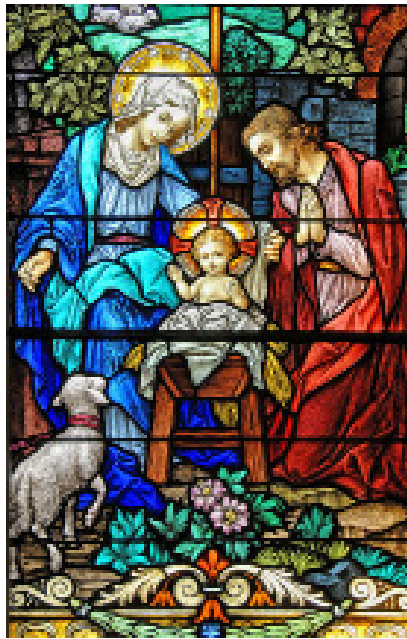




# The Nativity of *the* Lord

AT THE VIGIL MASS

24 DECEMBER 2021



Readings begin on page 50 of *Celebremos/Let Us Celebrate* (missalette);  
for our Mass at Holy Cross Academy, *Gather* (hymnal) no. 1003.

4:00 Lisa Nguyen  
4:00 (HCA) + George Graf  
6:30 Maria Beltran  
6:30 (HCA) + Frances and Joseph Cascio  
8:30 + Thelma Odilia Rivera

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# MUSICAL PRELUDE

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## **Mass at 4:00pm (Church) St. Cecilia Choir**

**Away in the Manger - Congregation - words on page 12**

### **The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came**

*arr. E. Pettman and J. Wickham*

The angel Gabriel from heaven came  
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
"All hail," said he "thou lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head  
"To me be as it pleases God," she said,  
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."  
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

"For know a blessed mother you shall be,  
All generations praise continually,  
Your Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold  
Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born  
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:  
"Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

**What is This Lovely Fragrance (David Uschold, organ)**

*Paul Manz*

**What Child Is This - Congregation - words on page 11**

### **O Come, Little Children**

*Johann C. von Schmid;  
Melanie Schute; Johann A. Schulz*

O come, little children; come one and come all,  
O come to the manger in Bethlehem's stall,  
And see what our Father in heaven above has sent  
to us all on this earth with his love.

O see in the manger so meek and so mild,  
O see in the soft light the heavenly Child,  
In swaddling clothes folded, his beauty more sweet  
Than angels, whose voices his lowly birth greet.

His bed, little children, a manger with hay;  
His Mother and Joseph in ecstasy pray,  
The shepherds in wonder their glad worship  
bring, While chorus of angels sweet Glorias sing.

**Angels We Have Heard on High - Congregation - words on page 11**

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## **Mass at 4:00pm and 6:30pm (Holy Cross Academy)**

**Away in the Manger - Congregation - words on page 12**

**Improvisation on "Divinum Mysterium" (David Theilman, organ)**

**O Holy Night (Emma Atkinson, soprano)**

*Adolphe Adam*

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## Mass at 8:30pm (Church) Muggeridge Family

### The Holly and the Ivy

harmonized by J. Vance Israel  
traditional British carol

The holly and the ivy,  
When they are both full grown,  
Of all the trees that are in the wood,  
The holly bears the crown.  
*The rising of the sun  
And the running of the deer,  
The playing of the merry organ,  
Sweet singing in the choir.*

The holly bears a blossom,  
As white as the lily flower,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
To be our sweet Saviour.  
*The rising of the sun  
And the running of the deer,  
The playing of the merry organ,  
Sweet singing in the choir.*

The holly bears a berry,  
As red as any blood,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
For to do us sinners good.  
*The rising of the sun  
And the running of the deer,  
The playing of the merry organ,  
Sweet singing in the choir.*

### What is This Lovely Fragrance (David Uschold, organ)

Paul Manz

### Ding Dong Merrily on High

harmonized by Edward L. Stauff  
tune: 16th century French

Ding dong merrily on high  
In Heaven the bells are ringing.  
Ding dong verily the sky  
Is riv'n with angel singing.  
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below,  
Let steeple bells be swungen.  
And io, io, io  
By priest and people sungen.  
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

Pray ye dutifully prime  
your matin chime, ye ringers;  
May ye beautifully rime  
your eventime song, ye singers.  
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

### What Child Is This - Congregation - words on page 11

#### Le Sommeil de L'Enfant Jesus

arranged by Denis Donnelly  
Traditional French Carol

Entre le boeuf et l'ane gris,  
Dors, dors, dors le petit fils.  
Mille anges divins, mille seraphins,  
Volent a l'entour de ce grand Dieu d'amour.

