



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
DECEMBER 8 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Saturday, December 7, 2024**

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

4:30 p.m. Darrell Dole (Wife & Children)

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

8:00 a.m. Jerold Gesmond (Family)

10:00 a.m. Manning, Francese, & White Families  
(Toots)

11:30 a.m. George Delose (Family)

**Monday, December 9, 2024**

*Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception.  
A Holy Day of Obligation*

8:00 a.m. Ida & Herman Richardson (Family)

6:00 p.m. Jud & Bill Shiffler Jr. (Cheryl)

**Tuesday, December 10, 2024**

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family  
*No Adoration, No Confessions, and  
No 6:30 p.m. Mass*

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

7:45 a.m. Harry Cochran (Family)

**Thursday, December 12, 2024**

7:45 a.m. Rita Wintermoyer (Roberta)

**Friday, December 13, 2024**

7:45 a.m. Tom Agnew (Jody)

**Saturday, December 14, 2024**

8:00 a.m. Carole Bilesimo (Chuck & Kathi)

4:30 p.m. Dennis Clipper (Lois)

**Sunday, December 15, 2024**

8:00 a.m. Lynnette McHugh (Cindy)

10:00 a.m. James Armstrong  
(Marge & Family)

11:30 a.m. John & Theresa Carrera (Family)

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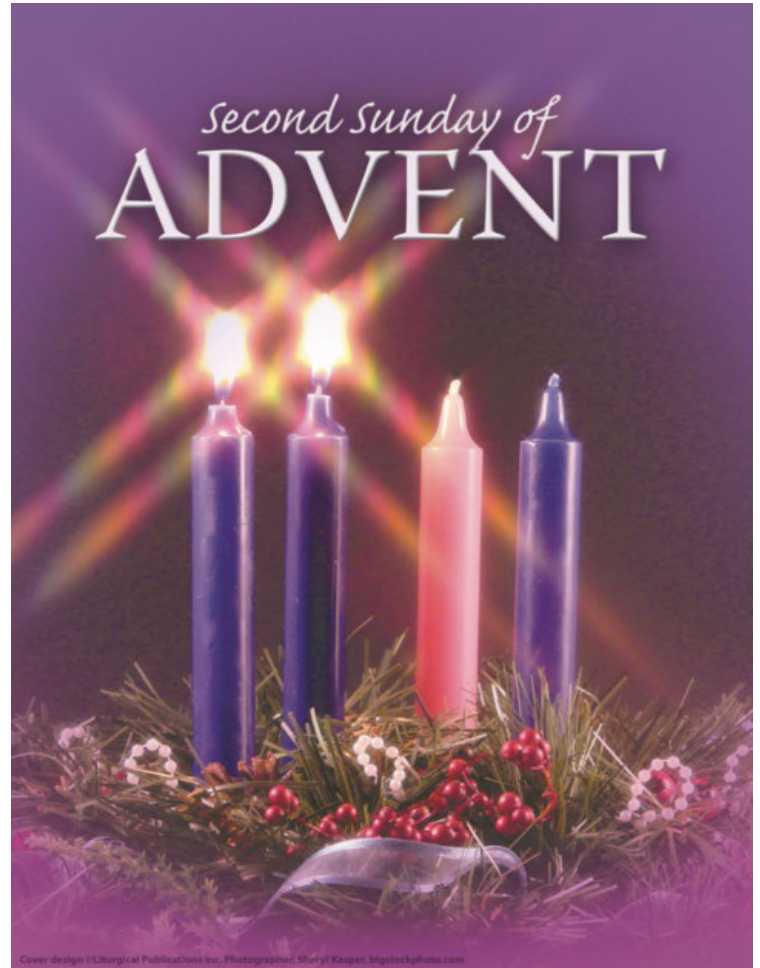
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Parish Office: 724-863-9550

**Parish Office Hours:**  
8 am to 3 pm

# PASTOR'S NOTES

We have all heard the stories of Advent over and over again, and yet even though they were written so very long ago, the history that we hear does not only apply to past events. The pains and frustrations of people so very long ago are the same pains and frustrations we feel every day, even though the events of history are different. It is ironic how we as people never seem to change or learn from the past, we just keep doing the same things and making the same mistakes over and over again.

Advent offers to each of us an opportunity just to sit back and become aware of life as we are living it. Our days are all filled with many tasks, and most of the things we do, we do without much thought. We go through our “routines” without really thinking about what we are doing. Then there are all of those chores we just can't seem to get started with. For many of our tasks in life it is the beginning that is most difficult, just getting started. Once we begin, energy and stamina seem to kick in and we get finished. Our gospel for this week opens with the words: “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.” We are told about a messenger who would get things ready, but is this really the beginning? The real beginning is when the people go out and encounter John, and as the gospel unfolds the people go out and encounter Jesus. This is the beginning we all need to focus on. How do we encounter this Jesus the Son of God? Advent then becomes the many ways that we prepare for these encounters.

