



December 25th 2021
The Nativity of the Lord

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Christmas

Luke's story of the Nativity reflects the faith of the post-resurrection Church. Luke's chief concern is theological. Every detail in the story serves this purpose.

This is not to say that there is no historical basis of what he recounts.

Luke gives the birth of Jesus a solemn setting. He is also hinting at the cosmic significance of the event. Unwittingly Augustus becomes an instrument of the Lord ensuring that Jesus the Messiah was born in the town of David. His rejection at the inn anticipates his rejection by the Jewish people as a whole. Mary is shown to be a caring mother, wrapping the child in swaddling clothes and laying him in a manger-cradle. Her loving care reflect God's care.

Since Jesus was born in poverty, it is fitting that the news of his birth was first announced to the simple shepherds. This also reflects Jesus' concern for the poor and lowly. The faith of shepherds serves as a model for future believers, and their joy anticipates the blessings that will come to those who accept

Jesus as the Saviour sent by God.



May the Light and Joy of the Holy Family be with you and your loved ones at Christmas and throughout the year.

Wishing each and every one of you a healthy and prosperous New Year...

- Fr. Andrzej Stenzina, OMI

This Week

Monday, December 27

10:00am Mass +Mary McMahon

Tuesday, December 28

8:00am Mass +Oni Odjegba
6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)
7:00pm Mass +Anita Behrend

Wednesday, December 29

8:00am Mass +Sau Fong Wu
7:00pm Mass +Albertine Doucet

Thursday, December 30

8:00am Mass Int Lucila Reyes
7:00pm Mass +Lenora Pauer-Gomez

Friday, December 31

7:00pm Mass Int Paul Bouthillier
(50% capacity)

Saturday, January 1 New Years' Day

9:00am Mass +Annamma George
(50% capacity)
11:00am Mass (50% capacity)

Sunday January 2 Epiphany of the Lord

9:00am Mass (50% capacity)
11:00am Mass +John Anderson
(50% capacity)

Updated Vaccine Protocol for Mass Attendance

All Sunday Masses will operate at 50% capacity on a "first come" basis.

OFFERTORY

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Sunday: \$11,738.00

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sunday 26th December 2021



Finding in the Temple

The Gospel tells the story of how the twelve-year-old Jesus got lost in Jerusalem. It shows that misunderstandings can occur even in the best of families. We are inclined to say that Jesus got lost in the Temple. But Jesus did not get lost in the Temple. Rather, he was at home there. It was there he began to find himself, and to discover his true identity. He was not just the son of Mary, but the unique Son of God.

Many lost, lonely, homeless souls have come to the house of God, or have wandered into it almost by accident, and felt at home there, and found peace there, and found themselves there. In God's house we discover who we are. Whatever the world may think of us, in God's house we know we are God's precious daughters and sons.

In the incident of the losing and finding in the Temple, we see the love that Mary and Joseph had for Jesus. Afterwards he went down to Nazareth with them and obeyed them.

Home is a place where we are accepted as we are, with our strengths and weaknesses. This kind of acceptance enables us to grow as human beings and children of God.

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My First Christmas in Heaven

*I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below,
With tiny lights, like Heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.*

*The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away a tear,
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.*

*I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,
But sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.*

*I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring,
For it's beyond description to hear the angels sing.*

*I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart,
But I am not that far away, we really aren't apart.*

*So be happy for me dear ones, you know I hold you near,
And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.*

*I send you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above,
I send you each a memory, of my undying love.*

*After all, love is the gift, more precious than pure gold,
It was always most important to the stories Jesus told.*

*Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do,
For I can't count the blessings He has for each of you.*

*So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear,
Remember I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.*



WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH

St. Augustine's Oblate Parish is a Catholic community centered in Christ and the Eucharist that has a shared mission to – welcome and invite all to participate – celebrate in Word and Sacrament – foster evangelization and spiritual formation – advocate for social justice – care for our common home.



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New Parishioner Need Envelopes Information Change

First Name	First Name
Spouse First Name	Spouse Last Name
Children: Name(s) & Date of Birth	
Mailing Address	
City	Phone
Postal Code	Email
Comments	