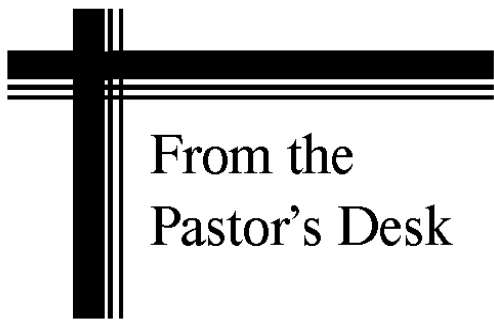


Fourth Sunday of Advent
Year C
December 19, 2021



From the
Pastor's Desk



**Saint John Vianney Parish
Community**

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Merry Christmas!

Dear Parish Family,

The message of Christmas is our story. It is about God coming among us, not as a lofty king but rather as a humble child born in a dark stable, in the home of a simple yet righteous family. Christ our Lord, who is here, shares in the poverty of our flesh that we may share in the riches of his Godhead. In this Christmas season, let us honor the little child of Bethlehem, who restores us to paradise; let us reverence the crib because from it we are fed with divine understanding, the Word of God!

We join with all the families across the diocese and by extension the global community, to honor and reiterate the importance of family life in the spirit of the Christmas season. Also, as we use this time to share quality time with family and friends, let us be mindful of the neighbor at our door who may be unable to experience the joy of the season, simply because their condition in life deprives them of the same opportunity. I know, too, that this can be the most difficult time of the year for many; those who lost loved ones and are missing them, and those affected by war and struggles in relationships, etc. You are not forgotten. Let us continue to lend a helping hand to make Jesus part of their holiday experience, so that the light of the Christ child's divine presence shines brightly for them.

Christmas is a necessity. There has to be at least one day of the year that reminds us that we're here for something else besides ourselves. Allow the Lord to be the savior of your life.

On behalf of the Parish and School Staff, we wish you and your family a Merry Christmas!

In Christ,
Fr. Peter

Saint John Vianney Parish, a Christian Community in the Roman Catholic tradition, motivated by the love of God, provides opportunities in worship, education, ministry and outreach for its parishioners and the community at large.

Pastor Fr. Peter Miti

Permanent Deacons

Clarence DeCaires, Jerry Tokars, Walter Yoshimitsu—Retired

Parish Administrator

Music Ministry Robert Mondoy

Maintenance Glenn Chong

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Kamalani Rodrigues

Religious Education for Pre-School and Elementary, Youth Ministry

Steffanie Beissel, Coordinator

Sacrament of Baptism and Sacrament of Marriage

Please refer to website for information or call the Parish Office: 808-262-8317

Annulment Fr. Peter Miti, Deacon Jerry Tokars & Mary Duddy

Sick and Homebound (Communion/Anointing of the Sick)

Call the Parish Office: 808-262-8317

Funerals

Call the Parish Office before making arrangements with the mortuary.

Online Giving Go online to saintjohnvianneyhawaii.org

PARISH SCHOOL Website: sjvkailua.org

Phone: 808-261-4651 Fax: 808-263-0505

Principal:

Caryn DeMello

Administrative Assistant:

Annie Chee

Business Manager:

Therese Campos

Sunday Liturgy of the Eucharist

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Hearing assistance devices available. See ushers.

Weekday Liturgy of the Eucharist

Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat: 8:00 am

Monday: Communion Service 8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

After Saturday 8:00am Mass

and by appointment only

Welcome

New parishioners: please register at the parish office.

Aloha Departing parishioners: please advise the parish office of your departure date.

AED Available at back of church in cabinet under Divine Mercy picture and on parish lanai at school doors.

Parish Office Hours

Monday: 8:30am to 12:30pm

Tuesday—Friday: 8:30 am— 4:00 pm

Saturday: Closed

Church is now open from 8:30am—10:30am for private prayer and devotion, Monday thru Friday

Know your Catholic Faith Corner



Apologetics Without an Apology A Year of the Holy Spirit

The third person of the Blessed Trinity, the Holy Spirit, is sometimes referred to as “*the forgotten*” member of the Godhead. The Holy Spirit is perhaps the least understood person of the Holy Trinity. He is, no doubt, the least spoken of among the three persons of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is, therefore, no surprise to find many Catholics ill-equipped to deal with some of the more notable errors concerning the Holy Spirit, who is “*the Lord and giver of life.*” Thus, studying the person and nature of the Holy Spirit, though sometimes we neglect to do so, is crucial for us as Catholic apologists and as Catholics in general. As we shall see in this Year of Holy Spirit, there are some common misconceptions that ought to be debunked that we will be looking at.