We do not know a lot about John but we certainly learn a lot from his message. One thing is very clear and that is His ministry was not about himself but about the “one mightier than I (who) is coming after me.” Everything that John did, pointed to the coming of Jesus. He proclaimed repentance, prepared for Jesus and died, this was the pattern of his life. It should also be the pattern for our own lives: proclaiming the gospel of repentance, prepare for Christ's many comings and to die to ourselves daily. By our Christian living we not only point to Christ, but we also make present the Christ who dwells in us. The challenge of gospel living is the beginning – getting started.

During this second week of Advent we are called upon to reflect over our lives. What have we learned from the past, how have we grown because of it? How have we dealt with our mistakes, faults and weaknesses? Do we follow the wisdom of scripture and treat people with compassion and mercy pointing them to Christ? This is what the season is all about, getting ready for our many encounters with Jesus.

The baptism of repentance proclaimed by John is just the beginning; repentance leads to baptism “with the Holy Spirit” through which we are empowered for mission, and the mission calls us to participate with Christ in bringing about “new heavens and a new earth.” Through our own baptism we participate in the life and ministry of Jesus. The way that we live our lives does make a difference. By the goodness of our lives we announce that Christ has come and brought us salvation.

- *Father Mike*



## CANDLES

### **Sanctuary Candle:**

In Memory of Darrell Dole (Wife & Children)

### **Divine Mercy:**

In Memory of Jerold Gesmond  
(Dan & Joan McCarthy)

### **St. Peregrine Candle:**

In Memory of Michele Ruby & Liddie Blank  
(Courtney)

### **Easter Flame Candle:**

In Memory of Ronald Krause (Wife & Children)

### **St. Joseph's Candle:**

In Memory of Charles McCright (Lenart Family)

### **Altar Candles for the Month of December:**

In Memory of Jud & Bill Shiffer Jr.  
(Meg & Natalie)

### **Advent Candles:**

In Memory of Joe, Jinny, Beverly, Mary Jo  
& John Ott (Family)

If you would like to have a candle lit in memory of your loved one, please call the parish office. We will be glad to help you. 724-863-9550



Please pray for the families of Pamela Kach and Betty Ann Whitney and all of our faithful departed.  
*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

OH MARY,  
CONCEIVED  
WITHOUT SIN,  
PRAY FOR US  
WHO HAVE  
RECOURSE  
TO THEE.



### **Prayer for the second week of Advent *Prayer of Preparation***

With abiding hope as we look forward to Jesus' arrival. Make straight the paths, Lord! Fill us with holy excitement, in Your name. Amen.

## 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 please email Susan Cheplic at [skcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:skcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org) to register for Baptism Preparation.

### **Confession**

Tuesday 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. & Saturday 9-10 a.m.  
(except for the first Saturday of the month)

### **Divine Mercy**

Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet Monday through Friday at 3:00 pm in the church.



**There will be NO Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday December 10th due to cleaning of the church floors.**  
*Thank you for understanding.*

**Sunday Offertory  
November 24 - \$13,140.46**

**Online Giving  
November 21 - November 27 - \$3,827.10**

***Thank you for your generosity!***

**Immaculate Conception Parish offers  
Online Giving.**

- Scan QR Code on the new Pew Cards or QR Code below.
- Click Create a new account.
- Create an ID and password.
- Allow 2 minutes to complete the process.



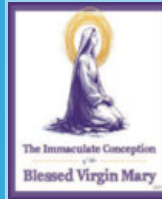
If you decide to switch to online giving and would like to discontinue your envelopes please contact the parish office. Thank you!

# HAPPENINGS ON THE CORNER & AROUND THE DIOCESE



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH SURVEY

We want to hear from you! Please scan the QR code to complete the survey. Thank you!



## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception A Holy Day of Obligation Monday, December 9

Immaculate Conception: 8:00 am & 6:00 pm  
\*Please join us after 6:00 pm Mass for an Organ Recital with Chaz Bowers\*

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: 8:30 am & 6:30 pm



## We still have Masses available for 2025!

The 2025 Mass book is open. To schedule a Mass for your loved one, you can stop in or call the parish office during office hours. The suggested Mass stipend is \$10.00.



Altar Candles are available for 2025. They are lit in memory of the person or family for a month. The cost is \$100. Please call the office at 724-863-9550 to schedule.

