

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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**SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER 2021**

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| **INTRODUCTORY RITES**  **ENTRANCE HYMN**  **62. TRINITY SONG**  **FROM PARISH SONG BOOKLET**  **GREETING**  **PENITENTIAL ACT**  **THE GLORIA is omitted**  **COLLECT**  Almighty and merciful God,  may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company.  Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen  **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**  **FIRST READING** Bar 5:1-9  *God means to show your splendour to every nation*  Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,  put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,  wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,  put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:  since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven,  since the name God gives you for ever will be,  ‘Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.’  Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights  and turn your eyes to the east:  see your sons reassembled from west and east  at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.  Though they left you on foot,  with enemies for an escort,  now God brings them back to you  like royal princes carried back in glory.  For God has decreed the flattening  of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, | the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.  And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade  for Israel at the command of God;  for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory  with his mercy and integrity for escort.  **The word of the Lord.**  **Thanks be to God.**  **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 125  *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*  When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  it seemed like a dream.  Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  on our lips there were songs.  *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*  The heathens themselves said: ‘What marvels  the Lord worked for them!’  What marvels the Lord worked for us!  Indeed we were glad.  *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*  Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  as streams in dry land.  Those who are sowing in tears  will sing when they reap.  *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*  They go out, they go out, full of tears,  carrying seed for the sowing:  they come back, they come back, full of song,  carrying their sheaves.  *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*  **SECOND READING** Phil 1:4-6,8-11  *May you become pure and blameless in preparation for the day of Christ*  Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes;. | and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.  **The word of the Lord.**  **Thanks be to God.**  **GOSPEL ACCLAM** Lk 3:4,6  Alleluia, alleluia!  Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  all people shall see the salvation of God.  Alleluia!  **GOSPEL** Lk 3:1-6  *The call of John the Baptist*  In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar’s reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:  A voice cries in the wilderness:  Prepare a way for the Lord,  make his paths straight.  Every valley will be filled in,  every mountain and hill be laid low,  winding ways will be straightened  and rough roads made smooth.  And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.  **The Gospel of the Lord.**  **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** |

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| **HOMILY**  **CREED**  I believe in God,  the Father almighty,  Creator of heaven and earth,  and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  born of the Virgin Mary,  suffered under Pontius Pilate,  was crucified, died and was buried;  he descended into hell;  on the third day he rose again from the dead;  he ascended into heaven,  and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  I believe in the Holy Spirit,  the holy catholic Church,  the communion of saints,  the forgiveness of sins,  the resurrection of the body,  and life everlasting. Amen.  **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**  **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**  **OFFERTORYHYMN**  **42. HOSEA**  **FROM PARISH SONG BOOKLET**  Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:  fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.  **Blessed be God for ever.**  Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:  fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.  **Blessed be God for ever.**  Pray, brethren **(**brothers and sisters**)**, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father. | **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name,** **for our good**  **and the good of all his holy Church.**  **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**  Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings,  and, since we have no merits to plead our cause,  come, we pray, to our rescue  with the protection of your mercy.  Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**  The Lord be with you.  And with your spirit.  Lift up your hearts.  We lift them up to the Lord.  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  It is right and just.  **Holy, Holy, Holy**  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.  **THE MEMORIAL ACCLAM**  **COMMUNION RITE**  At the Saviour’s command  and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:  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.  Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. | For the kingdom, the power and the glory are your now and for ever.  **SIGN OF PEACE**  Lord Jesus Christ,  who said to your Apostles:  Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.  The peace of the Lord be with you always.  And with your spirit.  Let us offer each other the sign of peace.  **LAMB OF GOD**  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  **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**  **COMMUNION HYMNS:**  **59. COME TO THE WATER**  **FROM PARISH SONG BOOKLET**  **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,  we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  that, through our partaking in this mystery,  you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth  and hold firm to the things of heaven.  Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  **THE CONCLUDING RITES**  **DISMISSAL**  **FINAL SONG:**  **15. GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD**  **FROM PARISH SONG BOOKLET** |