The Nativity of the Lord - December 25, 2022

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church





The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

A Prayer for World Peace

Dear God, thank You for all creation. In the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth and all teachers of peace who inspire the many faith traditions, help me and all the people of the world learn how to replace hate, war, oppression, and division with love, peace, freedom, and reconciliation. Help me to embody Your love in my relationships with my family, friends, strangers – even my enemies. I commit myself to this sacred task throughout my life. So let it be. Amen.

Parish Information

Mass Times

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. (livestreamed)

Saturday: 8:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. (livestreamed), 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (livestreamed), 11:00 a.m. (livestreamed), 1:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Hours of Operation

Main Office: Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Saint John the Evangelist offers the healing sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in the Church confessionals on Monday and Wednesday after morning Mass and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 2:00-2:45 p.m.

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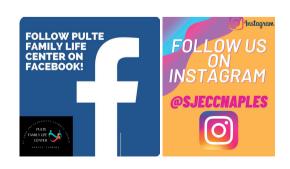
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Mass Intentions

Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions (SI)

Saturday, December 24, 2022

8:00 AM + Jean and Anthony DeCesare

Vigil Masses for Sunday
3:00 PM + Ozzie D'Addario

5:00 PM + Andy Sanfelippo 7:00 PM + Adele M. DiStefano 12:00 AM + Lorna McGrory

Sunday, December 25, 2022

7:00 AM + Teresa Dep Pham 9:00 AM + Joe Reid 11:00 AM SI The Basler Family 1:00 PM + Daniel Cueyna

Flowers + In Memory of Gerald W. McEntee

Monday, December 26, 2022

8:30 AM + Lori Ann Furtado

Tuesday, December 27, 2022

8:30 AM + John Griffen

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

8:30 AM + Philip Corio
Thursday, December 29, 2022

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8:30 AM + Gerard H. Marino

Friday, December 30, 2022

8:30 AM + Deacon Virgil and Marguerite Glochesk Maguire Family

Saturday, December 31, 2022

8:00 AM + Ernest G. Heymann

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 PM + Annette Carlier 5:00 PM + Velasco Family

Sunday, January 1, 2023

7:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners 9:00 AM + Fr. Al McPartland

11:00 AM + Dietrich (Richie) Twiefel 1:00 PM + Francesca J. Viscuso

5:00 PM + Mr. and Mrs. John Shea and Family

Requested By

Kay Reid

Janet D'Addario Kay Sanfelippo The DiStefano Family

The Family Requested By

Uyen Kay Reid Fr. Tom Lizabeth C

Lizabeth Cueyna Barbara McEntee Requested By

Kathleen Piazzon
Requested By

Vincent and Ann McMullin

Requested By

Bob and Marie Harris

Requested By

The Marino Family Requested By

Maguire Family
Requested By
Laura Heymann

Mary Lou Kanach The Noriega Family

Requested By

Dennis and Fran Powers

June Verrilli and Anthony Verilli Family and Allen

Wright Family

Ron and Lisa Robles

Kathleen and Ginger

Readings for the Week

Saturday, December 24, 2022 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79

Sunday, December 25, 2022 Is 9:1-6/Lk 2:1-14

Monday, December 26, 2022 ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59/MT 10:17-22

Tuesday, December 27, 2022 1 |n 1:1-4/|n 20:1a and 2-8

Wednesday, December 28, 2022 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday, December 29, 2022 1 |n 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Friday, December 30, 2022 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Saturday, December 31, 2022 1 |n 2:18-21/96:1-2, 11-12, 13/|n 1:1-18

Sacraments of the Church

Baptism: The Diocese requires that parents seeking baptism for their child attend a baptism preparation class. To schedule a baptism class, please call the office at (239) 566-8740.

Matrimony: Those who wish to be married in our parish must complete the Marriage Preparation Program. The Diocese requires a six month notice. Tricia Schwarz: tricia@sjecc.com.

Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements: Call the parish office. If the office is closed the answering machine will provide an emergency phone number for you to reach a priest.

Ministries and Groups

Arimatheans. Arimatheans attend funeral Masses and memorial services to provide support and compassion. Please contact Ann Petrillo: 239.248.2189

Boy Scout Troop 226 – St. John the Evangelist. Prepare boys to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Meets on Mondays at 6:45 p.m. in the Alexandria Room. scoutmaster@troop-226.com

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group – Rosemary Erickson: 239.250.0432

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina – Mondays at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. Kathleen Dunne: kadunne61@aol.com, 901.574.2947

Cub Scout Pack 226 – Chartered at St. John the Evangelist. Provide families with an opportunity to raise their young boys in the way of Jesus and through the formative values of Scouting. Meets on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Contact Melissa Wychocki: mwychocki@gmail.com

Faith Chat - We will begin studying the book of Matthew on January 6th at 9:30am. We will meet on December 29th at 9:30am for coffee and conversation. Come and get to know us! We will start the study of the Gospel of St. Matthew on January 5th, 9:30am-11am.

For more information contact Lee Pinto at 239-821-6195 or LeePinto2924@ aol.com.

Jamaica Outreach Program. JOP provides goods, food, medical-vision-dental services, education, and basic support to improve the lives of the poor in Jamaica. We welcome new volunteers. For more information, contact Jeanne Stamant Pittman: 239.248.3248 or info@jamaicaoutreach.org

Knights of Columbus. At St. John the Evangelist, Knights serve parish ministries, sponsor parish events and help with special projects. They support our clergy, fund parish equipment, assist in events for our youth and help the less fortunate. You can learn more about the parish K of C Council on our website https://11281.knights.church or contact us, at info@koccouncil11281.org or leave a message at 239.228.3938, and we'll respond promptly. Fourth degree Knights can find information about our Assembly at https://3308.patriotic.degree.

AA Robert: 239.287.2442

Adult Children of Alcoholics Tom Mooney, 239.287.0195 **Al-Anon** For meeting locations and times, call 239.263.5907 or visit www.NaplesAl-Anon.org

Knitting & Crocheting. Meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. - Noon in the Parish Activity Center, classrooms 3 & 4. Knits and crochets baby and children's items, prayer shawls, nursing home and elderly blankets. No experience necessary. Donations, both monetary and yarn are welcome. Contact: Sharon Campbell at 239.438.7867 or sharon@naples.net

Ladies of Charity. Our motto is to serve rather than to be served in humility, simplicity, and charity. We strive to serve the poor, sick, and marginalized in our community. Membership is open to any Catholic woman. For more information, please contact Karen Kaspar at kcmk77@aol.com or 216.496.7414.

Pray the Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena - Every Saturday at 7:50 a.m. before Mass on the 1st Saturday and immediately after Mass on the other Saturdays of the month. Allan Degnan:, 239-919-4465

Pray the Rosary & the Chaplet of Divine Mercy – Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy are recited every day starting 50 minutes before Mass begins, Monday through Saturday. Summer Schedule at 7:40 a.m., Winter Schedule at 7:10 a.m. Barbara Hardebeck: 765-714-6589

Sewing Ministry. Sewing Ministry meets to sew for needy children on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3:30 in the Parish Activity Center, rooms 1 and 2. Donations, both monetary and of fabrics and supplies are welcome. If you like to sew we encourage you to come and see what we are all about. Please call either Barbara Arthur at 239.250.4162, email Bka1678@hotmail.com or Phyllis Crivelli 973.710.6347, email jandpcrivelli@gmail.com before coming to make sure we are meeting that day.

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul. We give glory to God by offering direct/in-home help to anyone in need within the boundaries of our parish. Our work spans fighting food insecurity, keeping families in their homes, and a wide variety of special projects and programs focused on helping our neighbors address difficult challenges. We meet the FIRST and THIRD Tuesdays of every month at 9:00 a.m. classroom 1 in the Claussen center. Contact Bob Westenberg: bwstjohn@SVDPnaples.org.



