

SAINTS SIMON & JUDE

Catholic Community • Huntington Beach



December 26, 2021 | The Nativity of the Lord



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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday

8:15 am

Saturday Vigil

4:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am and 5:00 pm

Rite of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday following the 8:15 am Mass in the church.

Anointing of the Sick

By appointment only. Call the parish office to make an appointment or speak to one of our priests after Mass.

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday Closed

Saints Simon & Jude Catholic School

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Clergy on Staff

Rev. Reynold Furrell - Pastor
Rev. Thanh-Tai Nguyen - Parochial Vicar
Rev. Michael Rizzo - Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Stephen Byars, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Matt Calabrese, Deacon

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FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

On behalf of Father Reynold, Father Thanh Tai, and the entire parish staff, may God grant you a joyous, blessed and faith-filled Christmas! We thank God that He so loved the world that He gave us His Son nearly 2000 years ago!

Today, as we look back at our Savior's birth and look forward to His return, we might consider how wonderfully disruptive that first Christmas was. Nothing about the Christmas story is normal, natural, or expected. The incarnation completely upended Mary's and Joseph's rather quiet lives and forced them to give up all that they had planned. The angels told the shepherds to go on a journey that they were not planning. An "unexpected" Messiah and a "new" covenant challenged many of the rules and practices of the "chosen people" and their leaders. Even the counting of time itself was disrupted on that day. Whether it's called "A.D." or "C.E." the birth of Jesus marked the beginning of the modern calendar. Since Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Christmas has continued to turn people's worlds upside down.

Christmas in today's world often requires that we allow our lives to be totally disrupted by the "earthly" priorities of the season. We are consumed with decorating, card sending, shopping, wrapping, entertaining, traveling, cooking, baking, eating, and drinking. We happily disrupt our normal routines to celebrate with family and friends. Yet, this disruption can sometimes be damaging to those very relationships.

When my son was about 4, we celebrated one of our rare Christmases at our own home. That year, John wanted a "fire jeep" (a battery powered, ride-in jeep, that had flame decals on each side). I bought the jeep, assembled it, charged it, and asked a neighbor to keep this very special gift parked in his garage until John went to bed on Christmas Eve. Unfortunately, John decided that he was not going

to bed that evening because he was going to wait for Santa to arrive! As it got later in the evening, I grew less and less patient with John because I didn't want to keep my neighbor waiting. Finally, at about 9:30 pm, I put my foot down and carried him upstairs while he cried and flailed his arms and legs. Needless to say, my impatience put a damper on our enjoyable Christmas Eve.

As I reflect on this almost 25 years later, it occurs to me that I was impatient because I had the wrong priorities. I was focused on not inconveniencing my neighbor, surprising John with the jeep on Christmas morning, and getting all the other presents under the tree so that everything would be "perfect" when he woke up. Those disruptions caused me to forget the most important priority – simply being grateful to God for His presence in my life through His son and my son. I nearly ruined Christmas in the misguided attempt to make Christmas "more perfect."

At Christmas we strive to meet the expectations and priorities of others and often fall victim to the priorities of this world. This often leads us to prefer what is familiar because change is too risky and disruptive. In this regard, we are no different than the Scribes and Pharisees who were quite proud of their roles as religious leaders of the Jewish people. Their priorities tended to focus on remaining in power by holding onto their traditional assumptions. That is why they could not accept an infant Messiah born to very ordinary parents in a simple stable. His birth (and His life) challenged their long held beliefs and assumptions.

Interestingly, the shepherds, who were likely much less religious than the Scribes and Pharisees, were not locked into a prior notion of what the Messiah would look like or how He would appear. They journeyed to find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes because they were open to the mysterious and exciting message of the angels that, "today in the city of David a savior

has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord." The shepherds could have easily said that they were too busy minding their sheep to go off on an adventure searching for a newborn infant. Yet, they dropped everything and headed to Bethlehem – the same way that Mary, Joseph and each of the apostles said "Yes" when they were asked to disrupt their lives for Jesus. Are we willing to drop everything to follow Jesus? Are we willing to give up our assumptions about what is important, what is likely, what is familiar, or what is comfortable? Simply put, are we willing to face the disruption that occurs when we make Jesus our priority?

