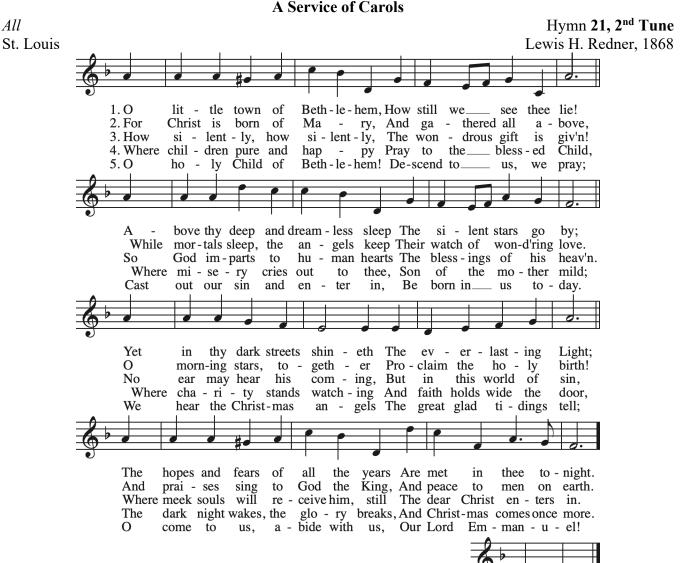
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The Nativity of Our Lord Commonly Called Christmas Day 24 December 2025





Hymn **19, 2nd Tune** Richard Storrs Willis, 1850





"Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heav'n's all gra - cious King."

A - bove its sad ___ and low - ly plains They bend on hov - 'ring wing,

And man, at war __ with man, hears not The ti - dings which they bring;



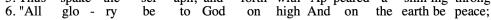
The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing. And ev - er o'er its Ba - bel - sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing. O hush the noise, ye men of strife, and hear the an - gels sing!

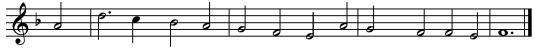
Edmund Hamilton Sears, 1846, alt.





- 1. While shep herds watch'd their flocks by night, All seat ed on the ground, 2. "Fear not," said he, for migh ty dread Had seized their troubled mind;
- 3. "To you, in Da vid's town, this day Is born of Da-vid's line
- 4. "The heav'n ly Babe you there shall find To hu man view dis-played,
- 5. Thus spake the ser aph, and forth-with Ap-peared a shin-ing throng





The an - gel of the Lord came down, And glo - ry shone a - round.

"Glad ti - dings of great joy I bring to you and all man-kind.

The Sa - viour, who is Christ the Lord; And this shall be his sign:

All mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands, And in a man-ger laid."

Of an - gels prais - ing God, who thus Ad-dressed their joy - ful song:

Good will hence - forth from heav'n to men Be - gin and nev - er cease."

Nahum Tate, 1700



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet, While shep-herds watch are keep - ing? Good Christ-ian, fear: for sin-ners here The si - lent Word is plead-ing. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en-thronehim.



This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing:



Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son___ of Ma - ry.

William Chatterton Dix, c. 1865

AllMendelssohn Adapted from a chorus by Felix Mendelssohn, 1840 to the new-born King! 1. Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing ___ Glo - ry 2. Christ, by high-est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord; 3. Mild he lays his glo - ry by,_ Born that man no more may die, Peace on earth and mer-cy mild, God and sin-ner re-con-ciled! in time be-hold him come, Off-spring of the Vir-gin's womb. Late Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them se-cond birth.

> all ye na-tions, rise, __ Join tri - umph of the skies;___ Joy - ful the Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail the in-car - nate De - i - ty, Ris'n with heal-ing in his wings, Light and life all he brings, to



With the an-gel - ic host pro-claim Christ is ___ born in Beth-le-hem! Pleased as man with man to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el! Hail, the Sun of Righteous-ness! Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!

