

**The Nativity of our Lord
December 25, 2022**

God have Mercy

You come to heal the contrite. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

You come to call sinners. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You plead for us at the right hand of the Father. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

First Reading (Christmas Eve Vigil)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

For Zion's sake I will not be silent,
For Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
Until her vindication shines forth like the dawn
and her victory like a burning torch.
Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the rulers your glory;
You shall be called by a new name
pronounced by the mouth of the Most High,
You shall be a glorious crown in the Hand of the Most High,
a royal diadem held by your God.
No more shall people call you "Forsaken,"
or your land "Desolate,"
But you shall be called "My Delight,"
and your land "Espoused."
For the Most High delights in you
and makes your land God's spouse.
As a young man marries a virgin,
your Builder shall marry you;
And as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride
so shall your God rejoice in you.

The Word of our God.

First Reading (Christmas Day)

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

See, the Most High proclaims
to the ends of the earth:
Say to daughter Zion,
your savior comes!

Here is his reward with him,
his recompense before him.
They shall be called the holy people,
the redeemed of God,
And you shall be called "Frequented,"
a city that is not forsaken.

The Word of our God.

Second Reading (Christmas Eve Vigil)

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia and entered the synagogue, he stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, "Israelites and you others who are God-fearing, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and exalted the people during their sojourn in the land of Egypt.

With uplifted arm God led them out of it. Then God removed Saul and raised up David as king; of him the testified, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will carry out my every wish.'

From this man's descendants God, according to God's promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.'"

The Word of our God.

Second Reading (Christmas Day)

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus

Beloved:

When the kindness and generous love
of God our savior appeared,
Not because of any righteous deed we had done
but because of God's mercy,
The Most High saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit,
Whom God richly poured out on us
through Jesus Christ our savior,
So that we might be justified by God's grace
and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

The Word of our God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel (Christmas Eve Vigil)

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.

When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly.

Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of God appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what God had said through the prophet:

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

And they shall name him Emmanuel,

Which means "God is with us."

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of God commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

The Good News of Salvation.

Gospel (Christmas Day)

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Most High God has made known to us"

So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the

infant lying in a manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds.

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

The Good News of Salvation.

Homily

Universal Intercessions

**Response: God of Peace, here our prayer.
(God of Peace, here our prayer.)**

For the church, for all gathered here: that we, like the angels, may announce the good news of God's saving love and be instruments of peace to all we meet this day, let us pray...

For all children: that they may be welcomed into this world with joy, nurtured and cared for as they grow, and loved into maturity, let us pray...

For all who celebrate Christmas: that our minds may be more aware and our hearts more responsive to all who are in need, particularly the victims of war, human trafficking, refugees, and those recovering from natural disasters, let us pray...

For peace throughout the world: that the Prince of Peace may bring an end to violence and lead all peoples to greater cooperation in overcoming poverty and disease, let us pray...

For what other intention do we want to pray...

(after the intentions, please blow out the candles by the ambo)

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God forever.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer (if you are watching the video or listening to the audio, please follow along and participate with Fr. Jack; and continue with the Communion Songs below.)

Go in peace,
Thanks be to God.