



CATHEDRAL *Weekly*

19th Dec. 2021

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**A GUIDE TO THE
DAILY READINGS**

20th DECEMBER
25th December 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mon. 20th Dec.

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24

Lk 1:26-38.

Tue. 21st Dec. 2021

Sgs 2:8-14

(or: Zep 3:14-18a); Ps 33

Lk 1:39-45.

Wed. 22nd Dec. 2021

1 Sm 1:24-28;

Ps. 1 Sm 2:1.4-5.6-7.8abcd.

Lk 1:46-56.

Thur. 23rd Dec. 2021

Mai 3:1-4.23-24; Ps 25

Lk 1:57-66.

Fri. 24th Dec. 2021

Morning Mass of the day,

Preface II of Advent

2 Sm 7: 1-5.8b-12. 14a.16;

Ps 89, Lk 1:67-79.

Advent ends before

Evening Prayer I of

Christmas Time.

24 Friday evening -

THE NATIVITY OF THE

LORD, solemnity

Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5.16-17.27.29.

Acts 13:16-17.22-25.

Mt 1:1-25 (or: Mt 1:18-25).

SAT. 25th Dec. 2021-

THE NATIVITY

OF THE LORD,

solemnity

Mass at Midnight

Is 9:2-7; Ps 96

Ti 2:11-14., Lk 2:1-14.

Mass at Dawn

Is 62:11-12; Ps 97

Ti 3:4-7., Lk 2:15-20.

Mass during the Day

Is 52:7-10; Ps 98

Heb 1:1-6., Jn 1:1-18

(or: Jn 1:1-5.9-14).

Reflection

Faith in Action: Fourth Sunday of Advent

A king who had no sons to succeed him posted a sign inviting young men in his kingdom to become his adopted son and rule after him. There were only two qualifications. The boy must love God and neighbour deeply. A young peasant boy felt moved to apply, but he lacked decent clothes for the interview. Finally, he saved enough money for the clothes. As the boy neared the palace, he came upon a shivering old man begging for clothes. The boy was moved to pity and gave the beggar the clothes he had bought for the interview. Then the boy went on to the castle, wondering if he would be admitted in rags. The boy did gain admittance. When he came to the throne, he couldn't believe his eyes. On the throne sat the shivering old man. The king smiled and said, "Welcome, my son."

The messages delivered to Mary and Zechariah by Archangel Gabriel elicited in them different reactions. In Mary, the message met faith expressed in the words: "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word" (Lk 1:38) whereas in Zechariah, the message met unbelief expressed thus: "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years" (Lk 1:18-20).

In today's gospel, Mary embarked on a difficult journey from Nazareth to the hill country of Judea just to visit her kinswoman, Elizabeth based on her faith. Hence under the influence of the Holy Spirit (cf. Lk 1:41) Elizabeth said: "And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord" (Lk 1:45).

DUTY SCHEDULE FOR DEC. 2021

TODAY

7:00AM ST. CHARLES LWANGA
0:800 AM MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
09:00 AM YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS.
11:00 AM ST. BENEDICT
12:30 PM ST. GABRIEL &
ST. KIZITO
5:30PM ST MAGDALANE &
ST ANTHONY

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH 18th Dec 2021 :
ALLIANCE OF TWO HEARTS

24th DECEMBER

VIGIL MASS- 9.00PM (PPC)

25th DEC 2021

07:00 AM ST. JUDE
08:00 AM ST. PAUL & ST. PETER
09:00 AM HOLY SPIRIT
11:00 AM ALLIANCE OF
TWO HEARTS

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH
24th Dec 2021 : ST. BENE DICT

HOLY GHOST CATHEDRAL MOMBASA
PARISH

VISION Launch

TOWARDS CENTINERY CELEBRATIONS

FRI: 24TH DEC 2021 FROM 7.00 P.M.

1 YEARS
CENTINERY

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Archbishop Martin Kivuva
VG Armogast Mdwida
Parish Priest


**UPCOMING
FEAST DAYS &
MEMORIALS**


SAT.25th Dec. 2021
**THE NATIVITY
 OF THE LORD,
 solemnity**



Journeying Together...

**Communion |
Participation |
Mission**


Mika 5:1 -4a

Lakini wewe, ee Bethlehemu wa Efratha, uliye mdogo kati ya koo za Yuda, kwako wewe atatokea kwa ajili yangu Yule atakayetawala juu ya Israeli; asili yake ni tangu zamani, tangu siku za kale na kale. Ndiyo maana BWANA atawatoa ninyi kwa maadui, mpaka yule mama mwenye kuzaa awe amezaa; ndugu

zake waliobaki salama watawarudia wana wa Israeli. Hapo Yeye atasimama imara, atachunga kundi lake kwa nguvu ya BWANA, na kwa utukufu wa jina la BWANA Mungu wake.

Nao watarudi salama, maana atakuwa mkubwa hata mipaka ya dunia. Yeye atakuwa amani.

Zaburi 80.

**K. Ee Mungu,
 utuangazishie uso wako,
 nasi tutaokoka.**

Ewe mchungaji wa Israeli, usikilize, unayekaa juu ya makerubi, ujionyeshe. Uamshe nguvu zako kuu, uje, utusaidie tuwe salama. K.

Ee Mungu wa majeshi, urudi; uangalie toka mbinguni, uone; uje kuutazama mzabibu wako, mche ulioupanda kwa mkono wako wa kulia. K.

