



A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg



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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

**November 28, 2021**

**The First Sunday of Advent**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, November 27**

8:00 am Anna Tempero (Daughter)  
4:30 pm Elaine Baker (Dan)

**Sunday, November 28**

8:00 am Our Parish Family  
10:00 am Lillian Sciarretti (Dan & Joan)  
11:30 am Robert Knarlesboro (Family)

**Monday, November 29**

7:45 am No Mass

**Tuesday, November 30**

7:45 am No Mass  
6:30 pm Jeff Taylor (Marie)

**Wednesday, December 1**

7:45 am John Kravetz, Jr (Family)

**Thursday, December 2**

7:45 am Albert & Mary Lynn (Lynn Family)

**Friday, December 3**

7:45 am No Mass

**Saturday, December 4**

8:00 am Mary Kay, Mary Lou, Al Lynn (Son)  
4:30 pm Bob Gutwald (Family)

**Sunday, December 5**

8:00 am Russ & Bess Alberts (Family)  
10:00 am George & Margaret Tomasic (Children)  
11:30 am Tom Agnew (Jodi Schmitt)



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# PASTOR'S NOTES

## STEWARDS OF THE GARDEN OF HISTORY

*An Advent Perspective*

Winston Churchill once said "one who fails to learn from history is doomed to repeat it." This ambiguous statement leaves room for much interpretation and so does history itself. The easy lesson that history can be applied to all the gardens of our lives as stewards. "if you plant potatoes.... You get potatoes. History provides us a look at the recipe for both success and failure. History may present itself as a linear experience of time and a progression of knowledge leading to further great discoveries and accomplishments but in reality it remains a constant. It is consistent in the challenges of living a purposeful life in an ever changing world. The constant is us in our relationship with God. God reveals himself and history becomes a response to that revelation. To truly understand the history of man we must know it in the context of his desire to know the infinite. The Advent Season is the time of waiting, of celebrating the moment that the history of man became the history of God -Jesus Christ- the incarnate Truth.

### THE HISTORICAL JESUS

The History Channel often has intriguing stories of "Decoding the Past" in unraveling the mystery of the Jesus of Nazareth. Who was this man? Did he really exist? In their pursuit to answer this question they examine historical documents and chronological evidence that validate his place in time and history. The approach, however, to this decoding of the past is to simplify his existence as merely human and not of any greater significance. A prophet among so many others... a teacher of morality with a touch of magical deceptions of the day to keep the crowds interested. Jesus was a historical figure but if only a man he too would have faded into the pages of ancient history along with the many other promising saviors of the time. But the Catholic Catechism defines Jesus' moment in history in the relationship of man and God in this way:



**423** *We believe and confess that Jesus of Nazareth, born a Jew of a daughter of Israel at Bethlehem at the time of King Herod the Great and the emperor Caesar Augustus, a carpenter by trade, who died crucified in Jerusalem under the procurator Pontius Pilate during the reign of the emperor Tiberius, is the eternal Son of God made man. He 'came from God', 'descended from heaven', and 'came in the flesh'.*

The proclamation "is the son of God made man" changes the historical Jesus from being confused as a player in history to being the key of revelation for all of history. Once Jesus came into the world, history no longer was linear but cyclical for what was in the past is the present and the future. God always was and will be, and man in relationship with him, will always be as well.



## SALVATION HISTORY

When one studies the history of man in relationship with God through the chronicles of time, it becomes more obvious that man's need for God was not to provide earthly fulfillment but to provide a purpose of existence. Great societies, governments, nations and people mark the entrails of time, but always in the height of their success, they become interested in the one thing they cannot provide for themselves— eternal existence—a life without end. Man could not save himself from death, no matter how faithful he was to a superior being, he could not join himself to the status of the Eternal. One way alone could such a feat be accomplished—since man could not go to God— God needed to come to man. As we learn, through our Judeo-Christian tradition, death is a result of sin. Sin, in turn, is the fall of man that he alone cannot overcome. A savior, in fact, God himself, must come to free us from our mortal lives and join us to His eternal status. Since sin is through the flesh it is in the flesh that we must be rescued. The Catechism continues:

*For 'the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. . . And from His fullness have we all received, grace upon grace.... And redemption from ourselves.*

