



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 20, 2020

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 20

- 7:00 am Leilah Potthoff (Daughters)
- 8:30 am Bess Alberts (Sharyn & Jerry)
- 10:00 am Judson Shiffler (Mom & Dad)
- 11:30 am Our Parish Family

Monday, December 21

- 7:45 am Mary Skallos (Kulha)

Tuesday, December 22

- 7:45 am Adelaide Simonetta (Friends)
- 6:30 pm Elaine Baker (Dan)

Wednesday, December 23

- 7:45 am Hailey Cox (Boccabella)

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

- 7:45 am All People in need of Prayer (Garbowsky)
- 4:00 pm Ed & Clare Behr (Family)
- 6:00 pm Bess Alberts (Cousin Jane)
- 8:00 pm Michele Ruby (Mary)
- 10:00 pm Helen Davidson (Family)
- Midnight Our Parish Family

Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day

- 8:30 am Jean Dawson (Regis & Jean)
- 10:00 am Roy & Irene Kubish (Barb & Family)

Saturday, December 26

- 8:00 am Joseph Rebitch (Stella)
- 4:30 pm Harry Gillespie (Cheryl)
- 6:00 pm Our Parish Family

Sunday, December 27

- 7:00 am Dorothy Linn (Rockacy Family)
- 8:30 am Geraldine McLaughlin (Sarge & Peg)
- 10:00 am James Peddicord (Family)
- 11:30 am Lisa Graham (Tom & MaryJo)





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NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

SILENT NIGHT... HOLY NIGHT

“We wait in Quiet Confidence!!”

Hail and Blessed by the hour and the moment in which the son of God was born of the most pure virgin Mary... at midnight in Bethlehem.. In piercing cold!



I wish you quiet confidence this Christmas season as we come to realize that our Salvation is near at hand. This quiet confidence is the **Peace** of internal recognition that all is well when we remain focused on the **Hope** of eternal life. Remember what Our Holy Father Benedict XVI, said in his encyclical “Spe Salvi”, wrote: “Jesus Christ brought humanity the gift of a ‘trustworthy hope’ in salvation and eternal life, a hope that is directly connected with faith.” It is this hope that I pray will fill your Christmas experience and the new year that is upon us!

The Anawim and the Tsadiq Make a Good Couple

This Advent we have discovered the secret of a successful relationship in God through the lives of Mary and Joseph. Mary brings the hope and constant prayer of the Anawim (pious poor) who look to God to save His people, while Joseph a true Tsadiq (righteous man) compliments her with the love of the law tempered with the mercy of God. Together they figure out that Salvation, as strange as it may seem, will come into the world through their lives. There is no time to question but to move forward with great hope. Joseph accepts Mary convinced by her incredible hope and purity which allowed the dream of the Angel to confirm his course of action. In God’s eyes they see, in face of the darkness of the world around them, the light that is to be revealed to a nation. When we couple the cartelistic of the Anawim and the Tsadiq we too can make the Christmas Season come alive. In today’s world, through the Church, we are called to trust in God’s promise; guided by the law; covered with the mantle of his mercy; fed by the Grace of the Eucharist as the highway to the light in the darkness. Continue the story.... Walk and discuss as you go with Mary and Joseph..... this hope.... To the birth of the Savior.

In the next four days take some time away from the noise and the excitement of Christmas preparation and find a quiet place... the church, the back porch or a park bench... Think of Mary so ready to give birth in the noise and confusion of Bethlehem that night... Sense her quiet confidence in Joseph to find them a place. Sense her quiet confidence that this child about to be born will fulfill the hopes of a whole nation!.... Imagine that quiet confidence being confirmed with the light of a “new” star in the sky above... A light in the darkness... See the quiet confidence in her eyes as they meet the eyes of her child for the first time.... Now imagine approaching this awesome sight with the humility of the shepherds who were called forth by the angels. O Hail and Blessed be the hour and the moment of such a sight!! Take in this silence and realization that the savior is born.... Now what can disturb this peace? Can anything?

