

*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;*

*O come, let us adore Him*

*O come, let us adore Him,*

*O come, Let us adore Him,*

*Christ, the Lord.*



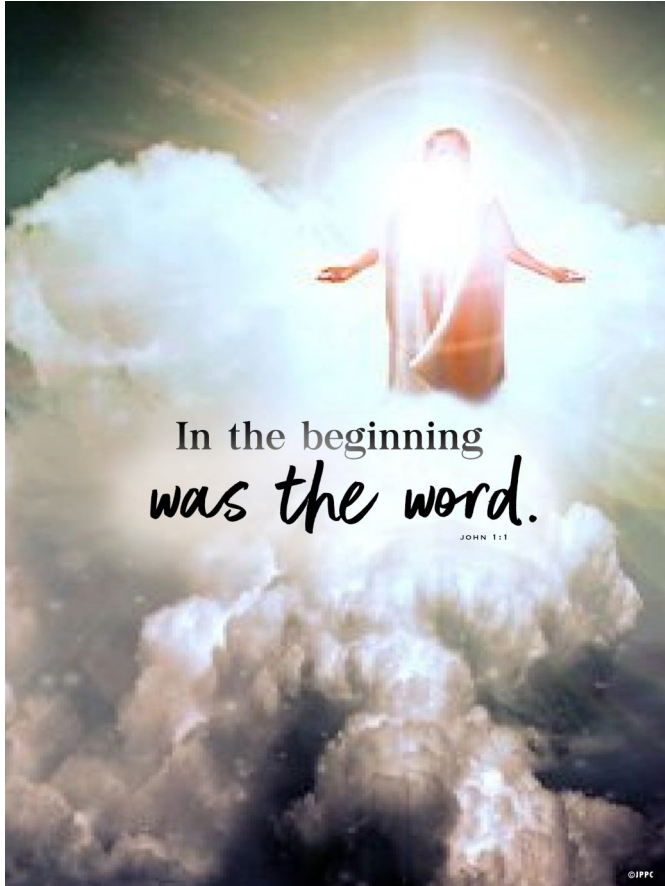


# St. Mark's Catholic Church

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## "The Nativity of the Lord"

Lectionary: 13

### Reading 1 Is 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent,  
for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,  
until her vindication shines forth like the dawn  
and her victory like a burning torch.

Nations shall behold your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
you shall be called by a new name  
pronounced by the mouth of the LORD.  
You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD,  
a royal diadem held by your God.  
No more shall people call you "Forsaken,"  
or your land "Desolate,"  
but you shall be called "My Delight,"

and your land "Espoused."  
For the LORD delights in you  
and makes your land his spouse.  
As a young man marries a virgin,  
your Builder shall marry you;  
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride  
so shall your God rejoice in you.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

R. (2a) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.  
I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
Forever will I confirm your posterity  
and establish your throne for all generations.  
R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.  
Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;  
in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.  
At your name they rejoice all the day,  
and through your justice they are exalted.  
R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.  
He shall say of me, "You are my father,  
my God, the rock, my savior."  
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,  
and my covenant with him stands firm.  
R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

### Reading 2 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia and entered the synagogue, he stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, "Fellow Israelites and you others who are God-fearing, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and exalted the people during their sojourn in the land of Egypt. With uplifted arm he led them out of it. Then he removed Saul and raised up David as king; of him he testified, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will carry out my every wish.' From this man's descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.'"

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed:

the Savior of the world will reign over us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

**Mt 1:1-25**

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab. Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. Boaz became the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of David the king.

David became the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon became the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asaph. Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah. Uzziah became the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos, Amos the father of Josiah. Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile.

After the Babylonian exile, Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, Zerubbabel the father of Abiud. Abiud became the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, Azor the father of Zadok. Zadok became the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud, Eliud the father of Eleazar. Eleazar became the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ.

Thus the total number of generations from Abraham to David is fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian exile, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian exile to the Christ, fourteen generations.

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling

to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."* When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

*Thank you!*

The Social Concerns Committee would like to express gratitude to all of the parishioners for their donations to this year's Giving Tree. Your support allowed us to provide new comforters to the residents of Laurel House in Asbury Park, along with gift cards, coats, hats, gloves and toys for many local adults and children in need. Because of your generosity over 600 recipients will have a wonderful Christmas. Thank you for making a difference in our community.

