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Festival of Christmas Carols
Christ Candle Lighting
Procession
Christmas Eve Shepherd's Mass/Pasterka
December 24, 2018

## **Festival of Christmas Carols and Koledy**

"Advent Fanfare"

"Hej Hej, Lelija"

"Christmas Canticle"-Chopin & Annunciation Bell Choirs

"We Wait for Thee"- Hannah Jobes

"Gore Gwizda Jezusowi:-Tyler Bagshaw and Choir

"A Christmas Blessing"

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" PNCC Hymnal # 79 Choir & Congregation

"Sing the Night with Joy"

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"-Erin Lazar



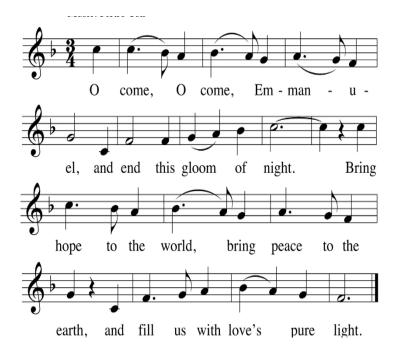
## **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

"Love's Pure Light"-Chopin Choir & Congregation

- L: For those walking in darkness, a new light has dawned.
- R: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting hope.
- L: For those living in fear and dread, a new light has dawned.
- R: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting peace.
- L: For those living in hopelessness and despair, a new light has dawned.
- R: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting joy.
- L: For those living in loneliness, a new light has dawned.
- R: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.

#### **Candle Lighting**

Tonight, we light all the candles as we celebrate the birth of Christ. The candle of hope, peace, love and joy all remind us that Christ is our light and the source of eternal hope, everlasting peace, boundless love and endless joy. The Christ candle reminds us that God's perfect gift was sent to us that we might have life abundant and everlasting. Joy to the world and peace on earth. Let us worship Christ, the newborn King.



Closing Prayer: Gracious God, tonight as we gather together to conclude our Advent journey, we celebrate that a new light has dawned. A child is born, and that child is our light and the source of our joy. He brings hope into the world, and the promise of peace on earth. He is love incarnate, love divine, and we thank You dear Lord for this, the most perfect gift imaginable. Joy to the world. Christ is born. Amen.

The Acolytes will now go out to light the candles held by the congregation in darkness while the hymn "Silent Night" in Polish, Slovak and English be sung by all.

# Congregational Candle Lighting Hymn: "Cicha Noc/Ticha Noc/Silent Night"

Choir/Congregation

Cicha noc, święta noc wszystko śpi, atoli Czuwa Józef i Maryja Niech więc Boska ich Dziecina W błogim pokoju śpi. W błogim pokoju śpi.

Ticha noc, Svata noc; tesi lud, spasi bud Dva len srdca Bethlema citia Hviezda pri svetu im tam sveti, Kym jaslach dietatko spi; Kym jaslach dietatko spi.

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright Round yon Virgin Mother and Child Holy Infant so tender and mild Sleep in heavenly peace Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Following the singing of Silent Night, the Church will become illuminated with the lighting of the Christmas Trees and Sanctuary. When all the Church lighting is complete; the Christmas Procession will begin with the singing of "Come All Ye Faithful" with our children bringing in the Nativity statues. Please hold your candles upright and try to avoid candle wax spillage. Candles should be extinguished after the incensing of the altars and congregation.

#### Processional Hymn: "O Come All Ye Faithful"

**Refrain:** O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem, come and behold Him, born the King of Angels; **R**:

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest; **R:** 

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; **R:** 

## CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY Incensing of the Altars and People

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GLORIA "Melodic Gloria" Choir
OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster vou have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for flames. For a child is born to us, a son is given us;

upon his shoulder dominion rests.

They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.
His dominion is vast
and forever peaceful,
from David's throne, and over his kingdom,
which he confirms and sustains
by judgment and justice,
both now and forever.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

## Responsorial

Psalm 96

## R: Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord

Sing to the LORD a new song, sing to the LORD, all you lands. Sing to the LORD; bless his name. R:

Announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. R:

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and what fills it resound; let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!

Then shall all the trees of the forest exult. R:

They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes; for he comes to rule the earth.

He shall rule the world with justice and the peoples with his constancy. R:

## Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

#### Christmas Alleluia Verse

Psalm 2:7

C: Alleluia, Alleluia!

R: Alleluia, Alleluia!

C: Good News and great joy to all the world; today is born our Savior, Christ, the Lord.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel <u>Luke 2:1-14</u>

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled.

This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town.

And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem,

because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled 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 her firstborn son.

She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock.

The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear.

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid;

for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

For today in the city of David

a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.

