died in connection with his birth. God has turned the shedding of the blood of his Son into the act that saves the world. May this sacred blood free us from our sins, forgive the sin of those who slay children in the womb, and purify the hearts of men and women so that the slaughter of children may no longer be seen to be necessary for us to live the way we want.