

**December 4, 2022: The 2nd Sunday of Advent****First Reading****Isaiah 11:1-10**

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted.

He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17**

**R. (cf. 7) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

**R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

**R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

May his name be blessed forever; as long as the sun his name shall remain.

In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.

**R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

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**Second Reading**

**Romans 15:4-9**

Brothers and sisters:

Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy.

As it is written:

*Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.*

**Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 3:1-12**

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!"

It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert,  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight His paths.*

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.'

For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the One Who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry His sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand. He will clear His threshing floor and gather His wheat into His barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire."

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**December 8, 2022: Solemnity of the Immaculate  
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary****First Reading****Genesis 3:9-15, 20**

After the man, Adam, had eaten of the tree,  
the LORD God called to the man and asked him, "Where  
are you?"

He answered, "I heard You in the garden; but I was  
afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself."

Then He asked, "Who told you that you were naked?  
You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had  
forbidden you to eat!"

The man replied, "The woman whom You put here with  
me she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it."

The LORD God then asked the woman, "Why did you do  
such a thing?"

The woman answered, "The serpent tricked me into it,  
so I ate it."

Then the LORD God said to the serpent:

"Because you have done this, you shall be banned  
from all the animals  
and from all the wild creatures;  
on your belly shall you crawl,  
and dirt shall you eat  
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike at your head,  
while you strike at his heel."

The man called his wife Eve, because she became the  
mother of all the living.

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4**

**R. (1) Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done  
marvelous deeds.**

Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for He has done wondrous deeds;  
His right hand has won victory for him,  
his holy arm.

**R. Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done  
marvelous deeds.**

The LORD has made His salvation known:  
in the sight of the nations He has revealed His justice.  
He has remembered His kindness and His faithfulness  
toward the house of Israel.

**R. Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done  
marvelous deeds.**

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation by our God.  
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;  
break into song; sing praise.

**R. Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done  
marvelous deeds.**

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Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
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**Second Reading**

**Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12**

Brothers and sisters:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing  
in the heavens, as He chose us in Him, before the  
foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish  
before Him.

In love He destined us for adoption to Himself through  
Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of His will, for the  
praise of the glory of His grace  
that He granted us in the beloved.

In Him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the  
purpose of the One who accomplishes all things  
according to the intention of His will, so that we might  
exist for the praise of His glory, we who first hoped in  
Christ.

**Gospel Reading**

**Luke 1:26-38**

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of  
Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man  
named Joseph, of the house of David,  
and the virgin's name was Mary.

And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord  
is with you."

But she was greatly troubled at what was said  
and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for  
you have found favor with God. Behold, you will  
conceive in your womb and bear a Son,  
and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will  
be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will  
give Him the throne of David His father, and He will rule  
over the house of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom  
there will be no end."

But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be,  
since I have no relations with a man?"

And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will  
come upon you, and the power of the Most High will  
overshadow you. Therefore the Child to be born will be  
called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your  
relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this  
is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for  
nothing will be impossible for God."

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May  
it be done to me according to your word."

Then the angel departed from her.

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**December 11, 2022: The 3rd Sunday of Advent****First Reading****Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10**

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble,

make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened:

Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, He comes with vindication; with divine recompense He comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10.**

**R. (cf. Is 35:4) Lord, come and save us.**

**or:**

**R. Alleluia.**

The LORD God keeps faith forever,  
secures justice for the oppressed,  
gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets captives free.

**R. Lord, come and save us.**

**or:**

**R. Alleluia.**

The LORD gives sight to the blind;  
the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.

The LORD loves the just;  
the LORD protects strangers.

**R. Lord, come and save us.**

**or:**

**R. Alleluia.**

The fatherless and the widow He sustains,  
but the way of the wicked He thwarts.

The LORD shall reign forever;  
your God, O Zion, through all generations.

**R. Lord, come and save us.**

**or:**

**R. Alleluia.**

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**December 11, 2022: The 3rd Sunday of Advent  
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**Second Reading**

**James 5:7-10**

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the Name of the Lord.

**Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 11:2-11**

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are You the One Who is to come, or should we look for another?"

Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at Me."

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the One about Whom it is written:  
*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.*

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he."

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**December 18, 2022: The 4th Sunday of Advent****First Reading****Isaiah 7:10-14**

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying:

Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!

But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!"

Then Isaiah said:

Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God?

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6.****R. (7c and 10b) Let the Lord enter; He is King of glory.**

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;  
the world and those who dwell in it.

For He founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.

**R. Let the Lord enter; He is King of glory.**

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?  
or who may stand in His holy place?

One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,  
who desires not what is vain.