Ministry Notes



Are you a quilter?
Are you interested in joining the St. John the Evangelist Quilting Ministry?

For more information on this new way to serve others in our community, call Sharon Campbell 239-438-7867

Safe Environment Training

As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and complete online training in Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering. For further information, please visit: https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/programs/safeenvironment/. Report any abuse against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800-962-2873. Further, if Diocesan personnel or volunteers are involved, also notify the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Susan Benton, at 941-416-6114.

Helping People Impacted by IAN

St. John's, along with the St. Vincent DePaul
Society, have joined together to help those
impacted by IAN. Because of the
overwhelmingly generous donations from our
parishioners, we have the ability to help you or
any individuals or families needing help getting
back on their feet. Please let us know where we
can help!

For information or help, please e-mail Bob at disaster@svdpnaples.org or call the parish office at (239) 566-8740.















St. John Religious Gift Shop

We are pleased to offer home décor, mugs, homemade gifts (crafted by one of our sewing ministry members), jewelry, books, rosaries, statues, children's gifts, and more! Located just inside the church entrance, the Gift Shop is open Saturdays 2:30-6:15 p.m. and Sundays 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We look forward to serving you!

Prayers

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria (Glory to God in the Highest)

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.

The Nicene 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Communion Prayer

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Ukraine Prayer

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide

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We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. Amen



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Pray for the Military

Please pray for our loved ones who are serving in the military:

- Adam Decker
- Private 1st Class Joseph Albert Cary
- Nick Detloff
- SSG Douglas Hennessy
- Marine Colonel Brian Howlett
- Lt. Col. Scott Huber USAF
- PV2 Alexander McMickle Ft. Eustis, VA
- Hunter Scalzo Army Ranger with 1st Division & 75th Infantry
- · Col. Brian Murphy

- Lt. Col. Iill Murphy
- Sgt. Larry Oldenburg US Army
- Cpl. Derek Perez US Marine Corps
- Austin Spagnola
- Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino USAF, Turkey
- Capt. Stephen English US Army
- LTJG Tanis K. Taylor US Navy, USS Sullivans
- Sophie Koeppl
- Austin Zicht USAF
- Brendan C. Finnegan-USAF
- Alexander L Denha, second lieutenant in the army (infantry division)

- SPC Nicholas LaManna
- PFC Sisi Tyrrell US Marine Corps
- Hugh O'Donnell, SPEC 4, 75th Ranger Regiment
- Lt. Brendan Tourek USN
- Capt. Gregory Sacenti US Army
- Daniel Petito US Army
- PFC John Dyer US Army Germany
- Drew Kendall Seamen US Navy

We remember those who have died recently. May they rest in eternal peace. Joan Kirk

Prayer List

Thomas Abell Declan Aigner Amy FitzGerald Molly and Randy Anton Josephine **Apricena** Dexter Aumiller Tony Aumiller Allison Avery Pax Axberg Babies Ralph and Andrew J. Cox Charlie Kim Bach Florence Ballachino Sam Ballachino Barbara Barber Carolyn Bashaw Robert Bashaw **Jennifer Basile** Kurt Becker Ralph Belmore Linda Berry Larry Biela Boxer Bernie Boyle Therese Braiz Kent Brase Isabella Bucca Camp Family Eileen Dick and Betsy Elkin Escobar Canny Melanie F.

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Megan Johnson Kennedy Johnston Ophelia lov Robert Kaliebe Ronald & Patricia Kaminski Bayli Rose Kauffman Shawn Kay Yvonne Keenan Karen Kellington Caroline Lansing Kelly, Susan McKeever MD Marion Kelly Dolores Kernocha Nancy Kiel Elizabeth Kiffney Tracey Kirk Liz Knott Jeffrey Kostiw Kathie Kotscher Brady Koza Richard C. Kruger Judy Kruzich Barbara Kuryea Rene Lacoste Jack and Kay Lain Shanna Lee Doris Lloyd Michele Loggi

Janet Lombardo Teresa Lozano Dawn Luderman Bob Lutz Joan D. Lynch Barb Marsh Deborah Marsh Ruth Martin Donna Masse Janice McCarthy Catherine McCusker Jutta McInnis Jerry McMahon Andrew McManus Rebecca McManus Bishop Burchell McPherson Thomas and Michael Miller Eileen Miner Heather Schwarz Maroney William Murphy Carrie Nudd Monica O'Brien lames Oko Francisco Basielio Oliveira

Marylee Olsen O'Donnell Patrick O'Donnell Joseph Pandolfo Eric Parker Ryan Paul Bill Payne Adolfo Peters Raymond Placencia Paul J. Polking Dennis Powers Jim Rankin Amrita Rashmi John Repice Vicki Reza Danica Roy Frank Ryan Peggy O'Neil Saba Lisa Sanfelippo Catherine Schmacht RC Schmidt Rosalie Senatore Anne Sissman Kyle Sitarz Teddy & Joe Sitter Clyde Smatlak Robert and Kathleen Elaine Wilkinson Soares Amy Sobie Pamela Solomon N. J. Spriggle George Stash

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Bill Farley

Paul Lombard

Gospel Reflection with Fr. Tom

It may come as a surprise to some to learn that the actual date of Christ's birth is unknown. December 25 was chosen by Rome around the year 300 AD. Why this particular date?

In olden times, before artificial light was invented, the season of winter was long, and dark, and dreary. And all of this was due to the fact that the sun had gone away. However, the people knew that at a certain point the sun began to come back, and things changed for the better. So they had a feast to celebrate this fact. It was known as the feast of the Unconquerable Sun (Sol Invictus).

To counter this pagan feast the Church chose December 25, which is close to the winter solstice, to celebrate the birth of Christ. Instead of worshipping the Sun-God, people were encouraged to worship Christ, the Son of God. The Church saw the coming of Jesus as fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah: "The people that lived in darkness have seen a great light;" Jesus described his mission in similar terms when he said: "I am the light of the world."

December is the darkest month of the year (in the northern hemisphere). It's a time when we appreciate the value of light. Christmas means the coming of God's light into the darkness of our world. Someone described Christmas as a pool of light in the inky darkness of winter.

How dark the world would be if the light of Christ had never shone.

The Russian writer, Dostoevsky, put it like this: "While we are on earth, we grope in the dark, and, but for the precious image of Christ before us, we would lose our way completely and perish."

The teaching of Christ was truly a source of light to all who accepted him. But it was above all through his deeds and encounters with people that his luminous goodness manifested itself. Countless people came to him in darkness and went away bathed in light.

Christ's light was not lit in Bethlehem once and then extinguished.

Unlike the sun, Christ's light knows no setting. It continues to shine for all who believe in him and follow him. The light of Christ is a persistent light, and has the power to draw people to its shining. It's not an illusory comfort, or a false reassurance that all is well when this is clearly not the case. It shines in the midst of devastation, disaster and upheaval. The Gospel is a persistent and defiant light, which no darkness can overpower.

Christ's light comes as a friend. It brings healing not hurt, freedom not oppression, life not death. Those who follow him will always have the light of life. He teaches us who we are and what our destiny is. We are children of God, destined for eternal life. May the Lord in his goodness give us a taste of that joy which the shepherds experienced when the light of God's glory shone around them on that first Christmas night. Merry Christmas,

Fr. Tom

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Reading I Is 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch. Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

R. (2a) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout; in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.

