Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, December 31st at 5:30 PM, and

Friday, January 1st at 9:30 AM

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Indianapolis’ original Catholic Parish and proto-cathedral
INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN  O Come, All Ye Faithful

VERSE

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,

Adéste fideles, laeti, triumphantes, Venite, venite in Bethlehem.

REFRAIN

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O
Venite adoramus, venite adoramus, venite adoramus, venite adoramus

KYRIE

Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.
GLORIA

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good
will. 1. We praise you, we bless you, we ad-ore you, we glo-ri fy you, we give you thanks for
your great glo-ry. Lord God, heav-enly King, O God al-might-y Fa ther.

Refrain

Glo-ry 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

Glo-ry 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, amen, amen.
LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING  NM 6:22-27

Lector: A reading from the second book of Numbers.

The LORD said to Moses: “Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them: The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM  PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

R/. May God bless us in his mercy.

1. May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation. R.

2. May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide. R.

3. May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him! R.

SECOND READING  GAL 4:4-7

Lector: A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Brothers and sisters: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.

Lector: The word of the Lord.  All: Thanks be to God.
Verse: In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**  LK 2:16-21

Priest/Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All:  **And with your spirit.**


All:  **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem 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. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.


All:  **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**HOMILY**
APOSTLES’ 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, 
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 our Holy Father Francis and Archbishop Charles, may God bless them with a year of good health as they lead the Church in wisdom and love. Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

2. For public authorities, may the Lord strengthen them in integrity and courage for leadership that safeguards all human life from conception to natural death. Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

3. For all who lack hope, may the promise of the Lord’s faithfulness bring them consolation and joy. Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

4. For our faith community, may Christ, who came in flesh to save us, be born anew in our hearts. Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. For all Catholic families, may they, through the intercession of Mary the Mother of God, pray for and nurture the gift of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from among their children. Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

6. For those who have died in faith, may they soon rejoice in God’s presence, glorifying and praising him for all eternity. 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 for:

   **[5:30 PM] the intention of Erin Jeffries.** Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

   **[9:30 AM] the intention of the friends and family of Dan and Lori Kelleher.** Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**
OFFERTORY HYMN  GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN, REJOICE

1. Give ye heed to what we say:  Je-sus Christ is born to-day!
2. Now ye hear of end-less bliss;  Je-sus Christ was born for this!
3. Now ye need not fear the grave;  Je-sus Christ was born to save!

1. Ox and ass be - fore him bow, And he is in the man-ger now.
2. He has o-pened heav-en’s door, And we are blest for ev - er-more.
3. Calls you one and calls you all,  To gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

1. Christ is born to-day!       Christ is born to-day!
2. Christ was born for this!  Christ was born for this!
3. Christ was born to save!  Christ was born to save!

Text: 66 77 78 55; Latin and German, 14th cent.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: J. Klug’s Geistliche Lieder, Wittenberg, 1535.

Invitation to Tithe

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Preface Dialogue

Holy, Holy

Heaven and earth are full of your glory Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, 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

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.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

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COMMUNION HYMN  THE FIRST NOWELL

Verses

1. The first No-well, the angel did say,
2. They look-ed up and saw a star
3. And by the light of that same star
4. This star drew nigh to the north-west,

1. Was to certain poor shep-herds in fields as they lay;
2. Shin-ing in the east, beyond them far;
3. Three wise men came from country far;
4. O’er Beth-le-hem it took its rest,

1. In fields where they lay keep-ing their sheep,
2. And to the earth it gave great light,
3. To seek for a king was their in-tent,
4. And there it did both stop and stay,

1. On a cold win-ter’s night that was so deep.
2. And so it con-tin-u-ed both day and night.
3. And to fol-low the star wher-ev-er it went.
4. Right o-ver the place where Je-sus lay.

Refrain

No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well,

Born is the King of Is-ra-el.


