

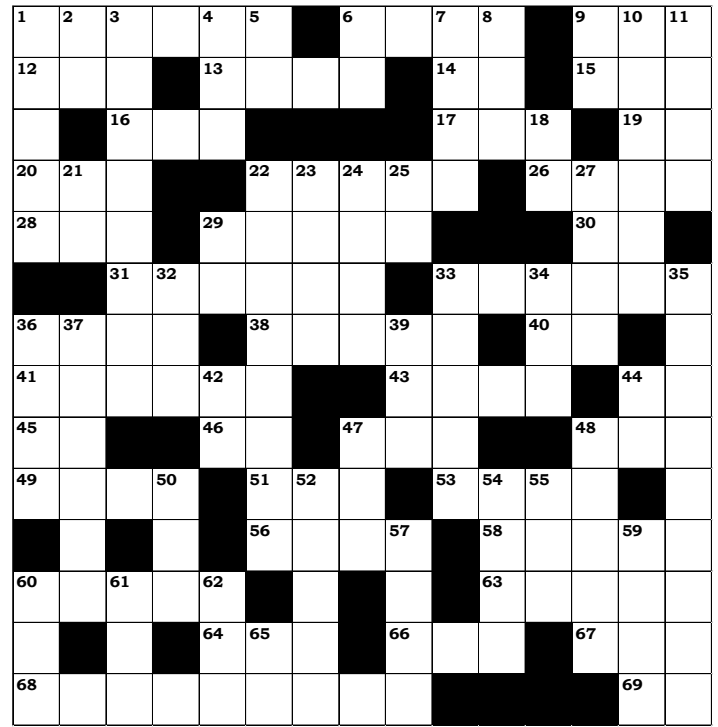
Puzzle #824

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ACROSS

1. As we prepare to celebrate the Christmas ____, it's good to recall the story of Christ's birth as told in Luke (2:1-20) and Matthew (2:1-23) and tradition.
6. "They just keep coming like ____," —Osage clan chief about the white migration, 1850s.
9. The sound of a shepherd's sheepdog, perhaps.
12. "No matter if ____ were a junior staffer, like me, or a senior aide, he made you feel like a special and important member of his team with a role to play," —Brad Mitchell, White House staff, in *Character Matters...and Other Life Lessons from George H.W. Bush*, by Jean Becker.
13. "And blessed is the fruit of thy ____, Jesus."
14. Three of these make a Santa's laugh.
15. Ball holder.
16. "Have you been to South America?" 'Yes.' 'Business or pleasure?' 'I don't travel for pleasure. I travel with a ____,' —*Zero Day*, by David Baldacci.
17. Prefix for mate or mal.
19. The Evergreen State, home of Mt. Rainier (abbr.).
20. Debtor letters.
22. The shepherds were keeping the ____ watch when they got visitors in the sky.

26. "Do not seal up the prophetic words of this book, for the appointed time is ____," (Revelations 22:10).
28. Pregnant Mary might have ridden on one on the trip to King David's birthplace for the census.
29. Brother of the prophet Moses (Exodus 4:14).
30. Comparative suffix.
31. ____ the Ape Man.
33. Where the shepherds were living.
36. "Then he took ____, gave thanks..." —Luke 22:17 (2 wds.).
38. An ____ of the Lord appeared to the shepherds.
40. These letters on a car stand for Luxury Sport.
41. Name of one of the three traditional Magi.
43. This was missing at the inn.
44. "No less smiling and gracious was the tall, spare man half of us called '____' — the rest of us (as we were taught at home) 'Mist' President,' with no thought of its high import..." —*Tad Lincoln's Father*, by Julia Taft Bayne.
45. "Louis XIV once declared 'I ____ the state!' It was no idle boast," —"Grand Disguise," *Great Mysteries of History* by Kenneth Platnick.
46. "He was a loyal aide-____-camp and did his job with not so much as the expression on his face to indicate anything but his complete devotion to duty," —*The March*, by E.L. Doctorow.
47. Shape of a rainbow.
48. "When Jesus comes again at the ____ of time, he will not have a single drop more of glory than He has right now upon the altars and in the tabernacles of our churches," —*The Lamb's Supper*, by Dr. Scott Hahn.



