

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## NOVEMBER 12, 2023—THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, November 11

8:00 a.m. Betty Eizenhafer (Family)

4:30 p.m. Paul Duffy (Family)

Sunday, November 12

8:00 a.m. Nancy Gasparro (Fabyanic Family)

10:00 a.m. Dolly Simon (Simon Family)

11:30 a.m. Alfred Bilesimo (Family)

Monday, November 13

7:45 a.m. Bill Flynn (Family)

Tuesday, November 14

7:45 a.m. Carol Brush (Family)

6:30 p.m. Regina Kisner (Family)

Wednesday, November 15

7:45 a.m. Blaine Burgert (Family)

Thursday, November 16

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family

Friday, November 17

7:45 a.m. All IC Staff Members (Toni & Charlie)

Saturday, November 18

8:00 a.m. Butch Malkos (Bodzenski Family)

4:30 p.m. Jim Whalen (Family)

Sunday, November 19

8:00 a.m. Louise Polczynski (Husband)

10:00 a.m. Bernard & Marion Arendas

(Family)

11:30 a.m. Delores Nese (Family)

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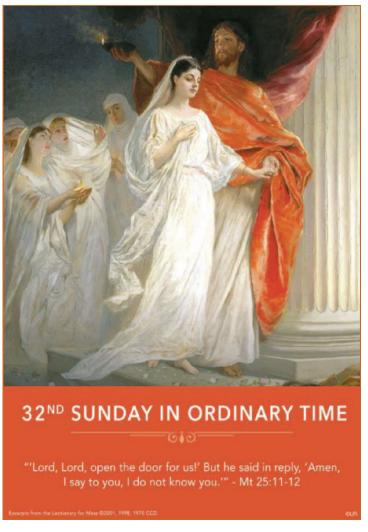
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## HAPPENINGS ON THE CORNER!

## **Christmas:** A Reason for Hope **Grief Share**

## How planning benefits you

The holidays can be unpredictable in grief, but having a simple, flexible plan will help give you a bit of control over your emotions.

## Will the holidays always hurt this much?

H. Norman Wright, counselor and traumatologist who faced the death of his wife and two children, answers this auestion.

Join us for an afternoon with others that are struggling the loss of a loved one this holiday season. **November 12, 2023** 3 PM to 5 PM **Our Lady's Plaza** 

## **Immaculata Men's and Women's**

**Groups** - Next sessions will be Saturday, November 18th for the men's group (IMG) and Sunday, November 19th for the women's group (IWG) at 6:30am in Our Lady's Plaza, we will continue watching Season 3 of "The Chosen". All are welcome! Feel free to bring a friend!

THE CASH BASH WAS A SUCCESS! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED IT IN ANY **WAY, ESPECIALLY THE VOLUNTEERS! BOTH PARISHES ARE BLESSSED** & THANKFUL!



St. Anne Home in Greensburg **2024 Lottery Calendars sponsored by the** Felician Sisters are available for \$30 each in the Parish Office.

Winners are determined by the 3-digit PA Lottery 7p.m. Daily Number (Pick 3). Questions, please call the parish office.

### ATTENTION LECTORS

Please pick up your workbook for the Liturgical Year "B", before/after all Masses in the Gathering Room in church. Please sign your name on the provided sheet that you received your book. 2023 Year "A" Book ends Sunday, November 26th.

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

#### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**Christian Mothers Women's Guild (CMWG) GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** 

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023** 7 pm—JOIN US FOR 6:30 pm MASS **OUR LADY'S PLAZA QUESTIONS: CALL THE PARISH OFFICE -**724-863-9550.

#### **ADVENT ITEM SALE**

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 11/12 AND WEEKEND OF **NOVEMBER 18/19 in CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROOM.** CHILDREN' S LITURGY ROOM/GATHERING ROOM THEOLOGY ON THE VINE-**CATHOLIC CHRISTMAS TRIVIA** 

DEC 6, 2023 AT 6 PM IN OUR LADY'S PLAZA

## アンスプランスプランスプランスプランスプランスプランスプランスプラン **HOLIDAY CASH—RAFFLE TICKET**

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE NOV. 18/19th BEFORE AND AFTER ALL MASSES. (SEE SAMPLE BELOW) tickets available now in the parish office!



