

*St. Mary of Victories Church, 744 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Saint Louis*  
***In Nativitate Domini, 25 Decembris MMXI***  
 Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, 2011

*Holy Mass in the ordinary form of the Roman Rite, according to the Roman Gradual and the 3<sup>rd</sup> typical edition of the Roman Missal reformed by Decree of the Second Vatican Council*

**Prelude** Solemn Proclamation of the Birth of Christ (chanted from the *Roman Martyrology*)

**Introit** Entrance Antiphon (in Gregorian chant) Isaiah 9: 6; Psalm 97.

Puer natus est nobis, et filius datus est nobis: cuius imperium super humerum eius : et vocabitur nomen eius, magni consilii Angelus. **(Ps):** Cantate Domino canticum novum : quia mirabilia fecit. Gloria Patri, et Filio et Spiritui Sancto; sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Puer natus est nobis, et filius datus est nobis: cuius imperium super humerum eius : et vocabitur nomen eius, magni consilii Angelus.

*Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. His dominion rests upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called the Angel of Great Counsel. (Ps): Sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has accomplished wondrous deeds. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. His dominion rests upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called the Angel of Great Counsel.*

**Salutatio** Greeting (booklet, *The Mass of Vatican II*, p.1)

**Ritus Paenitentialis** Penitential Rite (*The Mass of Vatican II*, pp. 1-2, and *PBC*, p. 52)

**Gloria in excelsis Deo** Glory to God in the Highest (*Parish Book of Chant*, pp. 52-53)

**Collecta**

Opening Prayer

Deus, qui humanae substantiae dignitatem et mirabiliter condidisti, et mirabilis reformasti, da, quaesumus, nobis eius divinitatis esses consortes, qui humanitatis nostrae fieri dignatus est particeps. Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*God our Father, in marvelous fashion you established the dignity of the human race, and even more marvelously renewed it. Please grant that we may share in the divinity of him who saw fit to share in our humanity. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

**Liturgia verbi** Liturgy of the Word (*The Mass of Vatican II*, pp. 4-5).

**Response to the Psalm:** "All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God."

**Credo** Creed (*The Mass of Vatican II*, pp. 5-7)

**Oratio universalis** Prayers of the Faithful

**Offertory hymn** **O Come, All Ye Faithful** (Hymnal, Book I, no. 62)

**Praeparatio donorum** Preparation of the Gifts (*The Mass of Vatican II*, p. 8)  
 (Please respond to the *Orate fratres* by reciting the prayer “**Suscipiat Dominus . . .**” at the bottom of p. 8.)

***Super Oblata***

Oblatio tibi sit, Domine, hodiernae sollemnitatis accepta, qua et nostrae reconciliationis processit perfecta placation, et divini cultus nobis est indita plenitudo. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts

*Lord, may what we offer you on the solemn feast we celebrate today be acceptable to you. Through this offering, the perfect atonement needed for our reconciliation to you has been furthered, and the fullness of divine worship has been given to us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Prae Eucharistica** Eucharistic Prayer: Opening Dialogue (*The Mass of Vatican II*, p. 9)

***Praefatio I de Nativitate***

Vere dignum et iustum est, aequum et salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique gratias agere, Domine, sancte Pater, omnipotens aeternae Deus : Quia per incarnati Verbi mysterium nova mentis nostrae oculis lux tuae claritatis infulsit: ut, dum visibiliter Deum cognoscimus, per hunc in invisibilium amorem rapiamur. Et ideo, cum Angelis et Archangelis, cum Thronis et Dominationibus, cumque omnia militia caelestic exercitus, hymnum gloriae tuae canimus, sine fine dicentes: ‘Sanctus’, *The Mass of Vatican II*, p. 10]

First Preface of Christmas

*It is truly fitting and just, right and salutary, that we give you thanks always and everywhere, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For, by means of the mystery of your Word enfleshed, a new degree of the radiance of your own splendor has been added to what our mind’s eye perceives, so that in coming to know this God who has become visible, we might also through him be swept up into a love of things invisible. Thus, in company with the Angels, the Archangels, the Thrones, the Dominations, in company with the entire host of the heavenly army, we sing our song of praise to your glory, chanting without ceasing: [followed by ‘Sanctus’, *The Mass of Vatican II*, p. 10]*

**Canon Romanus** Roman Canon (*The Mass of Vatican II*, pp. 10-13)

**Ritus Communionis** Communion Rite (*The Mass of Vatican II*, pp. 14-16)

***Antiphona ad Communionem*** Communion Antiphon (in Gregorian chant): Psalm 97: 3

Viderunt omnes fines terrae salutare Dei nostri.

*All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation that comes from our God*

***Post Communionem***

Praesta, misericors Deus, ut natus hodie Salvator mundi, sicut divinae nobis generationis est auctor, ita et immortalitatis sit ipse largitor. Qui vivit et regnat in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Merciful God, the Savior of the world has been born this day. Grant that, just as he has been the source of our divine rebirth, so may he grant us life everlasting. For he lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.*

***Ritus Conclusionis***

Concluding Rite (*The Mass of Vatican II*, p.16)

***Benedictio sollemnis in Nativitate Domini***

## Solemn Christmas Blessing

Deus infinitae bonitatis, qui incarnatione Filii sui mundi tenebras effugavit, et eius gloriosa nativitate hanc diem sacratissimam irradiavit, effuget a vobis tenebras vitiorum, et irradiet corda vestra luce virtutum.

**R. Amen.**

*May the God of infinite goodness, who has dispelled the world's darkness through the incarnation of his Son and brightened this most holy day by his glorious birth, dispel from your hearts the darkness of vice and make them radiant with the light of virtue.*

**R. Amen**

Quique eius salutiferae nativitatis gaudium magnum pastoribus ab Angelo voluit nuntiari, ipse mentes vestras suo gaudio impleat, et vos Evangelii sui nuntios efficiat.

**R. Amen.**

*And may God, by whose will an Angel announced to the shepherds the great joy of Christ's saving birth, fill your souls with joy and lead you to become heralds of his Gospel.*

**R. Amen.**

Et qui, per eius incarnationem terrena caelestibus sociavit, dono vos suae pacis et bonae repleat voluntatis, et vos faciat Ecclesiae consortes esse caelestis.

**R. Amen.**

*And may he who, through the incarnation, has joined the things of heaven to those of earth fill you with the gifts of his peace and good will, and bring you to fellowship with the Church in heaven.*

**R. Amen.**

Et benedictio Dei omnipotentis, Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, descendat super vos et maneat semper.

**R. Amen.**

*And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you forever.*

**R. Amen**

***Concluding Hymn*** Joy to the World (Hymnal, Book I, no. 63)