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Daily Mo, Tu, Thu, Fri : 8:00 AM  
Saturday 4:30PM LIVE,  
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December 25, 2022  
The Nativity of the Lord



*"And the Word became flesh  
and made his dwelling among us..."*

John 1:14

God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus – the best gift we could ever receive.

**Daily Rosary**-Praying of the Rosary will continue after the 8am daily mass in the church on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sundays after the 10am mass, both Live and Via Zoom. If you need the Zoom information, please contact the rectory.

Mass Intentions & Calendar

- Sat, Dec 24 Christmas Eve**  
4:30 pm Amias Timmons req by Cindy Trainque
- Sun, Dec 25 The Nativity of the Lord**  
10:00 am LIVE/Zoom Feola Family, Antoinetta Rossetti,  
Rosalba Puca req by the D'Andrea Family
- Mon, Dec 26**  
8:00 am Adele (Duquette) Rice req by Elaine, Robert & John Gerardi
- Tue, Dec 27**  
8:00 am Martha Bautista de Fuentes & Jose de la Cruz Fuentes remembrance req by the family
- Thu, Dec 29**  
8:00 am Cecelia Majka, Vincent Penkala, Henry Penkala req by Reggie Duval
- Fri, Dec 30 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
8:00 am Gisela Gil-Equi, Gisela Equi, Jose Labrador, Miguel Labrador remembrance req by the family
- Sat, Dec 31 New Year's Eve**  
4:30 pm George and Ellen Cote req by the family
- Sun, Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
10:00 am LIVE/Zoom

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

- 25 SUN Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
*Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
*Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
*Day:* Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/  
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- 26 MON** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
- 27 TUE** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- 28 WED** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18
- 29 THU** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
- 30 FRI** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- 31 SAT** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

**STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT**

**Confirmation Cafe**

is back after the 10 am Mass in the church hall. All are welcome!!

There will be NO Confirmation Café on Sunday, December 25th and Sunday, January 1st.



**Rest in Peace**

*We, the parish community of Our Lady of Lourdes, extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Michelle M. Adams** who passed on Nov. 27 and **Carol A. LaRose** who passed on Nov. 16 Please keep their family and friends in your prayers as they grieve the loss of their loved ones.*

**March for Life Registration Information now available!**

Plan now to attend the 50th annual March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, Jan. 20, 2023! Buses will leave from St. Paul's Cathedral on Thurs., Jan. 19 following the Respect Life Mass at 7:30 p.m., and will travel to the Basilica of National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC in time for Friday morning Mass followed by the March for Life at noon. Buses will return to Worcester immediately following the March, arriving back at St. Paul's at approximately 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21. Cost is \$130 per seat. **Registration deadline is December 15.** For more details and to download registration forms, visit [www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life) or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311 or [aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org). Consider making a donation that will help defray expenses for our students who want to attend but might otherwise find it difficult to do so. Thank you!

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

<b>Sunday Offertory 12/10-12/11</b>	<b>\$2,717.00</b>
Online Giving	440.00
Catholic Free Press subscript	39.00
Christmas Offertory	1,060.00
Christmas Flowers	135.00
Candles	49.52
Immaculate Conception	320.00
Maintenance	320.00
Mass Offerings	25.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	332.00
Snow Removal Donation	35.00

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**The Nativity of the Lord**

As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic.

Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth.

The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the nighttime of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home. Merry Christmas! ©LPi

**Prayer Shawls** We have many blessed prayer shawls. If you need one or know someone that needs one, please call the rectory.

# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

# CYCLE A

## PRELUDES

## GATHERING HYMN

## O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

ADESTE FIDELES

Verses

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2. † Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, †  
 3. † Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing, †  
 4. Ad - é - ste fi - dé - les, lae - ti tri - um - phán - tes, Ve -

1. come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 2. Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!  
 3. Je - sus, to thee — be all glo - ry giv'n;  
 4. ní - te, ve - ní - te in Béth - le - hem.

1. Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 2. Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;  
 3. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;  
 4. Na - tum vi - dé - te Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O  
 Ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve -

come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!  
 ní - te, a - do - ré - mus Dó - mi - num.