All too often, many people misconstrue the presence of the Holy Spirit to be just a “*feeling*” – they feel they “*have it*” when they feel moved by something, and don’t when they feel nothing. This is, however, simply not the case. The Holy Spirit actually works in a different way. Regardless of our state of ‘*feeling*’, it is the Holy Spirit alone that allows the faithful to profess that Jesus is Lord. Without the help of the Holy Spirit, knowledge of the faith is impossible (Catechism of the Catholic Church - CCC 683).

The Holy Spirit is an important figure throughout the Bible. In Genesis 1:2, we find Him moving about the surface of the waters, and in Revelation 22:17, He and the bride cry out with one voice. From beginning to end, the Holy Spirit has always been active. He comforts us, helps us, guides us, reminds us, teaches us, comes alongside us, counsels us, and intercedes and advocates for us. There is no area of life in which the believer does not need the help of the Holy Spirit.



UPCOMING EVENTS

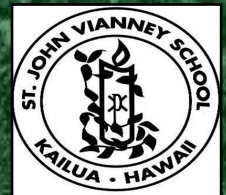


- DEC 19 (SUN)** RE ED PROGRAM 8:00AM-12:00PM (BR/L/FLanai/Basement/Hall
SJV YOUTH BAND PLAYING AT THE 7:00AM MASS—(Church)
PEOPLE OF PRAISE 3:00PM-4:30PM (Fellowship Lanai)
- DEC 20 (MON)** RCIA 7:00PM—8:30PM (Brdrm/Lounge)
- DEC 21 (TUES)** BSA—GIRLS METTING 6:30PM-8:30PM (Parish Hall– Outside Circle of Peace)
- DEC 22 (WED)** EXTRA HOUR 6:00PM-7:00PM (Lounge/Boardroom)
BOYS SCOUT TROOP 311 6:00PM-9:00PM (Parish Hall-Parking Lot)
- DEC 23 (THURS)** ROSARY MAKING 9:00AM-11:00AM (Boardroom/Lounge)
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - HOLIDAY
- DEC 24 (FRI)** ***VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD -(Church)***
NO MORNING MASS—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED—HOLIDAY
MASSES WILL BE AT 5:00PM AND 8:00PM
- DEC 25 (SAT)** ***MERRY CHRISTMAS! MASS AT 9:00AM only (Church)***
NO 5PM MASS ON THIS DAY

**NO
ANNONING
OF THE SICK
THIS MONTH
SINCE the LAST
SATURDAY OF
DECEMBER IS
CHRISTMAS
DAY**

By: Earl Walker

SCHOOL NEWS



St. John Vianney School, 940 Keolu Drive, Kailua, HI 96734 * 808 261-4651

The reputation of St. John Vianney School is well known for its outstanding success in educating children. This is because we nurture the whole child, thereby fulfilling their potential as contributing members of society. Each child is guided in their academic journey by our dedicated teachers who set high standards and help students succeed. Our students graduate with a formation in self-discipline, personal integrity and moral values that come out of the faith-based environment of our school, and are accepted into Hawaii's most prestigious high schools.

Give your child the gift of a Catholic education by enrolling them in your parish school. Applications for NEW STUDENTS for 2022-2023 school year are available and may be downloaded at sjvkailua.org. Our school consists of an Early Learning Center for both 3- and 4-year-olds, grades K through 5, and grades 6 through 8. For more information or to inquire about various tuition assistance programs please call the school office at 808-261-4651.



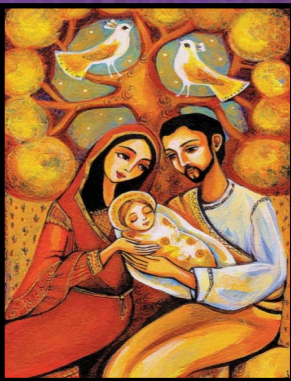
**MAHALO FROM
THE HEART**
God bless you all!

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory: Our weekly donation for December 11th to December 17th, 2021 was \$8,771 our weekly budget is \$8,010. Therefore, we have a surplus of \$761.

