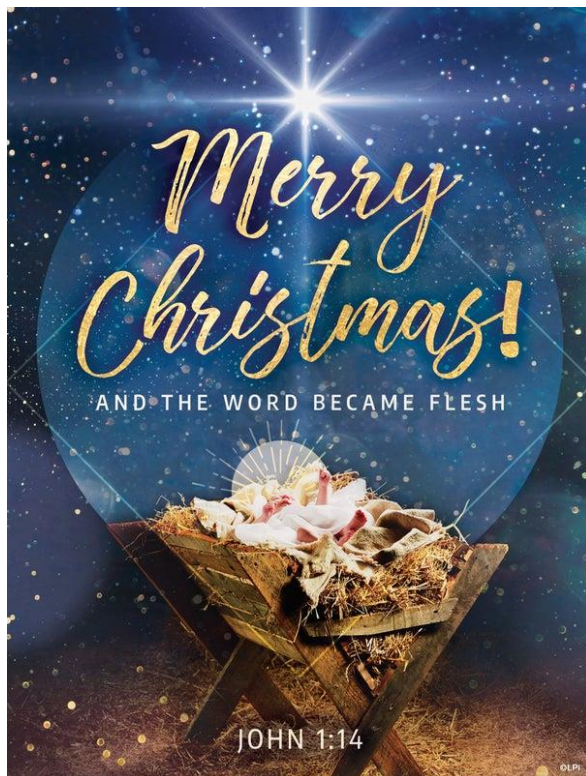


Celebration of the Eucharist  
**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**  
**4:00 PM SENSORY FRIENDLY MASS**  
December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Introductory Rites

### OPENING HYMN

### What Child Is This

#### Verse 1

What Child is This, who laid to rest  
On Mary's lap, is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

#### Chorus

This, This is Christ, the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud  
The Babe, the Son of Mary, yeah  
Oh-ooh, mm

#### Verse 2

So bring Him, incense, gold, and myrrh  
Come peasant, king to own Him  
The King of Kings, salvation brings  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him, oh

#### Chorus

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Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
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**Greeting** (please stand)





## **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.



## **Penitential Rite**

**Kyrie eleison (2)**

**Christe eleison (2)**

**Kyrie eleison (2)**

## **Collect**

(Please be seated for the Liturgy of the Word.)



## Liturgy of the Word

### **First Reading**

**Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7**

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Those who walked in the dark have seen a bright light. And it shines upon everyone who lives in the land of darkest shadows. Our Lord, you have made your nation stronger. Because of you, its people are glad and celebrate like workers at harvest time or soldiers dividing what they have taken. You have broken the power of those oppressed and enslaved your people. You have rescued them as you did from Midian. For us, a child is born. A son has been given to us, and he will be our ruler. His names will be: Wonderful Advisor and Mighty God, Eternal Father and Prince of Peace. His power will never end, and peace will last forever. He will rule David's kingdom and make it grow strong. He will always rule with honesty and justice. The Lord All-Powerful will make certain that all of this is done.

The Word of the Lord.

**All respond:** Thanks be to God.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Luke 96**

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**R: Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

Sing a new song to the Lord!

Everyone on this earth,

Sing praises to the Lord,

Sing and praise his name. **R:**

Day after day announce,

"The Lord has saved us!"

Tell every nation on earth,

"The Lord is wonderful

and does marvelous things!" **R:**

Tell the heavens and the earth

to be glad and celebrate!

Command the ocean to roar

with all of its creatures

and the fields to rejoice

With all of their crops. **R:**

## Second Reading

**Titus 3: 4-6**

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Brothers and sisters:

God our Savior showed us how good and kind he is. He saved us because of his mercy and not because of any good things that we have done. God washed us by the power of the Holy Spirit. He gave us new birth and a fresh beginning.

The Word of the Lord.

**All Respond:** Thanks be to God.



**Gospel Acclamation- Alleluia** (please stand)

## Gospel

**Luke 2 : 1-4**

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Emperor Augustus gave orders for the names of all the people to be listed in record books. These first records were made when Quirinius was Governor of Syria. Everyone had to go to their own hometown to be listed. So, Joseph had to leave Nazareth in Galilee and go to Bethlehem in Judea. Long ago Bethlehem had been King David's hometown, And Joseph went there because he was from David's family. Mary was engaged to Joseph and traveled with him to Bethlehem. She was soon going to have a baby and while they were there, She gave birth to her first-born son. She dressed him in baby clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. That night in the fields near Bethlehem some shepherds were guarding their sheep. All at once an angel came down to them from the Lord, And the brightness of the Lord's glory flashed around them. The shepherds were frightened. But the angel said, "Don't be afraid! I have good news for you, which will make everyone happy. This very day in King David's hometown a Savior is born for you. He is Christ the Lord. You will know who he is, Because you will find him dressed in baby clothes and lying in a manger."

Suddenly many other angels came down from heaven and joined in praising God. They said: "Praise God in heaven! Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God."

The Gospel of the Lord. **All Respond:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(please be seated)



## Homily



(listening)



## Profession Of Faith

(Please stand)



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** - Respond with '**Lord, hear our prayers.**'

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### **Preparation of the Altar and Gifts** (please be seated)



#### **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.



Celebrant: ... .. it will become for us the bread of life.

**All Respond:** Blessed be God forever.

Celebrant: ... .. it will become our spiritual drink.

**All Respond:** Blessed be God forever.



(Please stand)

#### **Invitation to Prayer**

Celebrant: Pray Brothers and Sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All Respond:** 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.

#### **Preface Dialogue**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **All Respond:** and with your Spirit

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. **All Respond:** We lift them up to the Lord

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **All Respond:** It is right and just.

## The Sanctus

**All Respond:** 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.



(Please kneel)

## The Mystery of Faith

**All Respond:** When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.



## The Lord's Prayer (Please stand)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

Celebrant: Deliver us Lord, we pray, from every evil, ... .. and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**All Respond:** For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.





**Sign of Peace** - Wish everyone "Peace Be with You"

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All Respond:** and with your spirit.

## **Lamb of God**

**All Respond :** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world  
grant us peace.



(Please kneel)

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the  
sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All Respond:** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my  
roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

## **Communion**

## Angels We Have Heard On High

### Verse 1

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains

### Chorus

"Gloria, Gloria  
In excelsis Deo, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, Gloria  
In excelsis Deo, in excelsis Deo!"

### Verse 2

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song?  
Singing

### Chorus

### Bridge

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King  
Singing

### Chorus

## Blessing and Dismissal



### Joy To the World

#### Verse 1

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!  
Let earth receive Her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room

#### Pre-Chorus

And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heav'n, and Heav'n, and nature sing

#### Verse 2

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ! (**Their songs employ!**)  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

#### Pre-Chorus

Repeat the sounding joy! (**Repeat the sounding joy!**)  
Repeat the sounding joy! (**Repeat the sounding joy!**)  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy! (*Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh*)

#### Verse 3

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness

#### Pre-Chorus

And wonders of His love! (**And wonders of His love!**)  
And wonders of His love! (**And wonders of His love!**)  
And wonders, wonders of His love!

*“May each Christmas, as it comes, find us more and more like Him, who at this time became a little child for our sake, more simple-minded, more humble, more holy, more affectionate, more resigned, more happy, more full of God.” (St. John Henry Newman)*

*Merry Christmas.*

*St Francis of Assisi - Priests, Deacons, and Pastoral Team*