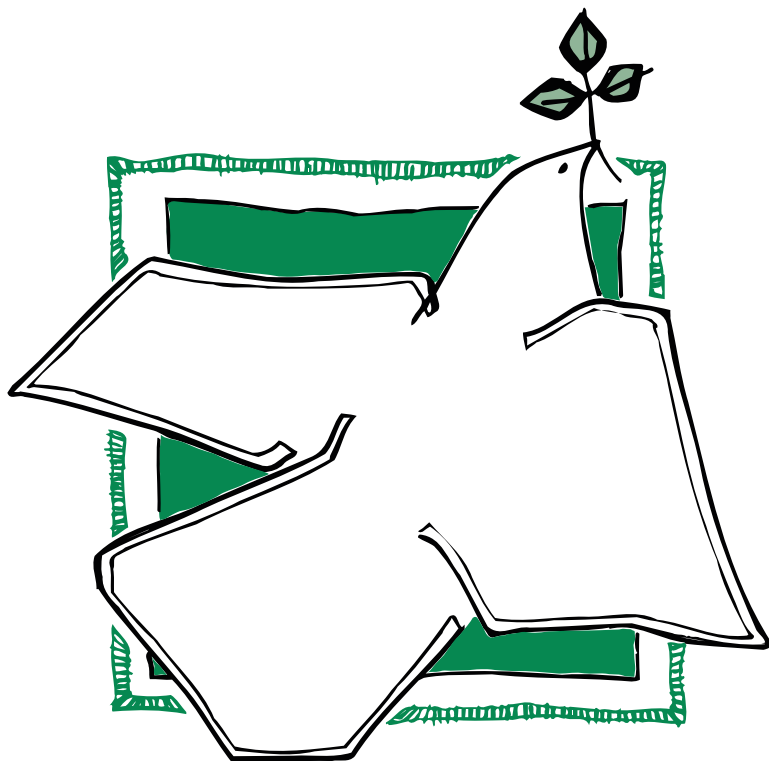


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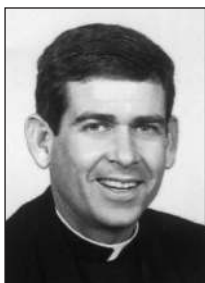
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Fr. Scott's Corner



The holiday season is one of the busiest times of year. Between spending time with loved ones, traveling, holiday parties, and shopping, it's hard to find a spare moment during the hustle and bustle of the season. But it's important to take time to reflect on the real reason we celebrate Christmas—the birth of our Savior.

One of my favorite images during Christmastime is that of St. Nick. We celebrate his Feast Day on December 6, which is the perfect opportunity to reflect on his life and the way he epitomized the generosity of spirit of the holiday season.

Though not much is known about the life of St. Nicholas, we do know that he was the Bishop of Myra in the province of Lycia (current day Turkey) during the fourth century. He was a man of great faith and compassion, and a fierce advocate of the marginalized in society.

St. Nicholas was born on the northern coast of the Mediterranean Sea. His parents died from an epidemic when he was young, leaving him a sizable amount of money. But rather than living lavishly off his inheritance, St. Nicholas decided to donate all of his money to charity.

The most popular legend of St. Nicholas illustrates his gift-giving. Nicholas heard about a desperate father who lived in a nearby city. The man was distraught because he had to support three daughters who could not find husbands due to their extreme poverty. In the fourth century, it was common practice for a young man to accept a dowry from his fiancée's family. If a young lady's family could not afford to pay a dowry, she would typically fall into a life of prostitution, as it was the only way to support herself. The father feared that his daughters would be subjected to a painful life unless he could find a way to afford their dowries.

Nicholas gathered a bag of gold and quietly tossed it through the man's window during the night when everyone was asleep. It was said that the bag of gold landed directly in stockings or shoes left to dry before the fireplace. In the morning, the man was overjoyed, knowing he could now spare a daughter from a life of shame. Not long after, St. Nicholas repeated this act of kindness, allowing the man to afford a second dowry, and then a third.