Merry Christmas!



Christmas Flower Memorial envelopes are available at church entrances. Flower envelopes can be put in the collection basket, the box on the side altar or rectory mail slot. It's a beautiful way to celebrate the birth of our Savior and to remember a loved one on Christmas!





### Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, and 12 Noon  
5PM in Spanish

### Daily Masses

**Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet after Daily Masses**

Monday-Friday at 7:30 AM and 11 AM

Saturday 7:30 AM Only (No 11 AM Mass on Saturdays)

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM and

Thursdays after the 7:30 AM and 11 AM Masses

### Devotions and Novenas

**Miraculous Medal Novena** after daily Masses on Wednesdays

**Eucharistic Adoration** on Fridays after 11 AM Mass.

**Benediction** at 1:45 PM

**1st Fridays Spanish Adoration** beginning at 7 PM.

### Rectory Office 732-449-6364

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Bulletin            | Ext. 114 |
| Pastoral Council    | Ext. 116 |
| Religious Education | Ext. 105 |
| Social Concerns     | Ext. 108 |
| Spanish Ministry    | Ext. 105 |
| Weddings            | Ext. 100 |

### Ministries

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Altar Rosary Society | 732-282-1244 |
| Bereavement Ministry | 718-637-1162 |
| CYO                  | 732-685-6011 |
| Music Ministry       | 908-415-0212 |
| Rosary Makers        | 732-245-8405 |

**Thank You!** We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and it's ministries!

We would especially like to thank all of those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes and those who give online through the Parish Giving Program.

**December 18, 2022 Sunday Collection Total \$11,052.**



## Pray FOR THE SICK

**Please Note:** Names will remain on the sick list read at mass for 4 weeks and then removed unless the requester calls to remain on the list for another 4 weeks. To ensure the consent of the person whose name appears here, the pastor's policy requires that only they or a family member may request a name be added to this list. Names will remain in the bulletin until the person or family request it be removed.

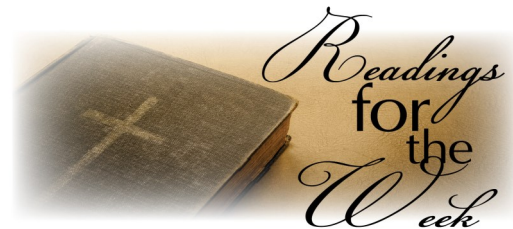
**Ken Farrell, Richard Russo, Danny Suskenich, Brian Nall, Marilyn Woerner, Bob Patrignelli, Nick Costantini, Caroline Viggiano, Teresa Corcoran, Kaitlin Wason, Baby Mac Simonson, John Cinciarelli, Michael Sheridan, Erik Rofi, Jim & Andrea Trischitta, Mary Jane Lorenzo, Erin Rubas, Dr. William Burns, Robert Czech, Janet Thomas, Edward Morea, Rosalie Renda, Alice Healy, Benjamin Ohlweiler, Robert MacPherson, Jake Gilbert, Bill Lesniak, Jim Bogan, Bruce Bogan, Sr., Jimmy Azzollini, Ken Hauck.**

Eternal Rest grant onto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

*Please remember in your prayers those of our diocese, parish, friends, and family members who have recently died.*

† Jim Kemper  
† Bernard Kelly

May the angels lead you into paradise.



