

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord



Friday, December 24, 2021
4:00 PM & 6:30 PM

Saturday, December 25, 2021
Midnight & 10:00 AM

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Dear Parishioners and Guests,

+JMJ

On behalf of our permanent deacons, Paul Feasel and Dave Schiefer, the staff and myself, I wish you a blessed Christmas and New Year! We welcome all of the families and friends of parishioners who are here for the holiday; and we pray your worship with us in our various Christmas liturgies truly infuse your hearts with divine warmth!

We've had another very difficult year, with everybody affected in one way or another by the COVID virus. That means a lot of suffering. What a grace that we never have to suffer alone! We have a God who did not want to keep his distance, but by love was compelled to become one of us, like us in everything except for sin. That's why Christmas happened: the Son of God took on flesh to be with us, and ultimately to suffer for us. The wood of the Christmas manger is connected to the wood of the Cross on Calvary. Shedding his blood for us, Jesus, the Son of God, redeems us. He pours His Holy Spirit into us at Baptism and makes us sons and daughters of God. The Incarnation (Christmas) was necessary to accomplish all of this. So, St. Augustine wrote: "The Son of God became man to enable men to become the sons of God." As sons and daughters of God, we are never alone. Faith assures us of this.

Here's a prayer from St. Francis de Sales, which I make my own for you this season:

*May the Holy Child, Jesus, fill your heart with peace and joy
and grant all your desires according to the riches of his love.*

A blessed Christmas and New Year to you!
In cordibus Iesu, Mariae, et Iosephus,
Father Poggemeyer

Prelude Music

*Music will begin approximately 30 minutes prior to the 4:00, 6:30, and 10:00 Masses.
Music prior to midnight will begin at 11:15.*

Musicians

4:00 PM

Dave Yost, cantor
Anthony Gallina, organ/piano

6:30 PM

Christine Paul, cantor
Saint Wendelin Ringers
Anthony Gallina, organ/piano

Midnight

Victoria Sulken, cantor
Parish Choir
Brass Ensemble

10:00 AM

Contemporary Ensemble



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The Order of Mass

The Christmas Proclamation will take place prior to the Mass at Midnight.

The Introductory Rites

Entrance Antiphon

cf. Exodus 16:6-7
At the 4:00 & 6:30 PM Vigils

Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us,
and in the morning you will see his glory.

Psalm 2:7
At Midnight

The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day.

cf. Isaiah 9:5
At the 10:00 AM

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his scepter of power
rests upon his shoulder, and he will be called Messenger of great counsel.

Entrance Chant

O Come, All Ye Faithful
ADESTE FIDELES

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King
of angels;

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this
happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *R*

**Refrain: O come let us adore him, O come
let us adore him, O come let us
adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

5. Adeste fideles, laeti triumphantes,
Venite, venite in Bethlehem.
Natum videte Regem angelorum.

2. God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! he comes forth from the Virgin's womb.
Our very God, Begotten not created; *R*

**Refrain: Venite adoremus, venite adoremus,
venite adoremus, Dominum.**

3. Sing, choir of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; *R*

Text: Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, ca. 1711-1786; tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt. Music: John F. Wade.

The Sign of the Cross and Greeting

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R **Amen.**

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
R **And with your spirit.**

Kyrie, eleison

Psallite Mass: At the Table of the Lord Collegeville Composers Group

Cantor: Lord Jesus, you are the Messiah of whom the prophets foretold: Kyrie...
 Lord Jesus, you are Emmanuel, God-with-us: Christe...
 Lord Jesus, you are the light born into the world to cast away the darkness of sin: Kyrie...

<i>Cantor:</i>	<i>All:</i>
	
Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son. Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.	Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son. Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.
	
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Priest: May almighty God ... everlasting life.

People:

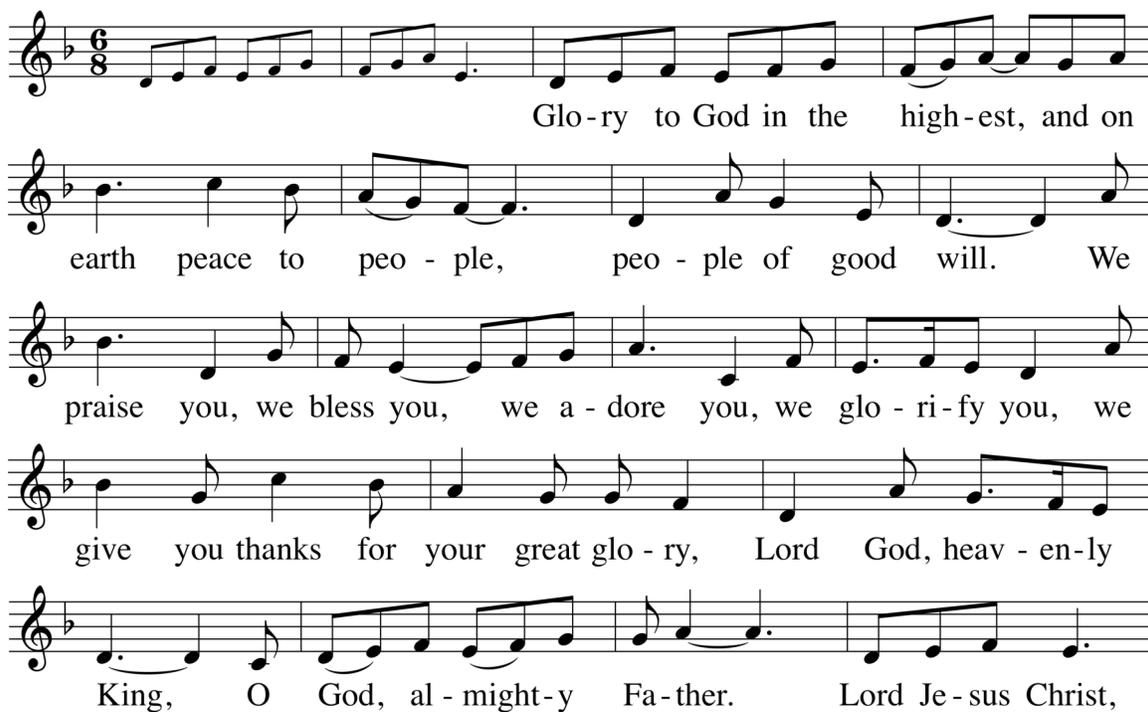


A - men._____

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Glory to God

Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations Tony Alonso



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on
 earth peace to peo - ple, 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, 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. A - men.

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Collect (Opening Prayer)



The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

At 4:00 & 6:30 PM Vigils (#870 in the hymnal)

Isaiah 9:1-6

At Midnight (#871 in the hymnal)

Isaiah 52:7-10

At 10:00 AM (#873 in the hymnal)

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 & 29

At 4:00 & 6:30 PM Vigils

For ev - er I will sing the good-ness of the
Lord, I will sing the good-ness of the Lord.

The musical notation is in G minor (three flats) and 6/8 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of three flats. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of three flats. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 11-12, 13

At Midnight

To - day is born our Sav - ior, Christ the
Lord. To - day is born our Sav - ior, Christ the Lord.

The musical notation is in G minor (three flats) and 6/8 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of three flats. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of three flats. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6

At 10:00 AM

All the ends of the earth have seen the sav - ing pow'r of God.
All the ends of the earth have seen the sav - ing pow'r of God.

The musical notation is in G minor (three flats) and 6/8 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of three flats. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of three flats. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Second Reading

Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25

At 4:00 & 6:30 PM Vigils

Titus 2:11-14

At Midnight

Hebrews 1:1-6

At 10:00 AM

Alleluia (*Kindly stand.*)

Mass of Redemption

Steven R. Janco



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Gospel

Matthew 1:1-25; or, Matthew 1:18-25

At 4:00 & 6:30 PM Vigils

Luke 2:1-14

At Midnight

John 1:1-18

At 10:00 AM

Deacon: The Lord be with you. **℟️ And with your spirit.**

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to N. **℟️ Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. **℟️ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** (*Kindly be seated.*)

Homily

Very Rev. Joseph Poggemeyer

Nicene Creed

Kindly 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,

All genuflect during the following line:

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.

Universal Prayer

℟ Lord, hear our prayer.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Chant

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

1. Hark! the herald angels sing:
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim:
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”**

2. Christ, by highest heav’n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord;

Late in time, behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail th’incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel! **(Refrain)**

3. Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris’n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth. **(Refrain)**

Text: 77 77 D with refrain; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; adapt. by William H. Cummings, 1831–1915.



As the deacon comes forward to incense the congregation, kindly stand.

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **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.**

Prayer over the Offerings

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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Doxology and Amen

Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations

Tony Alonso

A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

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The Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Chant

All
Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;
thy king - dom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us
not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



For the kingdom, the pow'r and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev - er.

The Rite of Peace

Lamb of God

Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations

Tony Alonso

Cantor or choir:

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have

All:

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Cantor or choir:

take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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Ecce Agnus Dei

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 Antiphon

cf. Isaiah 40:5

At the 4:00 & 6:30 PM Vigils

The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

John 1:14

At Midnight

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

cf. Psalm 98:3

At 10:00 AM

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

Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For Our Fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

For Those Not Receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

For Non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

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Communion Chant

Angels We Have Heard on High *GLORIA*

1. Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain: **Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song. *(Refrain)*
3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. *(Refrain)*
4. See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love. *(Refrain)*

Text: 77 77 with refrain; Trad. French Carol, ca. 18th cent. tr. fr. *Crown of Jesus Music, II*, London, 1862. tr. by James Chadwick, 1813-1882, and others, alt.
Music: GLORIA; Trad. French Carol.

Second Communion Chant

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to all on earth.
3. How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in;
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!

Hymn of Praise

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

1. Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and child!
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!"
3. Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Text: Irregular; Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; English tr. by John F. Young, 1820-1885.
Music: STILLE NACHT; Franz X. Gruber, 1787-1863.

Prayer after Communion

Kindly stand.



The Concluding Rites

Solemn Blessing

Kindly bow your head and acclaim "Amen" after each invocation.

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace. **✠ Thanks be to God.**

Sending Forth

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
Music: ANTIOCH; T. Hawkes' *Collection of Tunes*, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759; adapt. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, alt.

With gratitude to all who made our Christmas celebrations beautiful!

Very Rev. Joseph Poggemeyer, Pastor

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Rev. Mr. David Schiefer, Deacon

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*On behalf of the entire staff of Saint Wendelin Catholic Parish, we wish you a Merry Christmas!
Below are our Mass and Reconciliation schedules, please know you are always welcome.*

Mass Schedule

The Lord's Day

Saturday - 4:30 PM

Sunday - 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Fourth Sunday - 12:30 PM (Spanish/Español)

Weekdays

Tuesday - 5:15 PM

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 9:00 AM

First Saturday - 9:00 AM

Reconciliation Schedule

Saturday - 3:30-4:20 PM

Sunday - 7:00-7:50 AM & 10:00-10:50 AM

Tuesday - 4:40-5:10 PM

Friday - 8:20-8:50 AM

First Saturday - 8:15-8:50 AM

*Also, one hour prior to Holyday Masses