A Prayer at the Empty Crib

As you may have come to recognize my all time favorite prayer during Advent is the Christmas Novena: Hail and Blessed be the hour... Nothing is more beautiful Than imagining the very moment of Salvation!!! While we are there let us act as St. Paul encouraged: Rejoice always; pray unceasingly, and in every circumstance thank God for it is His will for us in Jesus Christ!!! He willed to come to save us and He willed us to be saved! Receive this gift at His birth!!

I want to thank you for all your kindness and love you have shared with me this past year. It is in this loving spirit that I long to celebrate the Mass this Christmas! I want to thank you for confirming the quiet confidence of this season within me by your faith-filled love of God, His son and Church... your witness is like a “new” star in the dark of a world that suffers much from despair and doubt. Thank you, for sharing with me and Father Roniel here on the corner of Second and Oak... the gift of peace and joy... the gift of the savior!

NOTE: Let the spirit of Christmas remain alive 365! We cannot leave up the tree, nor bake enough cookies to last the year, but our hearts and faces can show the spirit has not been packed away... it will stay alive 365 for we are like Mary, the Anawim, and Joseph the Tsadiq coupled together in living Joy!!

Merry Christmas My corner dwelling family!!

A CHRISTMAS REFLECTION TO YOU MY FAMILY

My Dear Parishioners,

I write to you as the eve of Christmas approaches to extend my heartfelt love and blessings to you and your families. I am so honored to be your pastor and blessed to be preparing to celebrate my 16th Christmas with you here on the corner. I feel especially blessed today as I reflect on the weeks past as we accepted our mission to focus on the coming of the Lord by gaining that inner disposition to see what has been hidden from so many and rejected by those who fail to hope. Even amidst the pandemic, while many had to stay safe in the Lord at home, we remained a community of Faith focused on the light of the star more than the darkness of fear and anxiety that could overcome us!!

Each week as I lit the new candle of our wreath I prayed that we, together, would be ready to welcome the savior into our hearts, minds and souls as the source and summit of our lives! Every Mass I offered with you I begged the Holy Spirit to assure us with His Knowledge, Wisdom and Council that we were among those who were being called from the wilderness into the great light! As I raised the host at consecration I prayed that you would adore Him (in person or spiritually) under the appearances of bread and wine that you would see and experience His Divine presence as Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds did on that first night! As I gave the final blessing and we prepared to fulfill our missions for the week in the midst of confusion and distractions of the world I prayed we would not fall to the effect of secularism but remain with awaiting hearts searching with Hope for the true gift and meaning of this season – **Christ Our Lord.**

With just a few days left of this most precious season I mourn the empty roped off pews that would be filled with your presence if it was not for the pandemic keeping you home and safe. I look beyond this reality and I am comforted to know that you are with us at home participating through our televised Mass. Wishing that you could be here as well. As I blessed the infant Jesus, which you brought forth from your nativities or raised up at home, I will pray that as it is the first gift you unwrap, it will be the only gift that you need. I pray that our preparation will be complete and our hearts overjoyed while watching and waiting to see him clearly in the midst of a world busy and burdened with a life of fear and uncertainty like never before imagined.

Still limited by Covid-19 restrictions, Christmas Mass will have an odd feeling of emptiness, the same which we will experience in our Homes. What always was an overwhelming crowded experience with many traveling to family will be subdued and limited like never before. Instead of the distraction of the crowd and the distraction of travel which mirrored Bethlehem at the time of the census we may experience instead the quiet and peace of the stable withdrawn from the confusion and noise. I pray that we will not be saddened by this reality but that we may see more clearly the brightness of the star and in the silence hear the Angels sing. Perhaps we can kneel in the quiet with the shepherds and just simply adore our Lady's gentle kindness to her new born babe. In the absence of our families I pray we may remember that we are never alone as long as we have each other in prayer!

