

54. Happy Festive Season to all our readers

In the stained glass collection at the Burrell we have a late 14th century German panel showing “The Visitation”; the moment when Saint Elizabeth (on the left) pregnant with John the Baptist meets Saint Mary, pregnant with Jesus. Just look at the little babies acknowledging each other, as described in the New Testament in Luke 1; “when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost”.

With the festive season upon us, our Bishop Saint, St. Severinus below, has swapped his mitre for a Santa hat ready for Christmas day.

Santa Claus may well be based upon the real person, St. Nicholas, who lived in the 3rd century CE and became Bishop of Myra, in modern day Turkey. He was reputedly a very generous man giving presents and money to children and paying the dowry for poor girls.

Have a great Christmas and best wishes for the New Year from the Boppard Blog team!

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“THE VISITATION” - LATE 14TH CENTURY, GERMAN

BELOW - DETAIL OF BABIES JOHN AND JESUS