

*The Nativity of the Lord  
Mass During the Day  
The Catholic Community of  
St. John and Blessed Sacrament  
Thursday, December 25, 2025*



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**Gathering Hymn.....O Come All Ye Faithful**

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,  
1. Ad - é - ste fī - dé - les, laé - ti, tri-um-phán - tes, Ve-

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!  
ní - te, ve - ní - te in Béth - le - hem.

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;  
Na - tum vi - dé - te, Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.

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

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

Text: *Adeste fideles*; John F. Wade, c.1711-1786; tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt.  
Tune: ADESTE FIDELES, lrr. with refrain: John F. Wade c.1711-1786

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## Greeting

Priest: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with your spirit.

## Christmas Penitential Act:

All:.....Save us

Glory to God.....Mass of Wisdom



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to  
peo - ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -  
dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for  
your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O  
God, al - might - y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

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you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on

us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our

prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther,

have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the

Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the

glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## Opening Prayer



# †Liturgy of the Word†

**First Reading**..... Isaiah 52:7-10

**Responsorial Psalm** .....Psalm 97: A Light Will Shine on Us This Day



Verses



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**Second Reading**.....Hebrews1:1-6

**Gospel Acclamation**

Barbara Bridge



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**Gospel Dialogue**

Priest or Deacon	The Lord be with you.
<b>People:</b>	<b>And with your spirit.</b>
Priest or Deacon	A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
<b>People:</b>	<b>Glory to you, O Lord.</b>

**Gospel**.....John 1:1-18

**Homily**

**Profession of Faith**.....The 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.

*Bow  
or  
genuflect*

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.



**Profession of Faith.....**The Apostles’ Creed

*Bow  
or  
genuflect*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

✠Liturgy of the Eucharist✠

Preparation of the Gifts.....Hark! the Herald Angels Sing



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



new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild  
last - ing Lord; Late in time be - hold him come,  
Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



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



na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
God - head see: Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.  
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.



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



## Invitation to Prayer

Priest: Pray, brethren....acceptable to God, the  
almighty Father.

People: **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.**

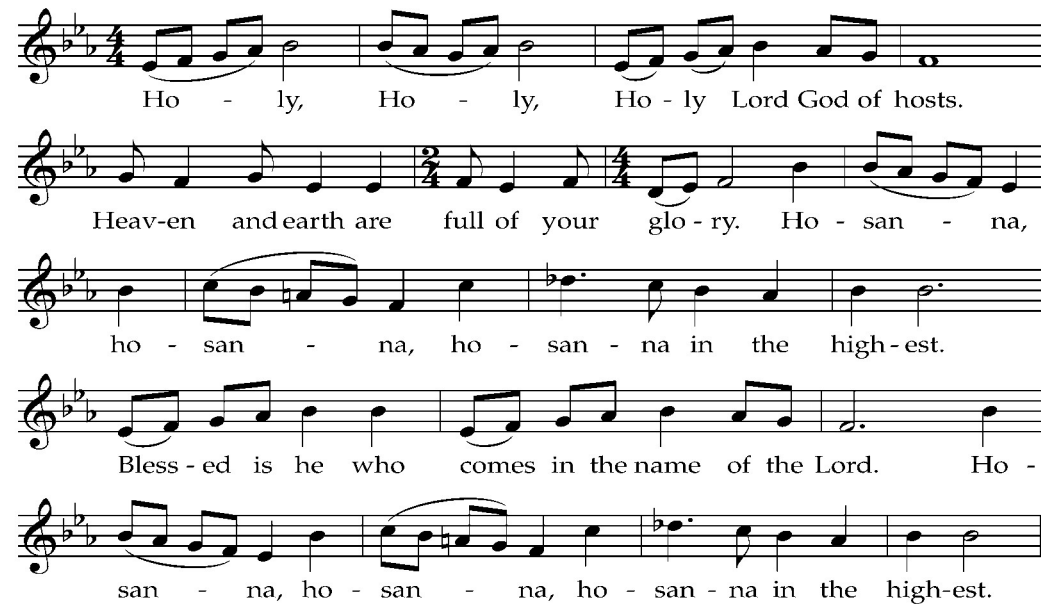
## Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

## Preface Acclamation



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -  
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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Great Amen

A - men. A - men. A - men.

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Sign of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
People: And with your spirit.

Lamb of God

*Cantor* *All*  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have  
*Cantor* *All*  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sins of the world, grant us peace.

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**Invitation to Communion**


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


**Communion Hymn.....**Away in A Manger

**AWAY IN A MANGER**


MUELLER




1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The  
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, But  
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close



1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head; The  
2. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes; I  
3. by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray; Bless



1. stars in the sky \_\_\_\_ looked down where he lay, The  
2. love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky, And  
3. all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care, And



1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.  
2. stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
3. fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Text: 11 11 11 11; verses 1–2, *Little Children’s Book for Schools and Families*, ca. 1885;  
verse 3, Gabriel’s *Vineyard Songs*, 1892, alt. Music: attr. to James R. Murray, 1841–1905.

