



A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg



Parish Office Hours: 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament is available during Confession hour and after each Mass per request.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must contact a priest of the parish one year in advance of the wedding. Diocesan regulations require that couples begin to work with the parish at least one year prior to a wedding.

Sacrament of Baptism

Families of our parish who wish to have their child baptized should call the parish office to register for Baptism Prep. Please call well in advance of birth of your child.

Confessions – Anytime by appointment

Tuesdays: 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm; Saturdays: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

December 6, 2020

The Second Sunday of Advent

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 6

- 7:00 am Jerold Gesmond (Family)
- 8:30 am Joe Teamann (Family)
- 10:00 am Florence & Mike Glasczko (Family)
- 11:30 am Our Parish Family

Monday, December 7

- 7:45 am Betty Hemmerle (Family)
- 6:30 pm Marie Proffitt (Ron, Ruth & Family)

Tuesday, December 8

- 7:45 am Della Simonetta (Family)
- Noon Richard P. Hensler (Family)
- 6:30 pm Jeff Taylor (Marie)

Wednesday, December 9

- 7:45 am Rick Borland (Family)

Thursday, December 10

- 7:45 am Manning, Francise, White Families (Toots)

Friday, December 11

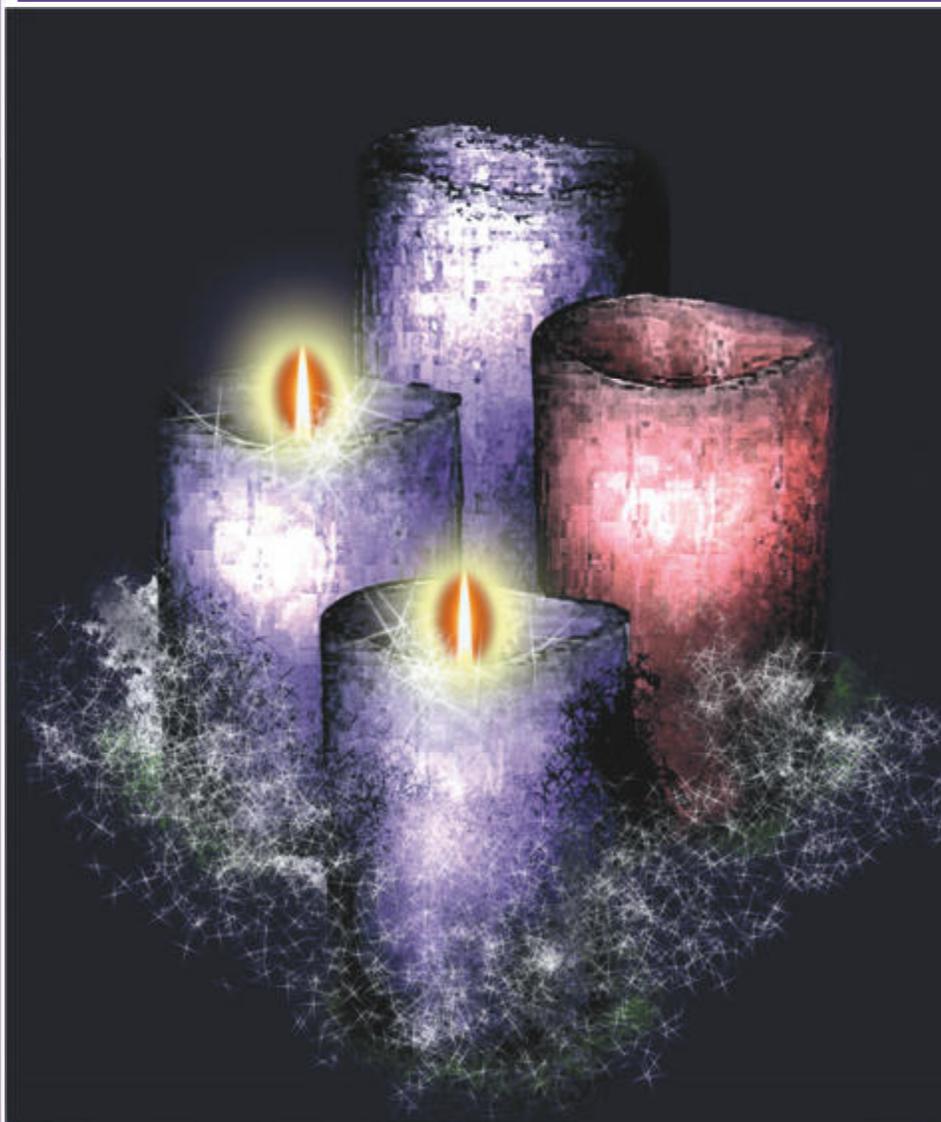
- 7:45 am Mary Drummond (Family)

