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Edmonton Latin Mass Community

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The Holy Family

January 10th, 2026

Entrance Hymn: #25 Bethlehem, of Noblest Cities

Asperges: #218

Mass IX: Booklet p. 14; Angelus p. 1882; Baronius p. xii

Credo III: Booklet p. 23; Angelus p. 1894; Baronius p. xxvi

Recessional Hymn: #122 Sing The Holy Family's Praises



A 14th century portrayal of the Flight into Egypt by Duccio di Buoninsegna.

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The Nativity: Incarnation and Redemption

Will you deem Him little on this account, that He humbled Himself for you; because the Good Shepherd, He who lays down His life for His sheep, came to seek for that which had strayed upon the mountains and the hills, on which you were then sacrificing, and found the wanderer; and having found it, took it upon His shoulders — on which He also took the Wood of the Cross — and having taken it, brought it back to the higher life; and having carried it back, numbered it among those who had never strayed? Because He lighted a candle — His own Flesh — and swept the house, cleansing the world from sin; and sought the piece of money, the Royal Image that was covered up by passions? And He calls together His Angel friends on the finding of the coin, and makes them sharers in His joy, whom He had made to share also the secret of the Incarnation? Because on the candle of the Forerunner there follows the light that exceeds in brightness; and to the Voice the Word succeeds; and to the Bridegroom's friend the Bridegroom; to him that prepared for the Lord a peculiar people, cleansing them by water in preparation for the Spirit? Do you reproach God with all this? Do you on this account deem Him lessened, because He girds Himself with a towel and washes His disciples' feet, and shows that humiliation is the best road to exaltation? Because for the soul that was bent to the ground He humbles Himself, that He may raise up with Himself the soul that was tottering to a fall under a weight of sin? Why do you not also charge upon Him as a crime the fact that He eats with Publicans and at Publicans' tables, and that He makes disciples of Publicans, that He too may gain somewhat...and what?...the salvation of sinners. If so, we must blame the physician for stooping over sufferings, and enduring evil odours that he may give health to the sick; or one who as the Law commands bent down into a ditch to save a beast that had fallen into it.

He was sent, but as man, for He was of a twofold Nature; for He was wearied, and hungered, and was thirsty, and was in an agony, and shed tears, according to the nature of a corporeal being. And if the expression be also used of Him as God, the meaning is that the Father's good pleasure is to be considered a Mission, for to this He refers all that concerns Himself; both that He may honour the Eternal Principle, and because He will not be taken to be an antagonistic God. And whereas it is written both that He was betrayed, and also that He gave Himself up and that He was raised up by the Father, and taken up into heaven; and on the other hand, that He raised Himself and went up; the former statement of each pair refers to the good pleasure of the Father, the latter to His own Power. Are you then to be allowed to dwell upon all that humiliates Him, while passing over all that exalts Him, and to count on your side the fact that He suffered, but to leave out of the account the fact that it was of His own will? See what even now the Word has to suffer. By one set He is honoured as God, but is confused with the Father, by another He is dishonoured as mere flesh and severed from the Godhead. With which of them will He be most angry, or rather, which shall He forgive, those who injuriously confound Him or those who divide Him? For the former ought to have distinguished, and the latter to have united Him; the one in number, the other in Godhead. Stumblest Thou at His flesh? So did the Jews. Or do you call Him a Samaritan, and...I will not say the rest. Do you disbelieve in His Godhead? This did not even the demons, O thou who art less believing than demons and more foolish than the Jews. Those did perceive that the name of Son implies equality of rank; these did know that He who drove them out was God, for they were convinced of it by their own experience. But you will admit neither the equality nor the Godhead. It would have been better to have been either a Jew or a demoniac (if I may utter an absurdity), than in uncircumcision and in sound health to be so wicked and ungodly in attitude of mind.

A little later on you will see Jesus submitting to be purified in the River Jordan for my Purification, or rather, sanctifying the waters by His Purification (for indeed He had no need of purification Who takes away the sin of the world) and the heavens cleft asunder, and witness borne to him by the Spirit That is of one nature with Him; you shall see Him tempted and conquering and served by Angels, and healing every sickness and every disease, and giving life to the dead (O that He would give life to you who are dead because of your heresy), and driving out demons, sometimes Himself, sometimes by his disciples; and feeding vast multitudes with a few loaves; and walking dryshod upon seas; and being betrayed and crucified, and crucifying with Himself my sin; offered as a Lamb, and offering as a Priest; as a Man buried in the grave, and as God rising again; and then ascending, and to come again in His own glory. Why what a multitude of high festivals there are in each of the mysteries of the Christ; all of which have one completion, namely, my perfection and return to the first condition of Adam.