## COME LORD JESUS COME!!

In fear that we forget our history and be doomed to repeat it, the Church through it's liturgical celebration reminds, prepares and teaches us the greatest story ever told. The Story that happened in a precise time of history—a child born of women—in Bethlehem in a manger—the son of God made flesh. The Word incarnate was born to bring God to man and man to God through revealing the truth and sacrificing His life for the salvation of all. This is the chapter of the history of man that never needs to be repeated, for once accomplished in time effects all times and all people. This moment is when history stops being a record of man's progress and becomes the record of Hope!! Take this time of Advent to become historians of the greatest event recorded. Believe it. Hope in it. Never forget it and repeat it for all to hear and see through your life! For remembering this bit of history will lead us to victory of life itself!



## "ADVENT NOVENA": "A Family Prayer"

There is no doubt that the newspapers and the Malls are reminding you that Christmas is just around the corner. Most towns have already strung their lights and wreaths at each corner. You must know that there are only **26** shopping days left! What will you get for your family this Christmas?



If I could make a suggestion: Get them a "Novena". A Novena is a petitional prayer that we offer for a series of days, showing our true desire for an answer from God. If we could only give what we would truly like to give ourselves, our loved one on our Lord's birthday, it would be an answer to a prayer!! Health, strength, grace, direction, or insight on what He wants for us in our lives. An answer to a prayer brings solace and peace, comfort and even joy! We our burdened in life with many difficulties, decisions, choices, and heavy crosses. To have understanding, wisdom and courage to confront life and it's challenges would be the ultimate gift. So this Christmas give yourself in prayer.

I, once again, want to share with you the most beautiful Novena prayer that I know. It is a prayer that my family and I have said during Advent for as long as I can remember. We call it the "Hail and Blessed" Novena, or the "Advent prayer". The prayer is recited 15 times each day, starting on the feast of Saint Andrew (November 30<sup>th</sup>), until Christmas day. The prayer puts you in the setting of the incarnation, the very moment that our Lord enters into this world. It is at that moment that we petition the Child Jesus to hear, and answer us! The prayer is as follows:

***"Hail and blessed be 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. In that hour,  
vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer, grant my desires,  
through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and His Blessed Mother, Amen"***

To make a commitment in prayer the 25 days prior to Christmas, putting our needs before Jesus, we are certain that they will be heard and answered. Choose to pray this prayer as a family during Advent. Pray it by yourself. It will set the proper *tone* for this Christmas, and the gift you most desire this year will not be under the tree, but in your heart. A gift that will change your life!

**Sanctuary Candle:**

In Memory of Bernard & Marion Arendas by Family

**Easter Flame Candle:**

In Memory of Frank Wolfe

**Divine Mercy Candle:**

In Memory of Richard Powell by Rita

**St. Peregrine Candle:**

In memory of Kathy Montrose

**Altar Candles for the Month of November:**

In Memory of Langer & Raspotnik Families by Sandy

**First Sunday of Advent**

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2  
 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Baruch 5:1-9  
 Philippians 1:4-6; 8-11  
 Luke 3:1-6

**Prayers and Sympathy**

Please pray for all of our faithfully departed who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**Stewardship Corner:**

Our Time, Talent and Treasures are the gifts that we share:  
 Sunday Offertory  
**Not Available due to early submission**

**The History of the Advent Wreath**

● REV. WILLIAM SAUNDERS

<https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/>

The Advent wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. However, the actual origins are uncertain. There is evidence of pre-Christian Germanic peoples using wreathes with lit candles during the cold and dark December days as a sign of hope in the future warm and extended-sunlight days of Spring. In Scandinavia during Winter, lighted candles were placed around a wheel, and prayers were offered to the god of light to turn “the wheel of the earth” back toward the sun to lengthen the days and restore warmth.

By the Middle Ages, the Christians adapted this tradition and used Advent wreathes as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. After all, Christ is “the Light that came into the world” to dispel the darkness of sin and to radiate the truth and love of God (cf. John 3:19-21). By 1600, both Catholics and Lutherans had more formal practices surrounding the Advent wreath.