Saturday, December 12

- 8:00 am Richard Kotch (Kozlowski)
- 4:30 pm Anthony McConnell, Jr (Amy & Barry)
- 6:00 pm Anthony Brace (Kobus Family)

Sunday, December 13

- 7:00 am Our Parish Family
- 8:30 am Ida & Herman Richardson (Family)
- 10:00 am Donald Wilker (Barbara & Bruce)



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NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

JESUS IS BORN BUT HAVE “WE” FOUND HIM YET? IN SEARCH OF THE MESSIAH

In light of what we have been seeking this Advent Season I thought you might find this article very insightful and appropriate for meditation at this time of year.

The article appeared on CatholicOnline.com By Dr. Chris Anthony Butterworth, Malaysia.

Once again we are in the season of Advent indicating that Christmas is just around the corner. Many of us may remember the once popular hymn during this season, “Oh Come Divine Messiah” whose lyrics go like this:

**Oh come divine Messiah
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing of triumph
And sadness flees away**

Yes, those days life was very simple as we waited in silence full of hope that good will soon triumph over evil thereby ridding our lives of sadness.

Those words were so meaningful and bring back pleasant memories of Christmas of the yesteryears.

Christmas is a commemoration of God’s coming into the world. He came for all of us – believers and non-believers alike. His birth should bring us hope and triumph which will dispel the sadness from our lives. But after years of celebrating Christmas after Christmas many of us are yet to see that triumph in our lives and our hopes may be giving way to despair. Has the Messiah really come? If He has where is He? Why doesn’t He bring the triumph that dispels the sadness of man?

The real problem today is that we are waiting for God to literally come to us. We celebrate His birth just like that of any one of us – offering prayers, eating, drinking and making merry. We celebrate his coming into the world but we do not welcome Him into our hearts and lives.

Yes, He has come into the world and is very much in our midst but unfortunately we refuse to recognize Him therefore fail to welcome Him.

By being born to poor parents, in an environment of extreme poverty, Jesus is telling us where He dwells - not in places of majesty and glamour but among the poor and the down-trodden, the sick and dying, the hungry, the oppressed and in those we love and even in those we hate. In short He is among the masses.

Amidst our celebrations this Christmas, let us pause a while to look around us to recognize that Jesus was born into the world two thousand years ago. He is among us in every person and in every trial and tribulation we encounter in our lives. Let us take a moment to look around to recognize Him in those who do not have joy and peace in their lives.

Let us do the little within our means to alleviate the pain and misery in their lives. Let us do whatever we can to give them the hope that triumph will one day wipe out the sadness in their hearts.

We too, like Jesus, must have the humility to come down from our positions of comfort and power to meet Him in the people around us. If we isolate ourselves from the masses by building a fortress around us with all our wealth and power together with greed, selfishness and pride, then we can keep waiting for Jesus all our lives but it will only be in vain.

To us then His birth into this world, that is Christmas, will be just another day to celebrate, eat, drink and make merry. It will never become the day when hope shall sing of triumph and sadness flees away.



XMAS and CHRISTMAS - by C. S. Lewis (abridged by Rev. John A. Moineau)

Note: I am breaking from a 20 year plus tradition this Advent Season that has been my trademark. For twenty years (plus) I have read, for my homily, the story/reflections that appears below. Even though I will not read it as my homily this year I feel that it serves better to be read and shared outside the context of the Mass. While reading, notice that Niatirb is Britain backwards. What happens in England is never far from the States. Hang onto Christ this season through the Rush... Good Luck!