**December 25, 2022**

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

**Friday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

**Sunday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21





## † This Week's Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 26

**7:30 AM**

† Mary Jean Quick by Kurack Family

**11:00 AM**

† William Schuren by Sally Schuren

† Michael Gabler by Maria and John Checton

### Tuesday, December 27

**7:30 AM**

† Azzarella & Callahan Families by Margaret Azzarella

**11:00 AM**

† Joseph Brennan by Kathleen Jappe

Wayne & Patrick by Eileen & Peter McHugh

### Wednesday, December 28

**7:30 AM**

Brendan McGregor by Graves' Family

**11:00 AM**

† Kerry and Marty McGreevey by Helena and Robert Coogan

† Barbara J. Toscano by Deacon Mike & Sandra Keary

† Michael and Molly Davis by Paulette McCormack

### Thursday, December 29

**7:30 AM**

† Lorraine Olsen by Joan & Jon Trutneff

**11:00 AM**

† David Oblinski by Julie & Lou Cocozza

† Paul Kayne by Kate Tombs

† Tom Quigley by Kate Quigley

### Friday, December 30

**7:30 AM**

† Helen G. Malloy by Tom Malloy

† Austin Behnken by Family

**11:00 AM**

† Frank Walsh by Marybeth & Joe Walsh

† Kurt Borowsky by Peggy Matthews

† Bill Hutton by Patti & John Glassford

### Saturday, December 31

**7:30 AM**

† Cathryn Falcone by Family

† Ken & Matthew Zusi by Zusi Family

† Guy Lueddeke by Judy Gibson

**4:30 PM**

† People of the Parish

### Sunday, January 1, 2023

**8:00 AM**

Charles Henry Palmer by Family

**10:00 AM**

† Elizabeth Leonhardt by Todd & Jamie Leonhardt

† Rosemary Mylod by TMIY

† William Donovan by Tages Family

**12 Noon**

† Andy Burt by Jim and Joleen Lemke & Family

† John Carey by Tom & Pam Kenah

**5:00 PM**

† Rufina Sanchez by Family

Jose Zaragoza by Juana Zaragoza

† Edith Garcia Gutierrez by Avila- Baltazar Family







A Christmas message from the Pastor:

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom, a light has shone. For a child is born to us, a son is given us, upon his shoulders dominion rests. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful".

These words from the prophet Isaiah which we hear at midnight Mass bring home to us the true meaning of Christmas. For most of us Christmas is a wonderful time of the year. The music, the decorations, the warm and friendly spirit. No other time of the year is quite like it. There is a peace, a hope, a special feeling personal to all of us that can make us forget our worries and our troubles at least for a while.

Wouldn't it be great if all the good things about Christmas would continue and we could keep that spirit alive throughout the coming year? We can, because if we truly believe that the same Jesus who was born in a stable in Bethlehem is still with us here and now, then every day for us should be just like Christmas, a day to celebrate and to rejoice.

Origen one of the early fathers of the church stated "that it is true that Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem on that first Christmas night, but to what avail if he is not reborn in our hearts this Christmas!" Christmas is a feast of the heart. It reveals to us what the living heart of God is like. Christmas causes us to open our hearts and to the extent to which we offer our hearts to God and to one another this Christmas will be the extent to which we will experience the great joy which the angels announced to the shepherds.

This year we refurbished the church including painting the walls and ceiling, installing new carpets, repairing the marble tiles on the walls and re-grouting the front steps. All of this was only made possible because of the ongoing outstanding generosity of you, the parishioners of St. Mark's.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have given so unselfishly of your time, your talents, and your financial resources to the parish and to its many vibrant ministries and organizations during the year. I pray that the Lord will bless and reward all of you for your outstanding generosity.

On behalf of Fr. Carlos, Deacon Mike, the entire staff and myself, I wish all of you a very blessed, joyous and peace filled Christmas season and a happy and healthy new year.

Msgr. Sean Flynn



| <b>Ministry Schedule</b><br><b>December 31, 2022/January 1, 2023</b> |  |   |                                   |                                  |
|--|--|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|  | <b>Saturday<br/>4:30 PM</b>                    | <b>Sunday<br/>8:00 AM</b>                         | <b>Sunday<br/>10:00 AM</b>        | <b>Sunday<br/>12 Noon</b>        |
| <b>Celebrant</b>   | Fr. Carlos                                     | Msgr. Flynn                                       | Fr. Carlos                        | Msgr. Flynn                      |
| <b>Readers</b>   | Colleen Rivera                                 | Robert Cavazini                                   | Todd Leonhardt                    | Nancy Shatzman                   |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>   | Connie Duffy<br>Anthony Granato                | Anna Nuzzi<br><b>MINISTER NEEDED</b>              | Dolores Linqinto<br>Eileen Sugrue | Marge Loenser<br>Helen Hopkins   |
| <b>Ushers</b>  | Joe Walsh,<br>Walter Henry,<br>Anthony Granato | Bob O'Neill, Leo Hurley<br>Pat Ahern, Glenn Skola | Rich Siderko<br>Jim Sheridan      | Howard Flood<br>Richard DeGroote |



**St. Mark's Bereavement Ministry:** Our Bereavement Ministry helps those who are grieving the loss of a loved one during their most difficult times. They meet on Wednesdays at 11 AM at St. Mark's. **Please call Sue Nolan at 718-637-1162 for more information.** All are welcome!

