

The Christmas “Day Mass” Introit, *Puer natus est*, takes from the prophecy of Isaiah, chapter 9, verse 6; then Psalm 97, verse 1. We identify these scripturally then understand them in relation to the feast. Verses in bold mark Introit inclusions.

As Isaiah, his person, book & mission, were explained last week, so we go right to chapter 9, paraphrased: “What joy shall come after the afflictions by the birth and kingdom of Christ; which shall flourish for ever. Judgments upon Israel for their sins.”

Vs. 6. (For) **a CHILD IS BORN to us, and a son is given to us, and the government is upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called**, (Wonderful, Counselor, God the Mighty, the Father of the world to come, the Prince of Peace.) From one Septuagint translation: **the angel of great counsel**.

A Child is born refers to the Messiah whom the son of Isaiah prefigured. *Upon his shoulder* regards the place badges of royalty are worn. *The angel of great counsel* is one variation from the Septuagint (other copies read as in the above Vulgate version). Taken together, the verse refers to “the omnipotent God become a little child, Who, without violence, subdued the world, which He still governs” (Haydock Bible Commentary).

Psalm 97 is paraphrased: “All are again invited to praise the Lord, for the victories of Christ.”

1. **Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle: because he hath done wonderful things.** (His right hand hath wrought from him salvation, and his arm is holy.)

A new canticle regards the birth of Christ & the new covenant He came to establish; *wonderful things* are his saving deeds.

The Feast of the Nativity of the Lord contains three Masses (Midnight, Dawn, Day). Each Mass has its particular emphasis: the Midnight Mass, the temporal birth of Christ; the Dawn Mass, the spiritual birth of Christ in our soul; the Day Mass, the eternal generation of the Son from the Father. So, for instance, as regards the third, or “Day” Mass, the Epistle equates Jesus Christ with God: Who being in the brightness of His glory and the figure of His substance, and upholding all things by the word of His power...; which the Gospel puts: “In the beginning was the word...”

Jesus Christ is the second Person of the Blessed Trinity. He is eternally generated by the Father as “light from light, true God from true God” (Nicene Creed). He is born to us in time as flesh from flesh, “true man from true man” (i.e., only as regards to Mary.) A Child born to us. Why was God born? The answer is fundamental to getting Christmas right: God became man to bring men into eternal life. What unfathomable love! One hesitates to say more, lest a pen & ink appear to put limits to what more deserves a limitless wonder. Likewise, the traditional salutation of this great mystery, “Merry Christmas” - against a tidal wave of cheap & meaningless imitations like “Happy Holidays” or “Season’s Greetings” - imparts only an imperfect measure of our joy that a Child is born to us, until this Joy Itself be fully possessed in heaven.



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according to the liturgical books of 1962.

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The Daily Mass Schedule is:

Monday at 12 noon
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:00 am and 9:00 am.
Friday at 9:00 am and 6:30 pm. (On Friday, a 5:30 pm Holy Hour & confession time, precedes the 6:30 pm Mass.)
Saturday at 9:00 am.

The Sunday Mass Schedule is:

7:00 am low; 8:30 am low; 10:30 am sung; and 12:30 pm low.

Items on the “Blessing Table” in the hall are blessed after the 12:30 pm Mass; or, after the 10:30 am Mass, if there is no 12:30 pm Mass.

Confessions are heard in the confessional box ½ hour before Mass.

In Ocala:

Sunday Mass at 4:30 pm
Monday Mass at 7 am.
1st Saturday Mass at 10:30 am.

Sarasota “Lost & Found”
now located in the office

Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 12-26	Sunday in the Octave	2/W	St Stephen
Mon 12-27	St John the Apostle	2/W	Day in the Octave
Tues 12-28	Holy Innocents	2/R	Day in the Octave
Wed 12-29	5 th Day in the Octave	2/W	St Thomas Becket
Thu 12-30	6 th Day in the Octave	2/W	
Fri 12-31	7 th Day in the Octave	2/W	St Sylvester I
Sat 01-01	Octave Day of Christmas	1/W	
Sun 01-02	Most Holy Name of Jesus	2/W	



Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 12-26	(7 am) Children of David & Kathy Wilson (8:30 am) Intentions of the Sacred Heart (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) Joseph & Wihelmina Mercier+	rb L&D Duerbeck rb D Priest
Mon 12-27	(12 pm) Tim Steindorf+	rb B&M Kuziel
Tues 12-28	(7 am) Blessed Virgin Mary (9 am) End of abortion worldwide	rb A friend
Wed 12-29	(7 am) FssP Confraternity intentions (9 am) Rev Eric Scanlon	rb N Truong rb K Ouimet
Thu 12-30	(7 am) Vincent Pham+ (9 am) Patrick & Phyllis Di Giacinto+	rb K Dinh rb C DiGiacinto
Fri 12-31	(9 am) Poor souls in Purgatory (6:30 pm) Grace Sciscenti+	rb L de Saizieu rb L&MJ Sciscenti
Sat 01-01	(8:30 am) Blessed Virgin Mary (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	rb A friend
Sun 01-02	(7 am) CtK Volunteers (8:30 am) Saizieu's family (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) Conversion of sinners per Mediatrix of All Graces	rb L de Saizieu

Merry Christmas!

Fr Hathaway & Fr Huber thank you all for your many kind cards and gifts given them over this Christmas Season. *Deus retribuat vos multos.*

You are invited to the Homeschool Group Christmas Caroling in the Church Hall Dec., 27th at 5pm. We will sing in the hall, eating cookies, cider & hot cocoa then carol through the neighborhood around Christ the King. Wear something festive but appropriate. Bring cookies/cider/hot chocolate to share. Volunteers needed for post clean-up. If you can help please contact Jennifer Husmann at (813) 340-7764.

12/26/21 10:30 am Mass: 1st Noel (808); *Asperges* (567); Mass XVII (762) & Credo III (773); Exit: Joy to the World (806).

1/1/22 10:30 am Mass: Mass II (700) & Credo III (776); Exit: *Veni Creator Spiritus* (956).

This week, Monday, wine blessing after 12 noon Mass (if you bring some), Vespers (4:30 pm) & caroling (5 pm); **Wednesday,** Vespers (5 pm); **Thursday,** Vespers (5 pm); **Friday,** Vespers 5 pm; **1st Saturday,** Octave Day of Christmas (Holy Day of obligation), two Masses (8:30 am & 10:30 am) & Vespers (5 pm).

Plenary indulgences may be gained by publicly saying or singing the *Te Deum* on Dec. 31st & the *Veni Creator Spiritus* on Jan. 1st.

Last Sunday's collection: \$6,083.25; CFA \$1,850.00.

Attendance: 7 am-61; 8:30 am-131; 10:30 am-156; 12:30 pm-68; total 416 souls.

Thank you for parking on G. Fried Flooring America, to our NE about 75 yards, before parking on our grass.

Window replacement fund (\$10,000.00 cost): \$3,810.01 so far collected.

Please pray for: Frank Burns, McNamara family (12/19), Debbie Jaquith, Larry & Mary Jo Sciscenti, Mark Wendel, Anne Finazzo, Jo Cunningham (12/5); Lynda Hall, Winston Shuttleworth, and Tom Costo (11/28).

Dear Parishioners,

Your donation envelopes will be delivered late. "CoVid's fault," they said. Meanwhile, if you donate by check, simply place this with the loose in offertory basket (no envelope needed); if you donate by cash, please put your cash into a blank envelope with your written name & address (envelopes & pencils will be available in the church). It is easiest all-round, to use checks. Thank you for your understanding & patience. God bless you.

Sarasota only: you may begin to schedule Home Epiphany Blessings through the office; we will do as many as we can.



O wondrous bondage and sojourn which He endured, Who holds the world in His hand! From His first day He seeks only poverty, and honors it in His own Person. Had he wished He might have appeared moving the heavens, shaking the earth, hurling down the lightnings. But not in this way did He come. He wished to save, not to cast down, and from the beginning to tread under foot the foolish pride of man. So He not alone became man, He became a poor man; and chose a poor mother, who had not even a cradle wherein her new born Babe might lie. ~ *St. Simeon Metaphrastes; Byzantine Monk of Constantinople; 10th Century*

Be kind to everyone you meet, for we are all in a great battle!