And Beyond this there lies in the ocean, turned towards the west and north, the island of Niatirb. These islanders, surpassing all the men of whom we know in patience and endurance, use the following customs.

In the middle of winter when fogs and rains most abound they have a great festival which they call Xmas, and for 30 days they prepare for it in the fashion I shall describe. First of all, every citizen is obliged to send to each of his friends and relations a square piece of hard paper stamped with a picture, which in their speech is call a XMAS CARD. But the pictures represent birds sitting on branches, or trees with a dark green prickly leaf, or else men in such garments as the Niatirbians believe that their ancestors wore two hundred years ago riding on sleds such as their ancestors used, or houses with snow on their roofs. And the Niatirbians are unwilling to say what these pictures have to do with the festival, guarding (as I suppose) some sacred mystery. And because everyone must send these cards the market place is filled with the crowd of those buying them, so that there is great labor and weariness.

But having bought as many as I suppose to be sufficient, they return to their homes and find there the like cards which others have sent to them. AND when they find cards from any to whom they also have sent cards, they throw them away and give thanks to the gods that this labor is at least over for another year. But when they find cards from any to whom they have not sent, then they beat their breasts and wail and utter curses against the sender; and having sufficiently enough lamented their misfortune, they put on their boots again and go out into the fog and snow and buy a card for them also. And let this account suffice about the Xmas Card.

They also send gifts to one another, suffering the same things about the gifts as about the cards, or even worse. For every citizen has to GUESS the value of the gifts which every friend will send to him so that he may send one of equal value, whether he can afford it or not. And they buy as gifts for one another such things that no man ever would buy for himself. For the sellers understanding the custom, put forth all kinds of trinkets, and whatever, being useless and ridiculous they have been unable to sell throughout the year they now sell as the perfect Xmas gift.

But during these thirty days the oldest, poorest and most miserable of the citizens put on false beards and red robes and walk about the market place; being disguised (in my opinion) as Cronies. And the sellers of the gifts no less than the purchasers become pale and weary, because of the crowds and the snow, so that any man who came into a Niatirbians city at this season would think some great public calamity had fallen on Niatirb. These 30 days of preparation is called in their barbarian speech the XMAS RUSH.

But when the day of the festival comes, then most of the citizens, being exhausted with the rush, lie in bed until noon. But in the evening they eat and drink five times as much as on other days and become sick and intoxicated. And then on the day after Xmas they are very grave, being internally disordered by the supper and drinking and reckoning how much they have spent on gifts and wine.

Such then, are their customs about Xmas. But the few among the Niatirbians have also a festival, separate and to themselves, called Christmas, doing the opposite to the majority of the Niatirbians rise early on that day with shining faces and go before sunrise to certain churches where they partake of a sacred feast. And the churches set out images of a fair women with a new born child on her knees and certain animals and shepherds adoring the Child.

But I myself conversed with a priest in one of these churches and asked him why they keep Christmas on the same day as Xmas; for it appeared to me inconvenient. But the priest replied, It is not lawful for us to change the date of Christmas, but wished that the Niatirbians would change the day of Xmas, or not keep it at all. For Xmas and the Rush distract the minds of the few from sacred things. And we indeed are glad that men should make merry at Christmas; but in Xmas there is no merriment left.

For those who say that Xmas, and Christmas are the same, is not credible. For first, the pictures which are stamped on the Xmas Cards have nothing to do with the sacred story which the priest tells about Christmas. Secondly, the most part of the Niatirbians, not believing the religion of the few, nevertheless send the gifts and the cards and participate in the Rush and drink. But it is not likely that man, even being barbarians, should suffer so many great things in honor of a God they do not believe in. And now, enough about Niatirb.

***“O MARY CONCEIVED
WITHOUT SIN”***
***The Feast of the Immaculate
Conception***

**FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

MASS SCHEDULE
Vigil: Dec. 7th: 6:30 PM

Tuesday: 7:45AM; Noon & 6:30PM

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the eleventh century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the eighteenth century it became a feast of the Universal Church.

In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: “The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin.”

