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Nativity of Our Lord

December 25, 2016

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Dec. 25th	<i>The Nativity of Our Lord, I Class</i>
Midnight	<i>Pro Populo</i>
10:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Dec. 26th	St. Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr, II Class
7:45 a.m.	† Louis & Jule Guzek
Tues. Dec. 27th	St. John the Evangelist, Apostle, II Class
7:45 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory - Hanisch Family
Wed. Dec. 28th	Holy Innocents, Martyrs, II Class
7:45 a.m.	Thomas Serio - Tim & Mary Morris
Thu. Dec. 29th	Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas, II Class
7:45 a.m.	Aiden McGuirk - Mrs. Catherine Seeley
Fri. Dec. 30th	Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas, II Class
6:00 p.m.	Disabled Veterans - Anon.
Sat. Dec. 31st	Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas, II Class
9:00 a.m.	† Mrs. Aurelia Ciffarelli - Anthony George
Sun. Jan 1st	Octave Day of Christmas (Circumcision of our Lord)
8:00 a.m.	Jesus & Sofia Zepeda
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00 am

High Mass: 10:15 am

Weekdays

Monday-Thursday: 7:45 am

Friday: 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Saturday

One half hour before Mass

Sunday: 7:15-7:50 am

& 9:15-10:05 am

DEVOTIONS

Exposition-Benediction

Friday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am

DAILY ROSARY

Monday-Thursday - After Mass

Friday-Sunday - Before Mass

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Friday 9 am - 4 pm

THURSDAY - CLOSED

Saturday - 10 am - Noon

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INTROIT

Ps. 2, 7

The Lord hath said to Me: Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee. *Ps. 2, 1.* Why have the Gentiles raged, and the people devised vain things? *V.* Glory.

COLLECT

O God, Who hast brightened this most holy night with the shining of the true light, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may enjoy in heaven the delights of Him whose mystical light we have known on earth. Who with Thee.

EPISTLE

Titus 2, 11-15

Dearly beloved, the grace of God our Saviour hath appeared to all men, instructing us, that, denying ungodliness and worldly desires, we should live soberly, and justly, and godly in this world, looking for the blessed hope and coming of the glory of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and might cleanse to Himself a people acceptable, a pursuer of good works. These things speak, and exhort: in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GRADUAL

Ps. 109, 3, 1

With Thee is the principality in the day of Thy strength; in the brightness of the saints, from the womb before the day-star I begot Thee. *V.* The Lord said to my Lord: Sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thy enemies Thy footstool.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

V. Ps. 2, 7

The Lord hath said to Me: Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee. *Alleluia.*

GOSPEL

Luke 2, 1-14

At that time, there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that the whole world should be enrolled. This enrolling was first made by Cyrinus, the governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child.

And it came to pass, that when they were there, her days were accomplished, that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born Son, and wrapped Him up 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 watching, and keeping the night watches over their flock. And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shone round about them, and they feared with a great fear. And the angel said to them: Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people; for this day is born to you a Saviour, Who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David. And this shall be a sign unto you: You shall find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God, and saying: Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 95, 11, 13

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad before the face of the Lord, because He cometh.

SECRET

May the oblation of this day's festivity, we pray Thee, O Lord, find acceptance with Thee; that, by the bounty of Thy grace, we may, through this sacred intercourse, be found made like unto Him in Whom our substance is united with Thee.

COMMUNION

Ps. 109, 3

In the brightness of the saints, from the womb before the day-star I begot Thee.

POSTCOMMUNION

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord our God, that we, who rejoice to celebrate with these mysteries the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, may deserve by worthy living to attain His companionship. Who with Thee.

The Nativity

The Word, begotten from all eternity by the Father, has raised into personal union with Himself the blessed Fruit of the virginal womb of Mary; in other words the human and divine natures are joined in our Lord in the unity of a single Person—the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. Further, since when we speak of a son we mean a person, Jesus must be called the Son of God, because as the Son of God He is a Divine Person. From this it follows, that our Lady is called the Mother of God; not that she has begotten the Word but because from her is derived the humanity that the Word has united to Himself in the mystery of the Incarnation.

Of this mystery the first manifestation to the world was the birth of our Lord at Bethlehem. Whence we see the reason why every year at Christmas the Church says “Puer natus est nobis et Filius datus est nobis.” “Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given.” It is the Son of God, God begotten of the Father in the one day of eternity (Ego hodie genui te), who is now begotten of the Father as Man in the day of the Incarnation: Ego hodie genui te. “By the taking of the Manhood into God,” says St. Athanasius, the Son of Mary is born to the divine Life. As it was at midnight that our Lady brought her first-born Son into the world and laid Him in a cradle, so Mass is celebrated at midnight in St. Mary Major, where the relics of the crib are kept.

“With great devotion,” says St. Leo, “has the, Incarnate, Word given Himself to win for us the fight against Satan, for not in His divine Majesty but in the weakness of our flesh He waged war against this cruel enemy.” The victory which He has gained, in spite of His weakness, shows Him to be God. It is “God of God, Light of Light,” (Credo) who disperses the darkness of sin. “Christ is the true Light who comes to enlighten the world, plunged in darkness” (Collect). “By the mystery of the Word made Flesh,” says the Preface, “the light of Thy glory hath shone anew upon the eyes of our mind: so that while we acknowledge

Him as God seen by men we may be drawn by Him to the love of things unseen.” The grace of God our Savior hath appeared to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires... that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and might cleanse to Himself a people acceptable, and zealous in good works” (Epistle). He is made like unto us that we may become like unto Him (Secret), and by His example may be enabled to live a holy life (Postcommunion). Thus shall we “live soberly, justly, and godly in this world, looking for the blessed hope and coming of the glory of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ” (Epistle).

As we saw in Advent, the first Coming of our Lord prepares us for the second. (St. Andrews Daily Missal)



Merry Christmas!

St. Michael Parish wishes to extend to all sincere wishes for a most Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH extends a warm welcome to all visitors and new parishioners in the parish.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Our annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, January 8th, after the High Mass. We are asking parishioners to contribute a potluck main dish for at least 10 people and a dessert. Everyone is welcome!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT is scheduled for **Sunday, January 8th.** Some children of the parish will be performing a Christmas Pageant during the Christmas party. We hope you all come and enjoy the food and festivities!

ALTAR BOY PRACTICE: We will not have Altar Boy practice in January.

FIRST FRIDAY is January 6th. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends with Benediction at 5:40 p.m. May God reward you.

FIRST SATURDAY is January 7th. It is really important in these times to pray the Rosary, meditate for 15 minutes on the Mysteries, and make sacramental confession and Communion in reparation for sins and blasphemies against Mary's Immaculate Heart.

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE: Our Parish Goal is \$10,000. As of today, we have reached **50** percent of our pledged goal. Envelopes can be found in the church vestibule. Please mark your donation to the appeal with our parish code 060.

Altar Boys

OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS

January 1st
8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 Timothy Sica
AC2 Peter Sica

TEAM A
MC Matthew Gillenkirk
TH Patrick Seeley
AC1 Andrew Pheasant
AC2 Joseph Seeley
C Brendan Seeley
S1 Sean Michelin
S2 Mathias Morris

WEEK TWO

Monday Mathias Morris
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday Timothy Sica
7:45 a.m. Peter Sica

Thursday
7:45 a.m.

THE HOLY FAMILY

January 1st
8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 Dominic Gardner
AC2 Jack Gardner

TEAM B
MC Francis LaFata
TH Stephen LaFata
AC1 Patrick Schneider
AC2 Sean Michelin
C Brian LaFata
S1 John Skuba
S2 Joseph Skuba