

# WELCOME TO SAINT MARK'S CHURCH!

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS (See reverse for texts)

**First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10** - *A hymn of praise on the return of the exiles from Babylon, this is also an expression of joy at our redemption.*

**Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-16** - *The entirety of God's past dealings with mankind were a preparation for the coming of his Son.*

**Gospel: John 1:1-18** - *The Prologue to John's gospel: a mighty hymn to the Word of God, the source of all life, whose coming gains us adoption as God's children.*

## INTROIT HYMN: JOY TO THE WORLD

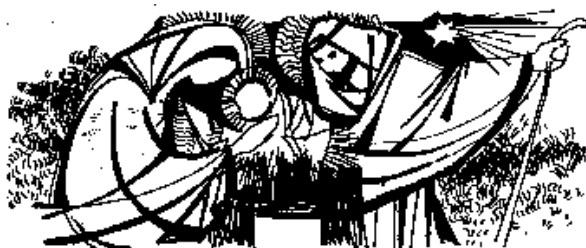
Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven  
and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;  
let us our songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make  
his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world  
with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders  
of his love,  
and  
wonders,  
wonders  
of his love.

**Christus  
natus est  
nobis.  
Venite  
Adoremus!**



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<b>TODAY'S HYMNS:</b>	Hymns Old & New (except*)
INTROIT:	*SHEET Joy to the world
COMMUNION:	245 Infant holy, infant lowly
RECESSIONAL:	550 The Virgin Mary had a baby boy

### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES:

The Octave of Christmas, Year A

Weekday Mass: Readings: Yr 1;  
Divine Office: Psalter Week 1

Sun. 25th	10:00	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Wed. 28th	12:00	THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs
Thu. 29th	09:30	S. THOMAS BECKETT, Bishop & Martyr
Fri. 30th	12:00	THE HOLY FAMILY
Sat. 31st	10:00	7th DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE
Sun. 1st Jan	10:00	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD.

Confessions by appointment with Fr Philip.