It took a long time for this doctrine to develop. While many Fathers and Doctors of the Church considered Mary the greatest and holiest of the saints, they often had difficulty in seeing Mary as sinless—either at her conception or throughout her life. This is one of the Church teachings that arose more from the piety of the faithful than from the insights of brilliant theologians. Even such champions of Mary as Bernard and Thomas Aquinas could not see theological justification for this teaching.

Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop the theology. They point out that Mary’s Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus’ redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus’ work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset.

PRAY FOR US WHO HAS RECOURSE TO THEE

In 1871 the Irwin Catholic Community was officially recognized by the Diocese of Pittsburgh under the title of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Prior to this date the parish was known as “St. Mary” (the Assumption). In December of that year the parish celebrated their new Feast day for the first time. Thirty-nine years earlier, in Paris France, our Lady appeared to St. Catherine of Laboure instructing her to have a Medal made with her image upon it. Around the image of our lady the words were inscribed: “Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.” It is in these words that our parish family would always invoke her intercession. The official image of our Lady that the parish has embraced is that which appears on the medal. It is also the prayers of the Miraculous Medal that we have adopted as our Novena prayer as well. In January 2005 I began the new tradition on the corner to conclude Mass, just before the final blessing, by seeking Mary’s guidance and intercession by including the prayer of the Miraculous Medal. I said then, and believe it even more so today, that we must identify with our patroness with pride and love. It is with this pride and love for our Lady’s title and our faith community that has allowed us to grow stronger as a family. The corner of Second and Oak belongs to Mary’s son, our Lord Jesus Christ!

CELEBRATING WITH PRIDE

So when we gather for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, with the Universal Church, let us remember that we have been blessed for our faithfulness to Mary’s example and love of her son! As Mary, conceived without sin, becomes the new eve and the mother of the new creation through Christ her son, may we celebrate thirsty and hungering to be found blameless in holiness before our God awaiting to share in the fruit of womb eternally in heaven!!



IN OUR AREA

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Millie & John Fox by Family

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of Gina Chruscial

Divine Mercy Candle: In Memory of Mary Drummond by Family

St. Peregrine Candle: In Memory of Charles Comer

Altar Candles for the Month of December: In memory of Joan Corovino from Family

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah	40:1-5, 9-11
2 Peter	3:8-14
Mark	1:1-8

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah	61:1-2a, 10-11
1 Thessalonians	5:16-24
John	1:6-8, 19-28

Prayers and Sympathy

Please pray for the families of Elmer Hemmerle; Gordon O'Dell and Ann Smiy who died recently. May they rest in peace.

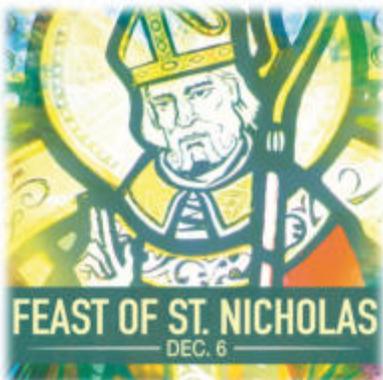
Stewardship Corner:

Our Time, Talent and Treasures are the gifts that we share: Sunday Offertory
The Week of November 22, 2020 \$15,091.17

Eucharistic Adoration is held every Tuesday starting after 7:45 am Mass and continuing all day until 6:15 pm; confessions (5:15-6:15 pm), and Mass (6:30 pm). There are special prayer booklets available containing Prayers for Vocations during adoration. If you need to leave and there is no one else in the church during Adoration, please call the church office at 724-863-9550 and someone will come over. Thank you

Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Tuesday at 12:00 noon.

Servants of Divine Mercy Outreach - The Servants of Divine Mercy pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the sick & dying. To request this beautiful Chaplet to be prayed for a specific person call 724-600-5007 or email kstynchula@msn.com

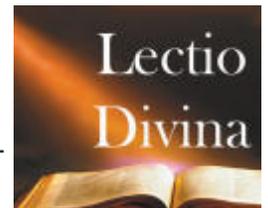


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Family Advent Kits are still available. It's not too late to get started. Don't forget to pick up your Family Advent Kit full of activities to help your family grow closer to Christ this Advent. They are available in St Elizabeth Ann Seton and Immaculate Conception. While we can't all be together this Advent, we would love see your family participating in these activities! We encourage you to take pictures of your family as you pray, do crafts, eat Sainly inspired foods, and sing karaoke! Please take pictures and post on Social Media and use **#FamilyAvent2020safemode** so we can see them and share them with the rest of the parish!

