



Christmas Sunday

Vigil of Christmas

Isaiah 62:1-5
Ps 89:4-5,16-17,27,29
Acts 13:16-17,22-25
Matthew 1:1-25

Mass at Midnight

Is 9:1-6 / Ps 96:1-3,11-13
Titus 2:11-14 / Luke 2:1-14

Mass at Dawn

Is 62:11-12 / Ps 97:1,6,11-12
Titus 3:4-7 / Luke 2:15-20

Mass During the Day

Is 52:7-10 / Ps 98:1-6
Hebrews 1:1-6 / John 1:1-18

Monday December 26

St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Ps 31:3cd-4,6,8ab,16-17
Matthew 10:17-22

Tuesday December 27

St. John

1 John 1:1-4
Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12
John 20:1a,2-8

Wednesday December 28

Holy Innocents

1 John 1:5 -- 2:2
Ps 124:2-5,7-8
Matthew 2:13-18

Thursday December 29

1 John 2:3-11
Ps 96:1-3,5-6
Luke 2:22-35

Friday December 30

Holy Family

Sirach 3:2-6,12-14 or
Ps 128:1-5
Colossians 3:12-21
Luke 2: 41-52

Saturday December 31

1 John 2:18-21
Ps 96:1-2, 11-13
John 1:1-18

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bear good news, announcing the way of salvation and saying, "Your God is King!" That's how the scripture readings begin during the Mass for Christmas Day.

Midnight Mass tells us that angels passed the good news of Christ's birth to nearby shepherds. In the Mass of Christmas Dawn, we see what the shepherds did after visiting the baby Jesus: They told others about him, and "all who heard were amazed."

Today you are hearing the good news. It's your turn to have the beautiful feet. The scriptures from Saturday's Vigil Mass start with "For Zion's sake I will not be silent ... until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch." And the responsorial Psalm has us declaring: "Forever I will sing of the goodness of the Lord."

Who do you know personally that's like Zion: someone who is suffering and needs vindication? Perhaps it is you yourself! We must first understand what Jesus has done for us and is doing for



us. *Then* can we successfully help others understand.

What has amazed you about Jesus? Share that with those who need to be reassured that Jesus is amazing. Do you need that

reassurance, too? Find to opportunities for connecting more closely to Jesus and his amazing love for you.

Here's the good news: Jesus was born not only to save you from the destructive power of sin; he was born because he loves you and wants to heal your heartbreaks and guide you into a life full of victories.

The amazing presence of Christ comes to us at every Mass in the Eucharist. Although the little wafer of bread does not look like it contains the full presence of Jesus with all of his love for you, it is the Christmas gift that he wants to give you all year long. He is *here* for you.

Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist and in the words read at Mass and the hymns and gathering of the people and the teachings of the Church because he *is* the good news, the way of salvation, the vindication we need and the goodness we long for. He is *here* for you!

Everyone longs for a savior, someone to rescue them and help them experience peace and healing and victory. The Eucharist unites us to Jesus so that we can receive him and share him. Now go out and spread that good news so that others can be amazed by Christ, too.