



SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA MISSION STATEMENT

*We are the welcoming community of Saint Teresa of Calcutta
living our faith by endeavoring to follow her example
to see, share and be the light of Christ's love and compassion.*

Fourth Sunday of Lent: March 14, 2021

Parish Information: March 14, 2021

Welcome to Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish!

We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a parish home we invite you to become part of our parish family and become fully involved in our life of prayer, education, service and community.

Registration: We invite all parishioners to register with the Parish. Registration helps us to serve you when issuing letters in connection with sponsorship of Baptism, Confirmation or Matrimony, and for letters of reference. Kindly notify the office if your address changes.

Anointing of the Sick: In case of serious illness or advanced age please call the parish office. For hospital cases, contact the hospital Chaplain.

Pastoral Care: Please call the parish office to have Communion brought to an ill or homebound family member.

Parish Staff

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Friday: 9:00AM—3:00PM

Marriage: Couples contemplating marriage in the parish must contact the parish office to meet with a priest to begin the marriage preparation process. This is the first step in planning their wedding and needs to be done one year before the date of the wedding.

Baptisms: Celebrated second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12:30PM in St. John's Church. Contact the Parish Office at least two weeks before the desired date of Baptism to make arrangements. Parents are required to attend a preparation class before the Baptism. Classes will be held via Zoom at 7PM until further notice. Please call the office to register.

Bulletin Submission Dates

Announcements to be published in the bulletin need to be in the Parish Office by Monday at 12 noon, 6 days prior to the publication of the bulletin. Holidays require earlier dates. Please call office to check.

Flyer **inserts** need to be in the Parish Office by Wednesday at 12 noon, 11 days ahead of the desired bulletin date.

Mass and Sacrament Schedule

³ HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH

50 Emerald Ave., Westmont

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM— in sign language

ST. JOHN CHURCH

809 Park Ave., Collingswood

Sunday: 9:30 AM 11:00AM

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM

Adoration Monday-Friday 9:30—10:30AM (SJ)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 Holy Saviour Church

Lent only: Every Wednesday, 6PM—7PM

St. John Church & Holy Saviour Church

BAPTISMS

Call the Parish Office to arrange.

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Prayer Requests

Those serving in the military:

Colin Bakey, USN, Eric Bakey, USA,
Alex Coutinho, US Space Force, Johnny A. Santiago, USA,
1st Lieut. Kayleigh Migaleddi, RN, USAF, Salena
Silvaria, NAC/AW, Nathan Tiefenthaler L. Corp

Those who are sick: Mary Anne Anderson, Nancy Barone,
Helen Berger, James Beierschmitt, Esther Benson, Jacob
Bocchicchio, Ashley Boland, Bernadette Burke, Father
Joseph Capella, Barbara Carrozza, , Theresa Charlton,
Marilyn Cipolone, Anthony Corrado, Baby Declan Costello,
Dean Dickel, Rudolph DiGiovanni, Anne Flamer,
Victoria Gilbert, Larry Haigh, Jamie Hankins, Cherie
Hansen, Violet Harden, Bill Hower, Rosario Huarijara, Rick
Jermyn, Teresa Jermyn, Chet Kasprzak, Rachel Kellmaier,
Ali Kite, Wally Kimovich, William Kinee, June Kuntz, Nina
Lopes, Nicholas Matyas, Matthew Mccann, Mari Alice
McVey, Terry Meloche, Eleanor Migaleddi, B. J. Miller,
Colin Murray, Christopher Pronio, Barbara Ruch, Frank
Tiefenthaler, Michael Travis, Lyibov Ukhanska, Barbara
Vollrath, Marie Wann, Wear Family, Myra Worrell

*Dear Lord, we ask you to turn their weakness into
strength, suffering into compassion, sorrow into joy, and
pain into comfort for all those listed here. Let them be
filled with patience and joy in your presence as they wait
for your healing touch. As you heal and renew your serv-
ants, Lord, may they be blessed and praise you. This
we ask especially for our parishioners and our friends.*

**Please pray for our Stephen Ministers and
those to whom they minister.**



Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Lamp burns before the Blessed Sacrament 7 days a week, every week of the year in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion. Please call the parish office to arrange this. Suggested offering is \$25.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, March 13

4:00 Dean Thomas Therrien r/b the
Therrien Family
Alexander Ryan Wheeler r/b
the Wellness Collective

Sunday, March 14

8:00 James H. Wallace r/b the Family
Intentions of Msgr. Robert T. Ritchie (Golden
Jubilee) r/b Stan & Suzanne Ollek
Jerome Sheehan r/b the Fitzgerald Family
9:30 Patricia Conaway r/b the Rauch Family
11:00 John Emmerling r/b Mike & Cindy Smith
Joseph Callahan r/b Mrs. Patricia Mlynarski