Join us for Lectio Divina on Saturdays at 7:00 am in Our Lady's Plaza (Administration Building), Immaculate Conception. Each week we will pray and prepare for the weekend Gospel. In our next session - **December 12 - John the Baptist's quotes Isaiah as he testifies to the coming Light of the World**



Tis the season! We are looking for a few good men, women, and teens to help the Decorating Committee prepare our Church for Christmas with lifting, climbing ladders, decorating trees, setup nativities, etc. Sunday, December 20 after 11:30 Mass. Questions? Call Sandy, 724-863-5860.

This is a good community service opportunity for Scouts and high schoolers. Something for everyone!

St Vincent DePaul Collection - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

The next collection weekend will be **Dec 12-13.** Coats of any kind are needed. Cash donations should be mailed directly to the SVDP store (126 S. Main St, Greensburg, Pa 15601). For more info, contact Julie McNamara at 412-310-1505.



Sunday Mass is aired @ 8:00 am on the "Operation Safe Mode with Father John" YouTube channel.

Reminder that the church is open for private prayer Daily. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.



Angel's Corner



Student Council Officers - 2020-2021

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 Treasurer – AJ Keiper



Diocesan News

Diocese plans Televised Christmas Masses In addition to in-person Christmas masses all over the Diocese of Greensburg, you can also watch Christmas Masses on television or streaming on the diocese website and Facebook page. Join us for Christmas Vigil Mass at 2:00 PM on Christmas Eve and 10:00 AM Christmas Day from Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg. Both Masses will air on PCNC, the Pittsburgh Cable News Channel. Christmas Day Mass will also air at Noon on WPXI Channel 11.

Parish Mission originally scheduled for St. Bruno's Parish available on Facebook - "The Triumph: A Parish Mission," which had been scheduled for Nov. 15-18 at St. Bruno's Parish, Greensburg, had to be cancelled due to concerns associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic. However, the program that was to be presented by Father David Gunter is available on the Facebook page of Immaculate Conception Church, Lonsdale, MN. Gunter is a member of the Congregation of the Marians for the Immaculate Conception from Stockbridge, MA.

REGIONAL CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Immaculate Conception	
<i>Christmas Eve</i> Thursday, December 24th	4:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 8:00 pm; 10:00 pm and Midnight
<i>Christmas Day</i> Friday, December 25th	8:30 am and 10:00 am
<i>New Year's Eve</i> Thursday, December 31st	5:00 pm
<i>New Year's Day</i> Friday, January 1st	9:30 am



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	
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St. Agnes — Reserved Seating Required for Christmas Masses - Please Call 724-863-2630	
<i>Christmas Eve</i> Thursday, December 24th	4:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 8:00 pm; and 10:00 pm
<i>Christmas Day</i> Friday, December 25th	10:30 am
<i>New Year's Eve</i> Thursday, December 31st	4:30 pm
<i>New Year's Day</i> Friday, January 1st	10:00 am



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2020 - Order of the Mass

ORGAN PRELUDE

Meditation on *Veni Emmanuel*

Philip Moore

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

On Jordan's Bank

1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make

noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - en,
straight the way for God with - in, And let each heart pre -

for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
pare a home Where such a might - y guest may come.

Text: *Jordanis oras praevia*; Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt.
Tune: WINCHESTER NEW, LM; adapt. from *Musikalisches Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690

KYRIE

Chant

Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.

(Then repeat the first Kyrie.)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end,
her guilt is expiated;
indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.
A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low;
the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.
Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings;
cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news!
Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God!
Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm;
here is his reward with him, his recompense before him.
Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs,
carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 85
Owen Alstott



SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved,
that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day.
The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay,"
but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish
but that all should come to repentance.
But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,
and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar
and the elements will be dissolved by fire,
and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.
Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be,
conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion,
waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God,
because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire.
But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth
in which righteousness dwells.
Therefore, beloved, since you await these things,
be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way.

