

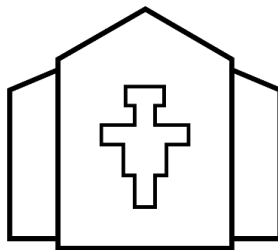
Celebration of the Eucharist

Second Sunday of Advent

12:30 PM Mass

Mass is a sacred and holy encounter with our Lord. Our disposition prior to and during Mass should reflect this truth.

- Fast for one hour prior to communion. No gum, food, or drink in the church.
- Dress modestly, no hats for men.
- Genuflect. Make space for others to sit. Do not sit or lean on the Baptism font.
- No conversation in the church.
- Mass begins with the procession.
- Wait for ushers to direct you to Communion.
- Bow in respect before you receive Communion. Do not “take” or “grab” Communion from the minister. Say Amen.
- Mass does not end until the final blessing. Wait for the priest to exit.



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C A T H O L I C C H U R C H

December 8th, 2024

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING HYMN

All Hail The King

We make way for You
Prepare a place for You
Let our praise become Your throne
Hear Your people sing
Give You everything
Jesus all for You alone

All hail the King

All hail the Savior

Jesus the Son of God

All hail His name

All hail His power

Before His feet we fall

As we crown Him Lord of all

This is royalty robed in majesty
All the earth will stand in awe
And for eternity all of heaven sings
With an everlasting song

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GREETING

PENITENTIAL RITE/CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Baruch 5: 1 -9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship. Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

The Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 126: 1 - 2, 2 - 3, 4 - 5, 6

R: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing. **R:**

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed. **R:**

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing. **R:**

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves. **R:**

SECOND READING

Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters:

I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION- ALLELUIA

GOSPEL

Luke 3: 1 - 6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

During this part of the Mass, we give thanks to God for our many blessings and bring gifts to the Altar. This is also the time of the Mass reserved to make our weekly donation. For your convenience, you can scan the QR code provided here for our new online giving platform, PushPay. Thank you for your generosity.



I'll Be Ready

Who will see the Lord
Who is holy who is pure
He's coming for His bride
Fill your lamps and dress in white

**When He comes I'll be ready
For that day I'm preparing
I've got oil for the waiting
When He comes I'll be ready
Yes when He comes I'll be ready**

Now behold the One
Riding on the dawn
Every eye will see and believe
Now behold the Son
Every tribe and tongue
All will worship at His feet

Keep Your oil burning
Don't let it go out
For He is returning

Keep Your fire blazing
In the midnight hour
Don't grow tired of waiting

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION

Here Again

Can't go back to the beginning
Can't control
What tomorrow will bring
But I know here in the middle
Is the place
Where You promise to be

I'm not enough
Unless You come
Will You meet me here again
Cause all I want
Is all You are
Will You meet me here again

As I walk now through the valley
Let Your love rise above every fear
Like the sun shaping the shadow
In my weakness Your glory appears

Not for a minute was I forsaken
The Lord is in this place
The Lord is in this place
Come Holy Spirit
Dry bones awaken
The Lord is in this place
The Lord is in this place

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BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Anticipation

I feel anticipation
Feels like when
Wind blows through the trees
There's a hope
And I can taste it
Ready to explode
Inside our praise
I can hear You calling
And it takes my breath away
I feel Your spirit moving
Come and multiply my faith

Open every door
Let earth and heaven roar
Fling wide you heavenly gates
Here let Your kingdom reign
Behold the glory King
Honor His majesty
Fling wide you heavenly gates
Throw high your praise
And come awake

We've only just begun to sing
Only just begun
To sing Your goodness
We've only just begun to sing
Only just begun
To sing Your praise

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