## GLORIA

GLORIA

1. Glory to God in the highest,  
 and on earth peace to people of good will.  
 We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,  
 we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,  
 Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Refrain: All

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o, De - o.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 you take away the sins of the world,  
 have mercy on us;  
 you take away the sins of the world,  
 receive our prayer;  
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 have mercy on us.
3. For you alone are the Holy One,  
 you alone are the Lord,  
 you alone are the Most High,  
 Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

**ISAIAH 52:7-10**

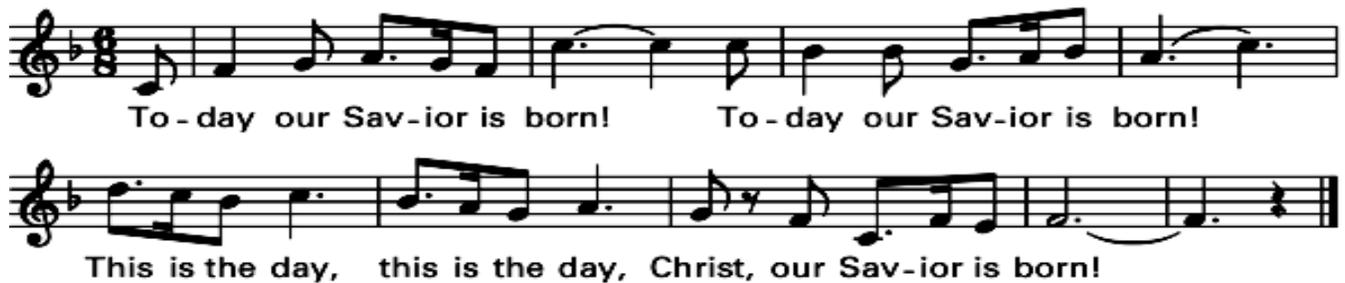
How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, "Your God is King!"

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 96**

Jaime Cortez



To-day our Sav-ior is born! To-day our Sav-ior is born!

This is the day, this is the day, Christ, our Sav-ior is born!

## 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 ACCLAMATION (STAND)

Barbara Bridge



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## **GOSPEL**

**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. 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.

## **HOMILY**

### **NICENE CREED**

**I** believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

**I** believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

**I** believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

**I** believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**The Response is:**

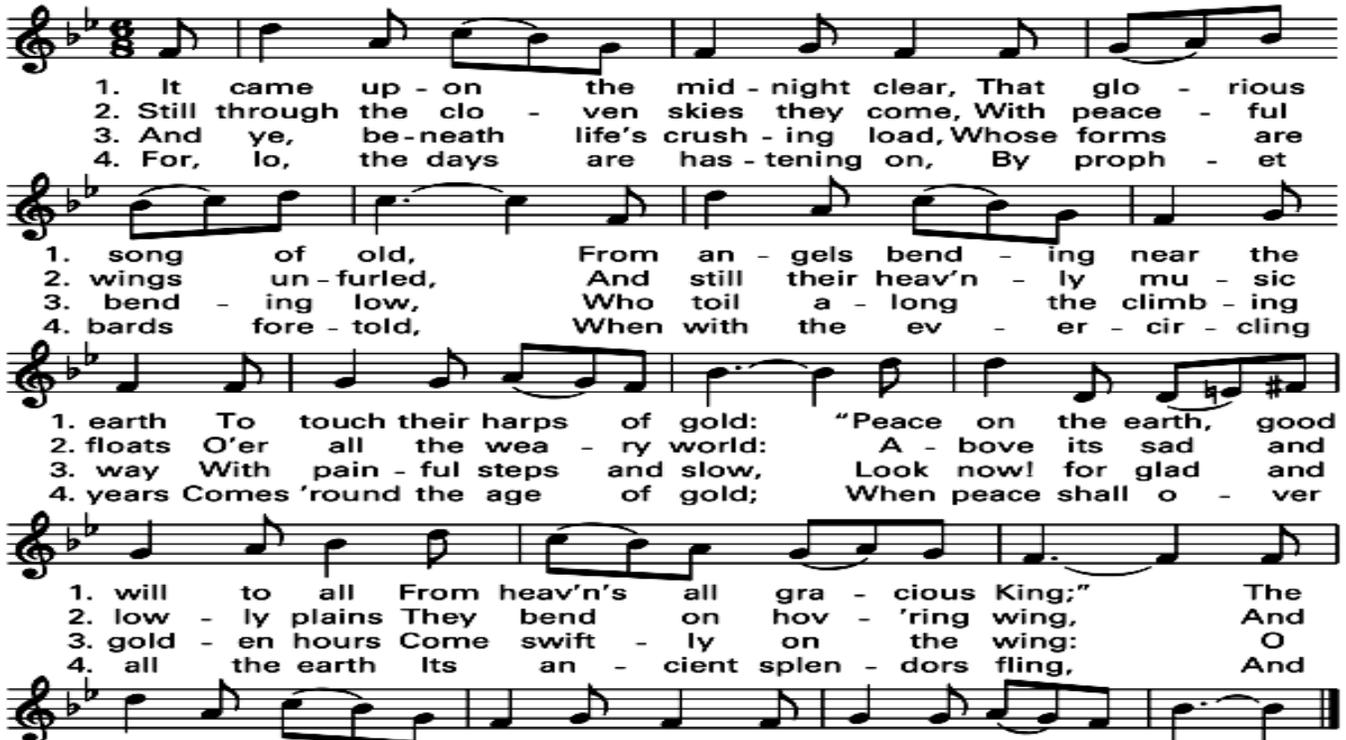
***"Be born in us Lord."***

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

## IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

CAROL



1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious  
2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With peace - ful  
3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, Whose forms are  
4. For, lo, the days are has - tening on, By proph - et

1. song of old, From an - gels bend - ing near the  
2. wings un - furled, And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic  
3. bend - ing low, Who toil a - long the climb - ing  
4. bards fore - told, When with the ev - er - cir - cling

1. earth To touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good  
2. floats O'er all the wea - ry world: A - bove its sad and  
3. way With pain - ful steps and slow, Look now! for glad and  
4. years Comes 'round the age of gold; When peace shall o - ver

1. will to all From heav'n's all gra - cious King;" The  
2. low - ly plains They bend on hov - 'ring wing, And  
3. gold - en hours Come swift - ly on the wing: O  
4. all the earth Its an - cient splen - dors fling, And

1. world in sol - emn still - ness lay, To hear the an - gels sing.  
2. ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.  
3. rest be - side the wea - ry road And hear the an - gels sing.  
4. all the world give back the song Which now the an - gels sing.

## HOLY, HOLY

## MASS OF ST MARY MAGDALENE

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

## MASS OF ST MARY MAGDALENE

We proclaim your death, O Lord  
And profess your Resurrection  
Until you come again

## GREAT AMEN

## MASS OF ST MARY MAGDALENE

## OUR FATHER

## SIGN OF PEACE

## LAMB OF GOD

## MASS OF ST MARY MAGDALENE

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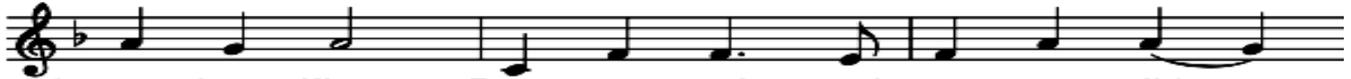
**HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING**

MENDELSSOHN

Verses



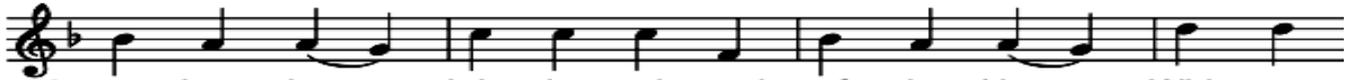
1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -  
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



1. new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,  
2. last - ing Lord; Late in time, be - hold him come,  
3. Righ - teous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



1. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye  
2. Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the  
3. Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



1. na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies; With an -  
2. God - head see! Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty! Pleased as  
3. glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die, Born to



1. gel - ic hosts pro - claim: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
2. man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
3. raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

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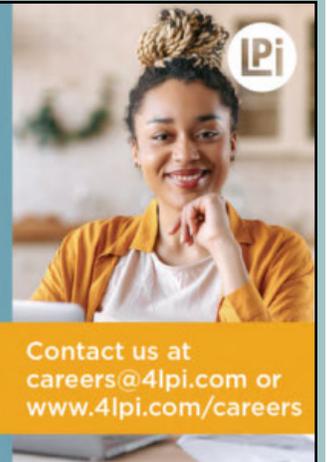


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