## **Concluding Rites**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Priest: May the God of infinite goodness,  
who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the  
world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy  
night, drive far from you the darkness of vice  
and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.

**People: Amen.**

Priest: May God, who willed that the great joy  
of his Son's saving Birth  
be announced to shepherds by the Angel,  
fill your minds with the gladness he gives  
and make you heralds of his Gospel.

**People: Amen.**

Priest: And may God, who by the Incarnation  
brought together the earthly and heavenly realm,  
fill you with the gift of his peace and favor  
and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.

**People: Amen.**

Priest: And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

**People: Amen.**

Deacon: Go forth, the Mass is ended.  
OR Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord,  
OR Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.  
OR Go in peace.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

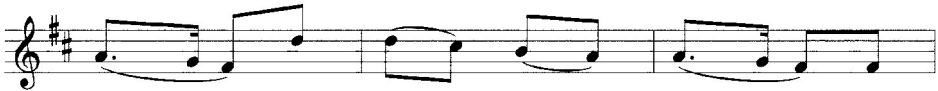
**Song for the Journey.....Joy to the World**



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let  
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns: Let  
3. No more let sin and sor - rows grow, Nor  
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And



earth re - ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry  
us, our songs em - ploy; While fields and  
thorns in - fest the ground; He comes to  
makes the na - tions prove The glo - ries



heart pre - pare him room, And  
floods, rocks, hills and plains Re -  
make his bless - ings flow Far  
of his right - eous - ness, And



heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748  
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# *Upcoming Mass Times*

*As Christmas continues, please join us!*

Saturday, December 27, 2025 and  
Sunday, December 28, 2025  
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

4:30 p.m. (Saturday)  
6:00 p.m. *BLS (Saturday)*  
7:30 a.m.  
9:00 a.m. *BLS*  
10:00 a.m.  
Noon  
5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 31, 2025 and  
Thursday, January 1, 2026 - New Year's Day and Holy Day  
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

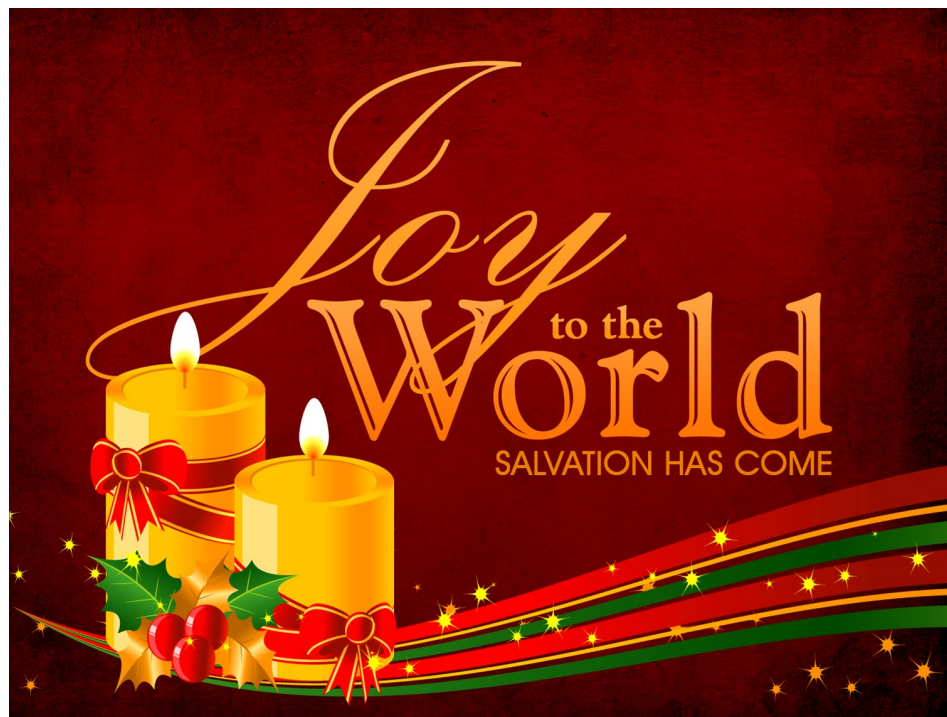
World Day of Prayer for Peace  
4:00 p.m. (Wednesday)  
6:00 p.m. *BLS (Wednesday)*  
9:00 a.m. *BLS (Thursday)*  
10:00 a.m. (Thursday)  
Noon (Thursday)

