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"Make me a channel of your peace." —St. Francis

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Sunday, December 30, 2018 *Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds*

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - *"What Child Is This?"*

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READING I - Jeremiah 31:10-14

"Hear the word of the Lord, you nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands: 'He who scattered Israel will gather them and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.' For the Lord will deliver Jacob and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they. They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion; they will rejoice in the bounty of the Lord—the grain, the new wine and the olive oil, the young of the flocks and herds. They will be like a well-watered garden, and they will sorrow no more. Then young women will dance and be glad, young men and old as well. I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow. I will satisfy the priests with abundance, and my people will be filled with my bounty," declares the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 97:1,6,11-12

*R/ A light will shine on us this day:
the Lord is born for us.*

The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; let the many isles be glad. The heavens proclaim His justice, and all peoples see his Glory.

*R/ A light will shine on us this day:
the Lord is born for us.*

Light dawns for the just; and gladness for the upright of heart. Be glad in the Lord, you just, and give thanks to His holy name.

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the Lord is born for us.*

READING 2 - Titus 3:4-7

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: The Lord is King, in splendor robed: robed is the Lord and girt about with strength.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Luke 2:15-20

When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another: "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this event which the Lord has made known to us." They went in haste and found Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in the manger; once they saw, they understood what had been told them concerning this Child. All who heard of it were astonished at the report given them by the shepherds.

Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, in accord with what had been told them. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

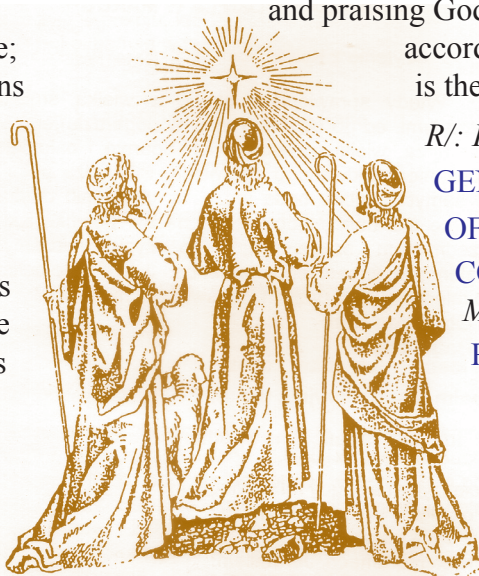
R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GENERAL CONCESSIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN - "O Holy Night"

COMMUNION HYMNS- "Shepherd Me, O God"

RECESSIONAL - "Joy to the World"



LISTEN TO THE WORDS OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE COLOSSIANS...

“Put on, then garments that suit God’s chosen and beloved people: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience. Be tolerant with one another and forgiving, if any of you has cause for complaint: you must forgive as the Lord forgave you. Finally, to bind everything together and complete the whole, there must be love. Let Christ’s peace be arbiter in your decisions, the peace to which you were called as members of a single body. Always be thankful. Let the gospel of Christ dwell among you in all its richness; teach and instruct one another with all the wisdom it gives you.”
— Colossians 3:12-16

HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR 2019! A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

The new year, like a new born child, is placed in our hands as the old year passes away. The days and weeks to come are God’s gift; they carry God’s blessing. As a blessing we welcome them. Our hope for the year ending is that all that was good in it remain with us and all that was harmful be left behind.

LET THERE BE ‘PEACE’!

Since January 1st is a day for praying for peace, the Prayer of St. Francis suits this day: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Good Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

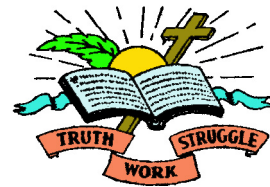
BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen A NON JUDGMENTAL PRESENCE

To the degree that we accept that through Christ we ourselves have been reconciled with God we can be messengers of reconciliation for others. Essential to the work of reconciliation is a non judgmental presence. We are not sent to the world to judge, to condemn, to evaluate, to classify, or to label. When we walk around as if we have to make up our minds about people and tell them what is wrong with them and how they should change, we only create more division. Jesus says it clearly, “Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge...do not condemn...forgive.”
(Luke 6:36-37).

In a world that constantly asks us to make up our minds about other people, a non judgmental presence seems nearly impossible. But it is one of the most beautiful fruits of a deep spiritual life and will be easily recognized by those who long for reconciliation.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...A BABY Helen Steiner Rice

A baby is a gift of life born of the wonder of love a little bit of eternity, sent from the Father above.
“Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from him.” —Psalm 127:3
Today consider the glory, the wonder, and the beauty involved in the gift of life!



Take a moment out and pray...

† *PRAYER* †

Health Needs: Jesus, we ask you to bring peace and your healing touch to those who are ill, afraid or worried. Amen.

Health Needs of: Gregory Klein, Jim Richards, Nancy Foley, Thomas Maloney, Linda Frysztacki, Lorri Russo, Rich Majewski, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Susan Leach, Stella Silva, Michele Feudale, Linda Maloney, Lorraine Avitabile, Blanca Vasquez, Thomas Kompa, Bill Piro, Iris Cafran, Frank Kompa, John Luis Vasquez, Sophia Kyriakakis, Billy Murphy, Con Boyle, John Blenn, Carla Calabrese, MaryAnn McEvoy, Gary P. Ribis, Rosalie Drenckhahn, James Kostolni, Elena Guigui, Theresa Kasmak, Emma Zaradich, Constance Citrola, Elizabeth Zitzmann, Anne Grusell, Teresa Kay, Sidra Lewis, Toni Panico, Ann Klein-Siebuhr, Nina Dobrowolski, George Heyen, Eileen McChesney, Mickey Gagliano, Jenna Ippilito, Theresa Daquino, Nick Daquino, Ottavia Daquino & for all those who care for the sick and disabled.

Requiem Intentions: Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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