**Rosary Makers** will meet on **Monday, January 23rd** at **1pm** in Fr. Child's Hall (St. Mark's basement). We welcome anyone interested in learning how to make rosaries, as well as our faithful rosary makers. Rosary making experts are available to show how easy and rewarding it is to make rosaries. "The Rosary is THE weapon" *Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)*  
**Questions? Contact Maria Checton at 732-245-8405) or [mgchecton@gmail.com](mailto:mgchecton@gmail.com).**



**We ask you to be especially generous in your Christmas donation this year. We use this collection to pay for some of our larger expenses. Thank you!**

While everyone is not yet able to participate in person at Masses, you can watch them online by visiting our parish website: **Saint Mark's Catholic Church – 215 Crescent Pkwy, Sea Girt, New Jersey 08750 ([stmarkseagirt.com](http://stmarkseagirt.com))** and click on the Livestream logo or highlight the link below then right click and click open Hyperlink **St. Mark Church Streaming Player | Powered by StreamSpot.**



#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**The Rectory Office will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and will reopen on Tuesday, December 27th and will be closed again on Friday, December 30th and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd.**

#### **Eucharistic Devotion**



The importance of Eucharistic Adoration is shown in the fact that the Church has a ritual that regulates it: the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. This is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. The Rite concludes with the ordained minister blessing the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us on Friday's immediately after the 11 AM Mass for Adoration. Benediction begins at 1:45 PM. It will also be broadcast on livestream @ [stmarkseagirt.com](http://stmarkseagirt.com). Come spend some quiet time with the Lord.



**The Rev. John F. Welsh Council #3231 of Manasquan and Sea Girt** wishes to thank all who purchased 50/50 raffle tickets. The lucky winner holding #1398 won \$3,165. The winner is a parishioner of St Denis and wishes to remain anonymous. The balance was deposited into the Knights Charity account. Thank you for helping us spread good cheer this Christmas season.





Christ,  
the Savior  
is born





## St. Nicholas Breakfast & Family Gathering December 4, 2022

We celebrated the Feast of St. Nicholas as a parish community with Msgr. Flynn giving a beautiful children's homily at the 10 AM Mass. We learned of St. Nicholas' generous nature and love for children, and how his name was transformed over time to the present day name of Santa Claus.

After Mass, many families joined us for a delicious buffet breakfast prepared by "La Cocinita de Manasquan". All the children received a special gift from St. Nicholas.

Many thanks to everyone who joined us and all the volunteers who made this event possible.







2 Corinthians 9:15

*Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.*

Give Now! Scan this QR Code with your smartphone for easy secure online giving. Thank-you!



**Please log onto our parish website: <https://stmarkseagirt.com> to sign up for the electronic giving program. Your consistent stewardship is appreciated during this joyous time and throughout the year.**

Parish Giving offers secure flexible online giving for our parishioners who would like to make their donations online using a credit card or bank transfer. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and plan the budget. Check out the website listed for benefits and details.

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## Feeding the Hungry



### Frozen Meals Program Resumes!

Are you looking for an easy way to help those in need? Here's one way you can make a difference. St. Mark's Social Concerns Ministry is resuming the Frozen Meals Program for the Center in Asbury Park which was discontinued due to the Covid pandemic. The Center in Asbury Park, Inc., is a volunteer-based New Jersey not-for-profit service organization, providing support services for people living with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers since 1992.

The process is simple! Here's what to do:

- Pick up food trays and lids next to the kitchen refrigerator in Fr. Child's Hall (St. Mark's Church basement)
- Fill the trays with generous portions of food
- Label the tray lids with the contents and date of preparation
- Return the meals to the freezer compartment of the refrigerator in Fr. Child's Hall.

**Please use only the trays provided.**

St Mark's volunteers will deliver the meals to The Center for distribution to their clients.