This beautiful story of selfless generosity ultimately led to the present-day tradition of Saint Nicholas Day, when young children put a shoe outside their family's front door, hoping that St. Nick will visit their home and leave a treat. And ultimately, St. Nick's great act of compassion helped create the tradition of gift giving at Christmas.

Like I said before, I know Christmas is a busy time of year, but also a time to appreciate the rich history and tradition. I pray that this wonderful story of St. Nicholas and his compassion and generosity of spirit may also dwell within each of us this holiday season!

From all of us here at Mercy Home, we wish you a very Merry Christmas!

Partners in Prayer

Makayla was used to nowhere feeling like home.

By the time she turned 14 years old, she had lived with countless relatives and foster families. Her father was never in the picture, and she was taken away from her mother when she was just a baby, due to her mom's severe drug addiction.

All of the moving around took a toll. Makayla was always behind in school and always the new girl who sat alone at lunch without any friends. As soon as she began to settle in at one school, it was time to move again.

Makayla was quiet and shy. She struggled to connect with others and didn't participate in class.

Even more damaging, there was never any adults who really invested in Makayla. The various relatives whom she lived with didn't take much interest in her. Her teachers wrote her off as disinterested, a student who didn't try very hard.

The summer before Makayla started high school, her half brother moved back to Illinois and immediately got custody of Makayla. He recognized that she was in need of support. Originally, he signed Makayla up for Mercy Home's Friends First mentoring program. But it quickly became clear that Makayla needed more help than she could receive from weekly outings with a mentor.

After learning about the ways our Home could help Makayla heal from all she had experienced in her young life and give her her first truly stable home, she and her brother decided it was the best place for her. She moved in shortly after.

Even though our coworkers assured Makayla that she could stay at Mercy Home for as long as she needed, it was hard for her to accept that she wasn't going to be asked to move out without warning. After all, it happened to her so many times as she grew up. She was reluctant to unpack or get close to anyone.

But slowly, as time went on, Makayla began to trust that she was in a safe place. She began to decorate her room and chat with her peers during dinner. Her weekly meetings with her therapist helped her process a lot of the difficult experiences she had growing up, and she learned healthy ways to cope.

Makayla also worked hard to raise her grades. Our coworkers found her a high school near our Home with teachers who were committed to helping Makayla get back on track. She also worked with tutors four nights a week, who helped her learn how to study, keep track of her assignments, and feel more confident in the classroom.

Today, Makayla is a much different young lady than she was when she first came to our doors. She has friends, good grades, and is involved in lots of activities at Mercy Home. One of her favorites is Garden Club, where she helps grow flowers and vegetables in our gardens.

It is truly only because of the support of loving partners in prayer like you that make stories like Makayla's possible. Thank you for your love and your prayers for all of Mercy Home's children.

Father Scott's Partners in Prayer:

*A special Partnership for the sake of Mercy's kids
and for our Sunday TV Mass.*

You can make a difference in the life of a troubled child. Father Scott needs Partners to pray for our kids at Mercy Home—and also faithful Partners to help broadcast *Sunday Mass at Mercy Home*.

By pledging your support and your prayers, you're offering a precious gift to Mercy's kids—and helping our community of faith join together every week.

Dear Father Scott,

Yes, I'll be a Partner in Prayer for our kids. I will also try to send a monthly offering to our *Sunday Mass at Mercy Home* of \$ _____

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Communion Hymn

Like A Bird

Like a bird that spreads her wings to gather in her young,
So you open wide your arms to gather in your own.
For our free response you wait, Early morning, noon and late.
Come and wake us, come and wake us,
Come and wake us to your welcome.
Maranatha, come.

From the ends of earth you call your sons and daughters home,
Saying, "Gather now from far and near, my people, come."
For our simple trust you yearn Till, at last in love, we turn.
Come and wake us, come and wake us,
Come and wake us to your welcome.
Maranatha, come.

