

your holy Angel to your altar on high in the sight of your divine majesty, so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing (Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

#### For the Dead

Remember also, Lord, your servants *N.* and *N.*, who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace. Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace (Through Christ our Lord. Amen)

To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners, hope in your abundant mercies, graciously grant some share and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs: with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, (Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia) and all your Saints; admit us, we beseech you, into their company, not weighing our merits, but granting us your pardon, through Christ our Lord.

Through whom you continue to make all these good things, O Lord; you sanctify them, fill them with life, bless them, and bestow them upon us.

#### Concluding Doxology

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever, and ever.

**Amen**

#### Communion Rite

**STAND**

#### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

*Priest:*

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant us peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*People:*

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

#### Sign Of Peace

*Priest* : Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously

grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

*People* : **Amen**

*Priest* : The peace of the Lord be with you always

*People* : **And with your Spirit**

*Priest* : Let us offer each other the sign of peace

#### Breaking of the Bread

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:*

**Have mercy on us.**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:*

**Have mercy on us.**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:*

**Grant us peace.**

#### Reception of Communion

**KNEEL**

*Priest* : 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.

*People* : **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*Priest* : The body of Christ.

**Answer : Amen**

*Priest* : The blood of Christ.

**Answer : Amen**

#### Communion

#### Oratio Imperata

*Prayer after Communion*  
**[Union with Christ]**

**STAND**

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, that we, who are gladdened by participation in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity, may through an honorable way of life become worthy of union with him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **R/ Amen.**

#### General Announcements

**SIT**

#### Blessing

**STAND**

May the God of infinite goodness, who by the incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night, drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue. **R/ Amen.**

May God, who by the incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favor and make you sharers of the joy in heaven. **R/ Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **R/ Amen.**

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**R/ Amen.**

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD [CHRISTMAS EVE] < B

*Solemnity*

**AT THE MASS DURING THE NIGHT**

**December 24, 2020 (2:00 PM)**

**MC: Greeting**

**Entrance song**

**STAND**

**Introduction by the Celebrant**

**ENTRANCE ANT. Ps 2:7 [Son of God]**  
**The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I Who have begotten you this day.**

#### Penitential Act

Jesus come among those who were his own, and his own people did not accept him. Do we accept him, always and fully? Let us examine ourselves:

*(pause)*

Lord Jesus, you look down with favor on what is little and vulnerable:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, you fill the hungry with good things and the satisfied you send away empty handed: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you come to your people and set them free:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, and touch us with your forgiving mercy. Help us live as your sons and daughters and lead us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

#### Glory to God in the highest

**C:Collect [Eternal Gladness]**

O God, who have made this most sacred night radiant with the splendor of the true light, grant, we pray, that we, who have known the mysteries of his light on earth, may also delight in his gladness in heaven. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R/ Amen.**

#### Liturgy of the Word

**SIT**

**First Reading Is 9:1-6 [The Messiah's Kingdom]**  
*The Messiah is a promise of peace for the world. His reign shall be vast and filled with justice. The power of God is revealed through the weakness of humans.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah  
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be

burned as fuel for flames. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 96 [Bless the Lord]**  
**R./ Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Sing to the LORD; bless his name. **(R.)**

Announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. **(R.)** Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and what fills it resound; let the plains be joyful and all that is in them! Then shall all the trees of the forest exult. **(R.)**

They shall exult before the Lord, for he comes; for he comes to rule the earth. He shall rule the world with justice and the peoples with his constancy. **(R)**

**Second Reading Ti 2:11-14 [Salvation for All]**  
*God offers salvation to all people. His way asks us to reject worldly desires to live temperately and justly. He even asked his only Son to sacrifice himself to redeem us.*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Titus

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia Lk 2:10-11 [Great Joy]** **STAND**  
**R/ Alleluia, alleluia.**

I proclaim to you good news of great joy: today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia.**



*The Word is made flesh.*

**Gospel** Lk 2:1-14 **[Birth of Christ]**  
Caesar Augustus desired a world census. Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem where Jesus, the Lord of the universe, is born in a stable. Glory to God and peace on earth!

