

## CHRISTMAS THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Vigil Mass

Is. 62.1-5 Acts 13:16-17,22-25 Mt. 1:18-25

**Psalm refrain:** Forever I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord.

### INTRODUCTION TO THE MASS

The readings highlight Jesus as the fulfilment of God's promise to the Jews for a Messiah. Today we celebrate that Messiah's legacy and birth, as God reveals himself fully in the person of Jesus Christ, born of a woman into human time and history who then sends his disciples to share this Good News with all.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah prophesies Jerusalem's vindication and glorious transformation.

Saint Paul preaches in the synagogue of Antioch, showing Jesus' lineage as arising from God's choosing of David as king and his promise of a Saviour. He also tells them that John the Baptist *heralded his coming*.

In the Gospel, Matthew first tells *the genealogy of Jesus Christ*, from Abraham to Jesus, and then *how the birth of Jesus Christ came about*.

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Mass During the Day

Is. 52.7-10. Heb. 1.1-6. Jn. 1.1-18

**Psalm refrain:** All the ends of the earth shall see the victory of our God.

### INTRODUCTION TO THE MASS

Today is a day of great rejoicing for all humanity. God has fulfilled the promises of old and the light of his love has appeared among us as a newborn Child. God has made his dwelling among us and given us power to become his children and to receive from him the fullness of grace.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah prophesies the one who *brings glad tidings*, announcing the good news of salvation. In the Letter to the Hebrews, the author writes that over time *God spoke in partial and various ways*, but *in these last days he has spoken to us through the Son*.

In the Gospel, John proclaims Jesus as the Incarnate Word of God: the fullness of God's Revelation to us. He also writes of John who came before Jesus *to testify to the light*.

## MASS INTENTIONS INTENCJE MSZALNE

**Friday – piątek, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Eve

**5:00 PM Mass** (English) Special intention

**7:00 PM Mass** (English) For Parishioners

**10:00 PM Mass** (Polish) W pewnej intencji

**Saturday - sobota, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Day - The Nativity of the Lord

**9:00 AM Mass (English)** For Parishioners

**11:00 AM Mass (Polish)** Z podziękowaniem za otrzymane łaski - rodzina Stanikowskich

**No evening Mass at 5:00 pm on Christmas Day**

**SUNDAY – niedziela, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**9:00 AM Mass (English)** For Parishioners

**11:00 AM Mass (Polish)** Za + Karolinę Skrzypek w 2. rocznicę śmierci - Mama

**Monday – poniedziałek, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

St. John, Apostle, Evangelist - F

**9:00 AM Mass and Blessing of Wine**

**No Mass Tuesday - Thursday**

**Oblate Parish Priests Meeting**

**Friday – piątek, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

New Year's Eve

**4:00 PM** Adoration (English)

**4:45 PM** Year End Prayers (English)

**5:00 PM Mass** (English) In Thanksgiving for all of God's blessings during 2021

**Saturday - sobota, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
World Day of Peace

**9:00 AM Mass (English)** For Parishioners

**11:00 AM Mass (Polish)** W pewnej intencji

**No evening Mass at 5:00 pm on New Year's Day**

**SUNDAY – niedziela, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

The Epiphany of the Lord

**9:00 AM** Special Intention

**11:00 AM** Za parafian

### BIRTHDAYS

Włodzimierz Batko	Dec. 25
Anthony Calaycay	Dec. 27
Lucy Gasparoto	Dec. 27
Raymond Pellerin	Dec. 28
Ryszard Talar	Dec. 28
Karen Rosinski-Letourneau	Dec. 31
Ryszarda G. Haluszczynski	Dec. 31
Terry Crysler	Dec. 31
Joseph Wiczorek	Jan. 1