The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sunday, December 27th

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church
Indianapolis’ original Catholic Parish and proto-cathedral
INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN  O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

VERSES

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O
2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,

COME and behold him, born the King of angels;
Glorry to God, all glory in the highest;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

REFRAIN

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

KYRIE

Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, eleison.

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Christe, eleison.

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Christe, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, eleison.
GLORIA

Refrain

Glor-y to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good

will._ 1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for.

your great glo-ry._ Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God al-might-y Fa-ther.

Refrain

Glor-y to God in the high est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will._ 2. Lord Je-sus Christ,

On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the

sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer;

you are seat-ed at the right-hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

Refrain

Glor-y to God in the high est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will._ 3. For you a-lone are the

Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the

Final Refrain

Ho-ly Spi-rit in the glo-ry of God, the Fa-ther. Glo-ry to God in the high est, and on

earth peace to peo-ple of good will._ Amen, a-men, a-men.
LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING  GN 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Lector: A reading from the second book of Sirach.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying: “Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?” Abram continued, “See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir.” Then the word of the LORD came to him: “No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir.” The Lord took Abram outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so,” he added, “shall your descendants be.” Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. The Lord took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.

Lector: The word of the Lord.  All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM  Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

The Lord re-mem-bers his cov-en-ant for ev-ver.

1. Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name; make known among the nations his deeds. Sing to him, sing his praise, proclaim all his wondrous deeds. R.

2. Glory in his holy name; rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD! Look to the LORD in his strength; constantly seek his face. R.

3. You descendants of Abraham, his servants, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones! He, the LORD, is our God; throughout the earth his judgments prevail. R.

4. He remembers forever his covenant which he made binding for a thousand generations which he entered into with Abraham and by his oath to Isaac. R.
SECOND READING  HEB 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Brothers and sisters: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age --and Sarah herself was sterile-- for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name.” He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

Lector: The word of the Lord.  All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Verse: Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.
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.
GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

1. For Pope Francis and all bishops, priests and deacons, may they continue to offer encouragement to all families within their care, especially those who are struggling in some way. Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

2. For leaders of nations, may they seek to provide guidance and resources to help lift the marginalized out of poverty. Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

3. For husbands and wives divided by strife, may they seek paths to peace, forgiveness, healing and unity. Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

4. For all families, may we look to the Holy Family as our model for serving one another with a spirit of love and peace. Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. For Margaret Babb baptized here today, may she grow and mature in the fullness of faith. Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

6. For all who have died, may they be welcomed to the banquet table of God’s family in heaven. Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

7. For the intentions of our parish prayer list, and at this Mass we pray:

   [8:00 A.M.] for the parishioners and friends of St. John’s as well as for the intention of Catherine Conway. Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

   [10:30 A.M.] for the repose of the soul of David Hunzicker. Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

   [7:00 P.M.] for the intention of Kate Flood. Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN  WHAT CHILD IS THIS

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary’s lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While
2. Why lies he in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear: for sinners here The
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own him; The King of kings salvation brings, Let

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2. feed ing? Good Chris tian, fear: for sin ners here The
3. own him; The King of kings sal va tion brings, Let

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.
Preface Dialogue

Holy, Holy

Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

Great Amen

Amen, amen, amen. Amen.
COMMUNION RITE

OUR FATHER

For the Our Father, please do not hold hands with those outside of your household.

SIGN OF PEACE

For the Sign of Peace, please bow or nod your head and smile to those not of your household, and say “Peace be with you”.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
world, grant us peace. grant us peace.

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.
COMMUNION HYMN  ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID’S CITY

1. Once in royal David’s city Stood a lowly
   cattle shed, Where a mother laid her baby
   In a manager for his bed. Mary was that
   mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and
   Lord of all, And his shelter was a stable,
   And his cradle was a stall. With the poor and
   mean and lowly Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

3. And through all his wonderful childhood He would honor
   and obey, Love and watch the lowly maiden
   In whose gentle arms he lay. Christian children
   all should be Kind, obedient, good as he.

4. For he is our childhood’s pattern, Day by day like
   us he grew; He was little, weak, and helpless,
   Tears and smiles like us he knew: And he feels for
   all our sadness, And he shares in all our gladness.

5. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own re-
   deem ing love; For that child so dear and gentle
   children on To the place where he has gone.


CONCLUDING RITE

FINAL BLESSING
St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Before you leave church today
Please, place this stick-it note on the pew where you sat so volunteers can clean there before the next Mass. Thank you!

Recessional Hymn  Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Verses

1. Hark! the herald angels sing: “Glory to the
2. Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the ever-
3. Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of

1. new-born King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
2. last-ing Lord; Late in time, be-hold him come,
3. Righ-teous-ness! Light and life to all he brings,

1. God and sin-ners re-con-ciled!” Joy-ful, all ye
2. Off-spring of a vir-gin’s womb. Veiled in flesh the
3. Ris’n with heal-ing in his wings. Mild he lays his

1. na-tions, rise, Join the tri-umph of the skies; With an-
2. God-head see! Hail th’in-car-nate De-i-ty! Pleased as
3. glo-ry by, Born that we no more may die, Born to

1. gel-ic hosts pro-claim: “Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!”
2. man with us to dwell; Je-sus, our Em-man-u-el!
3. raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec-ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, “Glory to the new-born King.”
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If you are able to attend Mass at St. John’s, you may light a candle for a particular prayer intention you have and call upon a saint’s intercession. Large candles are $5 each and small candles are $1 each.

If you are unable to attend Mass today, let Father Nagel light a candle for you inside St. John's! While you might not be present in the church to light candles - you can still have a candle lit and prayer intentions offered. Candles can be lit at any of the side chapels at St. John's (St. Mary, St. Joseph, Sacred Heart, St. Patrick, St. Anne and the Pieta Chapel of the Sorrowful Mother). You can have your candle lit for one week, one month or one year as well as offer a particular prayer intention. You can purchase your candle online or fill out the form online and mail your payment into St. John’s.

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Upcoming Opportunities at St. John’s

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

All are welcome to join us for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. We will have a New Years Eve Vigil Mass at 5:30pm on December 31 and a New Years Day Mass at 9:30am on January 1. Please join us as we honor our Blessed Mother Mary!

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