



## 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



When, like stars, His children crowned  
All in white, shall wait around.

### 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 gladden us year by year  
as we wait in hope for our redemption,  
grant that, just as we joyfully welcome  
your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer,  
we may also merit to face him confidently  
when he comes again as our Judge.  
Who lives and reigns with you

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ex 16: 6-7

Today you will know that the Lord will come,  
and he will save us, and in the morning  
you will see his glory.

### ENTRANCE: ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Once in Royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed.  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for His bed.  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ that little child.

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.

And our eyes at last shall see Him  
Through His own redeeming love,  
For that child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in Heaven above;  
And He leads His children on  
To the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor, lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing by,  
We shall see Him; but in Heaven,  
Set at God's right hand on high,

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

**Amen.**

**First reading**

**Isaiah 62:1-5**

About Zion I will not be silent,  
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,  
until her integrity shines out like the dawn  
and her salvation flames like a torch.  
The nations then will see your integrity,  
all the kings your glory,  
and you will be called by a new name,  
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.  
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the  
Lord,  
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;  
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',  
nor your land 'Abandoned',  
but you shall be called 'My Delight'  
and your land 'The Wedded';  
for the Lord takes delight in you  
and your land will have its wedding.  
Like a young man marrying a virgin,  
so will the one who built you wed you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,  
so will your God rejoice in you.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps. 88(89):4-5,16-17,27,29**

**R. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.**

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
I will establish your dynasty for ever  
and set up your throne through all ages.' **R.**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
who find their joy every day in your name,  
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

'He will say to me: "You are my father,  
my God, the rock who saves me."  
I will keep my love for him always;  
with him my covenant shall endure.' **R.**

**Second reading**

**Acts 13:16-17, 22-25**

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia, he stood up in the  
synagogue, held up a hand for silence and began to speak:

'Men of Israel, and fearers of God, listen! The God of  
our nation Israel chose our ancestors, and made our peo-  
ple great when they were living as foreigners in Egypt;  
then by divine power he led them out.

'Then he made David their king, of whom he approved  
in these words, "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man  
after my own heart, who will carry out my whole pur-  
pose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel  
one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose com-  
ing was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism  
of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John  
ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine

me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit  
to undo his sandal."

**The word of the Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Tomorrow there will be an end  
to the sin of the world  
and the saviour of the world will be our king.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel**

**Matthew 1:1-25**

A genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David,  
son of Abraham:  
Abraham was the father of Isaac,  
Isaac the father of Jacob,  
Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,  
Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah,  
Tamar being their mother,  
Perez was the father of Hezron,  
Hezron the father of Ram,  
Ram was the father of Amminadab,  
Amminadab the father of Nahshon,  
Nahshon the father of Salmon,  
Salmon was the father of Boaz,  
Rahab being his mother,  
Boaz was the father of Obed,  
Ruth being his mother,  
Obed was the father of Jesse;  
and Jesse was the father of King David.  
David was the father of Solomon,  
whose mother had been Uriah's wife,  
Solomon was the father of Rehoboam,  
Rehoboam the father of Abijah,  
Abijah the father of Asa,  
Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat,  
Jehoshaphat the father of Joram,  
Joram the father of Azariah,  
Azariah was the father of Jotham,  
Jotham the father of Ahaz,  
Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,  
Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh,  
Manasseh the father of Amon,  
Amon the father of Josiah;  
and Josiah was the father of Jechoniah  
and his brothers.  
Then the deportation to Babylon took place.  
After the deportation to Babylon:  
Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel,  
Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,  
Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud,  
Abiud the father of Eliakim,  
Eliakim the father of Azor,  
Azor was the father of Zadok,  
Zadok the father of Achim,  
Achim the father of Eliud,  
Eliud was the father of Eleazar,  
Eleazar the father of Matthan,  
Matthan the father of Jacob;  
and Jacob was the father of Joseph  
the husband of Mary;  
of her was born Jesus who is called Christ.  
The sum of generations is therefore: fourteen from

Abraham to David; fourteen from David to the Babylonian deportation; and fourteen from the Babylonian deportation to Christ.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home and, though he had not had intercourse with her, she gave birth to a son; and he named him Jesus.

### **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.**

#### **OFFERTORY: 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:

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:

#### **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!  
Christ, the Saviour, is born!

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.

**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.**