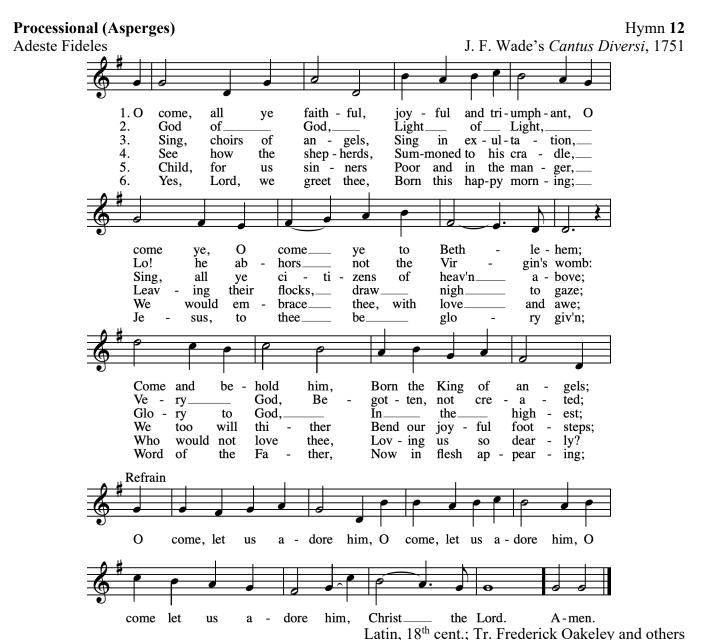


Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing Glo-ry to the new-born King! A - men.

Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.

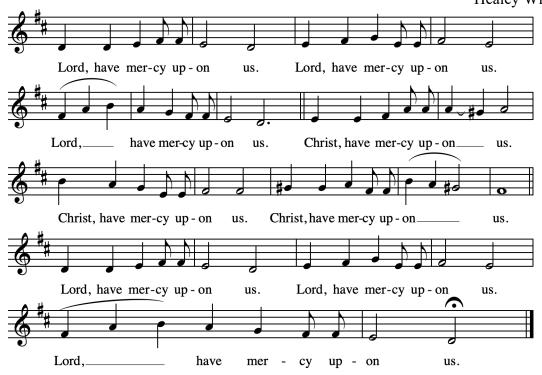
The Solemn High Mass of the Nativity The Christ-Mass

Blessing of the Christmas Creche and Placing of the Holy Child in the Manger



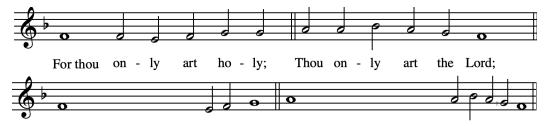
Introit Collect for Purity Summary of the Law

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Gloria in Excelsis Hymn 739





Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa - ther.



Collect for Christmastide

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ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen*.

The Epistle *Hebrews* 1:1-12

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GOD, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: they shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; and as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

Gradual and Alleluia

The Gospel St. John 1:1-14



IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in

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darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will or man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.