For the nations you prepare and spread a splendid feast,
Gather ev'ry tribe and race, the greatest to the least.
For one family, how you long; 'Round your table, vast the throng.
Come and wake us, come and wake us,
Come and wake us to your welcome.
Maranatha, come.

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Prayer for the Children of Mercy Home

Our Lady of Mercy,

We pray that you will guide, protect and bless all boys
and girls who this day have a home called Mercy.

May they find the Father's mercy as we offer them our
hearts in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

May they see God's mercy in action
through our love, prayers and sacrifices.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

Intentions of our TV Mass Parishioners

Please pray...

“For our Holy Father and all government leaders, as they work together to bring peace to our world during this blessed season.” **Mary Charlotte**

“For all those who are traveling during this Christmas season, that they will safely reach their destinations.” **Donald**

“For Mercy Home’s children, that they will be filled with the beauty and wonder of Christ’s love.” **Candace**

“For all poor souls of the world who are lost, that they will be open to Christ’s message of peace, hope and love during this beautiful season of light.” **Bernard**

Please pray for these and all of the intentions of our Sunday Mass at Mercy Home Parish!

The intentions on this page are selected randomly from the intention slips received from viewers.

Weekly Mass Schedule



December 7 - Second Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: Fr. Jason Malave
Pastor, Queen of Apostles Parish, Chicago

Lector: Joyce McGuiggan

Cantor: Daniel Riley **Pianist:** Tom McNamara



December 14 – Third Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: Fr. Carl Morello
Pastor, St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish,
and Ascension and St. Edmund Parish, Oak Park

Lector: Maudette Carr

Cantor: Daniel Riley **Pianist:** Tom McNamara



December 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: Fr. Jason Malave
Pastor, Queen of Apostles Parish, Chicago

Lector: Joyce McGuiggan

Cantor: Daniel Riley **Pianist:** Tom McNamara

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- DIRECTV Channel: 9 or 964
- DISH Network Channel: 9 or 8494

WGN HD 9.1 CW (WGNtv.com)

- Digital Multicast Channel: 9.1
- AT&T U-verse Channel: 1009
- Charter Channel: 617
- Comcast Channel: 192



December 25 – The Nativity of the Lord

A Blessed Christmas

Celebrant: Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop, Archdiocese of Chicago

Lector: Darryl Schimeck

Cantor: Daniel Riley **Co-Cantor:** Kecia Waldschmidt

Pianist: Tom McNamara **Violin:** Steve Winkler **Cello:** Owen Waldschmidt

*Christmas Mass at Mercy Home
airs at 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on WGN-TV, Ch 9*



**December 28 – The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph**

Celebrant: Fr. Scott Donahue
President, Mercy Home for Boys & Girls

Lector: Ian McBride

Cantor: Daniel Riley **Pianist:** Tom McNamara

Channels on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

- DIRECTV HD Channel: 9
- DISH Network HD Channel: 9 or 6316
- Mediacom Channel: 725
- RCN Channel: 609
- WOW! Channel: 206

**SUNDAY
Mass
AT MERCY HOME**

ORDER OF THE MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE CHANT

GREETING

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

People: 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.

Or:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Or:

The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

GLORY TO GOD

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.

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.
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.

COLLECT PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SECOND READING

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to__.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY



Sunday, December 7

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year A

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 11:1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,
and from his roots a bud shall blossom.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:
a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
a spirit of counsel and of strength,
a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD,
and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.
Not by appearance shall he judge,
nor by hearsay shall he decide,
but he shall judge the poor with justice,
and decide aright for the land's afflicted.
He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.
Justice shall be the band around his waist,
and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.
Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the young lion shall browse together,
with a little child to guide them.
The cow and the bear shall be neighbors,
together their young shall rest;
the lion shall eat hay like the ox.
The baby shall play by the cobra's den,
and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair.
There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain;
or the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD,
as water covers the sea.

