

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 12/25 (Wednesday—Christmas Day) Solemn Holy Mass at 10am. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) with **delicious poppy seed rolls** follows the Mass.
- 12/29 (Solemnity of Humble Shepherds) Solemn Holy Mass at 10am. **Catechism class** for children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass. *Mass Intention: For + SOFRONIO (RON) BABULA.*
- 01/05 (Solemnity of the Holy Family) Solemn Holy Mass at 10am. **Catechism class** for children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass. *No Mass Intention so far!*
- 01/12 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** will be held after the Mass in the Church Hall. At the meeting: Pastoral report of Fr. Adam, Report of the Parish Committee & election of the Parish Committee for 2025. **All Parishioners are strongly encouraged to participate in this very important meeting.** *In case of bad weather, the meeting will be postponed to the following Sunday, Jan 19.*

- **THANK YOU Magda** for beautifully preparing the church for Christmas!
- **FREE FOOD PANTRY** in the Church Hall.



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BEHOLD
PARISH BULLETIN

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For the families of St. John's Church.

INTROIT

C: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; for a Child has been born for us, a Son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

R: The Lord is God and has given us light, whose love endures forever.

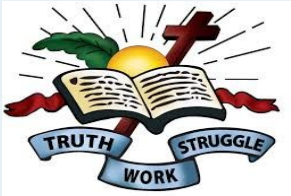
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



HOLY MASS

. 10 am



MASS
INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

IS 62:11-12

A reading from the Book of the Prophet
Isaiah.

See, the LORD proclaims
to the ends of the earth:
say to daughter Zion,
your savior comes!
Here is his reward with him,
his recompense before him.
They shall be called the holy people,
the redeemed of the LORD,
and you shall be called "Frequented,"
a city that is not forsaken.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 97

"A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us."

READING 2

TI 3:4-7

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul
to Titus.

Beloved:
When the kindness and generous love
of God our savior appeared,
not because of any righteous deeds we had
done
but because of his mercy,
He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit,
whom he richly poured out on us
through Jesus Christ our savior,
so that we might be justified by his grace
and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

LK 2:15-20

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory be to You, Lord.

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Words cannot fully capture what the Word becoming Flesh means for us. GOD is truly Emmanuel ("GOD with us") in and through Jesus. Jesus is "GOD saving." He is the "Anointed One" (Messiah, Christ). We truly have become daughters and sons of GOD because GOD the Son has come to share our humanity with us and allow us to be gifted with divine life.

**My prayers and best wishes
for a blessed Christmas for you, your loved ones, and all the world.
May we continue to celebrate that the Love of GOD has taken flesh
and "pitched His tent" among us.**

The readings for the Mass at dawn begin with Isaiah telling the people to rejoice for the Savior comes. St. Paul, again writing to Titus, reminds us that we have been saved because the kindness/love of GOD has allowed the Savior to be born. The Gospel for this liturgy continues the infancy account according to Luke. The shepherds go to see the baby in the manger and believe. Mary reflects on the events that have happened.