At your name they rejoice all the day, and through your justice they are exalted.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

He shall say of me, "You are my father, my God, the rock, my savior."
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Reading II Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia and entered the synagogue, he stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, "Fellow Israelites and you others who are Godfearing, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and exalted the people during their sojourn in the land of Egypt. With uplifted arm he led them out of it. Then he removed Saul and raised up David as king; of him he testified, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will carry out my every wish.' From this man's descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel;



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and as John was completing his course, he would say,

'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.'"

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed:
the Savior of the world will reign over us.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mt 1:1-25

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab. Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. Boaz became the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed became the father of lesse, Jesse the father of David the king. David became the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon became the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah,

Abijah the father of Asaph. Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat, Ioram the father of Uzziah. Uzziah became the father of Jotham, lotham the father of Ahaz. Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos. Amos the father of Josiah. Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile. After the Babylonian exile, Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel the father of Abjud. Abiud became the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor. Azor the father of Zadok. Zadok became the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud, Eliud the father of Eleazar. Eleazar became the father of Matthan. Matthan the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ. Thus the total number of generations from Abraham to David is fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian exile, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian exile to the Christ, fourteen generations. Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.

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For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

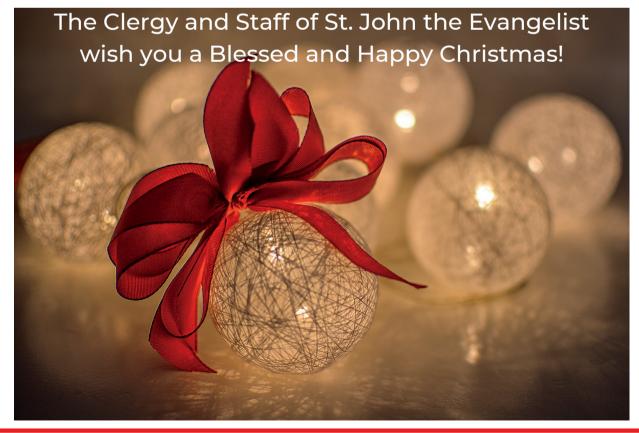
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

Mt 1:18-25

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit.

Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her guietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "loseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him lesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him lesus.



Readings for The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Midnight Mass

Reading I Is 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for flames. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

Responsorial Psalm Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13.

R. (Lk 2:11) Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

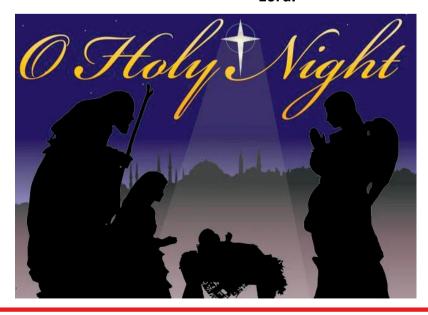
R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and what fills it resound; let the plains be joyful and all that is in them! Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the

They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes; for he comes to rule the earth. He shall rule the world with justice and the peoples with his constancy.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.



Readings for The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Midnight Mass

Reading II Ti 2:11-14

Beloved:

The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

Alleluia Lk 2:10-11

R. Alleluia, alleluia. I proclaim to you good news of great joy: today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord. R. Alleluia, alleluia.



Gospel Lk 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem,

because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled 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 her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."



Readings for The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Mass during the Day

Reading I Is 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, "Your God is King!" Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry, together they shout for joy, for they see directly, before their eyes, the LORD restoring Zion. Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem! For the LORD comforts his people, he redeems Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; all the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6.

R. (3c) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; his right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.

He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness

toward the house of Israel.

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R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God.

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and melodious song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn sing joyfully before the King, the LORD.

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Reading II Have 1:1-6

Brothers and sisters:

In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word. When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say: You are my son; this day I have begotten you? Or again:

I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me? And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.



Readings for The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Mass during the Day - Gospel

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
A holy day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.
For today a great light has come upon the earth.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel In 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me."

