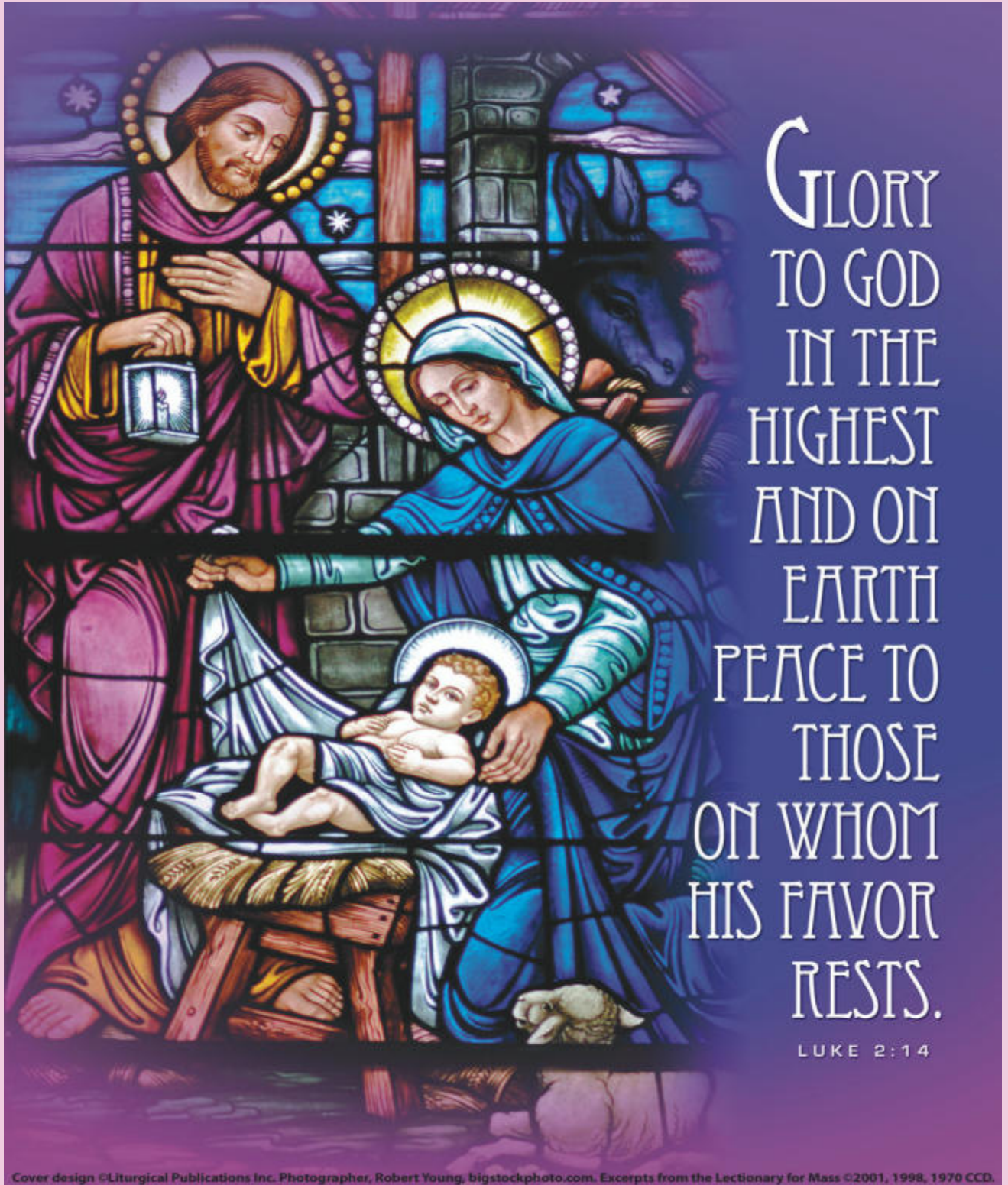


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LUKE 2:14

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December 26, 2021 The Holy Family

Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 25 Nativity of the Lord

8:30 - St. Adelaide Parishioners & Friends

10:00 - Intention of the Celebrant

12:00 - Intention of the Celebrant - Latin

Sunday, December 26 The Holy Family

8:30 - Nino and Nina DeSimone - *Memorial*

10:00 - Evelyn Reardon - *Memorial*

12:00 - Anna & Christopher Reilly fam. (*living*)

Paul Sanborn - *Birthdays Remembrance*

Brycen Robert Ryan Couture - *Memorial*

In thanksgiving to St. Jude - St. Dymphna

Monday, December 27

7:00 - Intention of the Celebrant - Latin Mass

9:00 - Special Intention

Tuesday, December 28

7:00 - Intention of the Celebrant - Latin Mass

9:00 - Ernest & Catherine Drew - *Memorial*

Bob & Rich Monteith - *Memorial*

Wednesday, December 29

7:00 - Intention of the Celebrant - Latin Mass

9:00 - Giuseppe & Elvira Signorino

Maria & Santo Signorino

Thursday, December 30

7:00 - Intention of the Celebrant - Latin Mass

9:00 - NO MASS - unless announced

Friday, December 31

7:00 - Intention of the Celebrant - Latin Mass

9:00 - Catherine Drew - *Birthdays Remembrance*

Friday, December 31st

5:00 PM - Vigil Mass

Saturday, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary,

Mother of God

9:00 - First Saturday Latin Mass

4:00 - Vigil Mass for Sunday

Ellen Hardy - *Memorial*

Mary & Louis Itrato - *Memorial*

Mary & John Dyko - *Memorial*

Alexander & James Dyko - *Memorial*

Jean and Paul Daley - *Memorial*

Sunday, January 2

8:30 - Anna DiNush - *Memorial*

10:00 - Lena LaColla - *Memorial*

12:00 - Robert & Francis Dignan - *Memorial*

Philip Cullen, Sr. & Jr. - *Memorial*

John Fornea - *Memorial*

Daniel Leary - *Memorial*



Sanctuary Candle is lit to the Glory of God for a healing of **Eileen Harris**.

Chapel Candle is lit in loving 1st Anniversary remembrance of **Grace Nocella**.

Chapel Candle is lit in Christmas Remembrance of **Hank Mooney**.

Candle in Priests' Chapel is lit in Birthday Remembrance of **Robert Patrick Davey, Jr.**



Prayers are requested for the soul of **James Powers** who died and was buried from our

Church. We thank God for the gift of his life and pray he is now at peace.

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 /Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10/

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 /Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 /Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/ Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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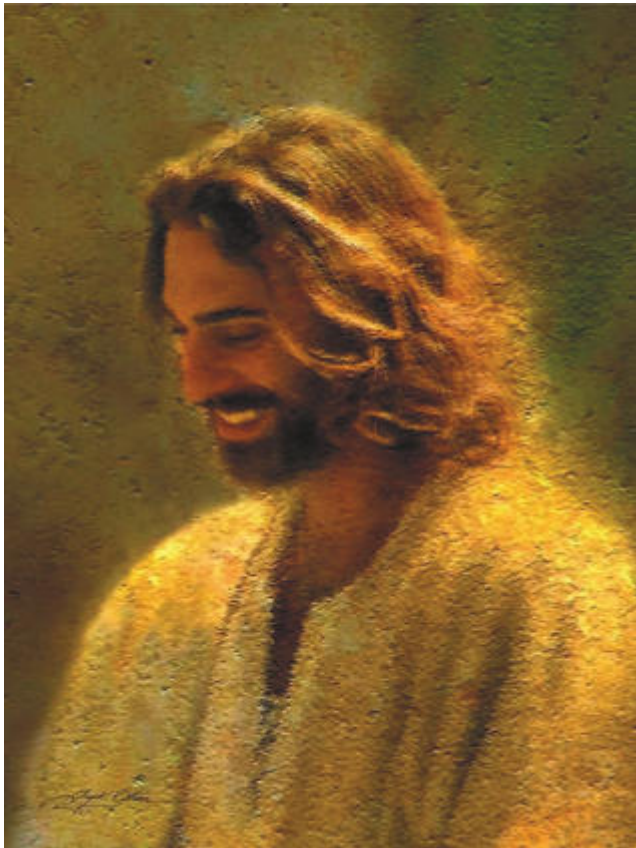
"AND BEHOLD I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE." MATTHEW 28:20

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Jesus, Gentle Shepherd, this cane of red and white proclaims the sweet love story born on Christmas night.