**Please contact Marybeth or Joe Walsh at 732 449-5656 with any questions. Your participation is greatly appreciated.**



**MEALS on WHEELS**  
MONMOUTH COUNTY  
TOGETHER, WE CAN DELIVER.

Homebound seniors can remain comfortably at home with the dignity and the security of having someone visit once a day with a nutritious meal. Also, the warm smile of one of our wonderful volunteers or caring meals-on-wheels drivers is important to them and often serves as a wellness check. **If you would like more information, please call Meals on Wheels 732-502-3277 or Barbara Anderson 848-444-3123.**



**Mercy Center**  
Empower • Enrich • Educate

### UPDATE!

**Juices • Diapers and Wipes • Coffee and Tea  
Reusable Bags • Toiletries (The Dollar Tree is a great source for these).**

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

**Northern New Jersey Alcoholics Anonymous** provides information on AA as a resource for anyone who thinks they may have drinking problem, as well as to answer any questions that professionals or community members may have about Alcoholics Anonymous. Please visit [www.nnjaa.org](http://www.nnjaa.org) for more information.

### Collecting Travel Size Toiletries

#### St. Mark's Social Concerns Committee

is collecting travel size toiletry items (soap, shampoos, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs etc.) for delivery by volunteers to those in need in the Asbury Park area. Containers are located at Church entrances. **Thank you!**



**Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton and Recycle-America** have joined forces to provide a new service. Now, someone will come to your door to collect your clothing and shoes. All items will be donated to those in need in our local community. Pickups in Monmouth County are made on Wednesdays. To schedule a pickup, please call 609-906-0004 or email [racworld2015@gmail.com](mailto:racworld2015@gmail.com). Please call or email three days prior to pick up day. Thank you.

Catholic Charities provides assistance with food, housing, drug addiction, domestic violence, and immigration services. **If you know a parishioner needing help, please contact us at [www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org](http://www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org) or call 800-360-7711.**

## Winter Bulletin Deadlines

Because of our printers early deadlines for our winter bulletins, please email all bulletin articles to [cindy@stmarkseagirt.com](mailto:cindy@stmarkseagirt.com) by the following dates:

December 25th Bulletin by Tuesday, December 13th.

January 1st Bulletin by Friday, December 16th.

January 8th Bulletin by Thursday, December 29th.

Thank you for your cooperation!



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25 de diciembre del 2022  
La Natividad del Señor (Navidad)

**Primera Lectura: Is 52, 7-10.**

¡Qué hermoso es ver correr sobre los montes al mensajero que anuncia la paz, al mensajero que trae la buena nueva, que pregonera la salvación, que dice a Sión: "Tu Dios es rey"! Escucha: Tus centinelas alzan la voz y todos a una gritan alborozados, porque ven con sus propios ojos al Señor, que retorna a Sión. Prorrumpan en gritos de alegría, ruinas de Jerusalén, porque el Señor rescata a su pueblo, consuela a Jerusalén. Descubre el Señor su santo brazo a la vista de todas las naciones. Verá la tierra entera la salvación que viene de nuestro Dios.

**Salmo Responsorial: Sal 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4. 5-6.**

**Toda la tierra ha visto al Salvador.**

Cantemos al Señor un canto nuevo,  
pues ha hecho maravillas.  
Su diestra y su santo brazo  
le han dado la victoria.

**Toda la tierra ha visto al Salvador.**

El Señor ha dado a conocer su victoria,  
y ha revelado a las naciones su justicia.  
Una vez más ha demostrado Dios  
su amor y su lealtad hacia Israel.

**Toda la tierra ha visto al Salvador.**

La tierra entera ha contemplado  
la victoria de nuestro Dios.  
Que todos los pueblos y naciones  
aclamen con júbilo al Señor.

**Toda la tierra ha visto al Salvador.**

Cantemos al Señor al son del arpa,  
suenen los instrumentos.  
Aclamemos al son de los clarines

al Señor, nuestro rey.