What I want for Christmas this year is for all to overcome the fear of the pandemic and live instead in the promised Joy of our Savior! I want the gift of the Christ Child to be extended to those who have lost hope in Him because of fear and the brokenness of our world. That all may see that His birth is the promise that remains above worldly comforts and overpowers the present with the hope healing and restoration of normalcy. Peace on earth and good will to men needs to be a prayer more than the slogan while so many have forgotten the reason for the season and the purpose of our lives in Christ.

Help me to complete our journey in these last hours! Join me in the desire to make the star brighter than the darkest night of this year! Pray with me that while all may seem lost to the world that we remember a savior has been born to us this day!

I will be praying with you, for you and especially for your families and the life struggles for which they must endure on this earthly journey. I will be reading/praying the Christmas cards that will be sent my way and rejoicing in the truth that I am the most blessed priest for I am your priest now and into another year of the Lord!!

Merry Christmas to you!
Father John



Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Rick Borland by Family
Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of Robert Sitek by Cindy
Divine Mercy Candle: In Memory of Michele Ruby by Ed & Paulette Farabaugh
St. Peregrine Candle: In Memory of Christopher Paliscak
Altar Candles for the Month of December: In memory of Joan Corovino from Family

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel	7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Romans	16:25-27
Luke	1:26-38

The Feast of the Holy Family

Genesis	15:1-6; 21:1-3
Sirach	3:2-6; 12-14
Luke	2:22-40

Prayers and Sympathy

Please pray for the family of Elaine Gutwald on the death of her husband Bob Gutwald; for the Family of Ronald Ramsey and for Alex Cantini on the death of his father Alex J. Cantini, 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 _____, 2020 \$19,582.99
 Diocese Online Giving Month of November \$5,702.00
 OSV Online Giving Month of November \$7,064.25

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

Merry Christmas

The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 23rd through Monday, Dec. 28th at 1:00 pm
Wishing Everyone a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas from the Parish Staff.

IN OUR AREA



Lectio Divina has been canceled until further notice.

Thank You

Thank you to all the volunteers that made Burger Bash 2020 successful. We were blessed to have seasoned volunteers, first time volunteers, youth volunteers & all volunteers. We could not have done it without you. A special thanks to all those who supported & contributed to Burger Bash 2020. See you at Burger Bash 2021!

THANKS BOB!

I want to just say a special thanks to Bob Gutwald who was instrumental and creator of the BURGER BASH idea! Without Bob there would not have been a Burger Bash nor the funds and "fun" once a month on the corner of Second and Oak! Bob we will miss you and forever be grateful for your dedication and Faith shared at Immaculate Conception!! May you rest in peace Amen.

Blessing of A Christmas Creche

God of Mary and Joseph, of shepherds and animals,
 Bless us whenever we gaze on this manger scene.

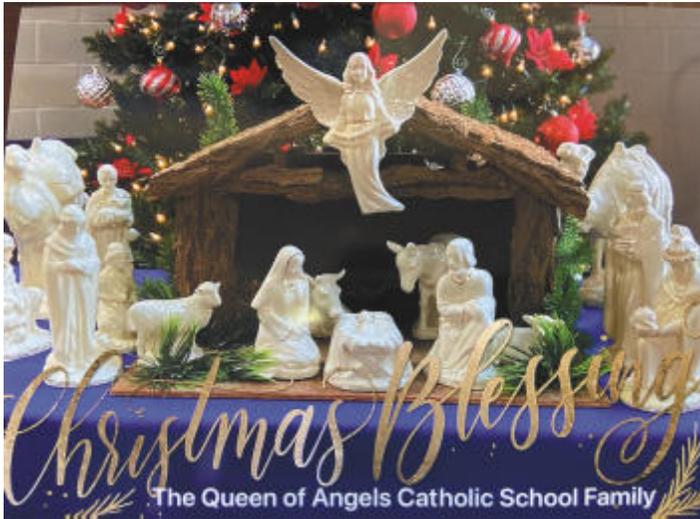
Through all the days of Christmas
 may these figures tell the story
 of how humans, angels, and animals
 found the Christ in this poor place.