Monday, March 15

7:00 (HS) Intentions of Parishioners of STC
9:00 (SJ) Patricia Palumbo r/b Alice Hansen-Turano
& Family

Tuesday, March 16

7:00 (HS) Michael McCausland r/b Fr. Yvans Jazon
Claire Archambault r/b the Family
9:00 (SJ) Norma Pushkarewicz r/b Connelly Family

Wednesday, March 17

7:00 (HS) Intentions of Parishioners of STC
9:00 (SJ) Mary Migaleddi r/b STC Parish Staff

Thursday, March 18

7:00 (HS) Intentions of Parishioners of STC
9:00 (SJ) Intentions of Parishioners of STC

Friday, March 19

7:00 (HS) Intentions of Parishioners of STC
9:00 (SJ) Carmela & Joseph Pizzo r/b Mike Cipolla
7:00PM: Feast of St. Joseph: Mass for fathers

Saturday, March 20

4:00 Michael Burgo r/b the Scharff Family
Jerome Sheehan r/b STC Parish Council

Sunday, March 21

8:00 Wallace & Joseph families r/b Family
Patricia Conaway r/b STC Parish Staff
9:30 Frank Pucci r/b Domenic Pucci
James V. Heise r/b Jill Fleckenstein
Mom & Dad Cipolla r/b Michael & Anna
11:00 Harry & Ann Shaw r/b Marge Carter & Fam.
Patricia Conaway r/b the McCormick Fam.



Monday—Friday

9:30—10:30

St. John Church



Lent 2021

Let's get back on the road to a deeper relationship with the Lord:
Where am I on my spiritual journey?

Daily Mass Schedule Monday—Friday

7AM Holy Saviour Church
9AM St. John Church

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7PM St. John Church
6PM on March 19

Mass for Fathers

March 19—7PM
St. John Church

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Faith Sharing Groups

Looking for an opportunity to stay connected during these challenging times?

During this Lenten Season you will have an opportunity to share your faith with your fellow parishioners. There will be a variety of groups meeting on different days and times of the week. For more information, contact:

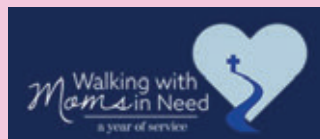
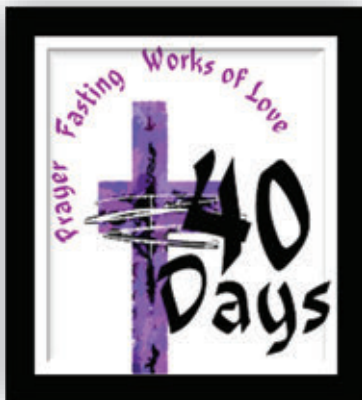
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Confessions

**Wednesdays
6PM—7PM**

- Fr. Yvans will be at HS.
- Visiting priest will be at SJ.

Wednesday confessions are in addition to the confessions at Holy Saviour on Saturdays from 3:00—3:45.



Diaper Drive

Share your Lenten journey with struggling pregnant mothers and young families. Open your heart in prayer and charity by contributing to 1st Way of West Collingswood through our parish's diaper collection. Sizes 4 and 5 are especially needed

Please use the designated boxes located in the back of both churches.

**Saturday Feb. 28 through
Sunday March 14**

Stations of the Cross Fridays: 7PM St. John Church 6PM on March 19

Each Friday, from February 19 through March 26, a different parish ministry will lead Stations of the Cross and offer a brief reflection.

February 19: Life and Justice Ministry

February 26: St. Vincent de Paul Society

March 5: Faith Formation

March 12: Men's Club

March 19: (6PM) Parish Council

March 26: Missionary Disciples

Morning Prayer

**Monday—Friday:
8:45AM
St. John Church**

Evening Prayer Thursdays, 7:00PM

View in-person or on our Facebook or YouTube page.
See page 1 under "Parish Office" for our YouTube & Facebook names.



In today's Gospel Jesus is speaking to Nicodemus who was a leading Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin. The Sanhedrin was the Supreme Court in ancient Israel. In the Bible, Nicodemus and Jesus have this story only in the Gospel of John. This is the first of three occurrences. He would secretly meet with Jesus at night because he did not want to be seen by the Jewish leaders. The second time Nicodemus is mentioned is when he questions the Pharisees about their actions against Him. The third is when he was there helping to take Jesus from the cross.

Jesus tells Nicodemus that just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.