The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. Even these evergreens have a traditional meaning which can be adapted to our faith: The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; pine, holly, and yew, immortality; and cedar, strength and healing. Holly also has a special Christian symbolism: The prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns, and one English legend tells of how the cross was made of holly. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. Any pine cones, nuts, or seedpods used to decorate the wreath also symbolize life and resurrection. All together, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who entered our world becoming true man and who was victorious over sin and death through His own passion, death, and resurrection.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. A tradition is that each week represents one thousand years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Savior. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord’s first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

The light again signifies Christ, the Light of the world. Some modern day adaptations include a white candle placed in the middle of the wreath, which represents Christ and is lit on Christmas Eve. Another tradition is to replace the three purple and one rose candles with four white candles, which will be lit throughout Christmas season.

	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
MON	NO MASS	8:30 AM
TUES	NO AM MASS 6:30 PM	8:30 AM
WED	7:45 AM	NO MASS
THURS	7:45 AM	NO MASS
FRI	NO MASS	8:30 AM
SAT	<b>8:00 AM</b> <b>(Except on 1st Saturday of the Month)</b>	<b>MASS IS ONLY ON THE 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday OF THE MONTH AT 8:30 am**</b>

\*\* 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month – Anointing Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

\*\*Confessions on the 1st Saturday of the month are at St. Barbara’s at Noon and St. Agnes at 1:00 pm

**Monday, November 29**

7:45 am George Salopek (Children)

**Tuesday, November 30**

7:45 am Mary Jane Knarlesboro (Family)

**Friday, December 3**

7:45 am Joe Vrabel (Family)

**PARISH NEWS**

**Grades 1-2 – Faith Formation for Public School Students,** Saturday, December 4th, 9:00 – 10:30 am, Formation Center

**Grades 3-5 – Faith Formation for Public School Students,** Monday, December 6th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, Formation Center

**6th and 7th Grade Faith Formation-** The next class will be Tuesday December 7th from 6-7:15 pm.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation-** The next class will be Tuesday December 7th from 7:30 to 8:45 pm.

**SAVE THE DATE!!! Immaculate Conception Parish 9th Annual Night at the Races—Saturday, February 5th, 2022 - More details to come**



**THE TRADITION**

The tradition of the Oplatki originated in Poland during Early Christian times. This Christmas Custom began with a simple white wafer, baked from flour and water. The wafers are wonderfully designed to display Christmas images, such as the Nativity.

**THE SYMBOLISM**

The significance of the Oplatki Christmas wafer is in that it shadows the Eucharistic meal that Catholics participate in at each Mass. Just as we share in the Eucharist as one family in Christ and receive Christ’s love through the Eucharist, the Oplatki allows for one’s immediate family to come together and share the love they have for one another. This symbolism is deepened by the fact that the name of the town where Jesus Christ was born, Bethlehem, means "House of Bread," which makes the Oplatki tradition an especially beautiful way to celebrate the charity and unity so characteristic of the Christmas season.

**A SYMBOL OF FAMILY UNITY**

The Oplatki tradition is one that is easy, fun, and deeply meaningful to introduce to the family anytime during the long Christmas season. All it requires is a simple wafer paired with love and affection, and the willingness to share it. This is a heart-warming tradition that will complete your family’s time together during the Christmas season.

**Oplatki are located in the Hall of Memories!  
Donation \$3.00**



**2022 Lottery Calendars are available** now for purchase at Immaculate Conception Parish Office. Each calendar is \$25 and offers chances to win each day of the year. Cash or checks (payable to St.

Anne Home) are accepted. They make perfect gifts! Their sale expands programs and services for residents as well as their campus facility. Thanks for your continued support of St. Anne Home. Proceeds benefit St. Anne’s Home in Greensburg.



**PARISH GIVING TREE  
HELPING  
THE LEAST OF OUR  
NEIGHBORS**

**A**s, in the past, the parish will be sponsoring a giving tree project to help families of our parish to cope with the overwhelming expenses of the Christmas Season. These families have been identified as in need of financial support in order to purchase gifts for their children and prepare a Christmas meal for the family.

