

St. Mary the Virgin

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The Rev. Deacon John Yeager, Assisting

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

The Feast of the Holy Innocents

28 December 2025

Choral Mass

Processional

Irby

Hymn 236

Henry J. Gauntlett, 1858



1. Once in ro - yal Da - vid's ci - ty Stood a
2. He came down to earth from hea - ven, Who is
3. And, thro' all his won - drous child - hood, He would
4. For he is our child - hood's pat - tern; Day by
5. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his
6. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, With the



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a mo - ther laid her
God and Lord of all, And his shel - ter was a
ho - nor and o - bey, Love, and watch the low - ly
day like us he grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and
ox - en stand - ing by, We shall see him; but in



ba - by In a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
sta - ble, And his cra - dle was a stall; With the
mai - den In whose gen - tle arms he lay; Chris - tian
help - less, Tears and smiles like us he knew; And he
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And he
hea - ven, Set at God's right hand on high; When like



was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
poor, and mean, and lowly, Lived on earth our Sa - viour holy.
chil - dren all must be Mild, o - be - dient, good as he.
feel - eth for our sadness, And he shar - eth in our gladness.
leads his chil - dren on To the place where he is gone.
stars his chil - dren crowned, All in white shall wait a - round.

Cecil Franes Alexander, 1848

Collect for Purity
Introit
Summary of the Law

BCP 67

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Kyrie Eleison

Hymn 710
Healey Willan, 1928

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us.

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Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Hymn 739
Old Scottish Chant

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor - ship thee,

we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry,

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Al - migh - ty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - - - ther,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up-on us.

For thou on - ly art ho - ly; Thou on - ly art the Lord;

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

A - - men.

Collect for the First Sunday after Christmas Day

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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.*

Collect for the Season of Christmas

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Collect for the Holy Innocents

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O ALMIGHTY God, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, and madest infants to glorify thee by their deaths; Mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson

Genesis 21:14-21

And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba. And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs. And she went, and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it were a bow shot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lift up her voice, and wept. And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is. Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation. And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink. And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer. And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.

Te Deum Laudamus

Hymn 613A / BCP 10

E. G. Monk



WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to | be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father | everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the | Powers therein;

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of | Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty | of thy **glory**.

The glorious company of the Apostles | **praise** thee.

The goodly fellowship of the | Prophets **praise** thee.

The noble army of Martyrs | **praise** thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world | doth acknowledge thee;

The Father, of an infinite Majesty; Thine adorable, true, and | only Son;

Also the Holy | Ghost, the Comforter.

THOU art the King of | Glory, • O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting | Son of • the **Father**.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,

thou didst humble thyself to be | born of • a **Virgin**.

When thou hadst overcome the | sharpness • of death,

thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to | all **believers**.

Thou sittest at the right | hand of God,

in the glory | of the **Father**.

We believe that thou shalt come to | be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed | with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered | with thy Saints,

in glory | everlasting.

O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine | heritage.

Govern them, and lift them | up for **ever**.

Day by day we | magni•fy thee;

And we worship thy Name ever, | world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with|out sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have | mercy • upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our | trust • is in • thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never | be confounded.

The Epistle

Galatians 4:1-7

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NOW I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: but when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Gradual and Alleluia

The Gospel

St. Matthew 1:18-25

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Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

THE birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: and knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.



Praise - be to thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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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.*