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  HAIL, QUEEN ENTHRONED ABOVE

SALVE REGINA COELITUM

Verses

1. Hail, ho-ly Queen en-throned a-bove; O Ma-ri-a! Hail,
2. Our life, our sweet-ness here be-low, O Ma-ri-a! Our
3. And when our life-breath leaves ___ us, O Ma-ri-a! Show

all ye cher-ub-im; Sing with us, ye ser-a-phim! Heav’n and earth re-

Text: 84 84 with refrain; Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae, ca. 1080; tr. anon. in Roman Hymnal, 1884.
Music: Melchior Ludwig Herold, 1753–1810; Choralmelodien zum Heiligen Gesänge, 1808.
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The Virgin in Prayer / La Vierge en prière

Giovanni Battista Salvi da Sassoferrato (1609–1685)
Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Merry Christmas!

I would like to bring to everyone the message that the Church proclaims on this feast with the words of the prophet Isaiah: “To us a child is born, to us a son is given” (Is 9:6)

A child is born. A birth is always a source of hope; it is life that blossoms, a promise of the future. Moreover, this Child, Jesus, was born “to us”: an “us” without any borders, privileges or exclusions. The Child born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem was born for everyone: he is the “son” that God has given to the entire human family.

Thanks to this Child, all of us can speak to God and call him “Father”. Jesus is the only-begotten Son; no one but he knows the Father. Yet he came into the world for this very reason: to show us the face of the Father. Thanks to this Child, we can all call one another brothers and sisters, for so we truly are. We come from every continent, from every language and culture, with our own identities and differences, yet we are all brothers and sisters.

At this moment in history, marked by the ecological crisis and grave economic and social imbalances only worsened by the coronavirus pandemic, it is all the more important for us to acknowledge one another as brothers and sisters. God has made this fraternal unity possible, by giving us his Son Jesus. The fraternity he offers us has nothing to do with fine words, abstract ideals or vague sentiments. It is a fraternity grounded in genuine love, making it possible for me to encounter others different from myself, feeling com-passion for their sufferings, drawing near to them and caring for them even though they do not belong to my family, my ethnic group or my religion. For all their differences, they are still my brothers and sisters. The same thing is true of relationships between peoples and nations: brothers and sisters all!

At Christmas we celebrate the light of Christ who comes into the world; he comes for everyone, not just for some. Today, in this time of darkness and uncertainty regarding the pandemic, various lights of hope appear, such as the discovery of vaccines. But for these lights to illuminate and bring hope to all, they need to be available to all. We cannot allow the various forms of nationalism closed in on themselves to prevent us from living as the truly human family that we are. Nor can we allow the virus of radical individualism to get the better of us and make us indifferent to the suffering of other brothers and sisters. I cannot place myself ahead of others, letting the law of the marketplace and patents take precedence over the law of love and the health of humanity. I ask everyone – government leaders, businesses, international organizations – to foster cooperation and not competition, and to seek a solution for everyone: vaccines for all, especially for the most vulnerable and needy of all regions of the planet. Before all others: the most vulnerable and needy!

May the Child of Bethlehem help us, then, to be generous, supportive and helpful, especially towards those who are vulnerable, the sick, those unemployed or experiencing hardship due to the economic effects of the pandemic, and women who have suffered domestic violence during these months of lockdown.

In the face of a challenge that knows no borders, we cannot erect walls. All of us are in the same boat. Every other person is my brother or my sister. In everyone, I see reflected the face of God, and in those who suffer, I see the Lord pleading for my help. I see him in the sick, the poor, the unemployed, the marginalized, the migrant and the refugee: brothers and sisters all!

On this day, when the word of God became a child, let us turn our gaze to the many, all too many, children worldwide, especially in Syria, Iraq and Yemen, who still pay the high price of war. May their faces touch the consciences of all men and women of good will, so that the causes of conflicts can be addressed and courageous efforts can be made to build a future of peace. (continues on www.vatican.va)
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