49. The celestial visitor proclaimed good ____ of great joy for all the people.
51. Text letters for Too Much Information!
53. ____ Herod massacred the Innocents.
56. Church song.
58. The Kansas City baseball team is named for the American ____, a famous livestock show and parade which celebrates the city's livestock heritage.
60. The Magi were guided by ____ (2 wds.).
63. A brand of soda.
64. "One of the bystanders drew his sword, struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his ____," (Mark 14:47).
66. ____ is a legal term/word that refers to a thing (property, interest, status) that is the object of rights; or abbr. for residence or research.
67. "She thought she was going to raise me in her own image. What a joke. She has champagne tastes. I prefer beer straight out of the ____," —*People of the Book*, by Geraldine Brooks.
68. The city of Jesus's birth.
69. Abbr. for agriculture, Mo.'s main industry.

DOWN

1. The census happened when Quirinius was governor of ____.
2. Letters for Executive Order; directive by a U.S. President.
3. In those days, Caesar ____ called for a census of the whole (Roman) world.
4. "...all went to be enrolled, each to his ____ town," (Luke 2:3).
5. "Cary refreshed the screen and then swore as the two most dreaded words in the English language appeared at the top of the display: ____ Service," —*Zero Hour*, by Don Bentley.
6. Stomach muscle.
7. "Dante knew for all his façade of dark beauty, proud defiance, and stoicism in suffering, the Devil is a fool, and a vulgar fool at ____," —Comedy in the Divine Comedy by Dorothy Sayers.
8. Mary gave birth to her firstborn ____.
9. "I must still come to you

- until I get the men-____-arms; for so it is commanded and I may not disobey,” —*Personal Reflections of Joan of Arc*, by Mark Twain.
10. “Rejoice and be glad, for your ____ will be great in heaven,” (Matthew 5:12).
 11. Reaction of the shepherds to the heavenly visitor.
 18. “It was...the paradox of progress that scientific advances seemed to go hand-____-hand with social disintegration — the result of an increase of knowledge coupled with a lack of understanding,” —*Literary Converts: Spiritual Inspiration in an Age of Unbelief*, by Joseph Pearce.
 21. Bone.
 22. Jesus grew up in this town.
 23. Middle East country formerly called Persia.
 24. “...unwillingness to act, lack of clear thinking, un-til self-preservation strikes its jarring ____ — these are the features which constitute the endless repetition of history,” — Winston Churchill
 25. Letters for Head Nurse.
 27. Electric fish.
 29. The Natural State, home of The Great Passion Play (abbr.).
 32. “There needs to be an ____ that edits what I say versus what I want to say,” —Blake Shelton.
 33. What the shepherds were guarding.
 34. One of the most common names for a street in the U.S. is named after this stately shade tree, now ravaged by disease.
 35. The shepherds were told to look for an infant wrapped in ____ clothes.
 36. Nothing like ____ of hot soup on a cold day (2 wds.).
 37. Magi transportation.
 39. “To ____ is human; to forgive, divine,” —English poet Alexander Pope.
 42. “God works in some very weird ways, and moving a boy to begin a life of devotion to the saints through a magazine ____ is just one of them,” —*Clues from My Life with the Saints*, by James Martin, S.J.
 44. In the Catholic ordo, letters for Pastoral Note.
 47. “Yet I have never failed — do not now fail — to remember that in the Republican cause there is a higher ____ than that of mere office,” —A. Lincoln in *The Zealot and the Emancipator*, by H.W. Brands.
 48. To escape Herod, Joseph fled with the family to ____.
 50. The city of David’s birth was south of Jerusalem and west of the Dead ____.
 52. One of the three named gifts the Magi brought.
 54. In technology, letters for Incident Response Plans (i.e., plans to deal with malicious cyberattacks).
 55. Alternate spelling of Noah.
 57. Pope St. John Paul II referred to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* as a “sure ____ for teaching the faith,” in the Apostolic Constitution “*Fidei Depositum*,” issued when the *Catechism* was officially published.
 59. Largest continent.
 60. Priest’s full white garment under the chasuble.
 61. Make lace.
 62. Abbr. for religion.
 65. Letters for American Eagle; clothier.