

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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**SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2021**

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| **INTRODUCTORY RITES**  **ENTRANCE HYMN**  **5. CITY OF GOD**  **FROM PARISH SONG BOOKLET**  **GREETING**  **PENITENTIAL ACT**  **THE GLORIA is omitted**  **COLLECT**  O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord’s Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.  Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, 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** Zeph 3:14-18  *The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst*  Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  Israel, shout aloud!  Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  daughter of Jerusalem!  The Lord has repealed your sentence;  he has driven your enemies away.  The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;  you have no more evil to fear.  When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:  Zion, have no fear,  do not let your hands fall limp.  The Lord your God is in your midst,  a victorious warrior.  He will exult with joy over you,  he will renew you by his love;  he will dance with shouts of joy for you  as on a day of festival.  **The word of the Lord.**  **Thanks be to God.** | **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Is 12  *Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*  Truly, God is my salvation,  I trust, I shall not fear.  For the Lord is my strength, my song,  he became my saviour.  With joy you will draw water  from the wells of salvation.  *Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*  Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  Declare the greatness of his name.  *Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*  Sing a psalm to the Lord  for he has done glorious deeds;  make them known to all the earth!  People of Zion, sing and shout for joy,  for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.  *Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*  **SECOND READING** Phil 4:4-7  *The Lord is very near*  I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near.  There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.  **The word of the Lord.**  **Thanks be to God.** | **GOSPEL ACCLAM** Lk 4:18  Alleluia, alleluia!  The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  Alleluia!  **GOSPEL** Lk 3:10-18  *'Someone is coming who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire'*  When all the people asked John, ‘What must we do?’ he answered, ‘If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.’ There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, ‘Master, what must we do?’ He said to them, ‘Exact no more than your rate.’ Some soldiers asked him in their turn, ‘What about us? What must we do?’ He said to them, ‘No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!’  A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, ‘I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.’ As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.  **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**  **48. MICAH’S THEME**  **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**  May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly,  to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.  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:**  **39. GOD IS DWELLING IN MY HEART**  **FROM PARISH SONG BOOKLET**  **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  We implore your mercy, Lord,  that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults  and prepare us for the coming feasts.  Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  **THE CONCLUDING RITES**  **DISMISSAL**  **FINAL SONG:**  **74. ALLELUIA, GIVE THANKS TO OUR RISEN GOD**  **FROM PARISH SONG BOOKLET** |