

December 25, 2022

The Nativity OF THE LORD



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Gathering

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

ADESTE FIDELES

Verses

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. † Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, †
 3. † Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing, †
 4. Ad - é - ste fi - dé - les, lae - ti tri - um - phân - tes, Ve -

1. come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2. Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
 3. Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n;
 4. ní - te, ve - ní - te in Béth - le - hem.

1. Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2. Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 3. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;
 4. Na - tum vi - dé - te Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O
 Ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve -

come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!
 ní - te, a - do - ré - mus Dó - mi - num.

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

A CHRISTMAS GLORIA

GLORIA

1. 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.

Refrain: All
 Glo - ri - a

1 in ex - cel - sis De - o, De - o.
 2

2. 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.

3. 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.

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1st Reading

Isaiah 9:1-6

2nd Reading

Titus 2:11-14

Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

Responsorial Psalm

TODAY IS BORN OUR SAVIOR

Psalm 96

Francis Patrick O'Brien

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

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General Intercessions

CHILD OF MARY, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Adapt. Gary Daigle

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

All Repeat as needed
 mer-cy on us. Have mer-cy on us.

Last time
 Cantor
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

world: grant us peace.

All
 Grant us peace.

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Apostle's 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.

Communion

Silent Night, Holy Night

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm,
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep - herds quake
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright Round yon Vir - gin Moth - er and Child,
 at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light Ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
 Heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Text: Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht; Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885
 Tune: STILLE NACHT, 66 89 66; Franz X. Gruber, 1787-1863

Sending Forth

JOY TO THE WORLD

ANTIOCH

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re -
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let us our
 3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

1. ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 2. songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
 3. na - tions prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -

1. room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 2. plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 3. ness, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his

1. sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 2. joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 3. love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
 Music: T. Hawkes' Collection of Tunes, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759.

Your Thanksgiving Generosity

This time of year encourages us to pause and be thankful for all the blessings in our lives. We are especially grateful for the wonderful outpouring of support for the Thanksgiving Day offertory collection. Your generosity yielded 12 boxes of food that were donated to the Fairview Community Food Pantry. The \$170 in cash donations will help sustain Holy Cross's participation in the Inter-Church Ministries' Voucher System for Emergency Assistance (VSEA). May God bless you for thoughtful gifts to help those in need.

Thank you to the parishioner who wanted to share this with the church community...

A young woman who wanted to please all her relatives when it came to holiday visits with her young daughter.

Most people try to cram so much into Christmas Day there is not enough time or energy to do everything they might want to. Christmas is not single one-day event. The ancient Romans had their equivalent of Christmas every December, and the festivities went on for days. For thousands of years, Jews have celebrated Hanukkah-the Festival of Lights-for eight days; and for millions of Christians, the ancient celebration was the Twelve Days of Christmas, between December. 25 and January 6. Even Kwanzaa, the African holiday, is a multi-day event.

If you don't get everything done by December 25, so what? You Have 12 days at least to exchange gifts, see relatives, do charity work, have dinners, take walks on the beach or in the woods with people you love, and to rest.

Spread the word. It might save some frayed nerves; it might even save a few lives.

December 11, 2022 COLLECTION

Budgeted Average Expense	\$	7,400.00
79/479 Adult Env. Received	\$	3,875.00
3/Children Env. Received	\$	5.00
23/Immaculate Conception	\$	360.00
14/Christmas Flowers/Environment	\$	440.00
4/Christmas	\$	130.00
1/Solemnity of Mary	\$	10.00
Offertory Online	\$	1,802.00
Loose Collection	\$	234.00
Total Collection	\$	6,856.00
Difference	\$	- 544.00
Year-To-Date Budget (24 Weeks)	\$	177,600.00
Actual Year-To-Date Collection	\$	157,121.65
Year-To-Date Difference	\$	- 20,478.35

Special Envelopes

The following envelopes were received in the December 11 weekend collection. They will be sent to the Diocese who forwards it to the appropriate organizations.