**MAHALO for your continued
SUPPORT to GIVE.**

If you give online, please keep giving online, and if you give by envelope, you can put it in the collection box in the church or mail or drop off your donation at the Parish Office or place in the Slot Box.



*Next Week- The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year C
December 26, 2021*

*Reading I:
1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28*

*Reading II:
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24*

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122621.cfm>



**Lord in Your Mercy,
hear our Prayers**

For the Healing of
Ruth Alves
Doug Barbieto
Ralph Barney
Edward Balderston
Jim Balderston
Sydney Bennett
Clark Bernales
Robert Bernales

Rod Castanha
Sandy Chong
Mollie Chun
Eleanor Dodds
Barbara Fields
Jayla Gomes
Jacci Hagen
Kathleen Heirakuji
Keone & Deborah
Johnson
Myngoc Le
Kasey Lopes
Lopes Ohana
Jonathan & Malina
Lewsczuk
Elizabeth Libby
Buck Marcum
Milton McAngus
Michael Miti

Patrick Miyachi
Hope Montalvo
Christian Palacio
Trish Robertson
Herbert Rodrigues
Souza Ohana
John Sutton
Sharon Sweat
Gabrielle Taylor
David Teves
Gordon Wong
The homebound
and for the repose
of soul of
+Mary G. Lerps
+Katherine Lerps
+Michael Williams



TICKETS ON SALE AFTER MASS TODAY

for the **11th Annual Breakfast with the Bishop** on Sunday, January 16, 2022
Enjoy a delicious all-you-can-eat buffet served at 8 AM, 10 AM or NOON
in the Parish Hall after all Masses.

Special guest will be the Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu.
Students from our school's music department and hula halau will provide entertainment.
Several well-known local celebrities will also be in attendance.

Funds from this event will go toward our Welcome Grant program.
Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$12 for children 15 years and younger.

**Ask the ticket sellers how you can become a sponsor
of this worthwhile event.**

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Advent

Reconciliation Every Saturday
at 8:30AM @ SJV



*Heal your soul before
Christmas
with the Sacrament of
Reconciliation*

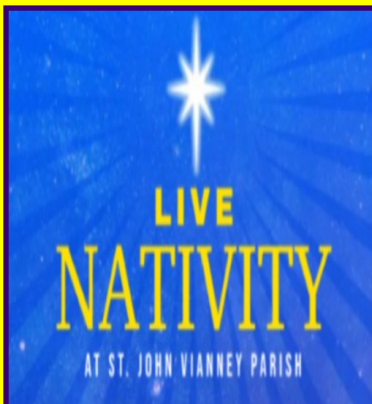
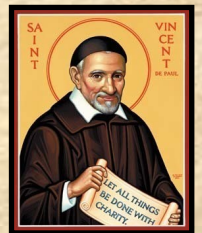
Advent Communal Penance Services at Windward Vicariate Parish

Monday, December 20th at 7:00 PM
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Waikane



*Jesus was born during the night
of the year when darkness is the longest.
The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark
places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that
the Light shines there.*

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul,
“Light” has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to
the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our
streets and neighborhoods.



*Due to unforeseen circumstances, the St. John Vianney
Parish Religious Education Department regrets to inform
you of the cancellation of our Living Nativity scheduled
for Sunday, December 19th. While we are not able to
share this event with you this year, we look forward to
next year as we continue our Advent preparation for the
celebration of the birth of our Savior. Many thanks to
everyone who has supported our program and this event.*

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH & SCHOOL



YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021

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Statement of Activities vs Budget

