



# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

***DURING THE NIGHT***

December 25, 2025

12:00AM

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH**

In the City of Harrison, Ohio

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*Because Communion is a commitment to living fully in Christ, Catholics who are conscious of grave sin do not participate in Communion without prior sacramental confession unless there is no opportunity for confession.*

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Call our parish office for more information on joining the parish:

**513-367-9086**

The parish office will next be open on December 29th at 8:30AM.

## PRELUDE

(Brass) <i>Carol of the Bells</i> (SHCHEDRYK)	Joles, arr.
(Choir) <i>Sing We Now Noel</i>	Herman
<u>(Organ) <i>Good Christian Men, Rejoice</i> (IN DULCI JUBILO)</u>	Held
(Brass) <i>God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen</i> (GOD REST YOU MERRY)	Joles, arr.
(Choir) <i>Now Is the Hour of Rejoicing</i>	Stephan/Modlin, arr.
<u>(Organ) <i>Chorale Improvisation: What Child Is This</i> (GREENSLEEVES)</u>	Manz
(Brass) <i>How Brightly Shines the Morning Star</i> (WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET)	Rolfes, arr.
(Choir) <i>What Is This Lovely Fragrance</i> (Quelle est cette odeur agréable)	Willan, arr.
(Organ) <i>Nouveau livre de noëls</i> : No. 12, Noël suisse	Daquin/Harmon, ed.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

Some millions of years having passed since the creation of the world, when, in the beginning, God created heaven and earth; Some thousands of years from the salvation of man when the family of Noah survived the flood; About nineteen centuries after the promise was given to Abraham, the father of faith; Many ages after Moses brought the people from bondage in Egypt; A thousand years from the anointing of David as King over the chosen people; In fulfillment of the times and year and months and days discerned by the vision of the prophets; In the course of secular history: In the one hundred and ninety-third Olympiad; Seven and one half centuries from the founding of the city of Rome; In the twentieth year of the reign of the Emperor Octavian Augustus, while the whole world enjoyed a span of peace; In the sixth and final age of human achievement; Wishing to consecrate the whole world and all time by his blessed presence, Jesus Christ, eternal God, and son of the eternal Father, conceived as man by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, after nine months of growth in the womb of his mother, Was born of the Virgin Mary and for our salvation became man in Bethlehem of Judah. Now in our own times this marks the birthday of Our Lord Jesus Christ after the manner of all flesh.

—from *The Roman Martyrology*

## GATHERING RITE

GATHERING: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES/Willcocks  
Ritual Song Hymnal #521, verses 1-4 in English

## SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R/. And with your spirit.

## PENITENTIAL RITE

## GLORY TO GOD: *Mass of Redemption*

Janco

Glory to God in the high-est, and on earth— peace to  
people of—good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we  
glo-ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord— God, heav-en- ly King, O'

God, al - might - y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten  
 Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,  
 you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us;  
 you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are  
 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most - High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of  
 rit.  
 God the Fath - er. A - men, a - men.

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## COLLECT

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:11-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 97: A light will shine on us this day* Guimont

A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

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### SECOND READING:

Titus 3:4-7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Christmastime Alleluia*

Chepponis

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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### GOSPEL DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

R/. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R/. Glory to you, O Lord.

### GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:15-20

### HOMILY

### CREED

**I** believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

*All Genuflect:* For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS: *Te rogamos, óyenos. Lord, hear our prayer* Kolar



Te-ro - ga-mos, o-ye - nos. Lord, hear our prayer. —

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## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION: *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* CAROL  
Ritual Song Hymnal #531

### INVITATION TO PRAYER

Pray Brothers & Sisters... the almighty father.

R/. 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.

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

#### PREFACE DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

R/. And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

R/. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R/. It is right and just.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: *Mass of Redemption*

Janco



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts Heav'n and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -  
 san - na in - the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in - the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: *Mass of Redemption*

Janco

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -  
 claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

GREAT AMEN: *Mass of Redemption*

Janco

A - men, a - men, a - - - men. a - - - men.

COMMUNION RITE

OUR FATHER

SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R/. And with your spirit.

LAMB OF GOD: *Mass of Redemption*

Janco

*Cantor, All repeat*

Have mer - cy on us,

Last time

*Cantor, All repeat*

Grant us peace..

*Cantor, All repeat*

Grant us peace..

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God... Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R/. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIHON: Jn 1:14; Ps. 97

Johnson

CO. VII

T he Word be - came flesh, and we have seen his glo - ry.

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

Vs 2: The Lord has made known his salvation, has shown his  
deliverance to the nations. He has remembered his merciful love  
and his truth for the house of Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit...  
Amen. R./

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## COMMUNION

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Ritual Song Hymnal #529, verses 1-5 in English

*Silent Night*

STILLE NACHT

Ritual Song Hymnal #527, verse 3 a cappella

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## CONCLUDING RITE

### GREETING & FINAL BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

R/. And with your spirit.

SENDING: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN/Thatcher

Ritual Song Hymnal #520

POSTLUDE: *Carol Rhapsody* (1950)

Richard Purvis (1913-1994)





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