The great gift of Christmas – Jesus Christ – has been causing disruption since He was born in that stable nearly 2000 years ago. This Christmas, in addition to being disrupted by the many earthly demands of this joyous season, we must be willing to allow ourselves to be disrupted by His presence in our lives and to sacrifice our priorities for our Lord. We must embrace the joyful reality that, as Christians, we do not live for ourselves, we live for the Lord.

Long after the tree is down, the relatives have returned home, and the cookies are gone, the joy of the season will remain in us if we allow the infant Jesus to disrupt our lives and we make Him our priority.

Father Mike



THE WEEK AHEAD



SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-5, 7c-8/Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-3/ Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-10/Lk 2:36-40
- Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-13/Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/ Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21
- Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

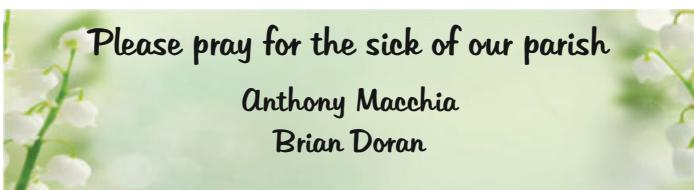
NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Second Reading: It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel: "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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SSJ HAPPENINGS

Monday, December 27 - St. John, Apostle, Evangelist

Parish office closed

- 8:15 am Mass | † Carol DeCaro

Tuesday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

- 8:15 am Mass | Charmaine Cenido

Wednesday, December 29 - St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr

- 6:45 am Men's Bible Study (FR)
- 8:15 am Mass | Lawrence Zuniga
- 8:45 am Adoration (Church)

Thursday, December 30

Parish office closed

- 8:15 am Mass | † William Deeley & Vincent Cullen

Friday, December 31 - St. Sylvester I, Pope/ New Year's Eve

Parish office closed

- 8:15 am Mass | † Dulce Donato Baculi

Saturday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

- 9:30 am Mass (Church) | † Matthew Tyler Griffin

No 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 2 - The Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:00 am Mass | † Stanley Polski
- 9:30 am Mass | Saints Simon & Jude Catholic Community
- 11:15 am Mass | † Maria Thiet
- 5:00 pm Mass | † Terri Ann Landrum

IN REMEMBRANCE



Our deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers go out to parishioners and their family members who have died recently Bertha Woravka and Beverly Jean Cary.

For our complete calendar, please visit our website, www.ssj.org

PRAYER, READINGS & WORSHIP

Christmas Eve 12/24/21 - 4:00pm Hall/Church and 8:00 pm Church

Entrance Song: O Come, All Ye Faithful – ADESTE FIDELIS

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!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Gloria: Mass of Joy and Peace – Tony Alonso

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, 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.

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: Psalm 96 Today Is Born Our Savior - Tite

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

Reading II: Ti 2:11-14 (Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 8:00 pm, 10:00 pm)

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.

Gospel Acclamation: Christmastime Alleluia—Chepponis

V. Good news and great joy to all the world: today is born our savior, Christ the Lord.

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."

Preparation of the Gifts: What Child Is This - GREENSLEEVES

What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain

**This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

Why lies he in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him.

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Joy and Peace – Tony Alonso

Communion: Of the Father's Love Begotten – DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending he, Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see, Evermore and evermore.

Blessed was the day for ever When the Virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the Savior of our race, and the child, the world's Redeemer, First revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers in old time, Chanted of with one accord, Whom the voices of the prophets Promised in their faithful word; Now he shines, the long-expected; Let creation praise the Lord, Evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heav'n, adore him; Angel hosts, his praises sing; All dominions, bow before him, And extol our God and King; Let no tongue on earth be silent, Ev'ry voice in concert ring, Evermore and evermore.