**In the Spirit of the wise men, who brought gifts to the infant child Jesus to reveal his divinity, we ask you to help be the giver of gifts that will allow the spirit of the Christ Child to be alive in the hearts of the needy. You will find upon our humble tree tags that you may select to purchase Giant Eagle & Walmart gift cards with a variety of denominations. You may also purchase gift cards through Queen of Angels School. Forms are on the next page of this bulletin and by the tree.**

**This tree will be displayed in the Hall of Memories. I want to thank you in advance for serving in the spirit of the Jesus Creed.**

**All gifts and monies need to be returned to parish office no later than Monday, December 13th.**



# Giving Tree Gift Card Order Form

If you would like to purchase a gift card from the Parish Giving Tree, please consider helping Queen of Angels Catholic School at the same time. You can help raise easy money for Queen of Angels Catholic School by purchasing your gift cards through the school's SCRIP program. Complete These Three Easy Steps:

1. Fill out the form below
2. Include a check made payable to Queen of Angels Catholic School
3. Place both items in the collection basket.

No going to the store required!!!

Queen of Angels will fill the gift card orders that you purchased and return the gift cards to Immaculate Conception. The parish will then distribute the gift cards to area families in need

**Giant Eagle:**

Value	Quantity	Total
\$10	( )	\$_____
\$25	( )	\$_____

**Walmart:**

Value	Quantity	Total
\$25	( )	\$_____

**Kohl's:**

\$10	( )	\$_____
\$25	( )	\$_____



Please make checks payable to:  
Queen of Angels School

**Total** \$\_\_\_\_\_

Thanks for Your Support!!!!

If you have any questions please call the school's office 724-978-0144 or contact Christina Torok at

[ctorok@queenofangelsch.org](mailto:ctorok@queenofangelsch.org)

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



REGIONAL PENANCE SERVICE - ALL SERVICES BEGIN AT 6:30 PM

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - TUESDAY DECEMBER 14TH

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON - WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 15TH

SAINT AGNES - THURSDAY DECEMBER 16TH

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

DECEMBER 24TH - 4:00 PM; 6:00 PM; 8:00 PM AND MIDNIGHT



DECEMBER 25TH - 9:30 AM (THERE IS NO VIGIL MASS)

DECEMBER 26TH

8:00 AM; 10:00 AM AND 11:00 AM

New Years -Mary, Mother of God -

(not a holy day of obligation this year. No vigil Mass on Friday, Dec 31.)

Mass for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: Saturday, January 1 - 9:30 am

(Vigil Mass for Sunday Liturgy at 4:30 pm)



## Queen of Angels Corner

We Welcome ...

### Mrs. Karen Longo



In addition to teaching math, science, and religion in 4th grade this year, Mrs. Karen Longo will take on the role of Educational Support Coach. In this position, Mrs. Longo will work closely with teachers on creating the most successful learning environments for our students. As a learning coach, she will work with

individual students to strengthen executive functioning skills and to create learning goals. She also will help to coordinate student services and testing. Mrs. Longo is looking forward to working with the community in this capacity!

**DCCW Celebrates 60 years** - Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women invites all women to attend this special day of prayer, fellowship and celebration on

**Sunday, December 12, 2021**

Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Christ Our Shepherd Center  
2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg.

Registration at 9:30 am, Rosary at 10:00 am.  
The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L. will be the Main Celebrant for the Eucharistic Liturgy at 11:00 am.

Reservations must be in by Dec 3rd. The cost is \$20 per person. List the names and phone number for each attendee along with the Meal Choices for the luncheon: Roast beef, Chicken Parmesan, or Baked Cod.

Make checks payable to:  
GREENSBURG DCCW.  
Note on the memo line:  
60th anniversary.

Mail checks and registrations to Millie Krinock, 11 Meadow Dr, Latrobe, Pa 15650 (724-537-2064.)



# Around the Diocese

**Annual Slovakian 'Stedry Vecer' Dec. 5 at Christ Our Shepherd Center** - The George Onda District of the First Catholic Slovak Union will host its annual "Stedry Vecer" Sunday, Dec. 5, at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. The evening will begin with 4 p.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Larry J. Kulick in the chapel. The traditional Slovak Christmas Eve dinner will follow. Door prizes will be awarded, and the Pittsburgh Slovaks will perform. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$10 for children ages 3-10. Tickets are limited; reserve by Nov. 23 by visiting [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/slovakdinner](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/slovakdinner) so ticket information can be sent to you.