This cane, you see, when turned around begins your name of Love and now becomes a symbol of peace proclaimed above.

The lively peppermint flavor is the regal gift of spice. The white is your purity and the red your sacrifice.

And so this cane reminds us of just how much you care and like your Christmas Gift to us it's meant for all to share.



**Saint Ann
Christmas Mass Schedule**

New Year Schedule

Saturday, January 1st

4:00 PM - Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 2

9:30



Parish Offices

In observance of Christmas, the Parish office will be closed on:

Monday the 27th.

We will reopened on Tuesday, December 28.



**From the Pandemic Response Team:
Archdiocese of Boston**

In the light of spiking numbers of new COVID cases and the likely increase in those numbers in the upcoming holiday season, Cardinal Seán is mandating that throughout the archdiocese all people attending public Masses, including weddings and funerals, wear masks.

This mandate takes effect the weekend of December 18/19, 2021 and expires on January 17, 2022.

Mass celebrants, deacons, readers, servers, choir members, and instrumentalists, should all wear masks except when they are speaking.

Children under the age of five are not required to wear masks. Children under the age of two should not wear masks.


GOSPEL MEDITATION - December 25, 2021
The Nativity of the Lord

“He so loved us that for our sake He was made man in time, through Whom all times were made; was in the world less in years than His servants, though older than the world itself in His eternity; was made man, Who made man; was created of a mother, whom He created; was carried by hands which He formed; nursed at the breasts which He had filled; cried in the manger in wordless infancy, He the Word without Whom all human eloquence is mute (St. Augustine, Sermon 188).” The miracle of what happens at Christmas is truly an awesome mystery. Revealed in the silent ordinariness of life is God’s intimate love for humanity and all that he made. The Word, existing for all time, comes and dwells among us. God kisses us. We can seek and soar with playful delight as a joy never known before fills our heart.

Joy is best expressed through dance. There is just something truly wonderful about the self-abandon a beautiful melodic dance reveals. If we are able to let go and really be free, it celebrates life in a way few other experiences really can. With the birth of Jesus Christ, God takes the Divine Dance to a deeper and more tangible level. We can now not only see what we believe but believe what we see! This most perfect dance is a call to beauty, innocence, truth, purpose, hope, faith, and love. Today we know, beyond doubt, that we are a necessary part of God’s beautifully choreographed masterpiece of life and not just a random happening without real intent or purpose. We are loved, treasured, and blessed.

Accepting the truth of God’s birth in time we also accept an invitation to dance with God. We can let go of what tethers us to anxious concerns and superficial securities. Throw caution to the wind and go with God. We have been blessed with talents, gifts, and life eternal. Follow the rhythm of the dance with joy and listen to what the Word who became flesh tells us about what the next steps can be. Today, heaven remains the same, but earth has been profoundly changed.





 Thank You to all our ladies who have served and are serving in this ministry by keeping areas of the church and chapel cleaned. Thanks for washing and ironing the small linens. (corporals and purificators) Holy Water fonts when in use. If you would like to be part of this Ministry please call the Parish Center.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Thank you most sincerely for your generous contributions to the Christmas Flowers and decorations for the Church. We have gathered together all of the names of your loved ones whom you wished to be remembered in this Christmas Season and placed them in a basket to be placed near the Creche as a gift to the Holy Family.

We pray that the loving kindness of the Christ Child will bestow on each of them the eternal reward of His infinite love and that His blessings will also radiantly shine upon all of you.






Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

The generosity of the parishioners of St. Adelaide's is an inspiring manifestation of the true Christmas spirit

Besides providing gifts, donors communicate a deeper message to the recipients, they assure those who were in need of assistance this Christmas that people in their community truly care about them and celebrate God's great gift of love by sharing with others.



The Cenacle

Our **Marian Prayer** group meets in the Church every other Thursday.

December 30 6pm.

St. Adelaide Church 712 Lowell St. Peabody
Each meeting will include the Rosary, Meditation and Consecration to Mary. **All are Welcome!**

CHRISTMAS COMES ONCE MORE...AND WE NEED IT.

What a strange season Christmas is. We begin to prepare for it weeks and months in advance, as if it were a tidal wave we knew was coming and would wash over us ready or not. More than a billion Christians will commemorate the birth of their Lord around the globe this year, and many more will turn up just to enjoy the candlelight and Christmas carols.

We are glad you're here, all of you, whether you are a believer or an unbeliever or a skeptic, whether you came out of curiosity, or cultural tradition, or were dragged here by family members, or whether you're like many who couldn't be kept away for anything. There's nothing in the world quite like this night of being here together, hearing the old story of a child born the story of Christmas begins with the sort of world we live in—a world where marred by struggle, pain, violence and terror.

Our huddling here on Christmas Eve, at the time of the winter solstice when the days are at their darkest, is our acknowledgement of our need for hope and joy in lives that often are not easy. And the heavenly message is always the same: "Fear not." Those are the angel Gabriel's first words to Mary. They are the angels' words to shepherds. The arrival of the Messiah is the revealing of the deepest truth we know, that the God of the universe is not a remote deity, but has taken on flesh as one of us, to share our lives, to show the world a love that overcomes fear.

The story in the Gospel of Luke tells us that the secret of the universe won't be found in Rome, or in the American White House for that matter, or in the laboratories of NASA, or along the canyons of Wall Street, or among the scholars of Harvard. No, the mystery of the Incarnation is revealed in the most unexpected of places—in a child born to a young mother and her faithful but troubled husband as they are bandied about by the forces of the empire.

And who are the first to receive the news of the Messiah?

Not the cultured and educated, so distracted with their important agendas, but the poorest of the poor, the ignorant and troublesome shepherds. It comes to those who are willing to listen to unexpected voices that seem like angelic messengers, and to follow their unexpected lead.

It is a strange, even stunning thing, isn't it — for God to take the risk of coming to us in this tiny child in a lost corner of the Roman Empire? Could it be the Master of the Universe rules this Universe only with the power of love — a love that refuses to coerce or control, but gives the universe and us freedom to grow and to become? Could it be that to serve this Master is to give ourselves to lives of compassion and generosity, and that the deepest call we have is to find our way to care for the hungry, the broken, and the lost.

As our world faces the all too familiar abyss of war and destruction, the vision of this little babe and what He represents is just what we need. The most meaningful Christmas is the one when all we have to give was love. It doesn't pay the bills. It won't pay the rent. But sometimes love is all you have to hang onto. Like the Babe in the manger. All he had was the love of two people.

Without that he had nothing.

Phillips Brooks, a Boston minister and author of the hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem", wrote in a little known verse of that hymn:

*"Where charity stands watching, And faith holds wide the door,
The dark night wakes, the glory breaks, And Christmas comes once more."*

That's what this season is about. The darkness of our souls and of the night gives way to the glory of the Babe, our little King. The Messiah has come and God has taken on flesh in Jesus, and in you and me. And let us thank God for it.

But the question remains, will we invite Christmas, this Christ Child into our home, into our lives?



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Sunday: 8:30, 10:00, 12:00 P.M. (Latin)

WEEKDAYS: 7:00 a.m. Latin

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.

Thursday at 9:00 a.m. (*when announced*)

Saturday at 7:00 a.m. (Latin)

First Saturday at 9:00 a.m. (Latin)

NOVENAS: *Following 9:00 a.m. Mass*

Monday - Miraculous Medal

Tuesday - Infant of Prague

Wednesday - St. Rita of Cascia

Thursday - St. Ann & St. Joachim

Friday - St. Philomena

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