## 3333333333333333333333333333333333 Holiday Cash FOUR DAYS TO WIN



Winning number taken from First PA Pick 3 EVENING Number drawing on

Dec. 25, 2023 - Win \$2000.00 CASH Dec. 26, 2023 - Win \$1000.00 CASH Dec. 31, 2023 - Win \$1000.00 CASH Jan. 1, 2024 - Win \$1000.00 CASH Benefits Immaculate Conception Parish

Donation \$10.00

1000 Tickets Sold SGOC License #409

## **ANNUAL CHRISTIAN MOTHERS WOMEN'S GUILD (CMWG) NO BAKE BAKE SALE**

BEGINS THE WEEKEND OF NOV. 4/5 AND ENDS THE WEEKEND OF NOV. 25/26. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE BAKE SALE. ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

\*CMWG—CHRISTMAS PARTY IS DECEMBER 3, 2023!

## **PASTOR'S NOTES**



## <u>Diocesan Increase Offertory Program</u> "TENDING TO THE GARDENS OF OUR LIFE"

As we prepare to make our "thanksgiving" Increase Offertory Pledge, we continue to look at the stewardship "gardens of our life".

For the Christian steward, today's world is a garden to cultivate for the glory of God and the service of humankind. In the past weeks, we have meditated upon the Bodily, Social, Political, and Moral Gardens. This week we will look at the Technological Garden of our lives. In this garden we find the greatest challenges of the new millennium.

#### "DO YOU HAVE YOUR EARS ON?"

Christmas of 1976 was the year that high powered technology entered my life! Gaining the capability to reach the world via our first citizens band radio. We are not talking a walkie-talkie or a trucker's mobile unit ... this was a base set with a 30-foot outdoor antenna!! We were official. Call letters (KZR-2385) and a handle (porcupine) to boot. Talking to our friends communicating with people from all over the country at no cost at all!!! I could never imagine how the world could get any smaller! What little did I know of what was around the corner. Now it seems silly, as it is obsolete! Technology is not a fad today... it is the way of our lives!

#### THE INFORMATION HIGHWAY



Waking in the morning to the alarm on my personal cell phone begins the day of high-tech priesthood. I check to see if I missed any late-night text messages from the answering service concerning pastoral care or cancellations of appointments. After praying and preparing for morning Mass I hop in my truck that asks me, in a kind and courteous voice, to please fasten my seat belt, I am quick to oblige even though I am only traveling a few blocks to the church. As I drink my first protein shake of the day I wake up my computer screen and head to the email that awaits me. Interesting how many emails written between 4PM and 5AM that await me in the morning. One of my most interesting emails is the one my truck sent me via "on Star" .... It is a self-diagnostic report. Now I know that my oil needs to be changed in the next hundred miles or so

while my tire inflation is right on the mark. If I care to know further how to tend to the basic maintenance of the vehicle there is a web address that I can click instead of looking up the manual that came with the car. Cell and car phones, GPS systems, internet, emails and on-line banking all available on the "Smart phone" allows me to multi-task and accomplish more things, communicate with more people, research more theological issues and travel greater distances before I speak to a single soul who rises from their sleep. Yes, welcome to the information highway. Who is policing this technological juggernaut? WE MUST!!!

#### STEWARDS OF TECHNOLOGY

All is well with the advancements of technology and the advancements of the human race it supports... but how are we using it? How is it using us? Being a steward of such a gift makes us realize that we are responsible for using this garden to bear fruit of the kingdom and not the apple of Eden. Does the fascination with the endless sources of information lead us toward rich and healthy relationships or isolation? Do the messages that we send and the information that we gleam strengthen our intellect and communication skills or does it just give new meaning to "idle chat"? Does Serving the World Wide Web lead to intellectual stimulation or unnecessary temptation? To answer these questions as a concerned steward run this simple diagnostic test on your Tech Life.