**Bethlehem Project plans Home for the Holidays, Tree of Hope fundraisers** - The Bethlehem Project, a ministry of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, Greensburg, is planning its annual Home for the Holidays fundraiser, offering chances on four baskets: two "golf extravaganza" baskets, a "family fun" basket and a "basket of cheer." In addition, the program is accepting donations to light its annual Tree of Hope in front of the cathedral. The Bethlehem Project, marking its 23rd year, provides emergency shelter and rental assistance to area individuals and families in danger of homelessness, and also provides personal-use items to three local homeless shelters. The program has assisted more than 2,600 families and individuals. To learn more, visit [www.blessedsacramentcathedral.org/parish-life/Pages/BSC-Bethlehem-Project.aspx](http://www.blessedsacramentcathedral.org/parish-life/Pages/BSC-Bethlehem-Project.aspx). Donations can be mailed to Bethlehem Project, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, 300 N. Main St., Greensburg, PA 15650.

**Christmas cookie sale Dec. 4 at St. Rita Parish, Connellsville**

The Christian Mothers at St. Rita Parish, Connellsville, will hold a Christmas cookie sale Saturday, Dec. 4, at 9 a.m. in Bucci hall. The sale will feature Italian favorites such as knots, pizzelles and biscotti.

**St. Anne Home, Greensburg, accepting 2022 Mass Requests** - St. Anne Home, Greensburg, is accepting 2022 Mass requests, especially if a parish has more Mass requests than it can accommodate. The home has Mass at 9:30 a.m. daily. Weekly candles are available for \$2. For information, call 724-837-6070, ext. 3050.

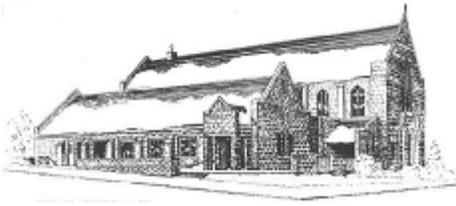
**Notre Dame Club plans Advent Communion Breakfast Dec. 19 in Greensburg**

The Notre Dame Club of Greensburg/Uniontown invites alumni, friends and fans of the University of Notre Dame and Fighting Irish to an Advent communion breakfast at Seton Hill University Sunday, Dec. 19. For details and registration information, visit [my.nd.edu/networks/events/17139](http://my.nd.edu/networks/events/17139).

**Light-up night Dec. 4 at Mother of Sorrows Catholic School, Murrysville**

Mother of Sorrows Catholic School, Murrysville, will host its annual light-up night Saturday, Dec. 4, following 4:30 p.m. Mass. The evening will include a free community dinner, a bonfire with s'mores, caroling, cookies and hot chocolate, a living Nativity, displays of gingerbread houses and student Nativity scenes, and a Christmas shop. For information, visit [MOSSchool.org](http://MOSSchool.org).

**'Gabriel's Christmas Show' Dec. 11-12 at St. Bruno Parish, South Greensburg** - Alabaster Performing Arts will present "Gabriel's Christmas Show," described as a "dynamic fusion of live performance, film, dance, singing and acting," Saturday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. in St. Bruno Parish Hall, South Greensburg. The show will feature St. Bruno parishioners and professional performers. Admission is \$12 (free for children 12 and younger)



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
Irwin, Pennsylvania

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*November 28, 2021 - Order of the Mass*

ORGAN PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on "Wachet Auf"  
*Johann Sebastian Bach*

VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, raise up from our homes those called by the Father:  
courageous and humble men to the Priesthood, generous servants to the Permanent Diaconate,  
faithful people to Consecrated Life, and holy men and women to the Sacrament of Marriage.  
Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation to holiness by listening to the Father's voice and  
responding with a sacrificial love. Holy Mary, Model of vocations, pray for us. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

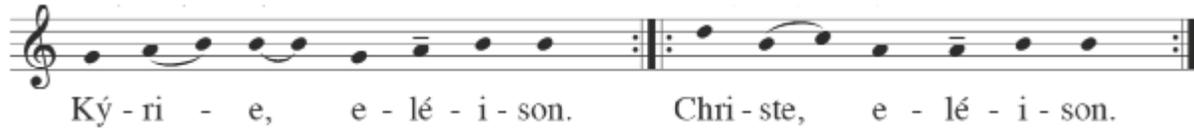
STUTTGART

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to  
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of  
3. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a  
4. By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in

1. set thy peo - ple free! From our fears and  
2. all the earth thou art; Dear de - sire of  
3. child, and yet a king: Born to reign in  
4. all our hearts a - lone; By thine all - suf -

1. sins re - lease us, Let us find our rest in thee.  
2. ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
3. us for - ev - er, Now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
4. fi - cient mer - it Raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: 87 87; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: Christian F. Witt's *Harmonia Sacra*, 1715;  
adapt. by Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876.