Now then I pray you accept His Conception, and leap before Him; if not like John from the womb, yet like David, because of the resting of the Ark. Revere the enrolment on account of which you were written in heaven, and adore the Birth by which you were loosed from the chains of your birth, and honour little Bethlehem, which has led you back to Paradise; and worship the manger through which thou, being without sense, was fed by the Word. Know as Isaiah bids you, your Owner, like the ox, and like the donkey your Master's crib; if you be one of those who are pure and lawful food, and who chew the cud of the word and are fit for sacrifice. Or if you are one of those who are as yet unclean and uneatable and unfit for sacrifice, and of the gentile portion, run with the Star, and bear your Gifts with the Magi, gold and frankincense and myrrh, as to a King, and to God, and to One Who is dead for you. With Shepherds glorify Him; Matthew ii with Angels join in chorus; with Archangels sing hymns. Let this Festival be common to the powers in heaven and to the powers upon earth. For I am persuaded that the Heavenly Hosts join in our exultation and keep high Festival with us today, because they love men, and they love God just like those whom David introduces after the Passion ascending with Christ and coming to meet Him, and bidding one another to lift up the gates.

One thing connected with the Birth of Christ I would have you hate...the murder of the infants by Herod. Or rather you must venerate this too, the Sacrifice of the same age as Christ, slain before the Offering of the New Victim. If He flees into Egypt, joyfully become a companion of His exile. It is a grand thing to share the exile of the persecuted Christ. If He tarry long in Egypt, call Him out of Egypt by a reverent worship of Him there. Travel without fault through every stage and faculty of the Life of Christ. Be purified; be circumcised; strip off the veil which has covered you from your birth. After this teach in the Temple, and drive out the sacrilegious traders. Submit to be stoned if need be, for well I know you shall be hidden from those who cast the stones; you shall escape even through the midst of them, like God. If you be brought before Herod, answer not for the most part. He will respect your silence more than most people's long speeches. If you be scourged, ask for what they leave out. Taste gall for the taste's sake; drink vinegar; seek for spittings; accept blows, be crowned with thorns, that is, with the hardness of the godly life; put on the purple robe, take the reed in hand, and receive mock worship from those who mock at the truth; lastly, be crucified with Him, and share His Death and Burial gladly, that you may rise with Him, and be glorified with Him and reign with Him. Look at and be looked at by the Great God, Who in Trinity is worshipped and glorified, and Whom we declare to be now set forth as clearly before you as the chains of our flesh allow, in Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom be the glory forever. Amen.

St. Gregory Nazianzen, “Oration” (Excerpts)

Trans. Charles Gordon Browne and James Edward Swallow

Announcements

There will be a Epiphany social after the 12:30 Mass today; There will be a social next Sunday as well. For the socials, please bring snacks to share; also, as a rule, please help to clean the table you use and any spilled items to help the volunteers.

Epiphany holy water is available in the sacristy; please bring a bottle to fill, there will be spare bottles available as well.

Today is the last day to register for the *Epiphany House Blessing*. Blessings will continue this week.

The Vital Grandin Chaplaincy Adult Choir and Men's Schola are seeking new members (ages 18+), particularly altos & sopranos for the choir. Interested parties are invited to attend one of our open choir rehearsals on either Friday, January 16 or 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Assumption Parish Hall (enter through the backdoor closest to Gianna Centre.) For more information on joining the choir, please contact the choir director, Elizabeth Gawrachynsky.

The weekly talks and catechesis will resume in February.

The faithful are invited to join the 30 Day Preparatory Novena for the consecration of FSSP to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which will take place on February 11th. The Novena consists of the daily recitation of a decade of the Rosary with the *Memorare*.

For the full list of announcements for the Archdiocese of Edmonton, see caedm.ca/window/

Mass Calendar

Date & Feast*	Mass times	Church Mass Intention	Chapel Mass Int'n ①
Sunday, January 11th The Holy Family (I Cl)	7:30 am Low Mass 12:30 pm Sung Mass 4:30 pm Low Mass	T E rip by L L FSSP & world TLM Souls in Purgatory by PJB	
Monday, January 12th Feria of Epiphany (IV Cl)	7:30 am Low Mass	VN † by PJB	Holy Souls by H
Tuesday, January 13th Commemoration of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ (II Cl)	7:30 am Low Mass	M H rip by M C	AG † by PJB
Wednesday, January 14th St. Hilary, Bishop Confessor & Doctor of the Church (III Cl)	7:30 am Low Mass	Confraternity intention by L L	MG † by PJB
Thursday, January 15th St. Paul the first Hermit & Confessor (III Cl)	5:30 pm Low Mass; Followed by a Holy Hour & Benediction	B and H rip by P A	IG † by PJB
Friday, January 16th St. Marcellus I, Pope & Martyr (III Cl)	7:30 am Low Mass	A W rip by S W	PL † by PJB
Saturday, January 17th St. Anthony, Abbot(III Cl)	8:00 am Low Mass	D M rip by P A	JH by CH
Sunday, January 18th Second Sunday after Epiphany (II Cl)	7:30 am Low Mass 12:30 pm Sung Mass 4:30 pm Low Mass		

* All Masses are at Assumption Church, except for the Sunday 4 pm Mass at St. Edmund's Church.

The Sacrament of Confession is available before & after all Masses & on Saturdays from 7-8 pm on at Assumption Church.