**R/ The Lord be with you.**

**R/ And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**R/ Glory to you, O Lord**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

**SIT**

**I believe in God**

**STAND**

**General Intercessions**

With the trust in God's faithfulness, we offer our intentions:

*(Pause)*

that the Good News of his coming may warm the hearts of all, and let us pray:

**The Lord is near: come, let us adore him!**

For the Church: we celebrate that God has come to his people to be present to all of us in our own particular places, in our daily lives through the sanctity of His Church, and the saving truth of His incarnation. Let us pray:

**The Lord is near: come, let us adore him!**

For our nation and those who lead it: that with the grace of God, true freedom and justice will reign to bring back health and financial recovery to the peoples, without further delays. Let us pray:

**The Lord is near: come, let us adore him!**

For our Parish Community: that today may become again a feast of hope, with desire expressed in our countless spiritual communions. That our deep longing for God's presence, for his closeness in our daily lives and struggles in this pandemic. Let us pray:

**The Lord is near: come, let us adore him!**

Lord Jesus, You are the head of the Church, we humbly seek Your providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, for Your grace pour into our hearts and to be the Light to the nations. Let us pray:

**The Lord is near: come, let us adore him!**

We pray for those intentions offered for the Mass and for our personal intentions ...

*(Pause)*

Let us pray:

**The Lord is near: come, let us adore him!**

Merciful God, your promise of salvation is fulfilled in the Birth of Jesus Christ. Keep us faithful that we may rejoice at His return in glory. Through Christ our Lord. **R/Amen.**

**SL: Offertory hymn**

**SIT**

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Offertory Song**

**SIT**

**Preparation of the Bread**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

*All : Blessed be God for ever.*

**Preparation of the Wine**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

*All : Blessed be God for ever.*

**Invitation To Prayer**

**STAND**

**Priest** : Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**People** : **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church**

**Prayer over the Offerings**

**[Become Like Christ]**

May the oblation of this day's feast be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we may be found in the likeness of Christ, in whom our nature is united to you. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **R/ Amen.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

**STAND**

*Introductory Dialogue*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just**

**Preface I of the Nativity of the Lord**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For in the mystery of the Word made flesh a new light of your glory has shone upon the eyes of our mind, so that, as we recognize in him God made visible, we may be caught up through him in love of things invisible.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....**

**Eucharistic Prayer No. 1**

**KNEEL**

**Praise to the Father**

To you, therefore, most merciful Father, we make humble prayer and petition through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord:

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

that you accept and bless ✠ these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices,

**Intercession for the Church**

which we offer you firstly for your holy catholic Church. Be pleased to grant her peace, to guard, unite and govern her throughout the whole world, together with your servant *N.* our Pope and *N.* our Bishop, and all those who, holding to the truth, hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

**Commemoration of the Living**

Remember, Lord, your servants *N.* and *N.* and all gathered here, whose faith and devotion are known to you. For them we offer you this sacrifice of praise or they offer it for themselves and all who are dear to to them: for the redemption of their souls, in hope of health and well-being, and paying their homage to you, the eternal God, living and true.

**In Communion with the Saints**

Celebrating the most sacred night (day) on which blessed Mary the immaculate Virgin brought forth the Savior for this world, and in communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ ✠ and blessed Joseph, her Spouse, your blessed Apostles and Martyrs Peter and Paul, Andrew, (James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude; Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian,

Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian) and all your Saints; we ask that through their merits and prayers, in all things we may be defended by your protecting help. (Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**)

Therefore, Lord, we pray: graciously accept this oblation of our service, that of your whole family, order our days in your peace, and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation and counted among the flock of those you have chosen.

(Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**)

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

Be pleased, O God, we pray, to bless, acknowledge, and approve this offering in every respect; make it spiritual and acceptable, so that it may become for us the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Lord's Supper**

On the day before he was to suffer he took bread in his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes raised to heaven to you, O God, his almighty Father, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you.**

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took this precious chalice in his holy and venerable hands, and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.**

**Do this in memory of me.**

**Memorial Acclamation**

*Priest* : The mystery of faith.

*All* : *When we eat this Bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.*

**The Memorial Prayer**

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion, the Resurrection from the dead, and the glorious Ascension into heaven of Christ, your Son, our Lord, we, your servants and your holy people, offer to your glorious majesty from the gifts that you have given us, this pure victim, this holy victim, this spotless victim, the holy Bread of eternal life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Be pleased to look upon these offerings with a serene and kindly countenance, and to accept them, as once you were pleased to accept the gifts of your servant Abel the just, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith, and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek, a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God: command that these gifts be borne by the hands of