(Then repeat the first Kyrie.)

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the LORD,  
when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of  
Israel and Judah.  
In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a  
just shoot;  
he shall do what is right and just in the land.  
In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall  
dwell secure;  
this is what they shall call her:  
“The LORD our justice.”

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 25

*James J. Chepponis*

*To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

**SECOND READING**

1 Thessalonians 3:12–4:2

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase  
and abound in love for one another and for all, just as  
we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be  
blameless in  
holiness before our God and Father at the coming of  
our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.  
Amen. Finally, brothers and sisters, we  
earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as  
you received from us how you should conduct your-  
selves to please God and as you are conducting your-  
selves you do so even more.  
For you know what instructions we gave you through  
the Lord Jesus.

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

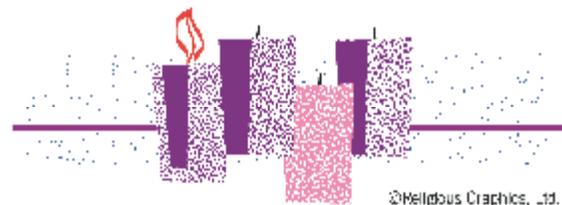
**GOSPEL READING**

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: “There will be signs in the sun,  
the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in  
dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves.  
People will die of fright in anticipation of what is  
coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will  
be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming  
in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs  
begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads  
because your redemption is at hand. “Beware that your  
hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunken-  
ness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you  
by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone  
who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times  
and pray that you have the strength  
to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand  
before the Son of Man.”

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

**HOMILY**



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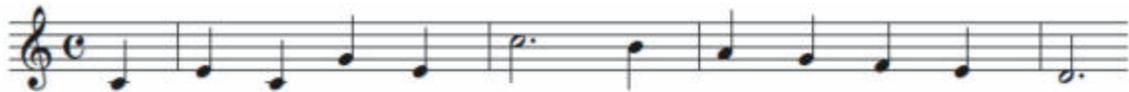
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial 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

#### PREPARATION OF GIFTS

Rejoice, the Lord Is King



1. Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!  
2. The Lord, our Sav - ior, reigns, The God of truth and love.  
3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n.  
4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ the Judge shall come



Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, And tri - umph ev - er - more.  
When he had purged our sins, He took his seat a - bove.  
The keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n.  
And take his ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal home.



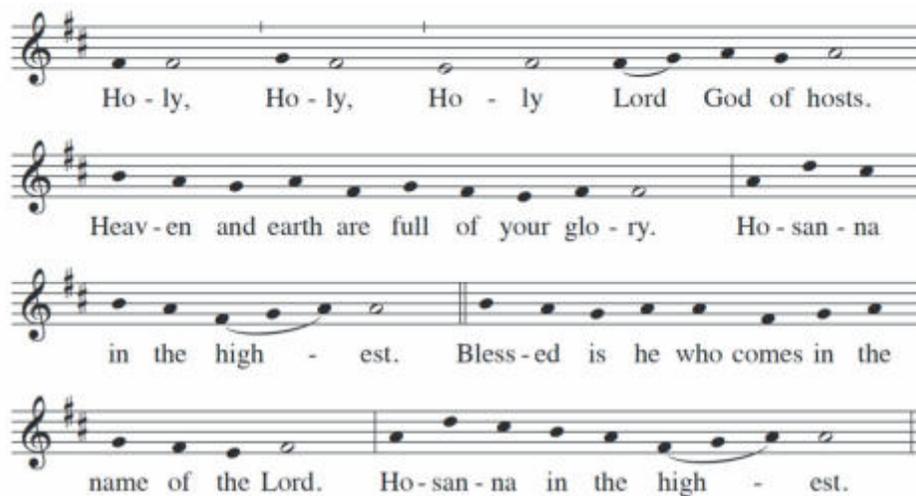
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!



Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

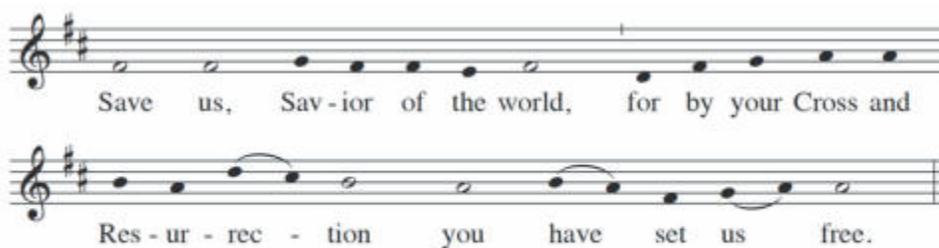
EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

New Plainsong Mass  
David Hurd



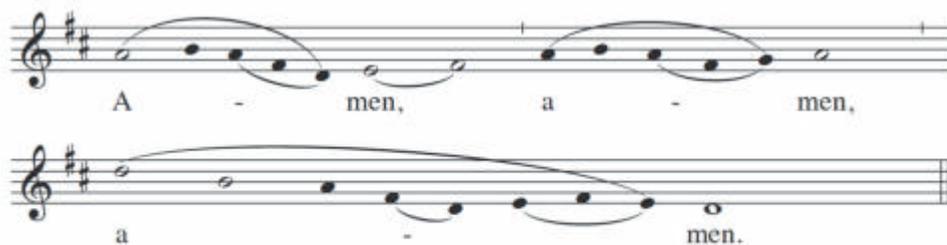
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and  
Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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

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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

Christ, Be Our Light

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
 Shine through the dark - ness, Christ, be our light!  
 Shine in your Church gath-ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b.1957  
 Tune: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, 9 8 9 6 with refrain; Bernadette Farrell, b.1957  
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

When the King Shall Come Again

1. When the King shall come a - gain, All his pow'r re -  
 2. In the des - ert trees take root Fresh from his cre -  
 veal - ing, Splen - dor shall an - nounce his reign,  
 a - tion; Plants and flow'rs and sweet - est fruit  
 Life and the joy and heal - ing; Earth no  
 Join the cel - e - bra - tion; Riv - ers  
 long - er in de - cay, Hope no more frus - trat - ed;  
 spring up from the earth, Bar - ren lands a - dorn - ing;  
 This is God's re - demp - tion day  
 Val - leys, this is your new birth,  
 Long - ing - ly a - wait - ed.  
 Moun - tains, greet the morn - ing!

Text: Isaiah 35; Christopher M. Idle, b.1938, alt., © 1982, The Jubilate Group (admin. by Hope Publishing Company)  
 Tune: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, 7 6 7 6 D; Johann Horn, c. 1495-1547

POSTLUDE

Prelude Solennel on "Veni Emmanuel"  
 Richard Purvis

# Please join us for Breakfast with St. Nick!



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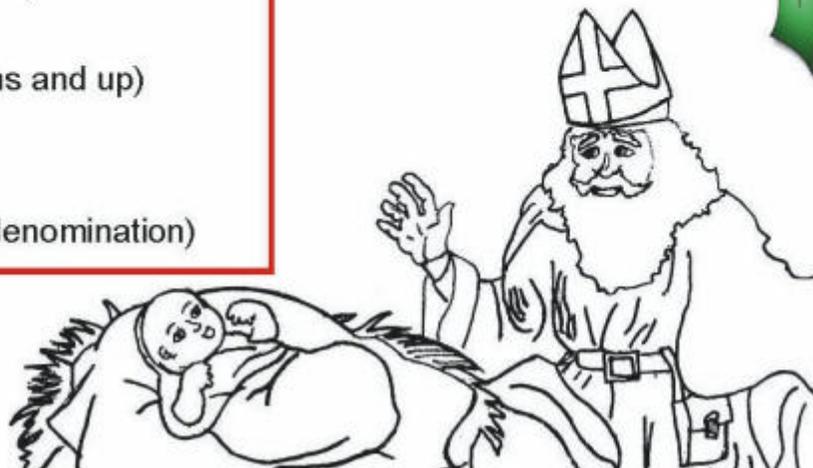
This is a free event, but families are encouraged to donate items to Catholic Charities' baby closet as their gift to Baby Jesus this Christmas. (List below)

Come join us for photos with St. Nick, card making, face painting, crafts, games, service project and much more!

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