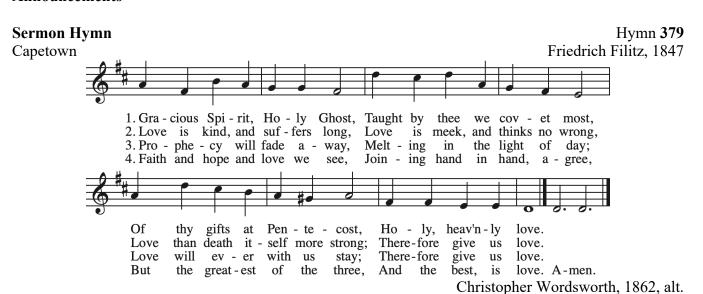
Nicene Creed 71

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

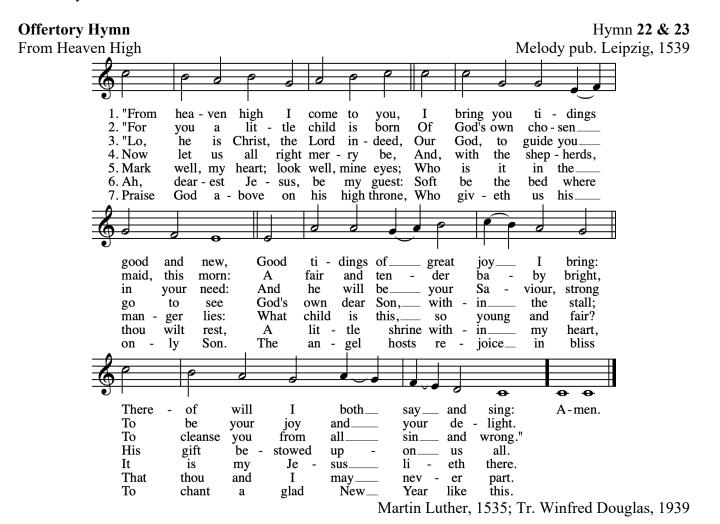
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

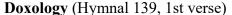
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. *Amen*.

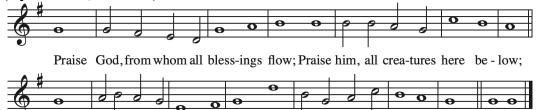
Announcements



Offertory Verse and Sentences







Praise him above, ye heav'n-ly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Amen.

Bidding Prayers

Orate, Fratres

Celebrant: Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father

Almighty.

People: The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name; both to

our benefit and that of all his holy Church. Amen.

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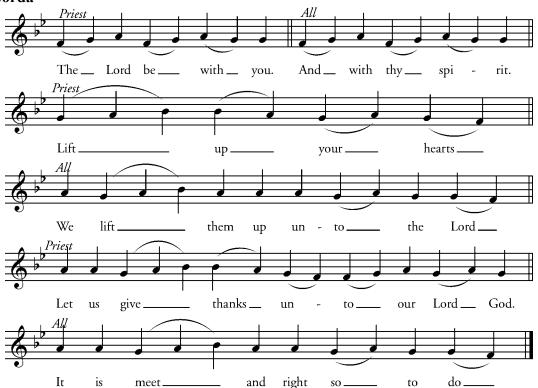
General Confession 75

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution 76

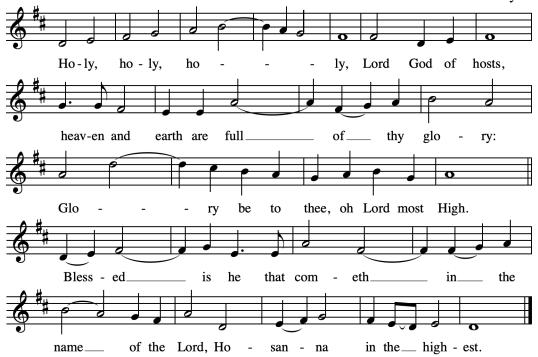
The Comfortable Words

Sursum Corda 76



Preface of Christmas 77

Healey Willan, 1928

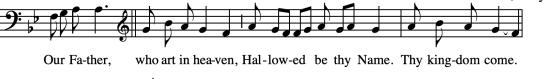


Prayer of Consecration

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Celebrant: Let us pray: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:







Thy will be done, On earth as it__ is_ in hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.



And for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.



And lead us not in - to temp-ta - tion, But de-liv-er us from e - vil.



For thine is the king-dom, And the pow'r, and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev - er.



The Fracture

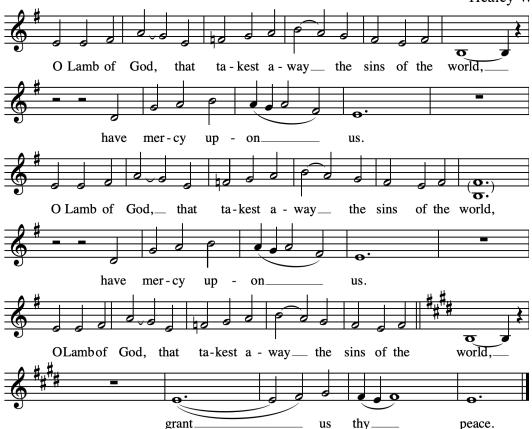
The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Agnus Dei

Hymn **712** Healey Willan, 1928



Prayer of Humble Access

By traditional use, prayed by the Priest on behalf of all who will receive. By St. Mary's usage, the congregation may join in praying aloud:

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to

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drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*.