On that day, the root of Jesse,
set up as a signal for the nations,
the Gentiles shall seek out,
for his dwelling shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters:

Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction,
that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures
we might have hope.

May the God of endurance and encouragement
grant you to think in harmony with one another,
in keeping with Christ Jesus,
that with one accord you may with one voice
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you,
for the glory of God.

For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised
to show God's truthfulness,
to confirm the promises to the patriarchs,
but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written:

*Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles
and sing praises to your name.*

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

A voice of one crying out in the desert,

Prepare the way of the Lord,

make straight his paths.

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist.

His food was locusts and wild honey.

At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers!

Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?

Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance.

And do not presume to say to yourselves,

'We have Abraham as our father.'

For I tell you,

God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees.

Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit

will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

I am baptizing you with water, for repentance,

but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I.

I am not worthy to carry his sandals.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
His winnowing fan is in his hand.
He will clear his threshing floor
and gather his wheat into his barn,
but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sunday, December 14
Third Sunday of Advent - Year A

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

The desert and the parched land will exult;
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom with abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.
The glory of Lebanon will be given to them,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;
they will see the glory of the LORD,
the splendor of our God.
Strengthen the hands that are feeble,
make firm the knees that are weak,
say to those whose hearts are frightened:
Be strong, fear not!
Here is your God,
he comes with vindication;
with divine recompense

he comes to save you.
Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return
and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy;
they will meet with joy and gladness,
sorrow and mourning will flee.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

*Lord, come and save us.
or: Alleluia.*

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint James *5:7-10*

Be patient, brothers and sisters,
until the coming of the Lord.
See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth,
being patient with it
until it receives the early and the late rains.
You too must be patient.
Make your hearts firm,
because the coming of the Lord is at hand.
Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another,
that you may not be judged.
Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates.

Take as an example of hardship and patience,
brothers and sisters,
the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of
the Christ,

he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question,
“Are you the one who is to come,
or should we look for another?”

Jesus said to them in reply,

“Go and tell John what you hear and see:
the blind regain their sight,
the lame walk,
lepers are cleansed,
the deaf hear,
the dead are raised,

and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.

And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me.”

As they were going off,

Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John,
“What did you go out to the desert to see?

A reed swayed by the wind?

Then what did you go out to see?

Someone dressed in fine clothing?

Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces.

Then why did you go out? To see a prophet?

Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

This is the one about whom it is written:

*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way before you.*

Amen, I say to you,

among those born of women

there has been none greater than John the Baptist;

yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sunday, December 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year A

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 7:10-14

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying:

Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God;

let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!

But Ahaz answered,

“I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!”

Then Isaiah said:

Listen, O house of David!

Is it not enough for you to weary people,

must you also weary my God?

Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:

the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,

and shall name him Emmanuel.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus,
called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel
of God,
which he promised previously through his prophets in
the holy Scriptures,
the gospel about his Son, descended from David according
to the flesh,
but established as Son of God in power
according to the Spirit of holiness
through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him we have received the grace of apostleship,
to bring about the obedience of faith,
for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles,
among whom are you also, who are called to belong to
Jesus Christ;
to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy.
Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.



The Lord is near

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 1:18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.

When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph,

but before they lived together,

she was found with child through the Holy Spirit.

Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man,

yet unwilling to expose her to shame,

decided to divorce her quietly.

Such was his intention when, behold,

the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream

and said,

“Joseph, son of David,

do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.

For it is through the Holy Spirit

that this child has been conceived in her.

She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,

because he will save his people from their sins.”

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall name him Emmanuel,

which means “God is with us.”

