



# ST. PAUL PARISH

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Arabic - I'd Miilad said oua sana saida  
Chinese - (Mandarin) Kung His Hsin Nien bing Chu Shen Tan  
Croatian - Sretan Bozic

Danish - Glædelig Jul

Dutch - Vrolijk Kerstfeest

Filipino - Maligayang Pasko

Finnish - Hyvaa joulua

French - Joyeux Noël

German - Fröhliche Weihnachten

Greek: Kala Christouyenna!

Indonesian - Selamat Hari Natal



Irish - Nollaig Shona Dhuit

Italian - Buon Natale!

Japanese - Shinnen omedeto. Kurisumasu Omedeto

Korean - Sung Tan Chuk Ha

Latin - Natale hilare et Annum Faustum!

Maltese - IL-Milied It-tajjeb

Portuguese - Feliz Natal!

Russian - Pozdravlyenie s Rozjdyestvom i s Novym Godom!

Swedish - God Jul

Samoan: La Maunia Le Kilisimasi Ma Le Tausaga Fou

Spanish - Feliz Navidad

Urdu - Naya Saal Mubarak Ho

Vietnamese - Chuc Mung Giang Sinh

Welsh - Nadolig Llawen



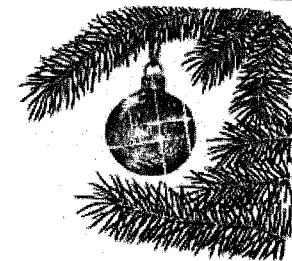
## We Remember In Our Prayers And Masses

Christmas is a time when we pray for our families and friends. We remember them all, keeping in mind that Jesus is among us for us all. In a special way we remember those who are sick or suffering in any way. We pray that they will reach out to others in love.

We also remember in prayer those who have died. May they enjoy peace and happiness of the presence of the loving community of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



## A message from the Parish Priest.



The season of Advent is a wonderful time given to us to prepare and to celebrate God's presence in our world, specifically in our lives, through the birth of Jesus. We have been prepared to make a room for Jesus in our hearts, by conversion and repentance. John the Baptist led us through this process: Repent and change your ways! Make straight the path of the Lord! The question is: Did we listen to what John the Baptist said? Did we put ourselves the challenge to do the best we can to convert ourselves to the Lord?

Unfortunately, today, we have become a people who prefer to celebrate Christmas without Advent; to celebrate Easter without Lent; to celebrate happiness without suffering. Jesus' coming into our midst as a man, is a beautiful example of accepting the process of life, a process of suffering and pain to relief and healing and fullness of life. Jesus chose to be like us, except in sin, to live like us and suffer like us, to show us, that at the end of the day, there is fullness of life, there is joy and happiness, that at the end of the rainbow there is a pot of gold.



Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year and the happiest one too, because this is the opportunity we are given to renew ourselves, to renew the Church and to renew the world for God. After all, that is the reason why Jesus came to us. To show us the way to the Father, the right way, the only way.

May this Christmas be joyous and may it deepen our relationship with the Lord in a bond that is always faithful and true. On behalf of Fr. Anthony, CMF, Deacon (John) Huy Nguyen, the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Staff and myself, I wish you all a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!**

Fr Renato Manubag, CMF. Parish Priest.

PEACE  ON  EARTH

You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour'.

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

#### DAY MASS

**FIRST READING** Isa 52:7-10  
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!' Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

**RESP PSALM** 97:1-6.R.v.3  
R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord / for he has worked wonders. / His right hand and his holy arm / have brought salvation. R.

2. The Lord has made known his salvation; / has shown his justice to the nations. / He has remembered his truth and love / for the house of Israel. R.

3. All the ends of the earth have seen / the salvation of our God. / Shout to the Lord all the earth, / ring out your joy. R.

4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, / with the sound of music. / With trumpets and the sound of the horn / acclaim the King, the Lord. R.

**SECOND READING** Heb 1:1-6  
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL** Jn 1:1-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might

believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. John appears as his witness. He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received — yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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# THE SAVING WORD

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#### MIDNIGHT MASS

**FIRST READING** Isa 9:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; to those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt and consumed by fire. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

95:1-3.11-13 R.v. Lk 2:11

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

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, / sing to the Lord all the earth. / O sing to the Lord, bless his name. R.

2. Proclaim his help day by day, / tell among the nations his glory / and his wonders among all the peoples. R.



3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, / let the sea and all within it thunder praise, / let the land and all it bears rejoice, / all the trees of the wood shout for joy / at the presence of the Lord for he comes, / he comes to rule the earth. R.

4. With justice he will rule the world, / he will judge the peoples with his truth. R.

**SECOND READING** Titus 2:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself

for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 2:10-11

Alleluia, alleluia! Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia.

#### GOSPEL

Lk 2:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census — the first — took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together 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 a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: