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And are served by a Priest of the Society of the Holy Cross. ❀

CHRISTMASS EVE 2021

6:00PM – SOLEMN CHORAL MASS – S SAVIOUR'S

11:30PM – SOLEMN MIDNIGHT MASS – S MARY'S

Sunday 26th December - 9:15 - SMS & 11:15 - SSL - Solemnity of The Holy Family

Every Sunday 9:15am	Solemn Mass (Ordinary Form/Extr Resp)	S Mary's	Pro Populo
	Setting: Missa Semplicior/Credo VI		
Every Sunday 11:15am	Solemn Mass (Ordinary Form)	S Saviour's	Pro Populo
	Setting: Ky: xvi; Gl: xv; Credo III		
1 st Sunday: 4:00pm	Solemn Mass (Extraordinary Form)	S Mary's	Pro Populo
	Setting: Missa Semplicior/Credo VI		

Weekday Masses:

Day:	Observance:	Time:	Mass:	Church:	Mass Intention:
Mon	S John, Ap.; Ev.	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Churches dedicated to S John
Tue	Holy Innocents	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Abused & Neglected Children
Fri	S Sylvester	10:00am	Low Mass	S Saviour's	Front Line Workers
Sat	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	12 noon	SOLEMN MASS	S Mary's	The New Year
SUN	THE EPIPHANY	9:15 SMS & 11:15 SSL - EPIPHANY CEREMONIES AT BOTH MASSES			

Confessions may be heard after any Low Mass, or by Appointment.

NOTICES FOR WEEK COMMENCING DECEMBER 24th & 26th 2021

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMASS 2021!

Welcome to S Mary's and S Saviour's: It is lovely to welcome you to S Saviour's and S Mary's for the 6:00pm and 11:30pm Christmass Masses respectively; and also on Holy Family Sunday.

Receiving of The Holy Communion: Holy Communion at all masses is given in One Kind, at the Chancel Screen, socially distanced, and with masks removed to receive It.

Restrictions: Unfortunately restrictions have recently been increased: therefore face coverings are again mandatory (except for those directly involved in the Liturgy). It is however permissible to remove your face covering to sing if you wish – and of course if you are exempt for any of the reasons (on a long list) you don't have to wear a face covering. I had hoped we would go in the other direction, but sadly restrictions are tightening.

Tea and coffee after Mass: are available at both churches after Solemn Mass on Sundays. We hope you will be able to stay – please continue to socially distance. I am aware that there are some people who may still be a little reticent about gathering after Mass.

Please come to the chancel screen for Holy Communion, socially distanced, and if you are wearing a mask please remove it before you receive the Host into your hand. Neither the priest nor the communicant say anything. I hope we soon return to a more reverent custom!

Additional Mass on 1st Sunday of Each Month: there will be a Solemn Mass in the Extraordinary Form at 4pm every 1st Sunday of the month at S Mary's. I know for a number of people the 9:15 slot has become something of a struggle! However:

The next 4pm Mass (EF) will be in February. Please note there is no 4pm EF Mass in January.

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Please take this newsheet away with you!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.*

COLLECT

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 1:20-22. 24-28

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel "since" she said "I asked the Lord for him."

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, "Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever."

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, "If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord."

There she left him, for the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 83

RESPONSE: They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1. How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.
My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God. **R.**
2. They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you;
they walk with ever growing strength. **R.**
3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
give ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-2. 21-24

A reading from the first letter of St John.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 2:41-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, "My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you." "Why were you looking for me?" he replied. "Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?" But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation,
humbly asking that,
through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph,
you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament,
most merciful Father,
to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family,
so that, after the trials of this world,
we may share their company for ever.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.