



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



Set at God's right hand on high,
When, like stars, His children crowned
All in white, shall wait around.

BLESSING OF THE CRIB

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.

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

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,

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 have made this most sacred night
radiant with the splendour of the true light,
grant, we pray, that we, who have known the
mysteries of his light on earth,
may also delight in his gladness in heaven.
Who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Isaiah 9:1-7

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy
when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.
For all the footgear of battle,
every cloak rolled in blood,
is burnt,
and consumed by fire.
For there is a child born for us,
a son given to us
and dominion is laid on his shoulders;
and this is the name they give him:
Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God,
Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.
Wide is his dominion
in a peace that has no end,
for the throne of David
and for his royal power,
which he establishes and makes secure
in justice and integrity.
From this time onwards and for ever,
the jealous love of the Lord of Hosts will do this.
The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 95(96):1-3,11-13

**R. Today a saviour has been born to us:
he is Christ the Lord.**

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth. **R.**

With justice he will rule the world,
he will judge the peoples with his truth. **R.**

Second reading

Titus 2:11-14

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salva-
tion possible for the whole human race and taught us
that what we have to do is to give up everything that
does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we
must be self-restrained and live good and
religious lives here in this present world, while we are
waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with
the Appearing of the glory of our great God and sav-
iour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order
to set us free from all wickedness and to
purify a people so that it could be his very own and
would have no ambition except to do good.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

I bring you news of great joy:
today a saviour has been born to us,
Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the
whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took
place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and every-
one went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph
set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and trav-
elled up to Judaea, to the town of
David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House
and line, in order to be registered together with Mary,
his betrothed, who was with child. While they were
there the time came for her to have her child, and she
gave birth to a son, her first born. She wrapped him in
swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because
there was no room for them at the inn.

In the countryside close by there were shepherds
who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch
their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord
appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone
round them. They were terrified, but the angel said,
'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy,
a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the
town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is
Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will
find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a
manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a
great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and
singing:

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

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

Prayer over the Offerings

As we look forward, O Lord,
to the coming festivities,
may we serve you all the more eagerly
for knowing that in them
you make manifest the beginnings of our
redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

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:

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!

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 experi-

ence 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.**