

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

During the Advent season we have contemplated the three “comings” of Christ: in history, at the end times and into our hearts. Today we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord—his coming in history—as fully as we can. In celebrating the Nativity, we fervently pray that our dear Lord will also be born in our hearts. Then we, like the Blessed Mother, can share his presence with the world around us.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Is 7:10-14 The virgin shall be with child.
Psalm 24 “Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.”
Romans 1:1-7 Jesus is the son of David and the Son of God.
Mt 1:18-24 *Joseph, son of David, have no fear about taking Mary as your wife.*

Today’s readings are about signs: God’s sign to Ahaz, the angel’s appearance to Joseph. As we hear God’s holy word proclaimed today, what signs in your life point to God about to do wonderful new things? How can you respond like Joseph?

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 24, Vigil: Nativity of the Lord: Christmas
4:00 PM Parishioners of Rosary
Sunday, December 25, Nativity of the Lord: Christmas
8:30 AM Parishioners of Rosary
10:30 AM Parishioners of Peace
Monday, December 26, Feast of St. Stephen
8:30 AM W. A. Brown (RIP)
Tuesday, December 27, Feast of St. John
8:30 AM M. C. Brown (RIP)
Wednesday December 28, Feast of the Holy Innocents
8:30 AM Special Intention
Thursday, December 29, Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas
8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday, December 30, Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Please see Fr. Brown for Mass Intention requests. The Celebrant is not obligated to publicly announce the Mass intentions; this is a courtesy. If the Celebrant omits announcing the intention, the Mass is still offered for the donor’s intention. If you would like to make a donation for the Sanctuary Lamp for a special intention, please see Father Brown. December intention is for David and Janet Meyers (RIP).

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

For whom and how can I “prepare a manger,” by offering Christ’s own welcoming and nourishing love this Christmas season?

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Cathy Wood, Ruthie Kress, Mary Sharenberger-Riggins, Curtis Jackson, Danny Somers, Joseph Thomas Buxton, Greg Warner, Bill Sultan, Kelly Lightsey, Margi Bockweg, Cathy Banks, John Loria, Hguyen Dau, Hai Van Heller and family, Nathan Collins, Barbara Northrop, Susan Tanney and Peyton Meyers. Please see Father Brown to update the list or to arrange for a visit to a homebound or hospitalized.

PRAYER DURING CHRISTMASTIME

“And the Word was made flesh and lived among us.”
God, You sent Your Beloved Son to us.
We thank You for Jesus, a gift of Your love.
Jesus is the Word of God living with us.
Praised be the Word of God!

“In a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes.”
Jesus, the shepherds heard the news and went to find You.
We rejoice in the Good News of Your birth.
Jesus is the infant in the manger.
Glory to God in high heaven!

“Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly hosts.”
Lord, the angels sang their praises to God at Your birth.
We praise and thank You for your great gift.
Jesus is the one who brings peace to our earth.
Thanks be to God!

REGISTER NOW—CELEBRATE FAITH 2017

Sponsored by the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Every two years we come together as a diocese to celebrate the joy and beauty of our Catholic faith. Join us as we dive deeper into what it means to live out our vocations, whether to religious life, married life or single life.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18—8AM to 5:15PM CT
Emerald Coast Convention Center
1250 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE
Fort Walton Beach, Florida
Contact Erica Johnson at (850) 43-3528 or at johnsone@ptdiocese.org

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

OFFERTORY	\$2,507.00
BUILDING FUND	\$875.70
OTHER, Retirement Fund for Religious	\$690.00
	<u>\$26.25</u>
TOTAL	\$4,098.95

BUILDING FUND MONTHLY

	\$5,641.72
Month to date	<u>\$4,629.70</u>
NEEDED	\$1,012.02

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE MISSION

OFFERTORY	\$657.00
OTHER: Retirement Fund for Religious	<u>\$216.00</u>
TOTAL	\$873.00

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to the recent collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. (\$609 Rosary + \$216 Peace=\$906.00.

REMINDER:

**DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED AND WILL BE
GREATLY APPRECIATED**

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

Oh, God, our loving Father,
help us rightly to remember
the birth of Jesus, that we may share
in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and the worship of the wise men.
May the Christmas morning
make us happy
to be your children
and Christmas evening
bring us to our beds
with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake. Amen.

– Robert Louis Stevenson

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY/QUEEN OF PEACE
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Thanks to EVERYONE who made the Christmas Party a GREAT success. The decorating, door prizes, food preparation, musical entertainment, the visit by St. Nicholas and all the "behind-the-scenes" work were part of a very successful event. You raised \$190.00 benefitting the Pregnancy Resource Center, \$145.00 went to our Building Fund and a bin full of donated canned goods was sent to the Catholic Charities Food Bank. Thank you for your continued generosity! Kevin Hall

St. Teresa of Calcutta may have said it best when she stated, "It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you. Yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at someone and offer them your hand." Doing that is being holy, too; that, too, is stewardship.

**LET THE HEAVENS
RESOUND WITH JOY**



OUR SAVIOR IS BORN!

"Angel of God Protect Me"

