

Friday, December 25, 2020

Christmas

Mass During The Night

This Mass used to be called the Mass at Midnight but changed in recent years to Mass during the Night. Appropriately held at midnight, the beginning of Christmas Day, it now is held earlier (actually still on Christmas Eve as we celebrate at 9:00 PM). Nonetheless, it is a beautiful Liturgy, usually preceded by caroling from the choir. Isaiah speaks about “a great light” that brings rejoicing, for “a son is given us”! Perhaps one of the best Gospel scenes in all Scripture: the lonely shepherds are given the announcement by an angel and these simple ones are the first to witness the magnificent scene of angels singing “Glory to God” and then seeing the infant Savior of the world “wrapped... in swaddling clothes and... in a manger.” What a sight, “the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ”!

Merry Christmas!

God Love You!

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