7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021

| | | Actual | Budget | Variance (\$) | Variance (%) |
|---|---|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets | | | | | |
| Income | | | | | |
| 40000 | OFFERTORY COLLECTION | 485,064 | 440,115 | 44,948 | 10% |
| 42000 | OTHER REGULAR INCOME | 29,332 | 5,700 | 23,632 | 415% |
| 45000 | REVENUE SUBJECT TO GET | 2,200 | 2,000 | 200 | 10% |
| 47000 | UNUSUAL (NON-SCHEDULED) INCOME | 28,760 | 36,000 | (7,240) | -20% |
| | Total Income | 545,355 | 483,815 | 61,540 | 13% |
| Expense | | | | | |
| 50000 | EMPLOYMENT COSTS | 175,558 | 200,086 | (24,529) | -12% |
| 51000 | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | 19,642 | 17,600 | 2,042 | 12% |
| 51500 | INSURANCE | 45,848 | 29,192 | 16,656 | 57% |
| 51700 | LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT | 2,490 | 8,150 | (5,660) | -69% |
| 52000 | SUPPLIES AND OTHER SERVICES | 58,061 | 60,050 | (1,989) | -3% |
| 53000 | REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE | 144,462 | 43,850 | 100,612 | 229% |
| 54000 | UTILITIES | 48,759 | 48,600 | 159 | 0% |
| 55000 | CONTRIBUTIONS AND ASSESSMENTS | 74,594 | 92,578 | (17,984) | -19% |
| 57000 | TAXES | 363 | 1,800 | (1,437) | -80% |
| 58000 | DEPRECIATION | 2,425 | - | 2,425 | 0% |
| | Total Expense | 572,201 | 501,906 | 70,295 | 14% |
| | Total Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets | (26,846) | (18,091) | (8,755) | -48% |
| Other Income/Expense | | | | | |
| Other Income | | | | | |
| 70000 | TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED ASSETS | 284,798 | 203,500 | 81,298 | 40% |
| | Total Other Income | 284,798 | 203,500 | 81,298 | 40% |
| | Total Other Income/Expense | 284,798 | 203,500 | 81,298 | 40% |
| | Total Changes in Net Assets | 257,952 | 185,409 | 72,543 | 39% |

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Statement of Activities vs Budget

7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021

| | | Actual | Budget | Variance (\$) | Variance (%) |
|---|---|------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets | | | | | |
| Income | | | | | |
| 41000 | TUITION AND FEES | 1,414,645 | 1,312,180 | 102,465 | 8% |
| 42000 | OTHER REGULAR INCOME | 221,552 | 229,800 | (8,248) | -4% |
| 45000 | REVENUE SUBJECT TO GET | 37,391 | 65,500 | (28,109) | -43% |
| 47000 | UNUSUAL (NON-SCHEDULED) INCOME | 127,916 | 25,006 | 102,910 | 412% |
| 49150 | UNREALIZED GAIN(LOSS)-INVESTMNT | 137,166 | - | 137,166 | 0% |
| | Total Income | 1,938,669 | 1,632,486 | 306,183 | 19% |
| Expense | | | | | |
| 50000 | EMPLOYMENT COSTS | 1,298,907 | 1,237,643 | 61,264 | 5% |
| 51000 | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | 40,915 | 39,100 | 1,815 | 5% |
| 51500 | INSURANCE | 45,687 | 42,400 | 3,287 | 8% |
| 51700 | LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT | 3,889 | 4,100 | (211) | -5% |
| 52000 | SUPPLIES AND OTHER SERVICES | 142,470 | 130,606 | 11,864 | 9% |
| 52900 | FUNDRAISING EXPENSES | 16,776 | 25,000 | (8,224) | -33% |
| 53000 | REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE | 68,467 | 49,000 | 19,467 | 40% |
| 54000 | UTILITIES | 61,894 | 54,600 | 7,294 | 13% |
| 55000 | CONTRIBUTIONS AND ASSESSMENTS | 6,692 | 6,150 | 542 | 9% |
| 57000 | TAXES | 1,683 | 2,950 | (1,267) | -43% |
| | Total Expense | 1,687,380 | 1,591,549 | 95,831 | 6% |
| | Total Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets | 251,289 | 40,937 | 210,352 | 514% |
| Other Income/Expense | | | | | |
| Other Income | | | | | |
| 70000 | TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED ASSETS | 43,639 | 40,000 | 3,639 | 9% |
| | Total Other Income | 43,639 | 40,000 | 3,639 | 9% |
| | Total Other Income/Expense | 43,639 | 40,000 | 3,639 | 9% |
| | Total Changes in Net Assets | 294,928 | 80,937 | 213,991 | 264% |

SJV YOUTH MINISTRY

12 DAYS
OF



CHRISTMAS

PARTY



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

**JOIN US FOR MASS AT 11AM AND
FUN BEGINNING AT NOON**

FOOD TRUCK - GAMES - PRIZES - MUSIC



Christmas Greetings to everyone!

Hope your advent season is a blessed one. The youth band is scheduled to play on Sunday, December 19th at the 7:00 A.M. Mass. For the first time the band will be playing at 7:00 A.M and getting these young musicians to show up at 6:30 A.M. will be a challenge... Young people love to sleep in.