**Toda la tierra ha visto al Salvador.**

**Segunda Lectura: Hb 1, 1-6.**

En distintas ocasiones y de muchas maneras habló Dios en el pasado a nuestros padres, por boca de los profetas. Ahora, en estos tiempos, nos ha hablado por medio de su Hijo, a quien constituyó heredero de todas las cosas y por medio del cual hizo el universo. El Hijo es el resplandor de la gloria de Dios, la imagen fiel de su ser y el sostén de todas las cosas con su palabra poderosa. Él mismo, después de efectuar la purificación de los pecados, se sentó a la diestra de la majestad de Dios, en las alturas, tanto más encumbrado sobre los ángeles, cuanto más excelso es el nombre que, como herencia, le corresponde. Porque ¿a cuál de los ángeles le dijo Dios: Tú eres mi Hijo; yo te he engendrado hoy? ¿O de qué ángel dijo Dios: Yo seré para él un padre y él será para mí un hijo? Además, en otro pasaje, cuando introduce en el mundo a su primogénito, dice: Adórenlo todos los ángeles de Dios.

**Aclamación antes del Evangelio.**

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Un día sagrado ha brillado para nosotros.

Vengan naciones, y adoren al Señor,  
porque hoy ha descendido una gran luz sobre la tierra.

R. Aleluya.

**Evangelio: Jn 1, 1-18 o 1, 1-5. 9-14.**

En el principio ya existía aquel que es la Palabra, y aquel que es la Palabra estaba con Dios y era Dios. Ya en el principio él estaba con Dios. Todas las cosas vinieron a la existencia por él y sin él nada empezó de cuanto existe. Él era la vida, y la vida era la luz de los hombres.

La luz brilla en las tinieblas y las tinieblas no la recibieron. Hubo un hombre enviado por Dios, que se llamaba Juan. Éste vino como testigo, para dar testimonio de la luz, para que todos creyeran por medio de él. Él no era la luz, sino testigo de la luz. Aquel que es la Palabra era la luz verdadera, que ilumina a todo hombre que viene a este mundo.

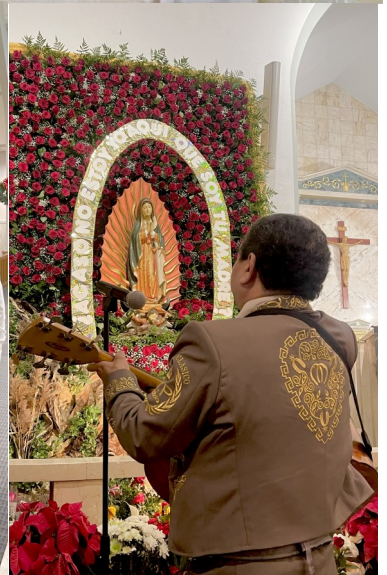
En el mundo estaba; el mundo había sido hecho por él y, sin embargo, el mundo no lo conoció. Vino a los suyos y los suyos no lo recibieron; pero a todos los que lo recibieron les concedió poder llegar a ser hijos de Dios, a los que creen en su nombre, los cuales no nacieron de la sangre, ni del deseo de la carne, ni por voluntad del hombre, sino que nacieron de Dios. Y aquel que es la Palabra se hizo hombre y habitó entre nosotros.

Hemos visto su gloria, gloria que le corresponde como a unigénito del Padre, lleno de gracia y de verdad. Juan el Bautista dio testimonio de él, clamando: "A éste me refería cuando dije:

'El que viene después de mí, tiene precedencia sobre mí, porque ya existía antes que yo' ". De su plenitud hemos recibido todos gracia sobre gracia. Porque la ley fue dada por medio de Moisés, mientras que la gracia y la verdad vinieron por Jesucristo. A Dios nadie lo ha visto jamás. El Hijo unigénito, que está en el seno del Padre, es quien lo ha revelado.



# Guadalupe







Queridos feligreses,

En este momento es cuando dirigimos nuestros corazones al niño Jesús, el regalo más grande que Dios nos ha dado, podemos ver al Niño Jesús en él desde hace mucho tiempo. Sin embargo, antes que él se hizo hombre, siempre era Dios.

El Creador del universo bajó de su trono para convertirse en hombre. Él no lo hizo solo por un día, sino para siempre. Él no lo hizo por santo, sino por todos nosotros. Él lo hubiera hecho si solo fuese uno, quien lo necesitaba.

Él nos llama a lo largo del año, la Navidad es Dios que viene a la humanidad. Navidad es Dios que viene hacia ustedes con su gran regalo de amor.

Feliz Navidad,  
Msgr. Sean P. Flynn