When Joseph awoke,

he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him

and took his wife into his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sunday, December 25
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD:
(CHRISTMAS) NIGHT - YEAR A

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom
a light has shone.
You have brought them abundant joy
and great rejoicing,
as they rejoice before you as at the harvest,
as people make merry when dividing spoils.
For the yoke that burdened them,
the pole on their shoulder,
and the rod of their taskmaster
you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.
For every boot that tramped in battle,
every cloak rolled in blood,
will be burned as fuel for flames.
For a child is born to us, a son is given us;
upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.
His dominion is vast
and forever peaceful,
from David's throne, and over his kingdom,
which he confirms and sustains

by judgment and justice,
both now and forever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Titus 2:11-14

Beloved:

The grace of God has appeared, saving all
and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires
and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age,
as we await the blessed hope,
the appearance of the glory of our great God
and savior Jesus Christ,
who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness
and to cleanse for himself a people as his own,
eager to do what is good.

The word of the Lord.



GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus
that the whole world should be enrolled.

This was the first enrollment,

when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town.

And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of
Nazareth

to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem,

because he was of the house and family of David,

to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

While they were there,

the time came for her to have her child,

and she gave birth to her firstborn son.

She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in
a manger,

because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields
and keeping the night watch over their flock.

The angel of the Lord appeared to them

and the glory of the Lord shone around them,

and they were struck with great fear.

The angel said to them,

“Do not be afraid;

for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy

that will be for all the people.

For today in the city of David

a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.

And this will be a sign for you:

you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes
and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with
the angel,

praising God and saying:

“Glory to God in the highest

and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

[Alternate Readings and Gospels are used for the Christmas Vigil
Mass, Christmas Mass at Dawn, and Christmas Mass during the Day]



Sunday, December 28
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY, AND JOSEPH – YEAR A

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children;
a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.
Whoever honors his father atones for sins,
and preserves himself from them.
When he prays, he is heard;
he stores up riches who reveres his mother.
Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children,
and, when he prays, is heard.
Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;
he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old;
grieve him not as long as he lives.
Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;
revile him not all the days of his life;
kindness to a father will not be forgotten,
firmly planted against the debt of your sins
—a house raised in justice to you.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

SECOND READING

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians
3:12-17*

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness,
and patience,

bearing with one another and forgiving one another,
if one has a grievance against another;

as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love,
that is, the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,
the peace into which you were also called in one body.

And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another,
singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
with gratitude in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord.

[Longer: Colossians 3:12-21]

GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
2:13-15, 19-23*

When the magi had departed, behold,
the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream
and said,
“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt,
and stay there until I tell you.
Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.”
Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night
and departed for Egypt.
He stayed there until the death of Herod,
that what the Lord had said through the prophet might
be fulfilled,
Out of Egypt I called my son.

When Herod had died, behold,
the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream
to Joseph in Egypt and said,
“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the
land of Israel,
for those who sought the child’s life are dead.”
He rose, took the child and his mother,
and went to the land of Israel.
But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea
in place of his father Herod,
he was afraid to go back there.
And because he had been warned in a dream,
he departed for the region of Galilee.

He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth,
so that what had been spoken through the prophets
might be fulfilled,
He shall be called a Nazorean.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Glory
TO THE
NEWBORN
King 

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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.

Or:

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

PREPARATION OVER THE GIFTS

Priest: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours
may be 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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

People: 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)

Priest: The mystery of faith.

People: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

Or:

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

Or:

Save us, Savior of the world,
or by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

CONCLUDING ACCLAMATION

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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 power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

SIGN OF PEACE

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ...for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

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

People: And with your spirit.

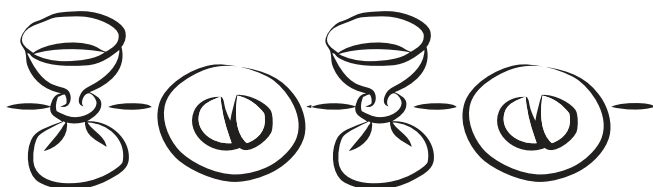
Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.



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.

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

Communion minister: The Body of Christ.

Communicant: Amen.

Communion minister: The Blood of Christ.

Communicant: Amen.

PRAYER OF SILENCE OR SONG OF PRAISE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God

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