MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Sunday Within the Octave of the Nativity | December 27, 2020

"A light shall shine upon us this day: for the Lord is born to us: and He shall be called Wonderful, God, the Prince of Peace..."

- Isaiah 9:2, 6

Church of All Saints

Mass Schedule (Holy Days as announced)

Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM (High)

Monday - Thursday 12:15 PM

Friday 7:00 PM ~ *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 5:30 PM – 6:45 PM*

Saturday 9:00 AM ~ *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Saturdays from 7:30 AM - 8:45 AM*

Confessions: Heard 30 minutes before Daily Mass, 45 minutes before Sunday Masses

+All Masses and Sacraments are celebrated according to the Usus Antiquior (Traditional Form) of the Roman Rite

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THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

+Sunday, December 27 **White**

Sunday Within the Octave of the Nativity, *II Class*

8:00 AM Esther Frescas +
9:30 AM Nemesio Frescas +
11:00 AM *Pro Populo* (High Mass)

Epistle: Galatians 4:1-7
Gospel: Luke 2:33-40

+Monday, December 28 **Red**

Holy Innocents, *II Class*

12:15 PM Louis Feeney

Epistle: Apocalypse (Revelation) 14:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 2:13-18

It was because Herod believed he words of the Magi and of the chief priests whom he consulted that he sees a rival in the Infant of Bethlehem, and with jealousy pursues the Child, born King of the Jews. It is this God-King that the Innocents by dying confess. Their passion is the exaltation of Christ.

+Tuesday, December 29 **White**

Day Within the Octave of the Nativity, *II Class*

12:15 PM Louis Feeney

Epistle: Titus 3:4-7
Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

+Wednesday, December 30 **White**

Day Within the Octave of the Nativity, *II Class*

12:15 PM Monsignor Richard Schuler +

Epistle: Titus 3:4-7
Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

+Thursday, December 31 **White**

Day Within the Octave of the Nativity, *II Class*

12:15 PM Daniel Puelston

Epistle: Titus 3:4-7
Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

+Friday, January 1, 2021 **White**

Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, *I Class*

8:00 AM Marina Fischer +
9:30 AM *Pro Populo* (High Mass)

Epistle: Titus 2:11-15
Gospel: Luke 2:21

On this, the eighth day after Christmas, the Church commemorates the Circumcision of our Redeemer and also honors Mary's Divine Maternity. The sinless Son of Man sheds for us the first drops of His Blood and the Lord of all submits to the Mosaic Law.

+Saturday, January 2 **White**

Our Lady on Saturday, *IV Class*

9:00 AM MarJean Jaeb+

Epistle: Titus 3:4-7
Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

+Sunday, January 3 **White**

Holy Name of Jesus, *II Class*

8:00 AM Esther Palma +
9:30 AM Anna Roers
11:00 AM *Pro Populo* (High Mass)

Epistle: Acts 4:8-12
Gospel: Luke 2:21

The Church invites us to celebrate in a solemn feast the Holy Name of Jesus, for under no other name is there salvation. This Most Holy Name should be on our lips during our lives and especially at the moment of our death.

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1.) Text 'COAS' to 84576 and follow the prompts.
2.) Go to churchofallsaints.flocknote.com and follow the prompts.

Parish News

+ A most happy and blessed Christmas-tide to you all - parishioners, visitors, and friends of All Saints and the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter. We wish you much peace and joy and pray that the celebration of the birth of the Christ-child rekindles in your hearts and souls a deeper thirst for the blessings that only He give. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

+ Congratulations and a promise of prayers to Aaron and Tahnee Roers on the birth and baptism of their son **Marvin Theodore Roers** on Saturday, December 19th. May He always walk in the light of Christ!

+ Please note that there will be two Masses offered on Friday, January 1st: 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM.

+ The 3rd-Annual ***Nine Lessons and Carols*** is scheduled for 1:30 PM on Sunday, January 3rd. Hot coffee and pastries will be served in the garage immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass that day.

+ Any person or family who could use donated food from Starbucks (sandwiches, protein trays, breakfast sandwiches, pastries, etc.) is invited to contact Deanna Loomis (her contact information is in the contact list to the left.) Every other day she picks up day-old food from 3 Starbucks locations and would be happy to disseminate to anyone. You need not be in an urgent situation or dire straits! If it would help in any way, feel free to contact her.

Sacred Music at This Week's Holy Mass

Mass Ordinary: *Mass VIII*, (Kyrie B), Credo III
Hymns: *O Little Town of Bethlehem; Angels We Have Heard on High*
Motets: *O Nata Lux* - Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)
Jesu Redemptor Omnium - Pietro Yon (1886-1943)

Contributions - *May God reward your generosity!*
Thurs. Dec. 17 - Wed. Dec. 23: ***To be printed next week.***

Taken from ***The Life of Christ*** (Chapter 2) by Venerable Fulton Sheen

PREHISTORY NOW HISTORY

"The Word became Flesh." The Divine Nature, which was pure and holy, entered as a renovating principle into the corrupted line of Adam's race, without being affected by corruption. Through the Virgin Birth, Jesus Christ became operative in human history without being subject to the evil in it.

