

## **The Nativity of the Lord**

**Year B**

**Friday, December 25, 2020**

**Readings:** 1) Isaiah 52:7-10      2) Hebrews 1:1-6      3) John 1:1-18

### **Sunday Liturgy**

The focus for today's Mass is: Receive and proclaim the good news that the Word of God is made flesh.

Today's reading from Isaiah is probably one of the most joyous of all the Hebrew Scriptures; the prophet proclaims that all will behold the salvation of our God. Saint John's poetic opening to his Gospel is a solemn proclamation that the Messiah has come.

### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

#### **PRIEST:**

Let us call to mind the needs of the Church and the world,  
bringing our concerns confidently before God's throne.

**For Pope Francis and all members of the Church,  
may they proclaim the Good News to the ends of the earth,  
We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For all nations on earth, may they seek peace and reconciliation.  
We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayers.**

**For all who are sick in mind, spirit and body,  
may they find compassion and support from those around them.  
We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.**

**For our beloved dead,  
may they through God's grace and mercy, enter the kingdom of heaven.  
We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For each of us, may we proclaim the good news by word and example.  
We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For our own personal intentions... (pause).  
We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**

#### **PRIEST:**

Father, in your goodness hear our prayers today and answer them,  
we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.