



Saint Joseph's, Saint Anne's & Holy Family And Saint Patrick's
25th Of December 2025 Christmas Eve Mass Year A
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Catholic Christmas Eve Mass Readings, 25th December 2025 - The Nativity of the Lord Mass During the Night (Midnight Mass)	
1 st Reading	Isaiah 9:1-6
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13
2 nd Reading	Titus 2:11-14
Alleluia	Luke 2:10-11
Gospel	Luke 2:1-14

1st Reading - Isaiah 9:1-6

1 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: to them that dwelt in the region of the shadow of death, light is risen.

2 You have multiplied the nation, and have not increased the joy. They shall rejoice before you, as they that rejoice in the harvest, as conquerors rejoice after taking a prey, when they divide the spoils.

3 For the yoke of their burden, and the rod of their shoulder, and the sceptre of their oppressor, you best overcome, as in the day of Madian.

4 For every violent taking of spoils, with tumult, and garment mingled with blood shall be burnt and be fuel for the fire.

5 For a CHILD IS BORN to us, and a son is given to us, and the government is upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called, Wonderful, Counsellor, God the Mighty, the Father of the world to come, the Prince of Peace.

6 His empire shall be multiplied, and there shall be no end of peace. He shall sit upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom: to establish it and strengthen it with judgment and with justice, from henceforth and for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13

R. (Luke 2:11) Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

1 Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all you lands.

2A Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

R. *Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.*

2B Announce his salvation, day after day.

3 Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R. *Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.*

11 Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;

let the sea and what fills it resound;

12 let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!

Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.

R. *Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.*

13 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. *Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.*

2nd Reading - Titus 2:11-14

Beloved:

11 For the grace of God our Saviour has appeared to all men;

12 Instructing us, that, denying ungodliness and worldly desires, we should live soberly, and justly, and godly in this world,

13 Looking for the blessed hope and coming of the glory of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ,

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and might cleanse to himself a people acceptable, a pursuer of good works.

Alleluia - Luke 2:10-11

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

10 I proclaim to you good news of great joy:

11 today a Saviour is born for us,
Christ the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel - Luke 2:1-14

1 And it happened in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, so that the whole world would be enrolled.
 2 This was the first enrolment; it was made by the ruler of Syria, Quirinius.
 3 And all went to be enrolled, everyone into his own city.
 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem: because he was of the house and family of David,
 5 to be enrolled with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child.
 6 While they were there, the time came for her to have her child,
 7 and she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him up in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.
 8 And there were in the same country shepherds watching, and keeping the night watches over their flock.
 9 And behold, an Angel of the Lord stood near them, and the brightness of God shone around them, and they were struck with a great fear.
 10 And the angel said to them: Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people:
 11 For, this day, is born to you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David.
 12 And this shall be a sign unto you. You shall find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger.
 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God, and saying:
 14 Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will.

Saint Of The Day

Christmas (Nativity of the Lord)	
	
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, <i>Glory to God in the Highest! - Merry Christmas - Matthew 1:1-25</i>	
Date of Birth	1 AD
Country of Birth	Israel in Asia
Profession	Saviour of the World
Place of Work	Israel and Palestine
Date of Death	33 AD
Place of Death	Calvary, Israel
Feast Day	25 th December

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Life History

The Nativity of the Lord, commonly known as Christmas, marks the momentous event of Jesus Christ's birth, a pivotal moment in human history according to the Catholic faith. The world had existed for approximately four thousand years when the eternal Son of God, Jesus Christ, took on human flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Conceived by the Holy Spirit, Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea, fulfilling prophecies and inaugurating the redemption of mankind. His birth is a central mystery of the faith, as it reveals the profound love and humility of God, who became man to save humanity from sin. Joseph and Mary had travelled to Bethlehem for a census ordered by Caesar Augustus, but upon their arrival, they found no available lodging. As a result, they sought refuge in a humble stable, and it was there, in the most modest of settings, that the Saviour of the world was born. Mary, the Blessed Virgin, wrapped the newborn Jesus in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, symbolizing His humility and willingness to embrace human poverty. While the world slept, engrossed in its own affairs, an angel of the Lord appeared to a group of shepherds who were keeping watch over their flocks. Terrified at first, the shepherds were quickly reassured by the angel, who brought them joyful news: "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy that shall be to all people. For today in the city of David, a Saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord." The angel also told them that they would find the Child wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. Moved by the angel's words, the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem to witness this miraculous event. Upon finding Mary, Joseph, and the Infant Jesus, they knelt in adoration, filled with awe and gratitude for the fulfilment of God's promise. Afterwards, they returned to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. The celebration of Christ's birth, known as the Feast of the Nativity, is a time of profound spiritual reflection and joy. It emphasizes the mystery of the Incarnation, the moment when God became man to dwell among us. In Catholic tradition, Christmas is not only a commemoration of Jesus' birth but also a time to renew faith, hope, and love, focusing on God's immense generosity and mercy. The season is marked by liturgies, the singing of carols, acts of charity, and an emphasis on peace and goodwill toward all, reflecting the message of the angel on that holy night: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will." For Catholics, Christmas is more than a historical event - it is an ongoing reality of God's presence in the world. It invites believers to welcome Christ into their hearts, as Mary and Joseph did, and to spread the light of His love to others, just as the shepherds shared the Good News they had received.

25th Of December 2025 Christmas Eve Mass Readings Homily Theme: *Glory to God in the Highest! - Merry Christmas! - Matthew 1:1-25*

Mass Times For the weekend

Saturday Night Mass Times	
Saint Josephs	5:30pm
Sunday Mass Times	
Saint Joseph's	9:30am
Saint Anne's & Holy Family	11:00 am
Saint Patrick's Ryhope	9:30 am

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