Fill our house with hospitality, joy,
 gentleness, and thanksgiving
 and guide our steps in the way of
 peace.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.



If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop’s Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop’s Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.



Queen of Angels Catholic School would like to wish all our families and friends throughout the community bountiful Christmas blessings of peace, health, and happiness during this holy season and in the new year.

Around the Diocese

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 p.m. on Christmas Eve and 10 a.m. on 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.

Live Nativity set at St. Joseph Parish Uniontown - The Youth Ministry of the Roman Catholic Churches of Uniontown will present a Live Nativity from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 27 at St. Joseph Parish, 180 Old Walnut Hill Road. Donations of nonperishable items will be accepted at the front of the church. For more information, contact Theresa Mazur at tmazur@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Artwork Contest Entries being Accepted
 Entries are being accepted for the 2020-21 Missionary Childhood Association National Christmas Artwork Contest. The contest is open to young Catholics in grades K-8. Entries must be postmarked or received by your local mission office or online at mcaartcontest.missio.org by no later than Jan. 31, 2021. Entries also may be mailed to MCA Artwork Contest, 70 West 36th St. 8th floor, New York, NY, 10018.

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.

Christmas Schedule

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

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	
Christmas Eve Thursday, December 24th	4:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 8:00 pm
Christmas Day Friday, December 25th	8:30 am and 10:00 am
New Year's Eve Thursday, December 31st	4:00 pm
New Year's Day Friday, January 1st	9:00 am

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

Here is what you need to know and what you can plan to do to make Christmas Mass possible:

- Immaculate Conception is adding two more Masses for Christmas
- The capacity of each of these Masses will be very limited to social distancing mandates
- Seating capacity will be limited to 176 at Immaculate Conception (instead of 530) and 125 at St. Elizabeth (instead of 300)
- Masses to avoid on Christmas Eve: 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Immaculate Conception and 4 p.m. at St. Elizabeth
- Masses with best chance to attend on Christmas Eve: 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.
- Masses on Christmas Day morning are usually less full as well
- Seating will be first-come/first-served
- No seats will be reserved and no reservations will be taken at Immaculate Conception and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 20, 2020 - Order of the Mass

ORGAN PRELUDE

Gabriel's Message

Michael Bedford

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Angel Gabriel

1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His
2. "For know a bless - ed Moth - er you shall be. All

1. wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; "All
2. gen - er - a - tions praise con - tin - ual - ly, Your

1. hail," said he, "O low - ly maid - en Ma - ry," "Most
2. Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told."

1-4. high - ly fa - vored la - dy!" Glo - ri - a!

Text: 10 10 12 10; *Birgina gaztettobat zegoen*; Trad. Basque Carol; tr. by Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924, alt.
Music: Trad. Basque Carol Melody.

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

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

When King David was settled in his palace,
and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet,
"Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!"
Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you."
But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said:
"Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?' "
It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock
to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went,
and I have destroyed all your enemies before you.
And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth.
I will fix a place for my people Israel;
I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance.
Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old,
since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel.
I will give you rest from all your enemies.
The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you.
And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors,
I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm.
I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.
Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89
Michel Guimont



SECOND READING

Romans 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters:
To him who can strengthen you,
according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ,
according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages
but now manifested through the prophetic writings and,
according to the command of the eternal God,
made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith,
to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ
be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."
 But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."
 "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."
 But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?"
 And the angel said to her in reply,
 "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God."
 Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."
 Then the angel departed from her.

