





From the  
Pastor's Desk



Dear Friends,

We are all invited by the Church to renew our commitment to Christ on this most holy day Christmas. We can do this by participating regularly **in the prayer and works of mercy of the Church (at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.)** The Church exists to give us a way into the love of Jesus revealed in his birth, life, death and resurrection. All are welcome into our community.

We pray at the Eucharist for mercy.

During this season, we show mercy by sharing gifts for our brothers and sisters in need by our **Christmas Giving Tree**. I thank all who participated in this great act of mercy. If you are in need, contact our Ministry For Those in Need by calling 330.468.2194, Ext. 4. Your call will be returned within 24 hours with the utmost discretion.

*Please support us:*

Your financial contributions at Christmas and every Sunday in the collection, help us to be a vibrant parish of mercy. Please consider a Christmas gift and a commitment to contribute to our parish every Sunday at Mass. You can also contribute via EFT by visiting [donations.olg.cc](https://donations.olg.cc) or by placing your envelope in the parish collection basket. Our parish is sustained and grows by your support and love.

May Christ bless you and your family. If you need me as Priest and Pastor in any way, please get in touch with me at the parish office at 330.468.2194, Ext. 124.

On behalf of our Parish Staff, I ask our Lord to bless you now and forever.

In sincere thanks to you, Merry Christmas!

Father Kevin



# The Nativity of The Lord

December 25, 2020

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church  
Macedonia, Ohio

## \*Gathering

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

1. *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;  
Veníte adorémus, veníte adorémus, veníte adorémus Dóminum.*

2. *God of God, Light of Light,  
Lo! He comes forth from the Virgin's womb.  
Our very God, begotten not created.  
Veníte adorémus, veníte adorémus, veníte adorémus Dóminum.*

3. *Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;  
Veníte adorémus, veníte adorémus, veníte adorémus Dóminum.*

4. *Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
Veníte adorémus, veníte adorémus, veníte adorémus Dóminum.*

## \*Glory To God

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son.  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## The Liturgy of The Word

### \*1<sup>st</sup> 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 you 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!

The word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### \*Psalm:

*Psalm 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13*

Music: Michel Guimont



1. O sing a new song to the LORD; sing to the LORD, all the earth. O sing to the LORD; bless his name.
2. Proclaim his salvation day by day. Tell among the nations his glory, and his wonders among all the peoples.
3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad; let the sea and all within it thunder praise. Let the land and all it bears rejoice. Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy.
4. At the presence of the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with justice; he will govern the peoples with his truth.

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### \*2<sup>nd</sup> 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. The word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### \*Gospel Acclamation and Verse

*Luke 2: 10-11*



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I proclaim to you good news of great joy:  
today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.

### \*Gospel:

*Luke 2: 1-14*

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

**\*Homily** *Reflection on The Word*

**\*Profession of Faith**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,**

*(At the words that follow, up to and including "the Virgin Mary," all bow.)*

**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead;**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Prayers of the Faithful** *Lord of Light, hear our prayer*

**The Liturgy of The Eucharist**

**\*Preparation of The Altar** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

- 1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**
- 2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord.  
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th'Incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**
- 3. Hail! the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**\*Holy**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**\*Mystery of Faith**

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

**\*Amen**

**Amen. Amen.**

**\*Lamb of God**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us, grant us peace.**

**\*Communion** *The First Noel*

**Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** *Silent Night*

*Stille Nacht*

**1. 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.**

**2. Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born.**

**3. 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.**

**\*Going Forth** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

- 1. Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains.  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**
- 2. Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing.  
Come adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

## Don't Forget Jesus

*Christmas is a special time to reflect on Jesus Christ  
The wonder of His lowly birth brings meaning to our lives*

*There really is no other reason we celebrate this day  
The birth of God's precious son and the life He willingly gave*

*But so much seems to distract us in the bustling of our lives  
We lose our focus in all the happenings not knowing,  
we leave out Christ.*

*We lose sight of the true meaning as we endlessly rush about  
Trying to find that perfect gift seems to cloud our Savior out*

*We need to stop and reflect awhile remembering our precious Lord  
His birth, His life and sacrifice and all that He stands for*

*For though the world may celebrate it seems for other reasons  
Let's keep in mind that Jesus Christ  
is the true meaning of the season.*

*- M. S. Lowndes*