From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

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Hymns for the The Nativity of the Lord December 25, 2022

Opening Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful

Responsorial Psalms: (Vigil) Psalm 89 - For Ever I Will SIng, (Midnight) Psalm 96 - Today

Is Born Our Savior, (Day) Psalm 98 - All the Ends of the Earth

Gifts: Angels We Have Heard On High

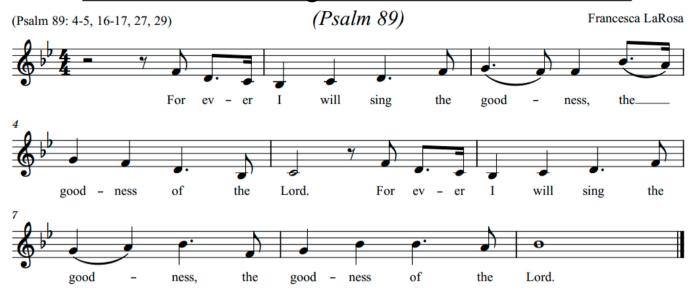
Communion Songs: Silent Night, The First Noel

Closing Hymn: Joy to the World

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For Ever I Will Sing The Goodness of the Lord

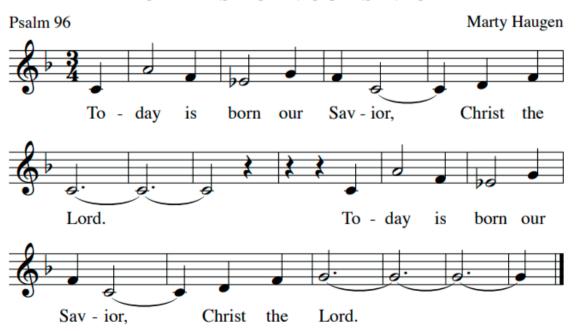


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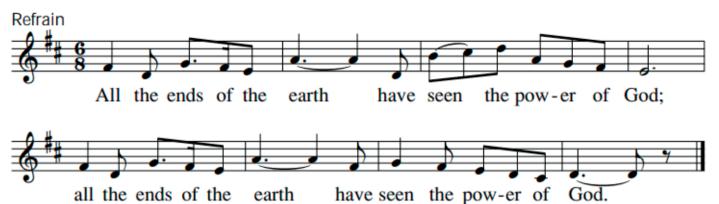
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TODAY IS BORN OUR SAVIOR



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Psalm 98: All the Ends of the Earth



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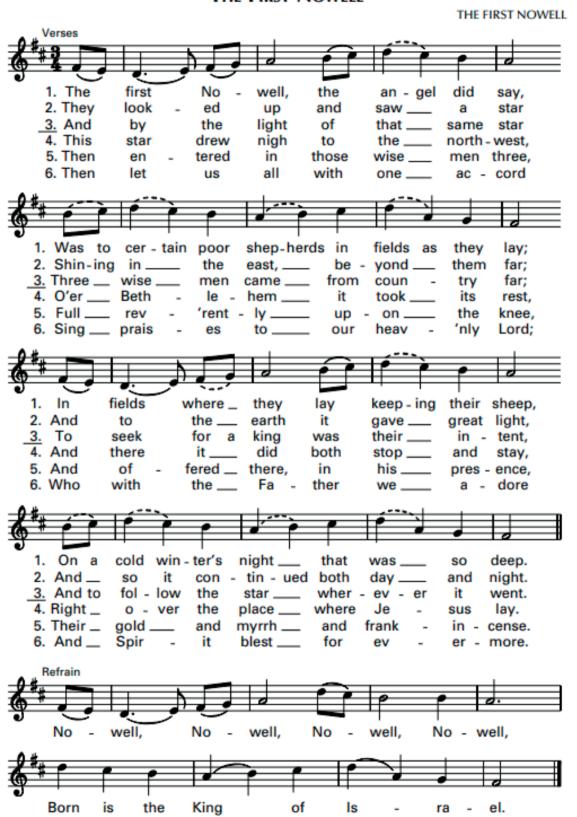
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- 2. The Lord has made salvation known, and justice revealed to all, remembering kindness and faithfulness to Israel.
- 3. All of the ends of earth have seen salvation by our God. Joyfully sing out all you lands, break forth in song.
- 4. Sing to the Lord with harp and song, with trumpet and with horn. Sing in your joy before the king, the king, our Lord.