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
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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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David Kraehenbuehl, 1923-1997
Music © 1970, 1973, 2011, WLP

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el
 Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Text: *Veni, veni Emmanuel*; Latin 9th C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
 Tune: VENI VENI EMMANUEL, LM with refrain; Mode I; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; acc. by Richard Proulx, b.1937

RECESSIONAL HYMN

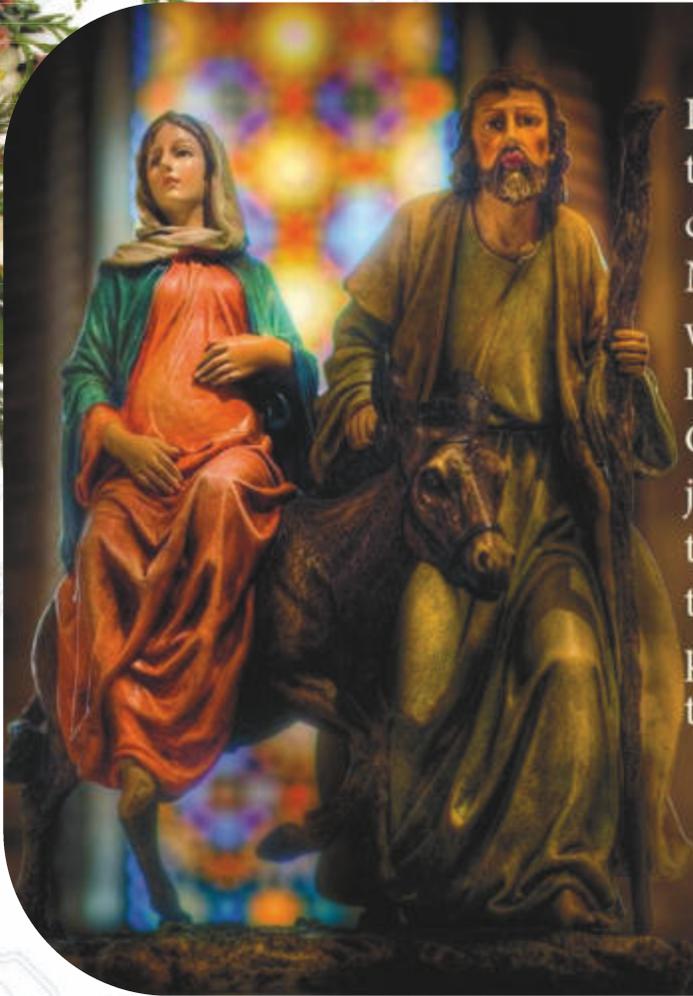
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem hath
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas for - told it, The Rose I have in
 sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, As seers of old have
 mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The Vir - gin Moth - er
 sung. It came, a blos - som bright, A -
 kind. To show God's love a - right, She
 mid the cold of win - ter, When half spent was the night.
 bore to us a Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.

Text: Isaiah 11:1; *Evangelio Roy Lantornuano; Sveser Gayngbuch* 1599; tr. by Theodore Baker 1851-1934, alt.
 Tune: ES IST EIN' ROS' ENSTSPRUNGEN, 7 6 7 6 6 7 6; *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1599; harm. by Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

POSTLUDE

Sortie on "O Come, Divine Messiah"
César Franck



Let us make ourselves ready to celebrate Christmas by contemplating Mary and Joseph: Mary, the woman full of grace who had the courage to entrust herself totally to the Word of God; Joseph, the faithful and just man who chose to believe the Lord rather than listen to the voices of doubt and human pride. With them, let us walk together toward Bethlehem.

—Pope Francis, *Angelus*
December 22, 2013

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PUZZLE

Complete the picture.



MISSION

Name three reasons you can always trust God.



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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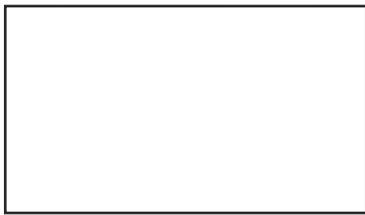
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