

Christmas Mass

(Micah 5.2-5, Hebrews 10.5-10, Luke 1.39-45)

THEME: Joy to the World.

The celebration of Christmas fills our hearts and the hearts of Christians all over the world with "Joy". For Christ our Saviour is born into our world and into our hearts in a special way. He is the divine light that has come to cast away the darkness in our lives, in our families, in our marriages and in our world at large. He has come to bring us the *Good News*.

Jesus is born into our lives again to lift our burdens up from our shoulders. He is in our midst to break those rods of oppression (loneliness, sickness, unemployment, financial problems, marriage problems, family problems, spiritual crisis).

With all these problems facing us in our world today the prophet Isaiah gives us hope with these words: "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually and there shall be endless peace" (Isaiah 9.6-7)

St. Paul in his letter to Titus, informs us, that Christ, the grace of God has appeared in our midst, bringing salvation to all. The Angel Gabriel in the gospel of Luke said to Mary, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour who is the Christ, the Lord." (Luke 2.10-11)

In all these Christmas reading from the Sacred Scriptures, they have for us, messages of hope, love, joy, peace and salvation. And this is what Christ our Lord came into our world to proclaim. Let us as children of God, sons and daughters of the living God, accept this *Good News* in our lives, share this *Good News* with people around us and help through our words and deeds, spread this *Good News* to the whole world.