



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



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

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity
of human nature
and still more wonderfully restored it,
grant, we pray,
that we may share in the divinity of Christ,
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.
Who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First reading **Isaiah 52:7-10**

How beautiful on the mountains,
are the feet of one who brings good news,
who heralds peace, brings happiness,
proclaims salvation,
and tells Zion,
'Your God is king!'
Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,
they shout for joy together,
for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.
Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.
The Lord bares his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps. 95(98):1-6**

R. *All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.*

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy. **R.**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

Second reading **Hebrews 1:1-6**

At various times in the past and in various different ways,
God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in
our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through
his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit every-
thing and through whom he made everything there is. He
is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of
his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful com-
mand; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of
sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right
hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the an-
gels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their
own name.

God has never said to any angel: *You are my Son, today I*

*have become your father; or: I will be a father to him and he
a son to me.* Again, when he brings the First-Born into
the world, he says: *Let all the angels of God worship him.*

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

A hallowed day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations, worship the Lord,
for today a great light
has shone down upon the earth.

Alleluia!

Gospel **John 1:1-18**

In the beginning was the Word:
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.
A man came, sent by God.
His name was John. He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.
The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world
that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh or will of man
but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh, he lived among us,
and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the
only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness. He proclaims:
'This is the one of whom I said:

He who comes after me ranks before me
because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have,
all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace,
since, though the Law was given through Moses,
grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son,
who is nearest to the Father's heart,
who has made him known.

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

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

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 fol-

lowing 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.**