Communion Verse

Communion of the Faithful

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world.

People: (3x) Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word

only and my soul shall be healed.

For those attending in person, we have resumed the customer of kneeling or standing at the Altar Rail to Receive. Here are the various Ways of Receiving:

1. Receive the Host into your hands, or directly onto the tongue. Receive directly from the Chalice, guiding it gently by the base.

- 2. Receive by Intinction, receiving the Host into your hands and leaving it there; the Deacon will take it and dip it in the Chalice and place it onto your tongue.
- 3. You may receive only the Host of itself, either in your hands or on your tongue. Our Lord is equally present in either Form.

As a precaution and courtesy to others and for your own safety, we respectfully request that in the event you are currently suffering from a cold or other communicable illness, please refrain from receiving from the Chalice.

For those attending remotely: Please take a moment of silence to realize the presence of Jesus Christ in your soul and make your spiritual communion.

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood have been offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.

Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of Thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch Thy Body, so the soul of Thy servant may be healed by like faith in Thee, Whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through Thy tender mercy, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God. Amen.

Communion Hymn 33





Round yon vir - gin moth-er and child. Ho - ly in - fant so ten-der and mild, Glo-ries stream from hea - ven a - far, Heav'n-ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re-deem - ing grace,



Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace, Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace. A Christ, the Sa - viour, is born! Christ, the Sa - viour, is born! Le - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Joseph Mohr, 1818

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

By traditional use, prayed by the Priest. By St. Mary's usage, the congregation may join in praying aloud:

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen*.

Post-Communion Prayers

Dismissal

Episcopal Blessing

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord
People: From this time forth forever more.
Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord
People: Who hath made heaven and earth.

Bishop: The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the

knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the \(\mathbb{H}\)Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with

you always. Amen.

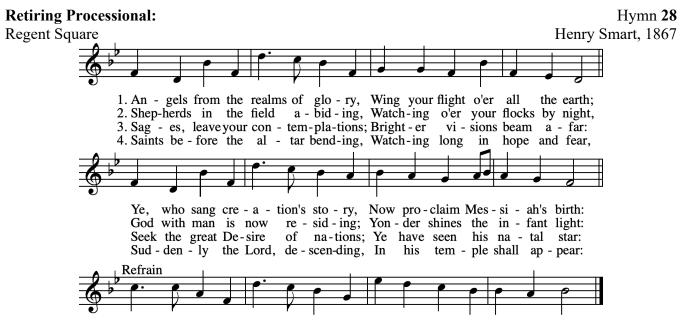
The Last Gospel (may be said here)

Celebrant: The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

St. Luke 2:1-14 98

AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

People: Thanks be to God.



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, Wor-ship Christ, the new-born King.

James Montgomery, 1816

Announcements

Celebrant The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch Assisting The Reverend Deacon John Yeager Robert Jones, Subdeacon of the Mass Epistoler Cantor Ken Kubo, Shannon Shehata Acolyte Tony Shehata Acolyte in Training **Evan Sears** Altar Guild Gretchen Martin and Nancy Jones Zoom Wrangler Landon Melamed

Thank you for joining us for this service! Please continue to take care of yourselves and let us know if you need additional prayers or assistance.

A Blessed Christmas to All!

NOTE: The Front Gate will not be unlocked for Exiting until after Mass ends.

Thanks to all those who helped decorate the Church for Christmas.

Please Note: There will not be a Mass on Christmas Day!

The Third Quarter 'Mite Box Missionary Offering' will be collected starting next Sunday, December 28th.

The Parish Christmas Party will be hosted by Debbie and Peter Ruiz on the afternoon of Sunday the 28th. Debbie has in mind an arrival time of 4:00 pm. Debbie will be providing the dinner meal and the dessert etc. (Please do not bring additional food items.) And of course there will be a Gift Exchance after the dinner. The gifts should be something you yourself would enjoy receiving!

Thank you to all who contributed the donations of inexpensive personal items that were delivered and gratefully received at the Emerald Hospital last Sunday for distribution to elderly residents there who are bereft of family.