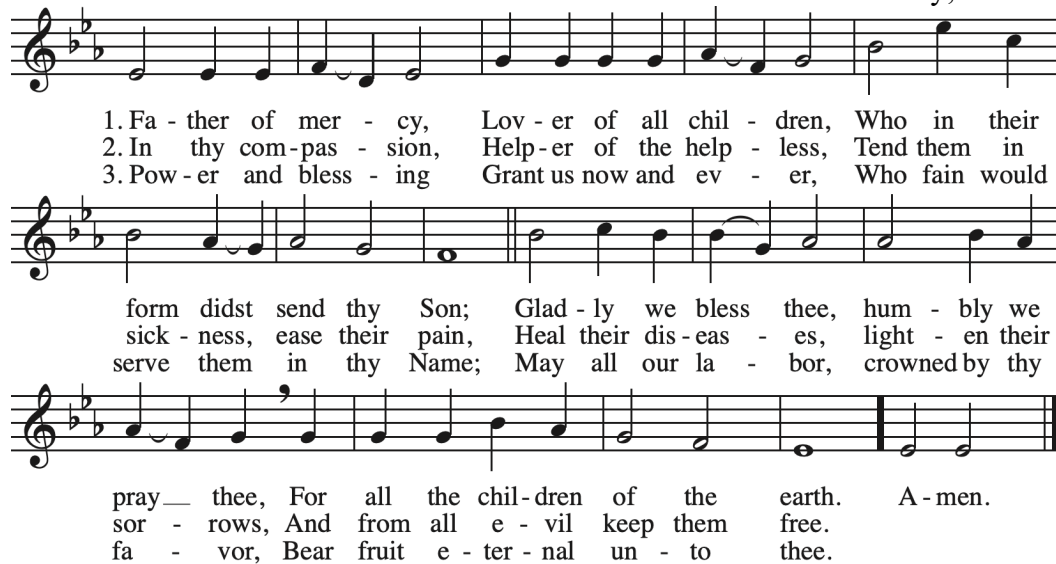
Announcements

Sermon Hymn

St. Elizabeth

Hymn 238

Silesian melody; Pub. Leipzig, 1842



1. Fa - ther of mer - cy, Lov - er of all chil - dren, Who in their
 2. In thy com - pas - sion, Help - er of the help - less, Tend them in
 3. Pow - er and bless - ing Grant us now and ev - er, Who fain would
 form didst send thy Son; Glad - ly we bless thee, hum - bly we
 sick - ness, ease their pain, Heal their dis - eas - es, light - en their
 serve them in thy Name; May all our la - bor, crowned by thy
 pray — thee, For all the chil - dren of the earth. A - men.
 sor - rows, And from all e - vil keep them free.
 fa - vor, Bear fruit e - ter - nal un - to thee.

Francis John Moore, 1935

Sermon

The Reverend Deacon John Yeager

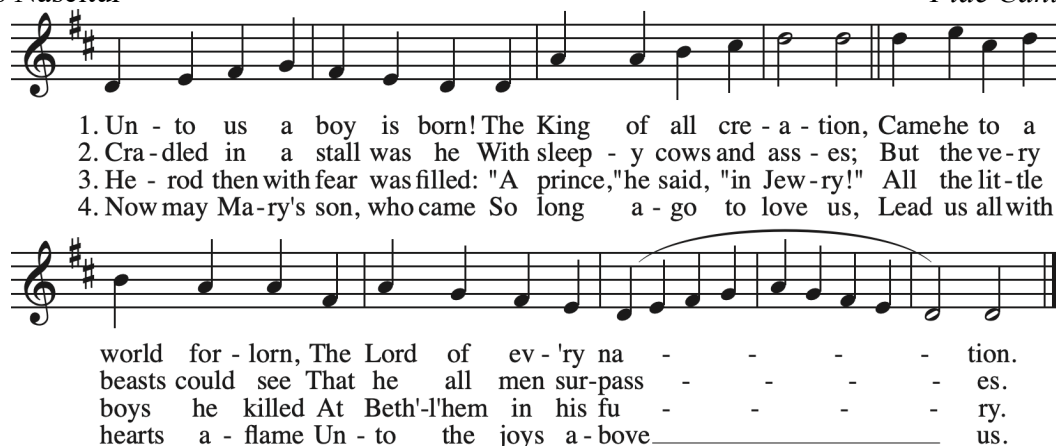
Offertory Verse and Sentences

Offertory Hymn

Puer Nobis Nascitur

Hymn 34

Piae Cantiones, 1582



1. Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre - a - tion, Came he to a
 2. Cra - dled in a stall was he With sleep - y cows and ass - es; But the ve - ry
 3. He - rod then with fear was filled: "A prince," he said, "in Jew - ry!" All the lit - tle
 4. Now may Ma - ry's son, who came So long a - go to love us, Lead us all with
 world for - lorn, The Lord of ev - 'ry na - - - - - tion.
 beasts could see That he all men sur - pass - - - - - es.
 boys he killed At Beth - l'hem in his fu - - - - - ry.
 hearts a - flame Un - to the joys a - bove _____ us.