And the Word was made flesh, And came to dwell among us; And we had sight of His glory, glory such as belongs to the Father's only-begotten Son, full of grace and truth. JOHN 1:14

Bethlehem became a link between heaven and earth; God and man met here and looked each other in the face. In the taking of human flesh, the Father prepared it, the Spirit formed it, and the Son assumed it. He Who had an eternal generation in the bosom of the Father now had a temporal generation in time. He Who had His birth in Bethlehem came to be born in the hearts of men. For, what would it profit if He was born a thousand times in Bethlehem unless He was born again in man?

But all those who did welcome Him, He empowered to become the children of God. JOHN 1:12

Now man need not hide from God as Adam did; for He can be seen through Christ's human nature. Christ did not gain one perfection more by becoming man, nor did He lose anything of what He possessed as God. There was the Almightiness of God in the movement of His arm, the Infinite Love of God in the beatings of His human heart and the Unmeasured Compassion of God to sinners in His eyes. God is now manifest in the flesh; this is what is called the Incarnation. The whole range of the Divine attributes of power and goodness, justice, love, beauty, were in Him. And when Our Divine Lord acted and spoke, God in His perfect nature became manifest to those who saw Him and heard Him and touched Him. As He told Philip later on:

Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father. JOHN 14:9

No man can love anything unless he can get his arms around it, and the cosmos is too big and too bulky. But once God became a Babe and was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger, men could say, "This is Emmanuel, this is God with us." By His reaching down to frail human nature and lifting it up to the incomparable prerogative of union with Himself, human nature became dignified. So real was this union that all of His acts and words, all of His agonies and tears, all of His thoughts and reasonings, resolves and emotions, while being properly human, were at the same time the acts and words, agonies and tears, thoughts and reasonings, resolves and emotions of the Eternal Son of God. What men call the Incarnation is but the union of two natures, the Divine and the human in a single Person Who governs both. This is not difficult to understand; for what is man but a sample, at an immeasurably lower level, of a union of two totally different substances, one material and the other immaterial, one the body, the other the soul, under the regency of a single human personality? What is more remote from one another than powers and capacities of flesh and spirit? Antecedent to their unity, how difficult it would be ever to conceive of a moment when body and soul would be united in a single personality. That they are so united is an experience clear to every mortal. And yet it is an experience at which man does not marvel because of its familiarity. God, Who brings together body and soul into one human personality, notwithstanding their difference of nature, could surely bring about the union of a human body and a human soul with His Divinity under the control of His Eternal Person. This is what is meant by the phrase

And the Word was made flesh, And came to dwell among us. JOHN 1:14

The Person which assumed human nature was not created, as is the case of all other persons. His Person was the pre-existent Word or Logos. His human nature, on the other hand, was derived from the miraculous conception by Mary, in which the Divine overshadowing of the Spirit and the human Fiat or the consent of a woman, were most beautifully blended. This is the beginning of a new humanity out of the material of the fallen race. When the Word became flesh, it did not mean that any change took place in the Divine Word. The Word of God proceeding forth did not leave the Father's side. What happened was not so much the conversion of the Godhead into flesh, as the taking of a manhood into God. There was continuity with the fallen race of man through the manhood taken from Mary; there is discontinuity through the fact that the Person of Christ is the pre-existent Logos. Christ thus literally becomes the second Adam, the Man through whom the human race starts all over. His teaching centered on the incorporation of human natures to Him, after the manner in which the human nature that He took from Mary was united to the Eternal Word. It is hard for a human being to understand the humility that was involved in the Word becoming flesh. Imagine, if it were possible, a human person divesting himself of his body, and then sending his soul into the body of a serpent. A double humiliation would follow: first, accepting the limitations of a serpentine organism, knowing all the while his mind was superior, and that fangs could not adequately articulate thoughts no serpent ever possessed. The second humiliation would be to be forced as a result of this "emptying of self" to live in the companionship of serpents. But all this is nothing compared to the emptying of God, by which He took on the form of man and accepted the limitations of humanity, such as hunger and persecution; not trivial either was it for the Wisdom of God to condemn Himself to association with poor fishermen who knew so little. But this humiliation which began in Bethlehem when He was conceived in the Virgin Mary was only the first of many to counteract the pride of man, until the final humiliation of death on the Cross. If there were no Cross, there would have been no crib; if there had been no nails, there would have been no straw. But He could not teach the lesson of the Cross as payment for sin; He had to take it. God the Father did not spare His Son—so much did He love mankind. That was the secret wrapped in the swaddling bands.

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