As the story goes, the Israelites were frustrated and tired in the desert. They were complaining about the food they were eating, the manna. This was the food given to them by God to keep them alive. They were also complaining about the water, water that God had given them to drink. These were miracles that God gave them to keep them alive.

God punished them by sending snakes that would kill them if they were bitten. The people see this and realize they really need to get back to God; they were in dire need of repentance. So God delivers them by telling Moses to make a bronze snake and attach it to a pole. It is written that if the people just looked at this bronze snake they would be healed.

The serpent, if we think about this, was exactly the same way in the story of Adam and Eve. The serpent tricked Adam and Eve to disobey God and what was the punishment? Death!

Here comes the coolest part! Jesus, for all intents and purposes, was placed on a pole and what happens here? By this action, you are saved, just by believing. We obtain not just life but everlasting life. Just as the Israelites were saved by looking at the bronze serpent, we are saved from mortal death to obtain everlasting life by just looking and believing.

The serpents in our life are sin, and sin bites us just like a snake, and our punishment for this is death. Sin is a death sentence! We can simply free ourselves, by just looking at Jesus on the cross. Believe in Him and he will heal us from the bite.

Jesus explained all of this to Nicodemus. Nicodemus knew and understood the story of Moses in the desert. But this was before Jesus was handed over to be crucified, before anyone would have even thought about the connection between Jesus and the bronze snake. We are blessed to be aware of this connection because of the Gospel of John. I wonder if Nicodemus made this connection, especially after the resurrection.

Maybe you, like me, did not see this either, but we do now! This is one of the many connections I love between the Old and the New Testament. Just as Jesus has blessed me by revealing this to me, maybe He is blessing you the same way by reading this.

When they say 'Jesus Saves' think of this reflection. This Gospel is life-changing! The Crucifixion just revealed itself in another way for me. Jesus saves us by us just looking and believing, just like the Israelites found life by looking at the bronze serpent. May God Bless you.



Deacon Leo



*Participate in Electronic Giving.
It's Simple ... Safe ... Convenient.*

- Log onto www.parishgiving.org.
- Click "SIGN UP NOW: follow the prompts.

March 8: \$8,350.00 Rice Bowl: \$1,014.00

Electronic Givers: February: \$17,497/140 givers

NEW WAY TO GIVE!
**Scan this QR code with your
smartphone for easy, secure
on-line giving.**



*Thank you for your continued support of our
parish! May God bless you and those you love!*

Tax Contribution Statement Request Form

This year's tax contribution statement can be picked
up at the Parish Office or mailed to you, if requested.

Please allow 10 days for this to be completed.

Name _____

Address _____

Town & Zip _____

Phone _____

_____ I will pick it up. _____ Please mail.

2021 House of Charity CAMPAIGN PRAYER: FACES OF HOPE

Heavenly Father, in this time of planning and
service, we ask that you bring us hope. Make
us each to be a face of hope in our community
this year.

Accept and use our Stewardship to the House
of Charity in the same way you multiplied the
loaves and fishes to feed a multitude.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and
reigns One God Forever and ever. Amen.



Newton Lake Cleanup Event

Date: Saturday, March 27 from 12
noon to 3PM

Rain Date: Saturday, April 10 from 12 noon to
3PM

- We will be meeting at Lees Lane.
- Look for the red canopy.
- All equipment will be supplied.
- Please wear a mask.

Any Questions: Call/email Bruce or Fran Boyer:
856-816-2294 bfboyer17@gmail.com

FACES OF HOPE



HOUSE OF CHARITY 2021 FACES OF HOPE

Our parish goal for the 2021 House of Charity Cam-
paign is \$142,600.00. We have already **received
\$86,823.20** towards our goal from **119 families**.
This is **60.9% of our goal**. Thank you to everyone
who has responded so generously. Through your
generosity we are able to support the vital pro-
grams in our parish and the diocese to assist and
bring hope to those in need. Once we reach our
goal 10% is returned to our parish. Additionally,
75% of any amount received over our goal will be
returned to our parish. Please prayerfully consider
a gift to the House of Charity to continue the sup-
port of the ministries that provide assistance to
our brothers and sisters. Donations can be made
by completing a pledge card or responding to the
letter from Bishop Sullivan you received in the
mail. The pledge cards are located at the entrance
and exit doors of both churches. Donations can
also be made online as noted below through the
link on the House of Charity website or the House
of Charity Online Giving Platform:

- **House of Charity website:**
www.Camdendiocese.org/HOC
- **House of Charity Online Giving Platform:**
<https://bit.ly/HoC-Online>

Thank you for your continued generosity and
support of the House of Charity Campaign.

