Reading for NATIVITY OF LORD-VIGIL-24.12-B

**Reading 1, *Isaiah 62:1-5***

1 About Zion I [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) not be silent, about [Jerusalem](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6304) I shall not rest until saving [justice](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6550) dawns for her like a bright light and her [salvation](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=10395) like a blazing torch.

2 The nations [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) then see your saving justice, and all [kings](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6650) your glory, and you [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) be called a new name which Yahweh's mouth [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) reveal.

3 You [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) be a crown of splendour in Yahweh's hand, a princely diadem in the hand of your God.

4 No more [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) you be known as 'Forsaken' or your country be known as 'Desolation'; instead, you [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) be called 'My Delight is in her' and your country 'The Wedded'; for [Yahweh](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6291) [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) take delight in you and your country [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) have its wedding.

5 Like a young [man](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=7463) marrying a virgin, your rebuilder [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) your [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) rejoice in you.

**Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29***

4 I have made your dynasty firm for ever, built your [throne](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=11541) stable age after age.

5 The heavens praise your wonders, Yahweh, your constancy in the gathering of your faithful.

16 In your name they rejoice all day long, by your saving [justice](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6550) they are raised up.

17 You are the flower of their strength, by your favour our [strength](https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=2917) is triumphant;

27 So I shall make him my first-born, the highest of earthly kings.

29 I have established his dynasty for ever, his [throne](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=11541) to be as lasting as the heavens.

**Reading 2, *Acts 13:16-17, 22-25***

16 Paul stood up, raised his hand for [silence](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=10819) and began to speak: 'Men of Israel, and fearers of God, listen!

17 The [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) of our nation Israel chose our ancestors and made our people great when they were living in Egypt, a land not their own; then by divine power he led them out

22 he deposed him and raised up David to be king, whom he attested in these words, "I have found David son of Jesse, a [man](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=7463) after my own heart, who [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) perform my entire will."

23 To keep his promise, [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour,

24 whose coming was heralded by [John](https://www.catholic.org/bible/book.php?id=50) when he proclaimed a [baptism](https://www.catholic.org/prayers/sacrament.php?id=1) of repentance for the whole people of Israel.

25 Before [John](https://www.catholic.org/bible/book.php?id=50) ended his course he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; there is someone coming after me whose sandal I am not fit to undo."

**Gospel, *Matthew 1:1-25***

1 Roll of the genealogy of [Jesus](https://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus) Christ, son of David, son of Abraham:

2 Abraham fathered Isaac, [Isaac](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6186) fathered Jacob, [Jacob](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6233) fathered Judah and his brothers,

3 Judah fathered Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez fathered Hezron, Hezron fathered Ram,

4 Ram fathered Amminadab, Amminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon,

5 Salmon fathered Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz fathered Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed fathered Jesse;

6 and Jesse fathered King David. David fathered Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,

7 Solomon fathered Rehoboam, Rehoboam fathered Abijah, Abijah fathered Asa,

8 Asa fathered Jehoshaphat, [Jehoshaphat](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6289) fathered Joram, Joram fathered Uzziah,

9 Uzziah fathered Jotham, Jotham fathered Ahaz, Ahaz fathered Hezekiah,

10 Hezekiah fathered Manasseh, Manasseh fathered Amon, Amon fathered Josiah;

11 and Josiah fathered Jechoniah and his brothers. Then the deportation to Babylon took place.

12 After the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah fathered Shealtiel, Shealtiel fathered Zerubbabel,

13 Zerubbabel fathered Abiud, Abiud fathered Eliakim, Eliakim fathered Azor,

14 Azor fathered Zadok, Zadok fathered Achim, Achim fathered Eliud,

15 Eliud fathered Eleazar, [Eleazar](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=4212) fathered Matthan, Matthan fathered Jacob;

16 and [Jacob](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6233) fathered [Joseph](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6477) the husband of Mary; of her was born [Jesus](https://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus) who is called Christ.

17 The sum of generations is therefore: fourteen from [Abraham](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=66) to David; fourteen from David to the Babylonian deportation; and fourteen from the Babylonian deportation to Christ.

18 This is how [Jesus](https://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus) [Christ](https://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus) came to be born. His mother [Mary](https://www.catholic.org/bookstore/?category=19) was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

19 Her husband Joseph, being an upright [man](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=7463) and wanting to spare her disgrace, decided to divorce her informally.

20 He had made up his [mind](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=8001) to do this when suddenly the [angel](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=774) of the [Lord](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take [Mary](https://www.catholic.org/bookstore/?category=19) home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit.

21 She [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.'

22 Now all this took place to fulfil what the [Lord](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) had spoken through the prophet:

23 Look! the virgin is with child and [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) give birth to a son whom they [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) call Immanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

24 When [Joseph](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6477) woke up he did what the [angel](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=774) of the [Lord](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) had told him to do: he took his wife to his home;

25 he had not had intercourse with her when she gave birth to a son; and he named him Jesus.