**R. Let the Lord enter; He is King of glory.**

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,  
a reward from God His Savior.

Such is the race that seeks for Him,  
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

**R. Let the Lord enter; He is King of glory.****Second Reading****Romans 1:1-7**

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an Apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, which He promised previously through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, the gospel about His Son, descended from David according to the flesh, but established as Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of His Name, among all the Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel Reading****Matthew 1:18-24**

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 the Lord 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 the Lord 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 the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

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**December 24, 2022: The Nativity of the Lord (Vigil Mass)****First Reading****Isaiah 62:1-5**

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 kings your glory;  
you shall be called by a new name  
pronounced by the mouth of the LORD.  
You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of  
the LORD,  
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 LORD delights in you  
and makes your land His 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.

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29.****R. (2a) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
Forever will I confirm your posterity  
and establish your throne for all generations.

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;  
in the light of Your countenance, O LORD, they  
walk.

At Your Name they rejoice all the day,  
and through Your justice they are exalted.

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

He shall say of me, "You are my Father,  
my God, the Rock, my Savior."  
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward Him,  
and my covenant with Him stands firm.

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.****Second Reading****Acts 13:16-17, 22-25**

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia and entered the  
synagogue, he stood up, motioned with his hand, and  
said, "Fellow 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 He led them out of it.  
Then He removed Saul and raised up David as king; of  
him He 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 His 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.'"

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**Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 1:1-25**

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab. Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. Boaz became the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of David the king.

David became the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon became the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asaph. Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah. Uzziah became the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos, Amos the father of Josiah. Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile.

After the Babylonian exile, Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, Zerubbabel the father of Abiud. Abiud became the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, Azor the father of Zadok. Zadok became the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud, Eliud the

father of Eleazar. Eleazar became the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus Who is called the Christ.

Thus the total number of generations from Abraham to David is fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian exile, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian exile to the Christ, fourteen generations.

Now 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 the Lord 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 the Lord 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 the Lord had 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.

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**OR:**

**Matthew 1:18-25**

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**December 25, 2022: The Nativity of the Lord  
(Midnight Mass)****First Reading****Isaiah 9:1-6**

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom  
a light has shone.  
You have brought them abundant joy  
and great rejoicing,  
as they rejoice before you as at the harvest,  
as people make merry when dividing spoils.  
For the yoke that burdened them,  
the pole on their shoulder,  
and the rod of their taskmaster  
you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.  
For every boot that tramped in battle,  
every cloak rolled in blood,  
will be burned as fuel for flames.  
For a child is born to us, a son is given us;  
upon his shoulder dominion rests.  
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,  
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.  
His dominion is vast  
and forever peaceful,  
from David's throne, and over his kingdom,  
which he confirms and sustains  
by judgment and justice,  
both now and forever.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13.**

**R. (Lk 2:11) Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**  
Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all you lands.  
Sing to the LORD; bless His Name.  
**R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**  
Announce His salvation, day after day.  
Tell His glory among the nations;  
among all peoples, His wondrous deeds.  
**R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**  
Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;  
let the sea and what fills it resound;  
let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!  
Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.  
**R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**  
They shall exult before the LORD, for He comes;  
for He comes to rule the earth.  
He shall rule the world with justice  
and the peoples with His constancy.  
**R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

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**(Midnight Mass)**  
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**Second Reading****Titus 2:11-14**

Beloved:

The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for Himself a people as His Own, eager to do what is good.

**Gospel Reading****Luke 2:1-14**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn Son.

She wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear.

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an Infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests."

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**December 25, 2022: The Nativity of the Lord (Mass at Dawn)****First Reading****Isaiah 62:11-12**

See, the LORD 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 the LORD,  
and you shall be called "Frequented,"  
a city that is not forsaken.

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12.**

**R. A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.**

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;  
let the many isles be glad.  
The heavens proclaim His justice,  
and all peoples see His glory.

**R. A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.**

Light dawns for the just;  
and gladness, for the upright of heart.  
Be glad in the LORD, you just,  
and give thanks to His holy Name.

**R. A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.**

**Second Reading****Titus 3:4-7**

Beloved:  
When the kindness and generous love of God our Savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of His mercy, He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, Whom He richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by His grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

**Gospel Reading****Luke 2:15-20**

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 Lord has made known to us."

So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the 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.

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**December 25, 2022: The Nativity of the Lord (Mass during the Day)**

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 52:7-10**

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him who brings glad tidings,  
announcing peace, bearing good news,  
announcing salvation, and saying to Zion,  
“Your God is King!”

Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry,  
together they shout for joy,  
for they see directly, before their eyes,  
the LORD restoring Zion.  
Break out together in song,  
O ruins of Jerusalem!  
For the LORD comforts His people,  
He redeems Jerusalem.  
The LORD has bared His holy arm  
in the sight of all the nations;  
all the ends of the earth will behold  
the salvation of our God.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6.**

**R. (3c) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for He has done wondrous deeds;  
His right hand has won victory for Him,  
His holy arm.

**R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

The LORD has made His salvation known:  
in the sight of the nations He has revealed His  
justice.

He has remembered His kindness and His  
faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

**R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation by our God.

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;  
break into song; sing praise.

**R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and melodious song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
sing joyfully before the King, the LORD.

**R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

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**Second Reading**

**Hebrews 1:1-6**

Brothers and sisters:

In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, He has spoken to us through the Son, Whom He made heir of all things and through Whom He created the universe, Who is the refulgence of His glory, the very imprint of His being, and Who sustains all things by His mighty word. When He had accomplished purification from sins, He took His seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the angels as the Name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say:

*You are my son; this day I have begotten you?*

Or again:

*I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me?*

And again, when He leads the firstborn into the world, he says:

*Let all the angels of God worship him.*

**Gospel Reading**

**John 1:1-18**

In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things came to be through Him,  
and without Him nothing came to be.

What came to be through Him was life,  
and this life was the light of the human  
race;

the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.

A man named John was sent from God.

He came for testimony, to testify to the light,  
so that all might believe through him.

He was not the light,  
but came to testify to the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was  
coming into the world.

He was in the world,  
and the world came to be through Him,  
but the world did not know Him.

He came to what was His Own,  
but His Own people did not accept Him.

But to those who did accept Him  
He gave power to become children of God,  
to those who believe in His Name,  
who were born not by natural generation  
nor by human choice nor by a man's decision  
but of God.

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And the Word became flesh  
and made His dwelling among us,  
and we saw His glory,  
the glory as of the Father's only Son,  
full of grace and truth.

John testified to Him and cried out, saying,  
"This was He of Whom I said,  
'The One Who is coming after me ranks ahead of me  
because He existed before me.'"

From His fullness we have all received,  
grace in place of grace,  
because while the law was given through Moses,  
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God.

The only Son, God, Who is at the Father's side,  
has revealed Him.

**OR:****John 1:1-5, 9-14**

In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.  
He was in the beginning with God.  
All things came to be through Him,  
and without Him nothing came to be.  
What came to be through Him was life,  
and this life was the light of the human  
race;  
the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was  
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He came to what was His Own,  
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He gave power to become children of God,  
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**December 30, 2022: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph****First Reading****Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14**

God sets a father in honor over His children;  
a mother's authority He confirms over her sons.  
Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and  
preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is  
heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother.  
Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children,  
and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his  
father will live a long life;  
he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old;  
grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail,  
be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of  
his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten,  
firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house  
raised in justice to you.

**OR:****Col 3:12-21**

Brothers and sisters:  
Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,  
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness,  
and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving  
one another, if one has a grievance against another;  
as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And  
over all these put on love, that is, the bond of  
perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your  
hearts, the peace into which you were also called in  
one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ  
dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and  
admonish one another,  
singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs  
with gratitude in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do  
everything in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving  
thanks to God the Father through Him.

Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper  
in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives,  
and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey  
your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the  
Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they  
may not become discouraged.

**OR:****Col 3:12-17**

Brothers and sisters:  
Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,  
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness,  
and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving  
one another, if one has a grievance against another;  
as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And  
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**December 30, 2022: Feast of the Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
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**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5**

**R. (cf. 1) Blessed are those who fear the Lord and  
walk in His ways.**

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,  
who walks in his ways!

For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;  
blessed shall you be, and favored.

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in  
His ways.**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine  
in the recesses of your home;  
your children like olive plants  
around your table.

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in  
His ways.**

Behold, thus is the man blessed  
who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion:  
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life.

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in  
His ways.**

**Gospel Reading****Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**

When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of  
the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said,  
“Rise, take the Child and His mother, flee to Egypt,  
and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search  
for the Child to destroy Him.”

Joseph rose and took the Child and His mother by  
night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until  
the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said  
through the prophet might be fulfilled, *Out of Egypt I  
called my son.*

When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord  
appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said,  
“Rise, take the Child and His mother and go to the  
land of Israel, for those who sought the Child’s life are  
dead.”

He rose, took the Child and His mother, and went to  
the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus  
was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he  
was afraid to go back there.

And because he had been warned in a dream,  
he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and  
dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had  
been spoken through the prophets  
might be fulfilled, *He shall be called a Nazorean.*

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