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory to the Holy Spirit, Persons three, yet Godhead one.
Glory be from all creation While eternal ages run, Evermore and evermore.

Meditation: Silent Night – STILLE NACHT

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,
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, 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.

Sending Forth: Joy to the World - ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Profession of Faith

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, (BOW) 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.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; Let us our songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Christmas Eve 12/24/21 - 5:30 pm Children's Choir

Entrance Song: O Come, All Ye Faithful, ADESTE FIDELIS

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Gospel

Preparation of the Gifts: 5:30 pm Children's Choir: Away in a Manger - MUELLER

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 cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

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Meditation: Peace, Peace - Rick and Sylvia Powell - 5:30 pm Children's Choir

Peace, peace, peace on earth and good will to all. This is a time for joy. This is a time for love.
Now let us all sing together of peace, peace, peace on earth.

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Christmas Eve 12/24/21 - 10:00 pm

Prelude: God Rest You Merry Gentlemen arr. Willcocks

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay; Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.

Refrain

O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'ly Father a blessed angel came, and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same, how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place, And with true love and charity each other now embrace; This holy tide of Christmas is filled with heav'ly grace.

A Christmas Carol - arr. Peter Lejeune

Natus est Rex Israel.

Born is the King of Israel.

Let our aspirations now cease; God from on high has heard us; The heavens are open, behold: mortals now have the promised peace. The heavenly chorus breaks the deep stillness of the night. It announces in festive song that God is born on the earth. While the group of shepherds keep watch and enter the hallowed cave, let us go and bring loving kisses to the chaste crib. What a wondrous sight is presented to us as we enter!

The crib, the hay, the swaddling clothes, the poor parent, the infant boy. Are not you, Christ, the Son of God and the splendor of the eternal Father? Do I not see Him who rules the world with a gentle stroke? So it is: You are hidden to those whom faith fills with veneration. I, too, acknowledge you whom prostrate angels see, tremble at, and adore. Even when silent you act as teacher: You teach us from this seat To avoid what pleases the flesh, To endure what the flesh abhors. Nourishing chaste love, Healing prideful spirits O Divine Child, Be surrounded by our praises.

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing – MENDELSSOHN

Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With angelic hosts proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n 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 us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.

A Child Is Born in Bethlehem – PUER NATUS

A child is born in Bethlehem, alleluia. Therefore rejoice Jerusalem, alleluia, alleluia.

Our joyful hearts we raise, Christ is born, O come adore him in newfound songs of praise.

The babe who lies upon the straw, alleluia. Will rule the world for evermore, alleluia, alleluia. Upon this joyful holy night, alleluia. We bless your Name, O Lord of Light, alleluia, alleluia. We praise you, Holy Trinity, alleluia. Adoring you eternally, alleluia, alleluia.

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Entrance Song: O Come, All Ye Faithful—ADESTE FIDELIS

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Preparation of the Gifts: Let the Stable Still Astonish – Dan Forrest

Let the stable still astonish: Straw-dirt floor, dull eyes, Dusty flanks of donkeys, oxen; Crumbling, crooked walls; No bed to carry that pain, and then, the child, rag-wrapped laid to cry in a trough. Who would have chosen this? Who would have said: "Yes, Let the God of Heaven and Earth be born in this place." Who but the same God who stands in the darker, fouler rooms of our hearts And says, "Yes, let the God of Heaven and Earth be born in this place."

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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: Psalm 96 Today Is Born Our Savior, Tate

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

Reading II: Heb 1:1-6 (Christmas Day 9:30 am, 11:15 am)

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 fulgence 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.

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Gospel: Jn 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.

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Sending Forth: ANTIOCH Joy to the World

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph-
December 26, 2021 - 8:00am, 9:30am & 11:15am**

Entrance Song: GLORIA Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply Echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song.

