

The Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord Year B

Monday, December 25, 2017

Readings: 1) Isaiah 52:7-10 2) Hebrews 1:1-6 3) John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Sunday Liturgy

The Focus for today's Mass is: The Light of the World disperses the worst nights of darkness.

A full moon lighting up a darkened sky can serve as a great reminder to us that Jesus is the Light that disperses the darkest moments in our lives and in our world. Accepting and sharing the true light brings hope where there is despair.

In Today's readings, Isaiah tells of the glad tidings that will take place once the Messiah arrives. The author of Hebrews states that the Son is the most profound and complete way that God speaks to us. Saint John proclaims Jesus as the pre-existent Word of God, now present to us in the flesh, who reveals God to us.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

**Celebrating the glad tidings of this day,
we now reach out to God with our prayers.**

**For Pope Francis, and all religious leaders,
that through word and action,
they may reveal Jesus as the light of the world.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For all leaders,
may they show the compassion of God
in their dealings with one another.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For all the poor, the sick and the suffering.

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For all who have died in the light of Christ;
may they rest in His eternal peace.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For all members of this parish,
may we receive Jesus with open hearts.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions..... (very long pause)

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

**Father, you sent your son,
Jesus, to a world in need of salvation.
We ask that you hear our prayers, through your son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**