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Oh Come
Let us Adore Him



Here I am Lord!

Today's readings invite us to embark on a profound journey, tracing the steps of divine promises fulfilled in unexpected ways. The narrative unfolds with the anticipation of the first coming of Jesus, establishing a timeless blueprint for His ongoing presence in our lives and the ultimate fulfillment at the end of time. Central to this unfolding drama is the pivotal role of Mary, underscoring her significance in the grand tapestry of our salvation.

In the tapestry of today's liturgy, the Davidic covenant emerges as a radiant thread, weaving through the First reading, the Responsorial Psalm, and the Gospel. A promise resonates—the promise of an eternal throne, articulated by the angel Gabriel as he heralds the coming of Mary's son, destined to inherit the throne of David his father.

These sacred verses paint a vivid picture of God's promises to David, their fulfillment in the person of Jesus, the Son of David, and the remarkable surprises that characterize God's preparation for His arrival. The initial surprise in the First reading lies in God's response to David's wish to build a temple—a promise of an everlasting dynasty that surpasses anything David could have envisioned. The Responsorial Psalm further astonishes us by portraying God's covenant with David and his descendants, setting the stage for the unfolding divine drama.

The Gospel narrative takes us by surprise as well, revealing that the anticipated King is to be born of an ordinary virgin through the extraordinary means of the Holy Spirit. This divine plan, intricately involving Joseph, of the House of David, and Mary, underscores that God's promise finds its ultimate fulfillment not in grand edifices or mighty rulers but in humble, trusting souls like Mary.

The second reading, elucidated by Paul, deepens our understanding of God's salvation plan through Jesus, revealing that the divine design has unfolded through unexpected twists and turns throughout history.

Amidst these revelations, we are called to respond with a courageous and generous "yes" to

God. True obedience, born of a free and informed choice, demands great courage, often requiring us to swim against the currents of societal expectations. This obedience transcends personal desires, aiming to serve something—or rather, Someone—greater than ourselves. In echoing the resounding "Fiat" of Jesus and Mary, we open the door for Jesus to be born anew within us, transforming not only ourselves but radiating outward to touch the lives of others.

Crucially, today's Good News extends beyond the collective salvation of God's people—it unveils His intricate plan for each individual. Even in seemingly ordinary tasks, our actions align with God's plan in ways beyond our comprehension. God seeks not just our skills but the profound love that emanates from our hearts. As we reflect on the Babe in the Manger, a symbol of God's ongoing benevolence, we are prompted to ask ourselves: What are we contributing in return?

Let our lives be a testament to gratitude, living as genuine disciples of Christ. As we echo the sentiment, "Behold, here I am, Lord! I come to do Your will," let our actions reverberate with the profound commitment to honor the divine plan and reciprocate the immeasurable love bestowed upon us.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Grace and peace be with you!

I am humbled and filled with gratitude as I write this letter to you today, for the warm welcome you extended to me as your new pastor. This Christmas marks a special milestone in our journey together, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior and reflect on the growth, we've witnessed in our parish family.

In the short time I've been blessed to be a part of this community, I have witnessed the spirit of unity, love, and devotion that defines us. Your openness to welcome new ideas, your dedication to serving one another, and your unwavering faith have been a source of inspiration and encouragement.

This Christmas, let us come together with hearts full of gratitude for the growth we've experienced. Our Christmas Eve Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. Christmas Day Masses will be at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, may His love continue to bind us together, strengthening our bonds as a parish family. Let us carry the spirit of Christmas beyond the season, fostering a community where everyone feels seen, heard, and loved.

I am truly blessed to serve as your pastor, and I look forward to the continued journey of faith, love, and growth in the coming year. May the joy of Christmas fill your homes and hearts with warmth and peace.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

With gratitude and love,

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha

Saturday Dec 23rd **5 pm**

†Rosa & Umberto Orsini Requested by Anna Orsini & Family
 †Deceased Members of Salazar Family Requested by Jose & Loliza Salazar

Sunday Dec 24th

For OLP Parishioners **9 am**

†Maria Mandarinò Requested by Maria's Family
 †Michelle Elizabeth Payne Requested by Anne Marie Payne **11 am**

Sunday Christmas Eve Dec 24th

5pm

Monday Christmas Day Dec 25th

9am & 11am

Tuesday Dec 26th

9 am

† Cecilia Plut Requested by Plut Family
 †Deceased Members of MacIsaac Family Requested by M. MacIsaac

Wednesday Dec 27th

9 am

†Jeffery Natividad Requested by Imelda Lopez
 †John Domanski & Nasiadko Family Requested by Lydia Domanski
 †Aleksandra Morska Requested by Elizabeth Richard

Thursday Dec 28th

9 am

†Hoffman, Borodin & Krolikosky Family
 Requested by Krolikosky Miroslawa
 †Nazzareno Marchelletta Requested by Teresa & Joe Luca
 †Deceased Members of Bruno Lopes Family Requested by Bruno Lopes
 Rizalina Luzano Requested by Geraldine Castro

Friday Dec 29th

9 am

†Arcangelo Giovanni De Martin Requested by De Martin Family
 †Deceased Members of MacKay Family Requested by Patricia MacKay
 †Ruth Carolan Requested by Paul White
 †Ross Gagliardi Requested by Susan Gagliardi



Sunday December 24th
Christmas Eve Mass 5pm

Monday, December 25th
Christmas Day Masses 9am & 11am

Sunday, December 31st
New Year's Eve Mass 5pm

Monday, January 1st
New Year's Day Masses 9am & 11am



Sanctuary Candles



Sacred Heart

Special Intentions of
 Joan Kennedy
 (Kennedy Family)

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†Deceased Members of
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 (Imelda Lopez)

St. Joseph

Special Intentions
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Merry Christmas



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