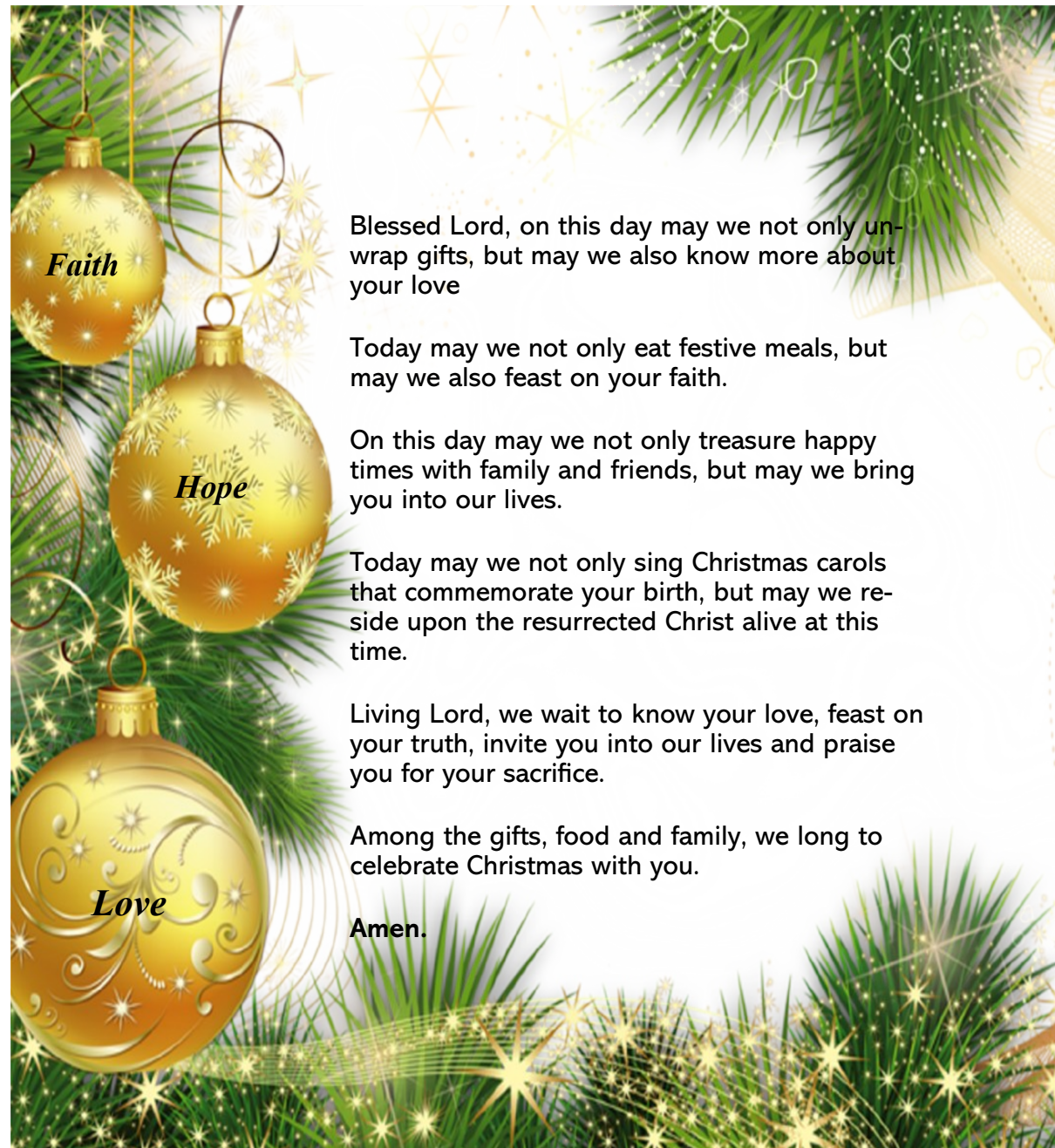
Saturday, January 3, 2026  
Sunday-January 4, 2026- The Epiphany of the Lord  
(Blessing of Chalk at all Masses)

4:30 p.m. (Saturday)  
6:00 p.m. *BLS (Saturday)*  
7:30 a.m.  
9:00 a.m. *BLS*  
10:00 a.m.  
12:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m.

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Blessed Lord, on this day may we not only un-wrap gifts, but may we also know more about your love

Today may we not only eat festive meals, but may we also feast on your faith.

On this day may we not only treasure happy times with family and friends, but may we bring you into our lives.

Today may we not only sing Christmas carols that commemorate your birth, but may we re-side upon the resurrected Christ alive at this time.

Living Lord, we wait to know your love, feast on your truth, invite you into our lives and praise you for your sacrifice.

Among the gifts, food and family, we long to celebrate Christmas with you.

**Amen.**