Entre les roses and les lys,  
Dors, dors.....

Entre les pastoureaux jolis,  
Dors, dors.....

*Here 'mid the ass and oxen mild,  
Sleeps, sleeps, sleeps the little child;  
A thousand seraphim  
A thousand cherubim  
Come from heaven above, to praise the Lord of love.*

*Between the roses and lilies,  
Sleeps, sleeps, sleeps the little child;  
A thousand seraphim...*

*Here among the friendly shepherds,  
Sleeps, sleeps, sleeps the little child;  
A thousand seraphim...*

#### While by my Sheep

arranged by Hugo Jüngst  
17th century

While by my sheep I watched at night,  
Glad tidings brought an angel bright:  
How great my joy (great my joy,)  
Joy, joy joy, (Joy, joy joy,)  
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high.  
(Praise we the Lord in heaven on high.)

There shall be born, so He did say,  
In Bethlehem a Child today:  
How great my joy.....

There shall He lie in manger mean,  
Who shall redeem the world from sin:  
How great my joy...

This gift of God we'll cherish well,  
That ever joy my heart shall fill.  
How great my joy...

Lord, evermore to me be nigh,  
Then shall my heart be filled with joy!  
How great my joy...

### Angels We Have Heard on High - Congregation - words on page 11

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# ORDER OF MASS

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE SONG

#### O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. 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.*

2. Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God,  
all glory in the highest;  
*O come....*

3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing:  
*O come....*

### GREETING

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

### PENITENTIAL ACT

*Cantor, then all:*                      *Cantor, then all:*                      *Cantor, then all:*

Ky-ri - e, e - le - i - son.    Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.    Ky-ri - e, e - le - i - son.

### GLORIA

Gló-ri - a in ex-cél-sis De - o.    Et in ter-ra pax ho-mí-ni-bus  
bo - nae vo - lun - tá - tis.    Lau - dá - mus te.  
Be-ne-dí-ci - mus te.    A-do-rá - mus te.  
Glo - ri - fi - cá - mus te.    Grá-ti - as á - gi - mus tí - bi  
pro - pter ma - gnam gló - ri - am tu - am.    Dó-mi - ne De - us,  
Rex cae - lé - stis, De - us Pa - ter o - mní - po - tens.  
Dó - mi - ne Fi - li U - ni - gé - ni - te Je - su Chri - ste.  
Dó - mi - ne De - us, A - gnus De - i, Fí - li - us Pa - tris.  
Qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di, mi - se - ré - re no - bis.

Qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun - di, sú-sci-pe de-pre-ca - ti - ó -  
 nem no - stram. Qui se - des ad déx - te - ram Pa - tris,  
 mi-se-ré-re no - bis. Quó-ni - am tu so - lus San - ctus.  
 Tu so-lus Dó - mi - nus. Tu so-lus Al - tís - si - mus,  
 Je - su Chri - ste. Cum San - cto Spí - ri - tu:  
 in gló-ri - a De - i Pa - tris. A - - men.

COLLECT

LITURGY *of the* WORD



FIRST READING **Isaiah 62:1-5**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29**

For ev - er I will sing the good-ness 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.	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.
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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.

SECOND READING **Acts 13:16-17, 22-25**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tomorrow the wickedness of the world will be destroyed:  
the Savior of the world will reign over us.