This will be the last time that the band plays with Father Peter presiding at the Mass. We wish Father Peter much success at his new parish.

On Sunday, December 26 at 11:00 A.M., the SJV Youth Ministry is sponsoring a Youth Mass. We are encouraging all the youth in our parish to attend and bring their siblings, friends and/or relatives. Please pray that we will fill our church pews with our young brothers and sisters. After Mass, all the youth are invited to a Christmas Party on the Fellowship Lanai (see attached flyer). We will have a food truck and door prizes. If you are inclined to do so, a donation to this event will be greatly appreciated. Contact Steffanie Beissel or myself for more information.

Thank you again for your prayers and support.

***Merry Christmas,
Mike Wong
Minister of Youth Music Activities (MYMA)***

P. S. Due to the New Year Holiday, the band will not play on the first Saturday as usual. Instead the band will play on Saturday, January 8 at the 5:00 P.M. Mass.

St. John Vianney Catholic Church

Christmas Masses

(Holy Day of Obligation)

**Friday, December 24 at
5 and 8 pm
and**

Saturday, December 25 at 9 am

No evening Mass on Christmas Day



Feast of the Holy Family Masses

(Sunday Obligation)

**Sunday, December 26 at
7, 9 and 11 am**

*Fr. Peter's last weekend and
Sunday Masses at SJV*

Christmas Giving Tree

MAHALO!



Thank you to all who supported the giving tree this year! There were about 400 gifts received. Your generosity will help several families for Christmas in the communities of St. Roch in Kahuku, St. Joachim in Hauula, Sts. Peter & Paul Mission Northshore, Catholic Charities and Hui Mahi 'Ai Aina in Waimanalo. We will never find out who the families we've helped, just as those helped will never know who exactly helped them, but they live within several miles from us, so they are our neighbors. Thank you for all you've done to make this Christmas Giving Tree a fruitful one.

Mahalo to Mary Tsukayama who spearheaded this project and to all the volunteers who came to help. Thank you for your amazing generosity of time and dedication. Your involvement truly made this project a success.

Mahalo SJV school for the gifts you have collected from your students. There were over 100 gifts received from them to be given to the communities. What an amazing donation! May God bless you all for your generous heart!





Blessing of a Christmas Tree

The use of the Christmas tree is relatively modern. Its origins are found in the medieval mystery plays that depicted the tree of paradise and the Christmas light or candle that symbolized Christ, the Light of the world.

According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany.

The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer of blessing.

**When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung.
The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply "Amen."**

The leader may greet those present in the following words:

Let us glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever.
R/. Amen.

in the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its lights guide us to the perfect light.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example:

Listen to the words of the Letter of St. Paul to Titus: **3:4-7**

But when the kindness and generous love
 of God our savior appeared,
not because of any righteous deeds we had done
 but because of his mercy,
he saved us through the bath of rebirth
 and renewal by the holy Spirit,
whom he richly poured out on us
 through Jesus Christ our savior,
so that we might be justified by his grace
 and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

Or Ezekiel 17:22-24—I will plant a tender shoot on the mountain heights of Israel.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

The intercessions are then said. The leader says:

Let us ask God to send his blessing upon us and upon this
sign of our faith in the Lord.

R/. Lord, give light to our hearts.



R/. Lord, give light to our hearts.

That this tree of lights may remind us of the tree of glory on which Christ accomplished our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **R/.**

That the joy of Christmas may always be in our homes, let us pray to the Lord. **R/.**

That the peace of Christ may dwell in our hearts and in the world, let us pray to the Lord. **R/.**

**After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.
The leader says the prayer with hands joined:**

Lord our God,
we praise you for the light of creation:
the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.
We praise you for the light of Israel:
the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.
We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son:
he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace,
who fills us with the wonder of your love.

Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we illumine this tree.
May the light and cheer it gives
be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.
May all who delight in this tree
come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.

**The lights of the tree are then illuminated.
The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the
cross and saying:**

May the God of glory fill our hearts with peace and joy, now
and forever.
R/. Amen.

The blessing concludes with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.



Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene

In its present form, the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223.

The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time.

When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member.



All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R/. Who made heaven and earth.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example:

Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke: **2:1-8**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock.

Or Isaiah 7:10-15—The birth of Emmanuel.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The leader prays with hands joined:

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Savior was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin
Mary.

To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,
bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of
Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

R/. Amen.