CELL PHONE: Check the most recent phone calls (or text messages) that you made and received.

How many were necessary to make or receive at the moment they were experienced? Did you interrupt a personal conversation, employment or family event to take/receive that call? Were you driving at the time of the call/text?

The importance of your cell phone: Is it necessary to have it with you at all times? Do you ever find yourself turning around and returning home to retrieve it? Do you feel obligated to have your phone on all of the time? Do you wait in line to be the first to purchase the newest Apple iPhone when the one you have is just fine? Do you know how to use a rotary phone in case of an emergency?

**INTERNET**: Click your History button at the top of your web browser. Look at all the places that you have visited in the last week and month. How many of them relate directly to your work, spiritual needs and intellectual advancement? How many of the sites that you or your family visited relate to entertainment, inappropriate material, gambling or unnecessary spending?

The same can be asked about the television and emails. We can ask ourselves these types of questions about all technological advancements. Do they aide in the building up of our society or do they tear them down? Do they promote inter-human relationships and trust in God or individuality and self-fulfillment? Does it allow us to reach out to serve and share the mission of the Church or does it distract us from the Kingdom of God?

#### TO CHANGE THE WORLD

I can't help but think about the technological advancements and how they have changed my life as a minister of the Gospel, as well as, tempt me to idleness as a creature of concupiscence.

## **PASTOR'S NOTES CONTINUED**



OSM-The You-Tube channel we created during the pandemic was an overwhelming successful tool to communicate with you. We not only successfully produced the Sunday Mass programming but provided week to week updates on spiritual matters that kept us all so close while we were forced to "stay home" and away from parish life. Over a thousand videos have been shared and the format had allowed me to share health and spiritual updates during my participation in cancer. At the same time, many hours can be wasted watching and viewing videos that are less efficacious bringing no real intellectual or spiritual value. I am dependent on these forms of communication and knowledge. I know that I need them to bear fruit in this fast-

paced world. I know that I need to use them as a tool to further the kingdom and avoid the pit falls, as well.

#### HUMANITARIAN VS SAINT

On August 31, 1997 Diana, the Princess of Wales was killed in a horrible car crash. Thousands upon thousands of pictures



were taken of the accident and worldwide coverage was broadcast continuously through and until the day of her funeral on September 6th a week later. Just like the royal wedding in the summer of 1981, and throughout her public life, people were engrossed in her life and her death. She was beautiful and a fairy tale type princess that all little girls dreamed to be some day. Diana was praised for her work as an Anti-land mine activist and won the Nobel Peace Prize

in October of 1997 just a few months after her death. She was rightly praised for her work as a humanitarian for she was truly concerned with the promotion of human welfare and the groups that would bring about good

works.

In the midst of the world media coverage of the fallen Princess of Wales that late summer, a humble and holy woman of God passed peacefully accompanied by her sisters in Calcutta, India. The New York Times, in the midst of the media frenzy of Diana's death, took time out to write: "Mother Teresa, the Roman Catholic nun who won the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize for her work

among the poorest of the world's poor, died in Calcutta, India, where she lived since her work with the destitute began five decades ago. She was 87." Mother Teresa was not praised simply as a humanitarian but was already considered by those who knew her as a Saint!

This Stark contrast that played out the weeks following the death of these two women was not lost on me as I prayed for both and the people that they served. Diana lived in royalty while Mother Teresa chose to live in poverty. Diana's service to humanity was noble in its reaching and Mother Teresa's lived with and for the people that she served. Saint Mother Teresa did not serve to be seen nor to simply raise the downtrodden out of their poverty but for the welfare of their Souls! Her desire was to make them comfortable in this life as they prepared for their death and entrance into Eternal Life. Mother Teresa was a humanitarian as far as she tended to each person who was in need and a Saint because she did so to serve Christ Jesus who lived within each of the poor and desolate.