Latin Carol, 15th cent.; Tr. O.B.C.

Doxology (Hymnal 139, 1st verse)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy 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.*

Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church

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General Confession

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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

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The Comfortable Words

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Sursum Corda


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Priest The Lord be with you. *All* And with thy spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts


All We lift them up unto the Lord

Priest



Let us give _____ thanks _____ un - to _____ our Lord _____ God.

All




It is meet _____ and right so _____ to do _____


Preface

Sanctus and Benedictus


Hymn 797
Healey Willan, 1928




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of hosts,




heav-en and earth are full _____ of _____ thy glo - ry:



Glo - - - ry be to thee, oh Lord most High.



Bless - ed _____ is he that com - eth _____ in _____ the



name _____ of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the _____ high - est.

Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant: Let us pray : And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:
The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 722

Traditional, very ancient



Agnus Dei

Hymn 712
Healey Willan, 1928

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

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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 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 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 custom 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 Holy Night

Hymn 33

Franz Grueber, 1818

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep - herds quake at the sight,
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light

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 - men.
Christ, the Sa - viour, is born! Christ, the Sa - viour, is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Joseph Mohr, 1818

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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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.*

Communion Verse and 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 ✠Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Retiring Processional:

Hymn 27

Mendelssohn

Adapted from a chorus by Felix Mendelssohn, 1840



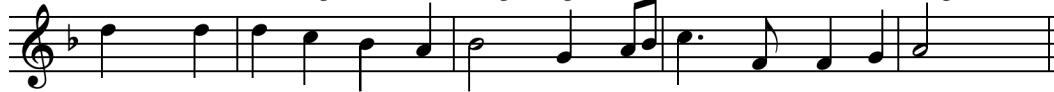
1. Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing— Glo - ry to the new-born King!
 2. Christ, by high-est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3. Mild he lays his glo - ry by, — Born that man no more may die,



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ner re - con-ciled!
 Late in time be-hold him come, Off - spring of the Vir-gin's womb.
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them se-cond birth.



Joy - ful all ye na-tions, rise, — Join the tri - umph of the skies; —
 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 to all he brings,



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.

Announcements

Celebrant	The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch
Sermon	The Reverend Deacon John Yeager
Epistoler	Robert Jones
Lector	Evan Sears
Acolytes	Tony Shehata, Robert Yeager
Acolyte in Training	Evan Sears
Altar Guild	Gretchen Martin and Nancy Jones
Zoom Wrangler	Landon Melamed

The Midweek Mass for this week will be celebrated on Thursday, January 1st at 10:00a.m., the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ (and New Year's Day).

Welcome to our Visitors this morning. Please sign the Visitor Register inside the Church Entrance. You are cordially invited to join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee and Refreshments after the Mass.

Happy Birthday!

Robert Jones (29 December)

Ken Kubo (29 December)

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

The Parish Christmas Party will be hosted by Debbie and Peter Ruiz this afternoon, Sunday the 28th with arrival time set at 4:00 p.m.. Debbie will be providing both the dinner meal and the dessert etc. (Please do not bring any additional food items.) And of course there will be a Gift Exchange after the dinner. Gifts should be something you yourself would enjoy receiving!

The Midweek Mass for the following week will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 6th, being the Feast of the Epiphany.

Sunday, January 11th the Sunday Mass will be celebrated as the First Sunday after the Feast of the Epiphany..