16 Share the Care	\$	625.00
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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
As of December 7, 2022

2022 Assessment	\$	65,715.00
Goal	\$	65,715.00
# of Pledges		187
Total Amount Pledged	\$	98,327.01
Total amount Received	\$	92,987.01
Balance due on 2022 Pledges by 12/31/22	\$	5,340.00



Just a friendly reminder that all **CSA pledges** should be paid in full by **December 31, 2022.**



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday	December 26, 2022 OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday	December 27, 2022 NO MASS
Wednesday	December 28, 2022 8:00 AM Francis & Jane Joslin Req. by Susan Miller
Thursday	December 29, 2022 NO MASS
Friday	December 30, 2022 8:00 AM Elmer & Irene Wingerter Req. by Carole Wingerter
Saturday	December 31, 2022 5:00 PM Holy Cross Parish Family
Sunday	January 1, 2023 9:00 AM Barbara Mitcho-Hollibaugh Req. by Mom & Dad

Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in Memory of

JULIUS SPIEGEL

Requested by

The Helfert Family

(If you wish to request that the sanctuary candle burn in honor or memory of a loved one or for some other specific intention, please call the office. Donation \$10.00).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2022

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

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

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

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

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/

Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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

Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/

Lk 2:16-21



RECONCILIATION

There will be **No Confessions** on
Saturday, December 31,
New Year's Eve

The Church office will be **closed** from
Saturday, December 24,
through Monday, January 2, 2023.



CHRISTMAS





Dec.31/Jan. 1	5:00 PM Saturday	9:00 AM Sunday
Lector:	Sr. Linda Fusco	Barb Lee
Eucharistic Ministers:	Greg Gnacinski Deb Hauk	John Simkovitch Mary Ellen Simkovitch
Coordinator	Jo Ann Kamensky	Barb Waples
Altar Server:		Ryan Helfert Noah Berg

A Prayer to “grow up” to this Christmas

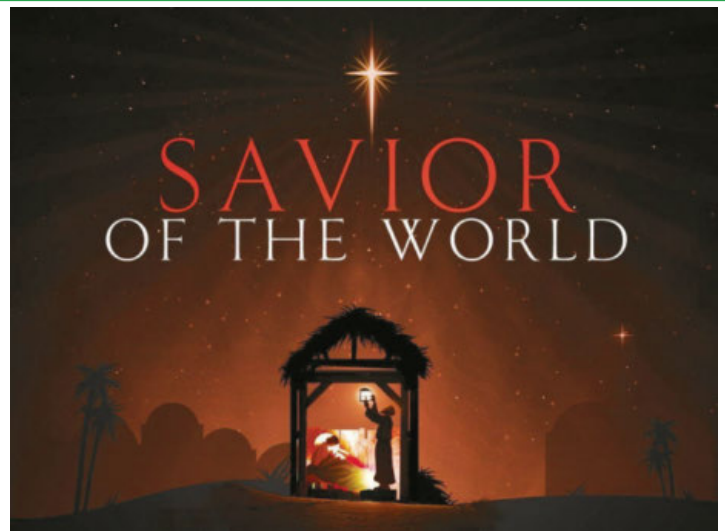
Our Christmas wish for all comes from the late Yale University chaplain and peace activist William Sloane Coffin, in his memoir **Credo**:

“All saving ideas are born small. God comes to earth as a child so that we can finally grow up, which means we can stop blaming God for being absent when we ourselves were not present, stop blaming God for the ills of the world as if we had been laboring to cure them, and stop making God responsible for all the thinking and doing we should be undertaking on our own.

“I’ve said it before and will probably say it many times again: God provides minimum protection, maximum support-support to help us grow up, to stretch our minds and hearts until they are as wide as God’s universe. God doesn’t want us narrow-minded, priggish and subservient, but joyful and loving, as free for one another as God’s love was freely poured out for us at Christmas in that babe in the manger.”

May we find this Christmas at the manger of the Christ the wisdom and courage to “grow up” in God’s love in 2023.

Jay Cormier



Warmest wishes and hopes for great joy for you and your family this holiday season!

*Christmas Blessings
From
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