



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 7:00pm (Saturday); 8am, 9:15am; 10:45am; 12:15pm, 3:00pm & 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: 10am; 12:10pm & 6.45pm Saturday: 10am

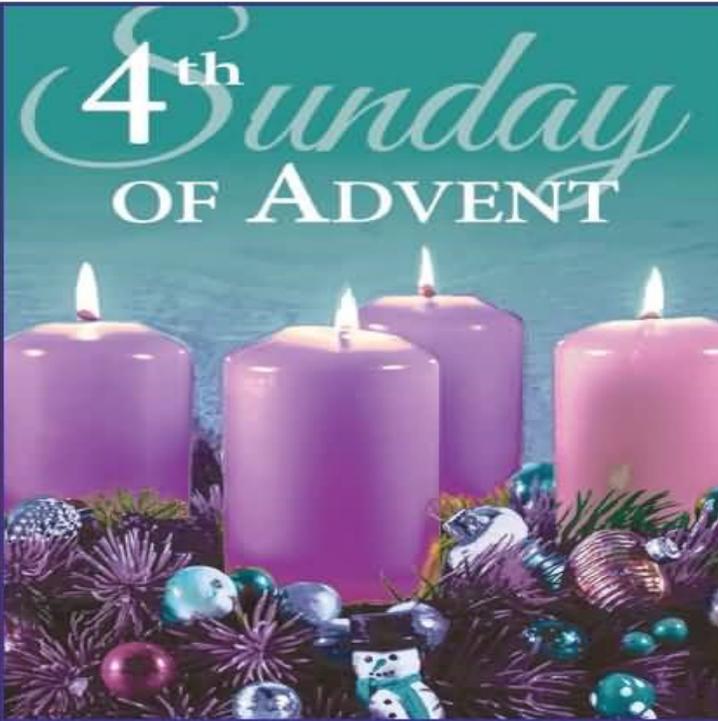
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Wednesday 12:45pm – 6:00pm; Sat. 10:45am – 12noon; Sun. 4pm–5.45pm

CONFESSION: Saturday after 10:30-11:30am; 6pm and at call. **ROSARY:** 11.30am (Monday—Friday)

PARISH SURGERY: Every Tuesday and Friday: 9:00am to 12:30pm and 2:00pm to 4:30pm

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

19TH DECEMBER 2021



By your faith and loving accord,
As the handmaid of the Lord,
You undertook God's plan to embrace.
Mary we thank you, hail, full of grace.

Refuge for your children so weak,
Sure protection all can seek.
Problems of life you help us to face.
Mary, we trust you, hail, full of grace.

To our needy world of today
Love and beauty you portray,
Showing the path to Christ we must trace.
Mary, our mother, hail, full of grace.

- J.P. Lecot

Collect

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ
your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this:

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 45: 8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

HYMN: HOLY VIRGIN BY GOD'S DECREE

Holy Virgin, by God's decree,
You were called eternally;
That he could give his Son to our race.
Mary, we praise you, hail, full of grace.

Ave, ave, ave, Maria.

the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.
The Lord is therefore going to abandon them
till the time when
she who is to give birth gives birth.
Then the remnant of his brothers will come back
to the sons of Israel.
He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.
They will live secure, for from then on
he will extend his power
to the ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.
The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19

R. *God of hosts, bring us back; let your face
shine on us and we shall be saved.*

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

Second reading Hebrews 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

*You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.
You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin;
then I said,
just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'*

Notice that he says first: *You did not want* what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and *you took no pleasure* in them; and then he says: *Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.* He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Lk1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 1:39-45

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Homily

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,
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.

Prayer of the Faithful

HYMN: THE ANGEL GABRIEL

1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:
"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

2 "For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honor thee;
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

4 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever
say:

"Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

- Basque Carol

Sanctus:

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

Agnus Dei:

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

have mercy on us.

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

Communion Antiphon Ps 84: 13

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

HYMN: SOUL OF MY SAVIOUR

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
Wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me and bid me come to thee on high
where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Patrick Michael Neale, Clare Leonard,
Sadie Angela McQuin, Matias Silva. May they rest
in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the
gifts of our priests; help them to be strong in their
vocation and become instruments of your love and
grace. Send your Holy Spirit to give courage and
guidance to all those you are calling to the priest-
hood, diaconate and religious life in our Archdio-
cese. May those called hear your voice and re-
spond wholeheartedly to become the person you
created them to be.

Heavenly Father, form us all in the like ness of your
Son, Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, so that we may
love you more deeply and serve you more
faithfully. We ask this through Christ, Your son, the
Eternal High Priest, **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN: O COME, EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appears.

Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel
shall come to thee, o Israel.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, thou key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height
in ancient times, didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

From the 'Great O Antiphons' tr. John Mason Neale

RAFFLE DRAW FOR MISSIO, CAFOD, AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED CHARITIES: This shall be held on Tuesday the 21st December. All sold and unsold tickets need to be returned by 20th the latest either to any of the volunteers or to one of the priests in the parish.

PARISH SURGERY DAYS: For signing of school forms, registration for Marriages, enquiry about Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, visit the parish office on **Tuesdays and Fridays between 9am and 12:30pm, and from 2pm to 4:30pm.**

ADVENT SHOEBOX APPEAL

St Mary's Women's Group are, once again, asking parishioners to donate a Christmas present for the homeless and vulnerable in our community. Fill a shoe box with toiletries, treats and a Christmas Card and these will go to the guests at St Mildred's Drop-In on Christmas Day. Further information about what to include in your box is on the parish website and on the posters in the porch. Many thanks for your continuing generosity.

PARISH OFFICE: The parish office will close on Wednesday 22nd December 2021 to reopen on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR PROGRAMME**Confessions:**

Saturday 18th Dec. 10:45-12noon: 6pm to 6:45pm
Mon 20th –Tue 21st: 10:45-12noon
Wed. 22nd Dec 6:pm: Penitential Service/
Confessions
(NO EVENING MASS ON THAT WEDNESDAY)

Masses:**Friday 24th December: Christmas Eve**

10am: Last Advent Mass
6:00pm: (Family) Vigil Mass
8:00pm: Vigil Mass
10:00pm: Vigil Mass
12:00am: Midnight Mass

Saturday: 25th December: Christmas Day

8:00am: Mass at Dawn
9:15am: Mass During the Day
10:45am: Mass During the Day
12:15pm: Mass During the Day
(NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS)

Sunday 26th December: Holy Family Day

Masses at 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm,
3:00pm and 6:00pm

Monday 27th December: St John the Evangelist

10:00 am Mass ONLY

Tuesday 28th December: The Holy Innocents

10:00 am Mass ONLY

Wednesday & Thursday: Masses as usual**Friday 31st December**

10:00am: Mass **NO 12:10pm & 6:45pm**

Masses

10:00pm HOLY HOUR
11:15pm: New Year Eve Thanksgiving Mass

Saturday 1st January: Mary, Mother of God

10:00am: Mass

12 noon: Mass

7:00pm: Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday 2nd January: Usual Sunday Masses**Monday 3rd January: 10am Mass ONLY**

ALTAR SERVERS' Christmas Training Session shall be held on Monday 20th December after the 6:45pm Mass in the church.

SYNOD SESSION: There will be a listening session with university students after the 12:15pm Mass this Sunday in the parish hall. All our young people in that category should please attend this session so we can complete our parish listening session.