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Scripture Readings for Next Week

Sunday, Dec 27th, 2020

Sir 3:2-6,12-14 • Col 3:12-21 • Lk 2:22-40

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Dear friends,

Thank you for giving us the great Christmas gift of your presence here with us at St. Francis de Sales church. We are blessed that you are celebrating the birth of Jesus here with us.

This has been a very difficult year, and the message of Christmas — the promise of hope — is needed more than ever. Because of God's total and complete love for us, Jesus has come from heaven to earth, walks with us now, and shares our burdens. God is Emmanuel. In Jesus, God *IS* with us.

Christmas is God's transcending love come down from heaven to earth. Jesus' presence here strengthens our hope, and shows us the way of love. This is why the Church exists — to connect people with our Loving Savior.

We have kept our church doors open all throughout the pandemic to be a haven for those who need a place to come and pray, to feel God's transcendent love in this time of stress and uncertainty. I hope you know you're always welcome here.

May you and your loved ones have a blessed Christmas, and may our New Year be filled with healing, joy, and thanksgiving.

Live Jesus⁺
Father Bill

MERRY CHRISTMAS



*Unto us is born a Savior Who is Christ the Lord.
May the angel's message, these Glad Tidings,
fill your mind and your heart
with the peace that only Christ can give.*



Have a Blessed and Happy Christmas

Father Bill

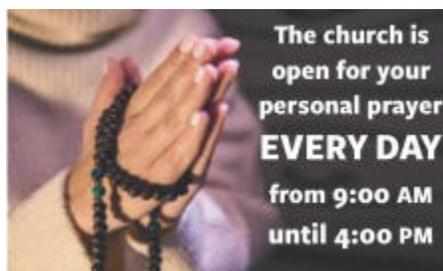
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The NATIVITY of the LORD

3:00 PM MASS • 5:00 PM MASS

7:00 PM MASS • MIDNIGHT MASS

READING I

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!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 96

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

Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all you lands.
Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

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

Announce his salvation, day after day.
Tell his glory among the nations;
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

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

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;
let the sea and what fills it resound;
let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!
Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.

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

They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes;
for he comes to rule the earth.
He shall rule the world with justice
and the peoples with his constancy.

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

READING II

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 ap-
pearance 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.

GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Au-
gustus 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, be-
cause 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 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.

*(bow) 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.**

9:00 AM CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

READING I

Isaiah 62:11-12

See, the LORD proclaims
to the ends of the earth:
say to daughter Zion,
your savior comes!
Here is his reward with him,
his recompense before him.
They shall be called the holy people,
the redeemed of the LORD,
and you shall be called “Frequented,”
a city that is not forsaken.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 97

**R/. A light will shine on us this day:
the Lord is born for us.**

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;
let the many isles be glad.
The heavens proclaim his justice,
and all peoples see his glory.

**R/. A light will shine on us this day:
the Lord is born for us.**

Light dawns for the just;
and gladness, for the upright of heart.
Be glad in the LORD, you just,
and give thanks to his holy name.

**R/. A light will shine on us this day:
the Lord is born for us.**

READING II

Titus 3:4-7

Beloved:

When the kindness and generous love
of God our savior appeared,
not because of any righteous deeds we had done
but because of his mercy,
He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

whom he richly poured out on us
through Jesus Christ our savior,
so that we might be justified by his grace
and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

GOSPEL

Luke 2:15-20

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

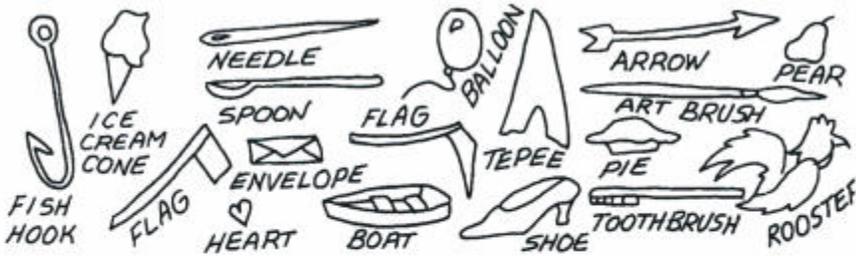
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“Behold the most lovable Jesus,
Who is about to be born in our
commemoration of the forthcoming
feast. He is born to visit us on be-
half of the Eternal Father. In return,
the shepherds and the kings come
to visit Him in His crib. Visit Him as
well during this novena; caress Him,
make Him welcome in your heart,
adore Him frequently; imitate His
humility, His poverty, His obedience
and His gentleness.”

—ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



See if you can find these hidden pictures below



A Prayer before Christmas Dinner

GOD OF ALL GOOD GIFTS, we thank you for the many ways you have blessed us this day. We are grateful for each of those gathered around this table. We ask you to bless us and our food, and to bless those we love who are not with us today.

In our gratitude and love, we remember your humble birth into our lives, and we pray for those who without enough to eat. We remember the stable in which you were born and we pray for those who have no place to live.

We remember your challenging message of caring and giving, and we pray for peace in our families and nations throughout the world.

Keep close to you all those suffering because of the pandemic, especially those spending Christmas in the hospital.

We bless you and give you thanks for warming our hearts this Christmas day.

✠ Amen.

Merry Christmas!

*from
Father Bill
and Murphy*



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Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:15 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
at 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 PM
or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Sickness

Please notify the rectory or parish office in case of serious illness, hospitalization, or being homebound.

Baptism

Baptism Preparation class for the parents is required. Call the parish office to register. Please note: Baptisms during Mass are not normally performed during the seasons of Advent or Lent.

Marriages

Before setting a wedding date, contact the pastor at least 6 months in advance. Marriage Preparation classes are required.