I share this comparison not to criticize the difference but only to point it out in the context of Christian Faith. This message of service to the "least of God's People" follows from His great commandment of Love God and love neighbor as you love yourself. Last week (please refer to icirwin.org website under bulletins) I wrote how the great commandment of loving God with our whole existence and the desire to "trade up" for His love gives us the confidence and humility to love our neighbor. But when, where, and how do we do this without simply being humanitarians, but saints? The answer comes again from a great parable that Jesus tells and that Saint Mother Teresa based her whole life. The parable sums up the actions towards others as the out reaching to Christ himself who wants to be glorified in the soul of every one of his bipod creatures.

The parable is known as the separation of the Sheep and Goats From the 25th chapter of St. Matthews Gospel:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations' will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.

Reaching out to our neighbor is not an act that seeks recognition for a good deed done but is the extension of Christ Himself as an act of love to the Heavenly Father! Think of it this way: Jesus always proclaimed that the greatest act of Love of the heavenly Father is to do His will! Jesus took on flesh to become like us so that we may become like Him. Like Jesus How? To recognize that every act of charity, compassion, healing, instruction of Truth and Hope is the will of the Father! These acts in of them self may on the surface, seem to be the work of a humanitarian, but they are far more

## **PASTOR'S NOTES CONTINUED**

reaching beyond the worldly need to the spiritual needs of the Divine Soul! When you "do these things," as a response with the heart, soul, mind and Strength of God then you are doing it with Jesus (to Me) as a part of the mission of saving souls and raising them to new life.

Mother Teresa understood this parable as the response to the great commandment of love. Mother Teresa was not looking for people to recognize her work as she served the poorest of the poor but to see the effect of her ministry as saving souls that were worth saving: "The least of your Brother." Mother Teresa wanted nothing more than for her savior and Lord Jesus Christ to love her into holiness! To nurture her in her weakness (least of His creatures) to a life of Grace! Mother Teresa served the poor, loved her neighbors as herself for she offered to them exactly what she hoped God was offering her: A share of the heavenly Father's Kingdom!

Humanitarians, who act outside of a love of God and neighbor, are truly great "Human Beings." Some do it for recognition, others do it because their prominent position necessitates such work, others do it for that deep-down good feeling that follows which is the beginning of the search for doing it for a greater reason and a higher calling.



In the parable those who served the least, as well as, those who did not serve the least were unaware of who they were serving. But those who gave drink to the thirsty and clothes to the naked knew that there was something more and they would find as God's presence for they already shared in His love for them. But those who ignored the opportunity to serve had no desire to do so because they did not first love God and their very self!

Here, once again, is the great catch 22! For those who serve as a humanitarian for the greater cause will find the love of God and His presence there. Love of neighbor begets the love of God. The Love of God begets the love of neighbor. But, those who serve those in need out of duty, obligation, recognition, and honor will find it a laborious task and eventually nonrewarding. Without the "G" factor (God factor) any love shared will be human love and only acknowledged in the flesh (humanitarian) and not in the soul for which is the design of God!

So, Jesus speaks of service to those who are hungry, thirsty, estranged, naked, ill or in prisoned as those who need His Mercy and as the true neighbor. So how does one serve these needs in our everyday neighbor? There is far more to this service than as it first appears. Many more opportunities than you may first believe. This service is applicable to everyone we meet when we approach it with the humility of the saint and not simply as a humanitarian.

## ANGEL'S CORNER QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# QUEEN OF ANGELS WILL BE SELLING GIFT CARDS AGAIN THIS YEAR FOR OUR CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE BEGINNING THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 18/19.



## **NOVEMBER 12, 2023 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **CANDLES**

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Lou & Irene Kubish by

Family

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of Barbara Hillwig by

Janet & Bill Mach

Divine Mercy Candle: In Memory of deceased of the Uderman

& Palmieri Families by Uderman Family

St. Peregrine Candle: In Memory of James Lavelle by Anne

St. Joseph's Candle: Month's Mind

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

In Memory of Langer & Raspotnik Families

by Sandy



November 12 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

 Wisdom
 6:12-16

 Thessalonians
 4:13-18

 Matthew
 25:1-13

November 19 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

1Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30

## **Prayers and Sympathy**



Please pray for the families & friends of Florence Coles, Diane Ramsey and William Shiffler & all of our dearly departed. May they rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon them.