Msaada wako na uwe juu ya mtu aliye mkono wako wa kulia, juu ya mwanadamu uliyemtia nguvu kwa ajili yako. Basi hatutakuacha tena kamwe; utuhuishe, nasi tutaliitia jina lako. K.

Waebrania 10:5-10

Ndugu zangu: Kristo alipoingia duniani alisema: “Hukutaka sadaka na dhabihu Lakini umenitayarishia mwili. Hukupendezwa na sadaka za kuteketeza na za kufutia dhambi. Ndipo niliposema, Kama nilivyoandikiwa katika gombo la chuo: Tazama nimekuja kuyafanya mapenzi yako ee Mungu.” Kwa maneno hayo anasema, “Hukudai sadaka na dhabihu, sadaka za kuchinjwa.” Hizi hutolewa kadiri ya sheria. Kisha akasema: “Tazama, nimekuja kuyafanya mapenzi yako.” Basi, ameitangua sadaka ya kwanza, ili aiweke sadaka ya pili. Katika kutimiza mapenzi hayo, toleo la mwili wa Yesu Kristo anetutakasa kwa sasa na siku zote.

Aleluya!

*Tazama, mimi ni mtumishi wa Bwana, nitendewe ulivyonena.
 Aleluya.*

Luka 1:39-45

Siku zile Maria alifunga safari, akaenda hima sehemu ya milimani hata akafikia mji mmojawapo wa Yuda, akaingia nyumbani kwa Zakaria, akamwamkia Elizabeti.

Hapo Elizabeti aliposikia maamkio ya Maria, kitoto kichanga kikarukaraka tumboni mwake.

Naye Elizabeti akajazwa Roho Mtakatifu, akapaza sauti, akasema,

Yohane ni Masiya mwenyewe au sivyo. Yohane akawapa wote jibu lake akisema, “Mimi na “Umebarikiwa kuliko wanawake wote, na mzao wa tumbo lako amebarikiwa.

Kutoka wapi imenifikia heshima ya kutembelewa na mama wa Bwana wangu?

Maana sauti ya maamkio yako ilipoingia masikioni mwangu, kitoto kichanga kikaruka kwa furaha ndani ya tumbo langu.

Naye ana heri aliyesadiki ya kwamba ahadi aliyoambiwa na Bwana itatimia.”



Micah 5:2-5a

Thus says the LORD: You, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time

when she who has labour pains has brought forth; then the rest of his brethren shall return to the sons of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And this shall be peace.

Psalm 80

**R. O God, bring us back;
let your face shine on us,
and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse up your might and come to save us. R.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. R.

May your hand be on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have confirmed as your own.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name. R.

Hebrews 10:5-10

Brethren: When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,' as it is written of me in the roll of the book." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Alleluia

*Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord: let it be to me according to your word.
Alleluia.*

Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the child leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is

the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

INVITATION



REV. FR. ARMOGAST MDAUIDA

**JOIN ME AS WE OFFICIALLY
LAUNCH OUR VISION FOR THE
PARISH TOWARDS
THE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS
ON 24TH DEC 2021 FROM 7:00PM
AT THE CHURCH COMPOUND.**


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Reflection

But being blessed is not limited to Mary alone but extends to all who live by faith. According to the author of the Letter to the Hebrews, faith is “the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Heb 11:1). And being a Christian is another way of saying that one has faith in God and his Christ. Hence for Saint Jude, faith is the foundation on which the saints build themselves, cf. Jude 1:20. It is faith that leads to salvation (1Pt 1:9). The faithless cannot please God, cf. Heb 11:6. We are called to live by faith, cf. Heb 10:38. Saint John rightly points out that our faith is the victory that conquers the world (1Jn 5:4). Faith must be supported with goodness (2Pt 1:5). In line with this, Saint James insists that faith and action must go together (Jas 2:14-26). And when faith is tested, it results to endurance (Jas 1:3). Faith in God and his Christ is what distinguishes Christians from others, cf. Heb 4:2.

Dear friends in the Lord, as we celebrate the last Sunday of Advent, it is important for us to check how we live out our faith. How do our actions testify to our faith in Christ we are preparing for the celebration of His birth? Mary did not express her faith in words alone (Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word (Lk 1:38)) she also expressed her faith as we see in today’s gospel in action. In our introductory story, the king needed no one to tell him that the peasant boy possessed the two qualities he was looking for in a young man to be adopted to succeed him. As we wait for Christ, let us express our faith in our actions. And do not forget that the Christ we are preparing for is that man or woman out there, cf. Matt 25:40, 45.

HOLY GHOST CATHEDRAL WOMEN

Cordially invites

**your support in fund-raising
for their project of
giving the Cathedral Parish
a facelift**

**by buying their
High Quality Handkerchiefs
each selling at
100/=**

**Kindly promote
by getting as many as**

**you can for yourselves,
your friends & family
to promote this
very noble cause.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE - 24TH DECEMBER 2021 PROGRAM

- 6.30pm – 07.30 pm Carols (Choir / Children)
- 7.30pm- 08.00pm Launching of the church vision/ strategy
- 8.00pm – 08.15pm Carols (Choir / Children)
- 8.15pm- 08.45pm Continuation of the launch
- 9.00pm Holy Mass

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR MASS PROGRAM

The Mass program for 25th December 2021 and 1st January 2021 will be as follows:

- 7:00am
- 8:00am
- 9:00 am (Church & Hall)
- 11:00am

CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES

Christmas envelopes are available at the doors of the church. You are requested to pick them.