Oplatki are available in back of church. Suggested donation is \$3.00. Thank you!

### St. Anne Home, Greensburg Lottery Calendars

St. Anne Home lottery calendars are available at Immaculate Conception parish office during office hours. Cost is \$30, with 365 chances to win.



The Immaculate Conception Creation Care Team meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Children's Liturgy Room. The team's focus is to study the encyclical "*Laudato Si, Care for Our Common Home*" and to turn the Pope's vision into effective actions. For more information, Chris Peta at [chris@syncrous.com](mailto:chris@syncrous.com)



Tis the Season! We are looking for a few good men, women, teens to help the **Decorating Committee for Christmas**. We need help with lifting, climbing ladders, decorating trees, setup mangers etc., **Sunday, December 22, immediately following 11:30 Mass**. Please call the parish office (724-863-9550) by December 17<sup>th</sup> to sign up to volunteer. You must have up to date clearances on file at the parish office to volunteer.

"Did you hear about the shepherd who wanted a new job?"



"He fell asleep counting sheep."



**FUN FACT!** Shepherding was a lowly job in the biblical era, but shepherds were the first notified of Jesus' birth!

# 4:12 High School Ministry Presents:



All proceeds help to send 4:12 High School Ministry teens to Catholic Heart WorkCamp, Steubenville Conferences, Camp Damascus, and the National Catholic Youth Conference!

**Saturday, February 22, 2025**

\*\*\*SNOW DATE... (March 1st)...Watch KDKA for cancellation information

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton — Mack Hall — 200 Leger Rd. N. Huntingdon, PA 15642  
Doors Open 10:45 AM — "Early Bird" Bingo Starts 11:45 AM

**Jackpot Payout — \$ 1,000.00**

20 Games — \$ 100 Payout Each (18 cards)

Four Specials — \$50 / \$150 (6 cards)

Extra Packets \$6 (sold at door)

\$30 per Ticket

Lunch & Beverage Included



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Mail check & registration to:  
St. Agnes Church  
Re: Super Bingo  
11400 St. Agnes Lane  
N. Huntingdon, PA 15642

OR

Purchase tickets at St. Elizabeth  
Ann Seton, St. Agnes, or  
Immaculate Conception church  
offices.

For information, tickets, dietary restrictions and seating arrangements, please call Mary Frankhauser at 724-600-4894.



JOIN IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION FOR OUR  
**Advent Music Series**

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER, 1ST AT 6:30 PM

**Vocal Recital of Marian Music**

SARAH RICHARDS - SOPRANO  
IAN BROWN - ORGAN

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MONDAY, DECEMBER, 9TH  
FOLLOWING 6PM MASS

**Organ Recital**

CHAZ BOWERS - ORGAN

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SUNDAY DECEMBER, 15TH AT 6:00 PM



**A Festival of  
Lessons and Carols**

# *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, or Target gift cards with a variety of denominations. You may also purchase gift cards through Queen of Angels School (please see order form below). Starting on November 18th this tree will be displayed in the Hall of Memories. We 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—**Wednesday, December 11, 2024.**



## Giving Tree Gift Card Order Form:



If you would like to purchase a gift card to help parishioners in need, 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 or mail to our school office.

**No going to the store required!!!**

Queen of Angels will fill the gift card orders that you purchased and return the gift cards to the parish office to be distributed to families in need via St. Vincent de Paul and the parish offices.

Immaculate Conception Giving Tree Gift Cards:

**Giant Eagle:**

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

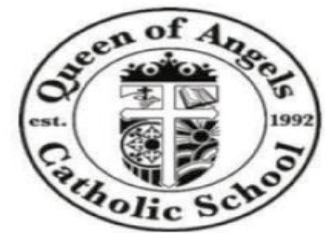
**Walmart:**

Value	Quantity	Total
\$25	( )	\$ _____

**Target:**

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

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

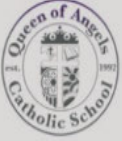


**Thanks for Your Support!!!!**

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)

Please make checks payable to:  
**Queen of Angels School**

## ANGELS CORNER—QUEEN OF ANGEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL



QUEEN OF ANGELS  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS  
LOOKING FOR A

# PRESCHOOL TEACHER

Applicants are requested to submit a letter of interest and current resume to:  
Jennifer Filak, Principal  
jfilak@queenofangelssch.org  
Phone: 724-978-0144  
<https://www.queenofangelssch.org/>



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# PRESCHOOL AIDE

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Mark your calendars for the Queen of Angels Christmas Celebration, Christmas in the Country! On Wednesday, December 11th, at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM in our school auditorium our 2nd and 3rd graders will perform and sing. All Are Welcome! Please join us... any questions, please call the school office at 724-978-014.