A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

John the Baptist appeared in the desert

proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem

were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River

as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair,

with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey.

And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me.

I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.

I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,

the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

People's Mass
Jan Vermulst *adpt.* Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Jan M. Vermulst, 1925-1994
Adapt. by Richard Proulx, 1937-2010
Music © 1970, 2010, WLP

MYSTERY OF FAITH AND AMEN

Danish Amen Mass
David Kraehenbuehl

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your
Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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Music © 1970, 1973, 2011, WLP

AGNUS DEI

Chant, Mass XVIII

A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis. *(repeat)*
A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Richard Proulx

COMMUNION HYMN

Like a Shepherd

Refrain

Like a shep-herd he feeds his flock and gath-ers the lambs in his
 arms, hold-ing them care-ful-ly close to his heart,
 lead-ing them home. home, lead-ing them home.

1-3 to Verses Final

Text: Based on Isaiah 40:9ff; Ezekiel 34:11ff; Matthew 11:28ff. Text and music © 1976, Robert J. Dufford, SJ, and OCP. All rights reserved.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Comfort, Comfort, O My People

1. Com - fort, com - fort, O my peo - ple, Speak of peace, now
 2. Hark. the voice of one who's crv - ing In the des - ert

1. says our God; Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,
 2. far and near, Bid - ding all to full re - pent - ance

1. Mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak un - to Je - ru - sa -
 2. Since the king - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o -

1. lem Of the peace that waits for them; Tell of all the
 2. bey! Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys

1. sins I cov - er, And that war - fare now is o - ver.
 2. rise to meet him And the hills bow down to greet him.

Text: 87 87 77 88; based on Isaiah 40:1-8; Johann G. Olearius, 1611-1684;
 tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Music: Psalm 42 (Genevan Psalter), 1551; Claude Goudimel, 1514-1572. GENEVA 42

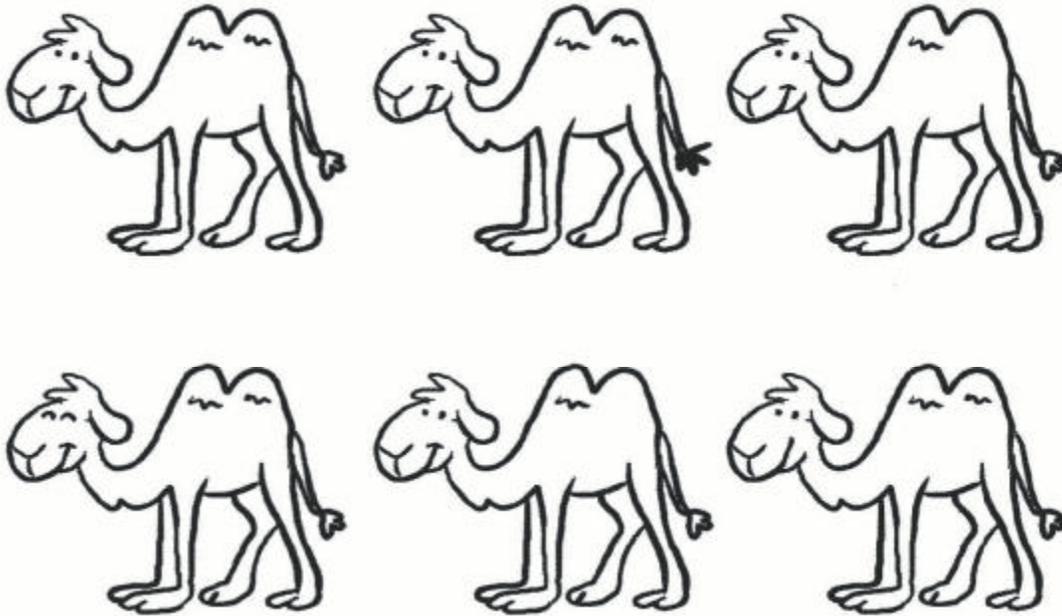
POSTLUDE

Declamation on "Comfort, Comfort, O My People"

Craig Phillips

PUZZLE

Find the 2 identical camels.

