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Annunciation Church

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CHRISTMAS DAY YEAR B



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“Moved by God’s love, we the people of Hectorville Catholic Community work for fullness of life and joy for all by living out together our love for God, each other and all God’s creation.”

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Mass & Confession Times

Sunday:

Mass 8.00 am
Italian Mass 9.30 am
Family Mass 11.00am

Tues - Friday 7.00 am

Saturday:

Novena 8.30 am
Mass 9.00 am
Vigil 6.00 pm

Public Holiday 7.00am
(Not on Mondays)

Confessions

Saturday 9.30 – 10.30 am

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:7-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A hallowed day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations, worship the Lord,
for today a great light has shone down upon the
earth.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 1:1-18

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.



REFLECTION: When exploring Salvation History, we get the reality that God has over the times taken the initiative of revealing himself. This took place through the Patriarchs in the Old Testament and the Prophets and so on. God provided numerous revelations of himself throughout Salvation History. The second reading today from the letter to the Hebrews 1:1-6 explains, the culminating of God’s revelation and Christ’s unique superiority. Today we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ a superior mode God used to reveal himself to Humanity in order to save us. This is God’s final revelation till he come again.

We celebrate today, Christmas, the birth of God’s greatest Son. Our second reading highlights key elements that help us understand the uniqueness and superiority of Christ whom we are His followers. The second reading highlights that Christ is the heir of all things. This tells us that all things are subject to him. It is Christ who is the authority and author of our faith. It is for us to worship the new born King today who is above all things. He is the ruler of our lives, let us sing and praise him.



MAY YOU ALL HAVE A BLESSED AND HOLY CHRISTMAS



St Luke tells us that Mary laid her newborn son in a manger, and from this we know that Jesus was born in a stable, the place where animals were kept. And in the area around Bethlehem, rocky caves were commonly used for such purposes. It's a far cry from baby monitors and fancy cots, but it hints at what's to become of this child. As once our Lord was not afraid to enter that cold and dark cave in Bethlehem, so now he's not afraid to enter the darkness and inhospitality of our lives. And this is the



central meaning of Christmas. That God has come to save us from our sin. The name Jesus literally means "God saves" and the angel says to Joseph "He will save his people from their sins." On the one hand it could seem a promise too big, who could possibly save wayward man? but also this mission might appear disappointing. For what occupies our mind most is suffering, a lack of freedom and the wretched conditions

of our existence. And his birth seems to change little of these. But Christmas points to something of even greater importance. If our first relationship, our relationship with God, is disturbed by sin we'll never find contentment and peace no matter how well things go for us. This is the priority of Christ, before all else he wants to show us our true sickness. If we are not healed from sin, then no matter how many good things we find, we'll never be truly healed.

The famous Christmas Carol "O Holy Night" presents the situation like this: "Long lay the world in sin and error pining, 'til He appeared and the soul felt its worth." Pining in this instance is not simply a deep longing, you know that we have sinful desires, but refers to an even older meaning of discontent and fret. Basically, we're restless and we do the things we don't want to do. None of us wants to be sad, lonely or to feel that our life is meaningless. Still, we find ourselves doing the sorts of things which lead to this. But hope is found in Christ. He has come to save us from our sin. His light is the cure for our darkness and that's why he makes the soul feel it's worth. We won't ever be content with the things of this world, because are made for more. We are made for God. So, this Christmas let's acknowledge our restlessness, and let's place our hearts in Christ.

***The priests and staff at the Hectorville parish would like to wish you a safe and merry
Christmas and a prosperous New Year for 2024***