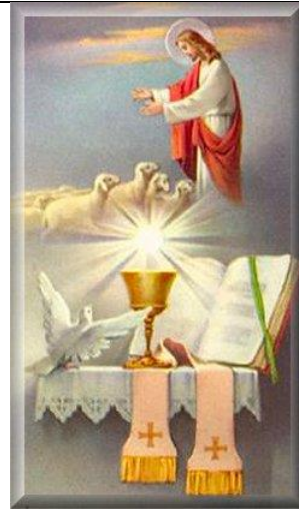


Saint Augustine Chapel

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Roman Catholic ✠ Traditional Latin Mass

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Epiphany of Our Lord

Jan. 06, 2019

SUN	JAN	13	<i>Holy Hour 9:30am</i>
SUN	JAN	20	<i>Mass 9:00am Confessions 8:15-8:45am</i>
SUN	JAN	27	<i>Holy Hour 9:30am</i>
FRI			<i>Each Friday Holy Hour of Reparation 7PM</i>

As we fuel up for 2019 we pray more will gain strength from the unchangeable, perfect prayer offered daily on traditional Catholic altars - what the late great Fr. Frederick Faber called "the most beautiful thing this side of Heaven" - the Apostolic and Canonical Propitiatory Sacrifice of the Traditional Latin Mass, where you can follow the Ordinary of the Mass and follow the liturgy with each Daily Proper in Latin and



English, as well as learn more about the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in various videos on the Meaning of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Thus it is the season to welcome our Lord and Savior through the cooperation of the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Thus, to one and all, a Mary Christ's Mass for that is the etymology of the word, derived from the Olde English *Cristes Maesse*, which means the "Mass of Christ." The feast itself, though established as December 25 in the very First Century, was not made official for the universal Church until proclaimed by Pope St. Damasus I late in the Fifth Century. His decree was a definitive statement against the Arian Heresy, which denied Christ's divinity. It was also proclaimed in order to offset the influence of the Greeks who celebrated the Epiphany as Christmas. It is from December 25 on that we truly celebrate the Nativity of the Son of God up to the Epiphany as the "Twelve Days of Christmas" established by the Council of Tours in 567. Thus for nearly a millennium and a half this most solemn Catholic feast is a celebration observed by the world, for the world, and

throughout the world. No wonder satan's agents are so intent to wipe out the symbols of the Birth of the Messias. The standard symbols are Catholic in origin from the Christmas Crib to the Christmas Tree and St. Nick (St. Nicholas) himself, who today is called Santa Claus for secular purposes from the Dutch term for the former *Sinterklaas*.

The Christmas Creche is a tradition originating with Saint Francis of Assisi, and the Christmas tree, an evergreen to symbolize Christ's ever presence, dates from the middle ages. So also the candy cane which represents the shepherds' staff; the white for the purity of Christ and the red for the blood He shed for us. During this Christmastide we are pleased to present some beautiful Christmas Carols to listen to from an excellent devotional Traditional Catholic site from which we have taken the *Adeste Fidelis* for this page. We heartily recommend this site for all during the Twelve Days for while the secular world tears down Christmas decorations the day after, Traditional Catholics have a tendency not to



put up their complete decorations until Christmas Eve and leave them up throughout Christmastide. But the greatest decoration we can display is a soul full of sanctifying grace. This is accomplished only through the divinely-ordained sacraments Christ established once and for all for many - *pro multis*.

True Peace on earth can only be attained when the world realizes the significance and meaning of the Birth of Christ our Lord, our Sovereign King and submits to Him freely as Ruler of all in body, mind and soul.