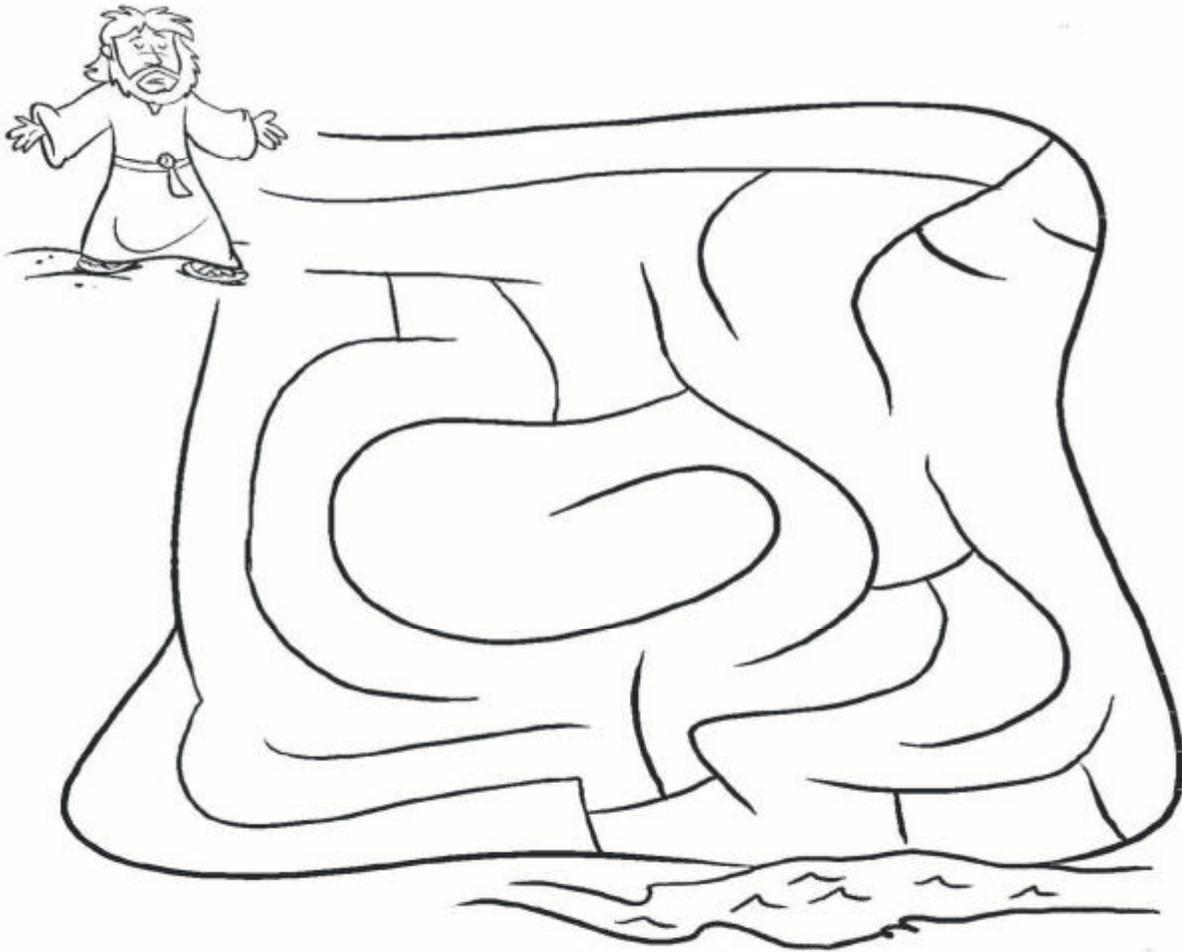


MISSION

Ask your family if you have hurt their feelings.
Ask them to forgive you.

PUZZLE

Help John the Baptist find his way to the Jordan River.



MISSION

Every day I will tell God that I am sorry for my sins.

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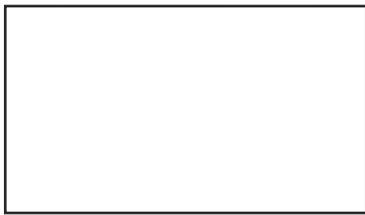
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