GOSPEL **Matthew 1:1-25**

HOMILY

PROFESSION *of* FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

*All  
genuflect.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER *of the* FAITHFUL

LITURGY *of the* EUCHARIST  
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PREPARATION *of the* GIFTS

**Hark, the Herald Angels Sing**

1. Hark! The herald angels sing:  
"Glory to the newborn king;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise!  
Join the triumph of the skies!  
With th'angelic host proclaim:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
*Hark! The herald angels sing:  
"Glory to the newborn King!"*
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
Hail th'incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell:  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
*Hark! The herald angels sing:  
"Glory to the newborn King!"*
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild, he lays his glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
*Hark! The herald angels sing:  
"Glory to the newborn King!"*



# Communion Rite

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SIGN of PEACE

THE BREAKING of the BREAD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: grant us peace.

INVITATION to HOLY COMMUNION

PRIEST: Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are 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.**

*For information on the reception of Holy Communion, please see page 12.  
To assist in the prayerful flow of the Communion procession, please follow the direction of the Ushers.*

COMMUNION SONGS

## The First Nowell

1. The first Nowell the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!  
Born is the King of Israel.*
2. They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.  
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!  
Born is the King of Israel.*
3. And by the light of that same star  
Three wise men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went.  
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!  
Born is the King of Israel.*
4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay.  
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!  
Born is the King of Israel.*
5. Then entered in those wise men three,  
Full rev'rently upon their knee,  
And offered there in his presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!  
Born is the King of Israel.*
6. Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,  
Who made the heav'ns and earth of naught,  
And with his blood our life has bought.  
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!  
Born is the King of Israel.*



## Silent Night, Holy Nigh

1. Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake, at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heav'nly, hosts sing halleluiah!  
Christ, the Savior, is born,  
Christ, the Savior, is born.

3. Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

## POST COMMUNION ANTIPHON Alma Redemptoris Mater

*Loving Redeemer's Mother  
who are the path to heaven's gate,  
and star of the sea,  
assist the fallen,  
yet striving-to-rise, people:  
You who conceived,  
to nature's wonder,  
your holy Creator,  
yet virgin before and after,  
and from Gabriel's mouth  
received the 'Hail,'  
have pity on us sinners.*

Al - ma Red-em-ptó-ris Ma-ter, quae pér-vi-a cae -  
li por-ta ma-nes, Et stel-la ma-ris, suc-cúr-re ca-dén-ti  
súr-ge-re qui cu-rat pó-pu-lo: Tu quae ge-nu-í-sti,  
na-tú-ra mi-rán-te, tu-um san-ctum Ge-ni-tó-rem:  
Vir-go pri-us ac pó-sté-ri-us, Ga-bri-é-lis ab o-re  
su-mens il-lud A-ve, pec-ca-tó-rum mi-se-ré-re.

## PRAYER after COMMUNION



## CONCLUDING RITES



### SOLEMN BLESSING *and* DISMISSAL

#### SONG *at the* SENDING FORTH

### Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns:  
 3. No more let sin and sor - rows grow,  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace,

Let earth re - ceive her King;  
 Let us, our songs em - ploy;  
 Nor thorns in - fest the ground;  
 And makes the na - tions prove

Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room,  
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
 He comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 The glo - ries of his right - eous - ness,

And heav'n and na - ture sing, And  
 Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -  
 Far as the curse is found, Far  
 And won - ders of his love, And

heav'n and na - ture sing, And  
 peat the sound - ing joy, Re -  
 as the curse is found, Far  
 won - ders of his love, And

heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 as, far as the curse is found.  
 won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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## ADDITIONAL CAROLS

### Away in a Manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And fit us for Heaven to live with Thee there.

### What Child Is This

1. What Child is this, who laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping,  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
*Refrain*  
*This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste, to bring him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary.*
2. Why lies he in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading. *Refrain*
3. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh;  
Come peasant, king, to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain*

### Angels We Have Heard On High

1. Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo back their joyous strains.  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*
3. Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*
4. See him in a manger laid  
Whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
While our hearts in love we raise.  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

## GUIDELINES *for* RECEIVING COMMUNION

### **FOR CATHOLICS**

*As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.*

### **FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS**

*We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).*

*Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of Faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are not ordinarily admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharist sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).*

### **FOR NON-CHRISTIANS**

*We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.*

### **FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**

*All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.*

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