And this will be a sign for you:

you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

#### SACRAMENT OF THE WORD OF GOD

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#### **GENERAL INTERCESSION**

#### R: Lord, Hear our Prayer

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## Recessional Hymn: "Joy to the World"

PNCC Hymnal #80
Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, Rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow,
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

#### **Year of Commitment-This Christmas**

Many say to keep "Christ" in Christmas, but few mention the "Mass." Yet that is part of the original meaning if the word. It is a Christ Mass, Christmas. Millions of us will go to Mass on Christmas. Some only go once or a few times a year. Most reading this celebrate regularly. Still many simply fumble and mumble through the songs and responses, space out (or look repeatedly to your watches) during the homily, and file up for Communion like robots! This year lets really enter into the "Christ Mass" fully! Sing the beautiful Christmas hymns and songs: Pray as you sing. People want skill, but not a mere performance! Pray from your heart as you say the responses! They are ancient and rich. Let them reach into your heart and soul and wake them up! The angels and saints are celebrating with you at Mass. See them rejoicing all around you. Heaven and earth are meeting in this scared space and time in a way beyond all space and time! Eternity is breaking through in this Mass right now! Allow yourself to weep for repentance, joy, and awe this Christ Mass! And listen to the homily. Jesus is speaking to each of us personally, regardless of the Father's personal preaching skills. Just share your faith. Faith stirs up faith! Most importantly, see Jesus coming personally for you in every Eucharist. The music might be terrible, and the preaching might be boring, but Jesus always shows up! If we see Him there then every Mass becomes a Miracle of miracles. Sacramentally His birth in a manger is really there! His life, teaching and miracles

are really there! His death on a cross and resurrection is really there! He comes personally for each of us in every Mass, and especially in the Christ Mass! As you go forward to receive Him, give your life to Jesus personally as a response to He Who gives His life for us personally out of love. It is the greatest ongoing public altar call that can be given, and it happens daily at every Mass. It us especially happens at the Christ Mass! So, let's keep Christ and the Mass in Christmas this year! Let's give our life completely to Him, for He gives His life personally for each one of us in this Christ Mass. He comes for you and me personally this Christmas!

To each one present worshipping this holy night, may you have a BLESSED CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR. When you seek the Lord, you will find true answers; for He is the Way, the Truth and the Life! For those who have become lapse in your worship, especially our young adults, do not be misled away from worship, but embrace the opportunity to worship. You are the present and future of our parish and we need your active participation to continue to serve all of God's children in our communities for years to come.

We welcome any visitors this evening to our parish and if you are looking for a parish home, we invite you to become a member of our parish family. Father Bruce will be more than happy to explain our Catholic Faith and answer your questions. We are a sacramental Catholic Church recognized as being part of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church throughout the world.

## **Christmas Schedule**

**Tuesday, December 25, 2018**Mass of the Nativity
Christmas Day
10:00 A.M.

Thursday, December 27, 2018 St. John's Day
Blessing of Wine & Mass 10:00 A.M.
+Nicholas Fioravanti, +John, +Mary, +Kenneth & Thomas
Zaucha Int. Mrs. Antoinette Fioravanti.

Saturday, December 29, 2018 Holy Mass **Solemnity-Holy Family** 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, December 30, 2017 Humble Shepherd
Holy Mass 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Special Collection for Savonarola Seminary-Year End Prayers

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 Circumcism of the Lord Holy Mass 10: 00 A.M.

Sunday, January 6, 2019 Epiphany of the Lord Holy Mass 9:00 A.M.

Blessing of Incense, Charcoal & Chalk Installation of 2019 Parish Council

Holy Mass 11:00 A.M.

We thank our the Frederic Chopin Choir & Bethesda Chancel Chios under the direction of Mrs. Carol Davelli and Mrs. Wendy Blotzer; our Acolytes and Sacristans under the direction of Mr. David Kost; the parish staff, SAMBS women and all the volunteers who decorated the parish worship site and the YMSR members who put up the outdoor manger scene and ushered tonight's evening Mass; the Youth and SOCL students of the parish, who were in procession to create our manger scene in the Sanctuary; Mrs. Marlene Jobes, poinsettias memorials; Mr. Ted Gibala, Parish Board Chairman & Marian Sleczkowski who assisted Fr. Bruce in many aspects of preparation during this Christmas Celebration.

#### **PNU Scholarship Information**

If you are advancing in higher education, please read about the PNU Scholarship Program offered by the Youth and Education Commission. The criteria for the stipend application are as follows: a student currently enrolled in a college or university, part-time or full-time; a member of the PNU having a life insurance policy – current paying, single premium, or fully paidup and in good standing for at least 5 years; current enrollment academic year (2018/2019 – effective December 1<sup>st</sup>- April 15<sup>th</sup>. Applications are in the Vestibule Narthex.

The Church 2019 Calendars given out after Mass were donated by the Jaycox-Jaworski Funeral and Willig Funeral Homes

Don't forget to donate towards our Organ Fund this year. We would like to pay off our parish loan as fast as possible. With a \$15.00 donation to the organ fund, the choir will give you a bottle of sacramental wine. See Wendy or Fr. Bruce,

#### Winter Weather Alert

Winter is here and sometimes the weather conditions can be dangerous. The cancellations or time change of Church services or parish events will be posted on the three local TV Channels, our parish Facebook and



Website when we wintery weather poses hazardous driving conditions. Always use your judgment with winter conditions. YMSR men and Youth Members are requested to help clear the parish walkways of snow.

## **Fair Share Envelopes**

The 2019 Fair Share Envelopes are available in the Church Narthex. With your attendance at Mass and financial support, it will keep our parish doors open to serve God and His people. If you cannot find your envelope, please contact Fr. Bruce. Remember, adult parishioners are required to make the mandatory obligations: General Church Fund; Diocesan Development Fund and 6% Fund. All other envelopes are your Fair Share donations. A reminder to our college students, upon graduation you must participate in the Fair Share donations and not rely your parents Fair Share and to take an active role in the parish as well as worship.