Silent Night, Holy Night

- 1. Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright Round yon Virgin Mother and child! Radiant beams from thy holy face, Holy Infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
 - 2. Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
- Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light. With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King. Christ the Savior is born. Christ the Savior is born."



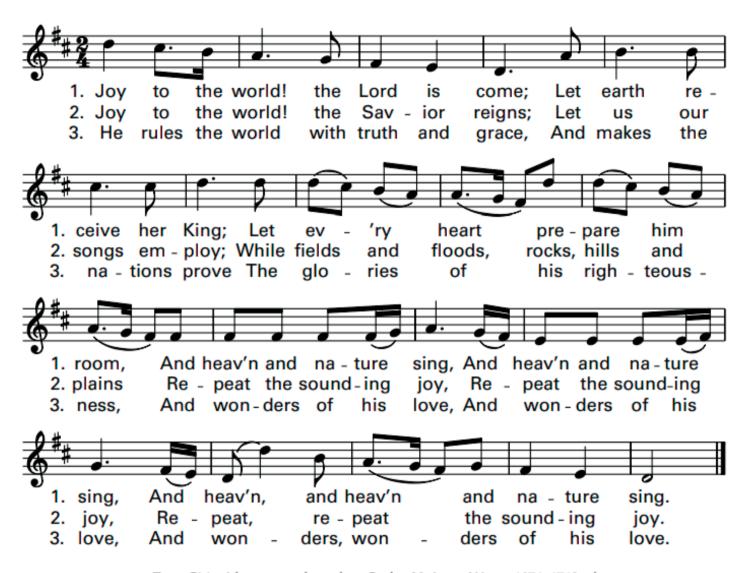
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JOY TO THE WORLD

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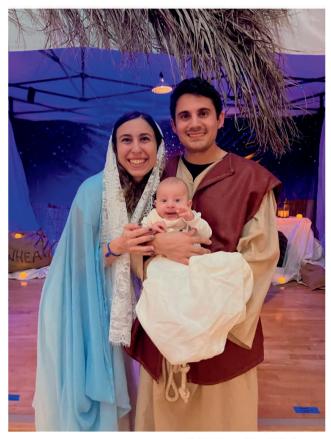
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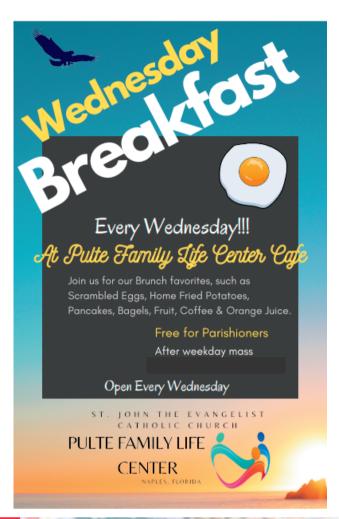
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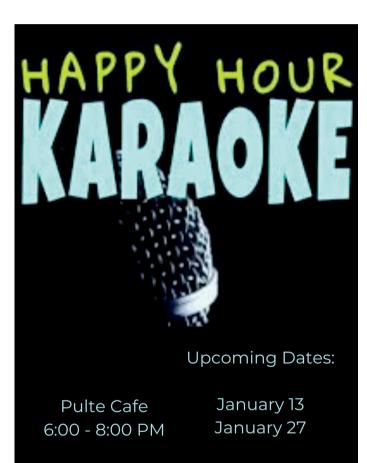
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