

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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**SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER 2021**

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| **INTRODUCTORY RITES**  **ENTRANCE HYMN**  **4. CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT**  **FROM PARISH SONG BOOKLET**  **GREETING**  **PENITENTIAL ACT**  **THE GLORIA is omitted**  **COLLECT**  Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,  your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.  Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.  **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**  **FIRST READING** Mic 5:1-4  *He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord*  The Lord says this:  But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  the least of the clans of Judah,  out of you will be born for me  the one who is to rule over Israel;  his origin goes back to the distant past,  to the days of old.  The Lord is therefore going to abandon them  till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.  Then the remnant of his brothers will come back  to the sons of Israel.  He will stand and feed his flock  with the power of the Lord,  with the majesty of the name of his God.  They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power  to the ends of the land.  He himself will be peace.  **The word of the Lord.**  **Thanks be to God.** | **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 79:2-19  *Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.*  O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  shine forth from your cherubim throne.  O Lord, rouse up your might,  O Lord, come to our help.  *Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.*  God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  look down from heaven and see.  Visit this vine and protect it,  the vine your right hand has planted.  *Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.*  May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  the man you have given your strength.  And we shall never forsake you again;  give us life that we may call upon your name.  *Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.*  **SECOND READING** Heb 10:5-10  *God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will*  This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:  *You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,*  *prepared a body for me.*  *You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin;*  *then I said,*  *just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,*  *‘God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.’*  Notice that he says first: *You did not want* what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, | the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and *you took no pleasure* in them; and then he says: *Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.* He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.  **The word of the Lord.**  **Thanks be to God.**  **GOSPEL ACCLAM** Lk 4:18  Alleluia, alleluia!  I am the servant of the Lord:  may his will for me be done.  Alleluia!  **GOSPEL** Lk 1:39-45  *Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?'*  Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah’s house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, ‘Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.’  **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**  **O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL**  **FROM PRINTED SHEET**  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 Holy Spirit, O Lord,  sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar,  just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  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:**  **28. THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD**  **FROM PARISH SONG BOOKLET**  **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God,  that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son’s Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**  **THE CONCLUDING RITES**  **DISMISSAL**  **FINAL SONG:**  **27. HAIL MARY - GENTLE WOMAN**  **FROM PARISH SONG BOOKLET** |