



## OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

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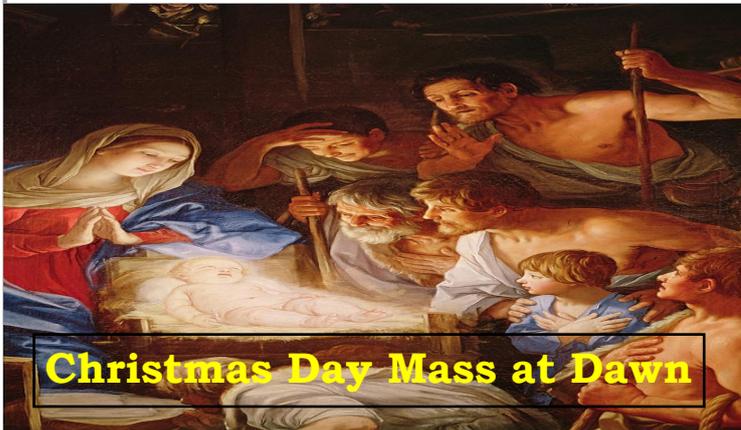
**SUNDAY MASS TIMES:** 7:00pm (Saturday); 8am, 9:15am; 10:45am; 12:15pm, 3:00pm & 6:00pm

**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



**Christmas Day Mass at Dawn**

### **ENTRANCE: O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL**

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him  
Born the King of Angels:

#### **Refrain:**

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

God of God,  
Light of Light,  
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
very God,  
begotten, not created:

Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God  
in the highest:

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesu, to thee be glory given!  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing!

#### **Gloria:**

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.  
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.  
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.**

### **Collect**

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, as we are bathed in the new radiance  
of your incarnate Word,  
the light of faith, which illumines our minds,  
may also shine through in our deeds.  
Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

### **First reading**                      **Isaiah 62:11-12**

This the Lord proclaims  
to the ends of the earth:  
Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Look,  
your saviour comes,  
the prize of his victory with him,  
his trophies before him.'  
They shall be called 'The Holy People',  
'The Lord's Redeemed.'  
And you shall be called 'The-sought-after',  
'City-not-forsaken.'

**The word of the Lord.**

### **Responsorial Psalm**      **Ps. 96(97):1,6,11-12**

**R.**    *This day new light will shine upon the  
earth: the Lord is born for us.*

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory.      **R.**

Light shines forth for the just  
and joy for the upright of heart.  
Rejoice, you just, in the Lord;  
give glory to his holy name.      **R.**

### **Second reading**                      **Titus 3:4-7**

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for  
mankind were revealed, it was not because he was  
concerned with any righteous actions we might have  
done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own  
compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleans-  
ing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Ho-  
ly Spirit which he has so generously poured over us

through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so  
that we should be justified by his grace, to become  
heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

**The word of the Lord.**

### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and peace to men who enjoy his favour.

**Alleluia!**

### **Gospel**                                      **Luke 2:15-20**

Now when the angels had gone from them into  
heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us  
go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has hap-  
pened which the Lord has made known to us.' So  
they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph,  
and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw  
the child they repeated what they had been told  
about him, and everyone who heard it was aston-  
ished at what the shepherds had to say. As for  
Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered  
them in her heart. And the shepherds went back  
glorifying and praising God for all they had heard  
and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

**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.

*(let us kneel)*

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.

*(let us stand)*

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**

#### **OFFERTORY: O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM**

O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to men on earth,  
for Christ is born of Mary;  
and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels  
keep their watch of wondering love.

How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him still  
the dear Christ enters in.

Where children pure and happy

pray to the blessed Child,  
where misery cries out to thee,  
son of the mother mild;  
where charity stands watching  
and faith holds wide the door,  
the dark night waits, the glory breaks,  
and Christmas comes once more.

O holy Child of Bethlehem  
descend to us, we pray  
cast out our sin and enter in  
be born in us today  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell  
O come to us, abide with us  
our Lord Emmanuel

#### **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: SILENT NIGHT**

Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
round yon Virgin Mother and Child,  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in Heavenly peace!  
sleep in Heavenly peace!

Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from Heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,  
Christ, the Saviour, is born!  
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Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, Love's pure light  
radiant, beams from Thy Holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

#### **2. AWAY IN A MAGER**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
the stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay  
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

### **RECESSIONAL: HARK THE HERALD**

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new born King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with th' angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new born King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail th' incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new born King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new born King!"

### **PARISH PRIEST'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, Christmas is here again! It's the season of the birth of our Redeemer, the Only Begotten Son of God sent to bring us back into life with God. Through the season of Advent, prophetic oracles point to and speak of the birth of the scion of David who would rule the world and establish an era of peace. We have been invited to focus our attention on the celebration of Christ's birth, his second coming at the end of time and his coming to us daily through the life and the Sacraments of the Church. Since the Third Sunday of Advent, Holy Mother Church has triggered

in our liturgy the mood of rejoicing. This is not something meant to be limited to our worship; it is meant to be an attitude of the mind, an experience of the joy that is made possible by our conscious following of the Gospel of Christ. That is the reason God's Only Son took on human flesh by the fiat of Our Lady and began to dwell among us. By his coming, we have all of us received the grace of peace, love and joy that will last us beyond this world to the fullness of life with God.

It is this reality of the coming of Christ as man that has brightened up the mood of the world again this year, that despite the difficulties we still experience in the world arising especially from the coronavirus and its various mutants, high infection rate, travel panics, inflation, high migration rates, the threats to world peace and the fear of climate change, children of God are exuding the joy of the Lord. Our experience of joy and rejoicing arises from our faith in the Son of God who loved us enough to come into our world, to take upon himself our pain, the guilt of our sin and the burden of our life, so that he can turn us into copies of his glorious self. Whoever gets a share in this joyful cause must therefore put Christ as the centre of their worldview in order to fully represent the holy, compassionate and loving Son of God.

That is the reason why we cannot celebrate the birth of our Messiah by just eating and drinking, living in flamboyance, wasteful display of wealth and affluence, without a thought for the poor, the lonely, the unloved, the homeless and the rejected of our society. Before meeting Christ we also fitted into all of the above categories, because of our sinful condition. Now that we have been built into Christ's love, we must, like him, show compassion, love, generosity and empathy to all who stand in need of these values. Our lives must be shared like Christ's with those on the margins of life. We must share all that we have with those who are not as endowed as us. That is what will make Christmas be what it really is: a time to make the wonders of the Lord happen in the lives of people, just as God's becoming man is the greatest story ever told and shall remain so for all time to come. Have a blessed Christmas everyone, and may the coming year bring loads of blessings to us from the Father of Love.

**Our parish office has closed for  
Christmas to re-open on Wednesday  
5th of January 2022.**