### WE STILL HAVE LOTTARY CALENDARS AVAILABLE FOR SALES

2025 brings us another great "Pot of Gold" Lottery Calendar and 365 chances of winning! Proceeds from this major fundraising event are a valuable source of income for Queen of Angels.

Calendars are \$30 each and run from Jan. 1, 2025, to Dec. 31, 2025. 365 prizes totaling over \$13,000 and ranging from \$25 to \$200 are available. The three digit Daily Number of the PA Lottery 7:00 PM drawing (excludes Double Draw second drawings) will determine the winner.

**Our lottery calendars make wonderful gifts for the holidays for:**

Thank you to ALL of our school families that have already purchased! We appreciate your support!

If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Ann Noblick, Calendar Coordinator, at [rnoblick@queenofangelssch.org](mailto:rnoblick@queenofangelssch.org)



# Christmas Night Market

## SATURDAY

# DEC 14

1:00 - 8:00 PM

Mass with Bishop Larry J. Kulick

4:00 PM

Christ Our Shepherd Center  
2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg



## Schedule of Events:

**1:00 - 8:00 PM** Food and Craft Vendors,  
St. Nick's Gift Shop, Artwork  
Display, Face Painting and  
Grand Raffle

**1:00 PM** Christmas Wine Tasting

**2:00 PM** Christmas Beer Tasting

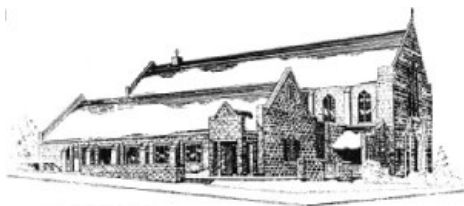
**1:00 and 2:00 PM** Children's Christmas Cookie  
Tasting and Visit with St. Nick

**3:00 PM** "The Madonna in Christmas Art,"  
a lecture and display by world-  
renowned artist Pipka Ulvilden

**4:00 PM** Mass with  
Bishop Larry J. Kulick and  
Diocese Children's Choir



The Christmas Night market is a festive, fun and faith-filled event! Stroll the outdoor attractions under the twinkle of Christmas lights and warm yourself with hot chocolate by the fire, or head inside to enjoy dozens of food and craft vendors. Explore collectibles created by artist Pipka Ulvilden, on display for this event! Carolers, St. Nicholas and Christmas cookies are all part of the experience. Admission and parking are free!



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2024 - 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. Amen.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

People, Look East



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near Of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, One more
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ, who



1. crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
2. seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
3. nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
4. light the bowl shall brim. Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
5. brings new life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley



1. a - ble, Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
2. nour - ish, That in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
3. fro - zen Now for fledg - ing - time is cho - sen. Peo - ple, look
4. weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
5. hum - ming With the word, "The Lord is com - ing." Peo - ple, look



1. East, and sing to - day: Love the Guest is on the way.
2. East, and sing to - day: Love the Rose is on the way.
3. East, and sing to - day: Love the Bird is on the way.
4. East, and sing to - day: Love the Star is on the way.
5. East, and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965  
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French carol

### 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

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship. Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

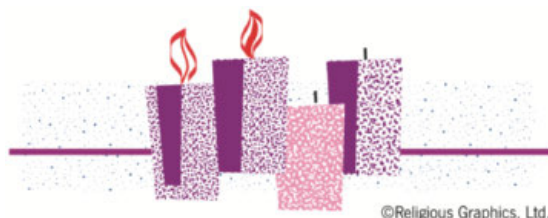
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 126

*Michel Guimont*

*The Lord, has done great things for us,  
we are filled with joy!*



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### SECOND READING

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

### GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: *A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

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

## 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

#### PREPARATION OF GIFTS

On Jordan's Bank



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -  
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make  
3. For you are our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our  
4. To heal the sick stretch out your hand, And  
5. All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, Whose



noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - en,  
straight the way for God with - in, And let each heart pre -  
ref - uge and our great re - ward; With - out your grace we  
bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; Shine forth and let your  
ad - vent has our free - dom won, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
pare a home Where such a might - y guest may come.  
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
light re - store Earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
we a - dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

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

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We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your  
Res-ur-rec-tion un - til you come, un - til you come a - gain.

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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

Like a Shepherd

Refrain

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

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Comfort, Comfort, O My People

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

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

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

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

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

Text: 87 87 77 88; based on Isaiah 40:1-8; Johann G. Olearius, 1611-1684;  
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