### **GRIEF-SHARING GROUP**

Monday evenings from August 21, 2023 through

November 20, 202 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Children's Liturgy room in the church.

Gerri Dornin at <a href="mailto:gdornin@comcast.net">gdornin@comcast.net</a> to register or for more additional information.

## **Homebound Ministry**

If you know of any family, neighbors, or fellow parishioners who are homebound and would like to have a Homebound Minister bring them Holy Communion, please call Sharyn Gesmond at the Parish Office 724.863.9550 or

Email her at: sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org

We have many opportunities to become involved:

If you are interested in volunteering or planning to resume volunteering for our parish ministries and parish activities please contact Sharyn Gesmond at sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org

724-863-9550 to update and/or obtain your clearances.

## **SACRAMENTS**

## **Anointing of the Sick**

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

## Matrimony

Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must contact the parish office one year in advance of the wedding.

## **Baptism**

Families of our parish who wish to have their child baptized should call the parish office to register for Baptism Preparation.

## Confession

Tuesday: 5:15-6:15 pm & Saturday: 9-10 am

Immaculate Conception
Parish offers
Online Giving
For additional information
visit our website at:



## www.icirwin.org/ giving/funds or scan the QR Code

If you decide to switch to online giving and would like to discontinue your envelopes please contact the parish office. Thank you!



# **WEEKLY OFFERING:**

Luke 6:38 Sunday 10/28/29 offertory \$16,322.25

World Mission Collection was \$1,345.50

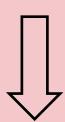
Online Giving - 10/30-11/5 is \$6,144.30

#### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

#### **Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information**

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 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.

## **SANTA IS COMING**



## **ANGEL'S CORNER**



Save the Date!



# Moe's



Moe's Southwest Grill Taco Kit Fundraiser Supporting Queen of Angels School

## **Delivery is November 15th**

- \$10 of each kit goes to support our
- Orders are due by noon on Monday, November 13th
- Pick up is Wednesday,
   November 15th from 5-5:30 in the gym

Thanks for your support!

Please scan the QR code to order:

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## COME LET US ADORE HIM...

## Senior Youth Ministry is sponsoring an ADVENT SUPPLIES SALE

\*\*\*All of the profits from this sale will help support the various spiritual experiences offered to the youth of the 412 Senior Youth Ministry.

Thanks for your support and have a prayerful Advent!



November 11 & 12

November 18 & 19

After all Masses

## **SOME ITEMS FOR SALE:**

Advent Taper Candle Set (3 purple, 1 rose)

Brass Advent Wreath (sm. and lg.)

Christmas Car Magnets

Bracelets, Ornaments

Variety of Advent Count-down Calendars...price varies

...and much more!

## LET'S GIVE THANKS TOGETHER AS A PARISH FAMILY

Before we join our families around our tables Thanksgiving Day, I invite you to gather as a parish family around the table of **Christ for Mass, on Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:30 p.m.,** followed by a reception in **Our Lady's Plaza.** The "Eucharist" means thanksgiving. There is no better way to count our blessings!

## We will provide:

- Slider Sandwiches
- → Water, Soda & Sangria
- ₱ Paper Products
- Pround Tables & Tablecloths

## What can you bring:

- \*Your favorite appetizer to share
- \*Family and friends
- \*\*We can plug crockpots in but are not able to heat anything in the oven.

FRIENDLY REMINDER: PLEASE TAKE TRAYS, PLATES AND/OR PLATTERS WITH YOU WHEN YOU LEAVE SO THEY DON'T DISAPPEAR!



## November Faithful Challenge: Remember Those Who Have Died

This month's faithful challenge is to remember those who have died. You are invited to join Bishop Kulick during this year of Eucharistic Revival to strengthen our Catholic Community by memorializing our departed loved ones and friends.

#### Accept Bishop Kulick's Faithful Challenge by:

- · Lighting a candle
- · Offering a Mass
- Visiting a gravesite
- Volunteering at a cemetery
- · Donating to a cemetery
- · Attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist

These rituals of memorial can unite us to our departed loves ones.