Gloria: Mass of Joy and Peace, Alonso

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Reading I: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28

In those days Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel, since she had asked the LORD for him. The next time her husband Elkanah was going up with the rest of his household to offer the customary sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vows, Hannah did not go, explaining to her husband, "Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and to remain there forever; I will offer him as a perpetual nazirite." Once Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh. After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said: "Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." Hannah left Samuel there.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 84 - Iván Diáz

R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Reading II: 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

Gospel Acclamation: Christmastime Alleluia—Chepponis

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Gospel: Lk 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

Preparation of the Gifts: Love Has Captured the Night—Josh Blakesley

Love laid in a lowly manger: Love has come to save. Love a child and a redeemer: Jesus born this day.
Word made flesh and gently sleeping: Peace for all on earth. Faith fulfilled and vict'ry promised: Hope for a humble birth. Come, O come, adore Jesus Christ, the Lord.

Refrain

Holy, holy, Glory to God on high. Holy, holy, Love has captured the night.

Loving Father, faithful Maker, At creation's light chose the child and Virgin Mother: Hope for all this night.
Come, O come, adore Jesus Christ, the Lord.

Angels, shepherds, earthly father, Wise men from the East, a holy Mother sweetly singing To the Prince of Peace. Come, O come and see Jesus Christ, the King.

Eucharistic Acclamations: Alonso Mass of Joy and Peace**Communion: The First Noel – THE FIRST NOWELL**

The first Nowell, the angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent, And to follow the star wherever it went.

This star drew nigh to the northwest, O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay, Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Then entered in those wise men three, Full rev'rently upon the knee,
And offered there, in his presence, Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord;
Who with the Father we adore And Spirit blest for evermore.

Meditation: We Adore – Sarah Hart

We adore these tiny hands come down to reach us, come to make the lame to walk, the blind to see.
We adore these hands for one day they will free us as they hold the sin forged nails of Calvary.

We adore these little feet that have not walked yet, for one day they'll lead the nations into love.
They will break beneath the weight of all our burdens, bleeding on the tearstained road to Golgotha.

Refrain

**We adore him: baby, Savior, King; heaven's pure and perfect offering.
Sweet salvation, mercy, Lamb, and Lord; we adore, we adore.**

We adore these lips that cry for earthly slaking; they will breathe the words of everlasting life. Though in agony, they'll only speak forgiveness; in their thirst for love, will drink our bitter wine.

As he chose this world, a mother, and a manger, to be born amidst our cruelty and strife;
so will he choose peace and mercy over anger; so will he die to bring us into life.

Sending Forth: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing – MENDELSSOHN

Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; with angelic hosts proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n 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 us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!

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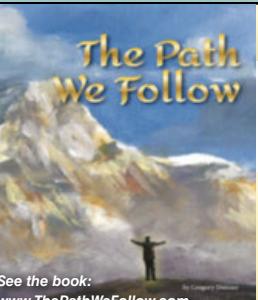
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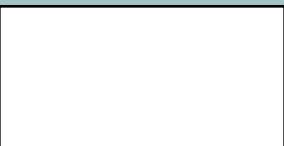
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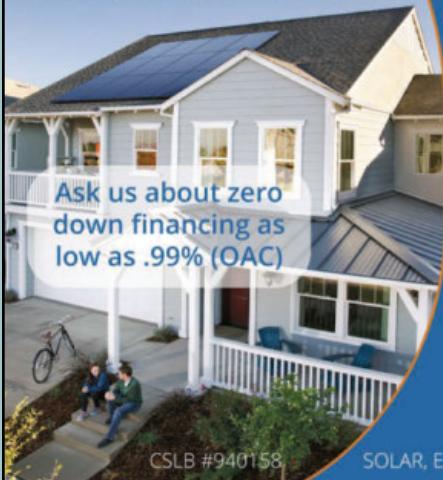
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