This November, we give thanks for the time on Earth we shared with those who have died, and offer our prayers for family and friends in Heaven. The greatest prayer we can offer is Mass. If you would like to have a Mass offered for a deceased loved one, contact our parish office or e-mail the Diocesan Mission office at missions@dioceseofgreensburg.org and someone will help you arrange this. Accept Bishop Kulick's November faithful challenge and remember those who have died.



# Times Silving

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

## THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 12, 2023 - Order of the Mass

#### 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.

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



#### GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless, you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

Wisdom 6:12-16

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate. For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 63

Chrysogonus Waddell

My soul is thirsting for you, Lord my God.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are

alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him! Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you. Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

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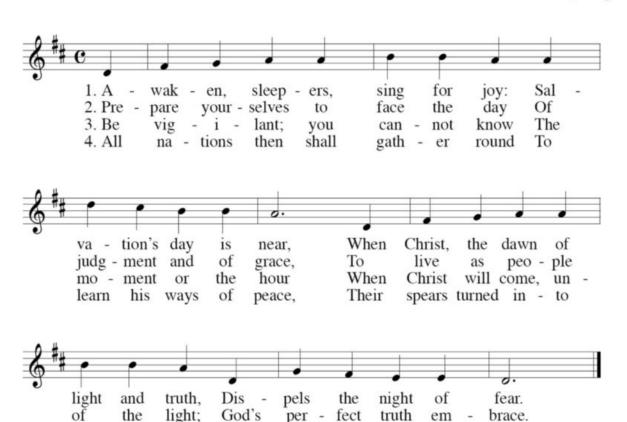
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with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

Awaken, Sleepers



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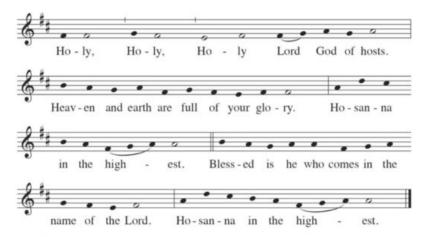
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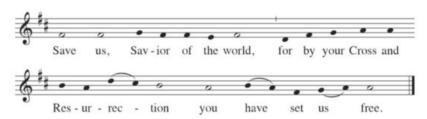
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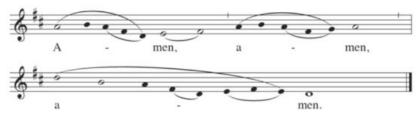
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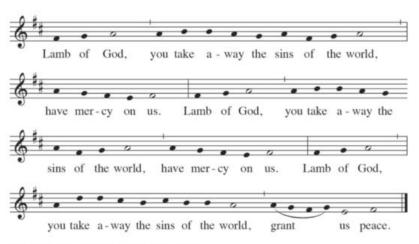
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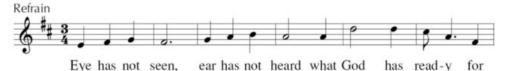
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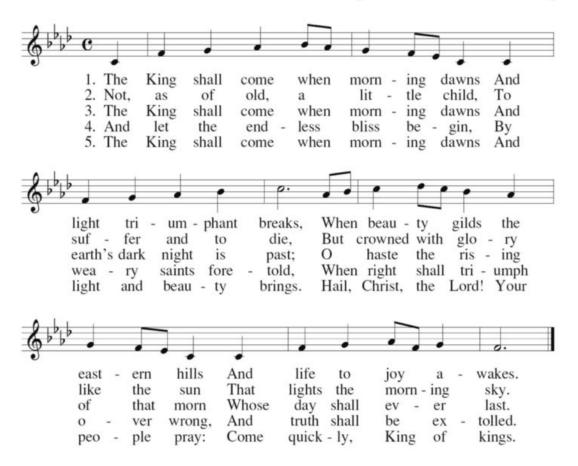
those who love him; Spir-it of love, come, give us the mind of



Text: 1 Corinthians 2:9–10; Marty Haugen, b.1950 Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950 © 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN

## The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



Text: John Brownlie, 1857-1925, alt.

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