Fr. Yvans Jazon, Pastor

Parish Spiritual Ministries

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Parish Prayer Intention for the Week of March 14—20

Dear Lord, we pray for the members of our Hospitality Committee as they strive to fulfill the parish Mission Statement to be the “welcoming community of Saint Teresa of Calcutta living our faith by endeavoring to follow her example to see, share and be the light of Christ’s love and compassion”. Help us to spread your love in our words and deeds to all those who will benefit from them and inspire others to join our committee. We also pray for healing, vaccines, and an end to social distancing, so we can get back to gathering socially as a community.

Hospitality Committee

*Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening Offering.
Psalm 141:2)*



Leave The Light On



Confession isn’t just for the huge sins – it’s for the small acts of spiritual neglect that lead you away from God. The grace of Reconciliation helps you discover who you were born to be.

Rediscover Confession every Wednesday from 6PM to 7PM at both Churches during the Lenten season toward a great Easter celebration.

Confessions will also be heard at Holy Saviour on Saturdays from 3PM to 3:45 PM.



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Congratulations

Dominic Coutinho (Good Shepherd class of 2017) was admitted into the 7-year Accelerated Bachelor’s and Medical School Program at Rowan University and Cooper Medical School.

God’s blessings and best of luck, Dominic!

Saturday Evening Mass

The Saturday mass at Holy Saviour will continue to be at 4:00. We will **NOT** be returning to a 5:00 mass during Daylight Saving Time, which begins this weekend. Remember to turn your clocks an hour ahead.

Special Mass for Fathers

On Friday, March 19, at 7PM there will be a special mass for all fathers, living and deceased, in St. John Church.

If you wish to remember any man in your family, living or deceased, who is a father, please contact the parish office to give us their names. Also, please tell us how many people you expect to bring so that we can continue to adhere to social distancing guidelines.



Prayer for Year of Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father,
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and
defend us from every evil. Amen.





St. Joseph Novena March 10—19: At all Masses

Live-streamed on FB and YouTube:
[www.facebook.com/Teresa Calcutta](https://www.facebook.com/TeresaCalcutta)
[www.youtube.com/St. Teresa of Calcutta Collingswood](https://www.youtube.com/St.TeresaofCalcuttaCollingswood)

Pope Francis has proclaimed 2021 as the Year of Saint Joseph. Let us take this opportunity to honor him during his 150th year as patron of the universal church.

March 20-21

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Sacristan
4:00	Campbell	Deacon Leo	Campbell
8:00	Krohn	Deacon Rocks	Fearon
9:30	Bernardo	Mercer	Mercer
11:00	Roseboro-Brown	Coutinho	Roseboro-Brown



Special Collections

This weekend: Catholic Relief Services
Next weekend: Church in Africa and Latin America
Thank you in advance for your generosity!

St. Vincent de Paul Society

One of the primary missions of our St. Vincent DePaul Society is to assist people in times of emergency. We respond to calls for help on our parish number [856-858-1444](tel:856-858-1444). Often people are reluctant to ask for help, but should you know of anyone in our community in need of urgent assistance, please refer them to our number and let them know we are there to help.



FOOD PANTRY HOURS:
Mon. & Wed.:
10AM to 12 PM

Staples put into each bag:

Breakfast:

Oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, condensed milk, cereal boxes

Lunch:

PB and jelly, tuna, mac & cheese, spam, chunky/regular soups

Dinner:

Pasta sauce, pasta, vegetables & beef stew, instant rice/potatoes, canned fruit

Gift cards from food stores, especially Aldi, are also appreciated.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

Sandwich Making

Make at home and drop off only until further notice. Please bring your already made sandwiches to Good Shepherd cafeteria on **Monday, March 15 at 7PM**. Someone will be there to accept your donation.

PLEASE MAKE ONLY TURKEY or BEEF BOLONGA SANDWICHES.

Please put cheese on all sandwiches.

Cases of water as well as apples and oranges are being requested.

December: Due to large drop-off, a count was unable to be made.

Discussion Meeting.: 3rd Tuesday, March 16 at 7PM promptly via ZOOM. Thank you for continuing to help the needy.

Dinners to Doorsteps



We provide meals for people or families who are ill, disabled, living alone, parents of new babies, etc. We also provide meals for individuals and families who are struggling to put food on the table. If you need help, please call Michelle. Everything is strictly confidential.

More Info.: Contact Michele Santiago at : 609-598-1787 or by email at grandmarose73@yahoo.com.

- **Additional volunteers are needed for cooking and delivery.**

LIFE-LONG FAITH FORMATION

Growing in Faith At Every Age

*I want a laity, ... who know their religion, who enter into it, who know just where they stand, who know what they hold and what they do not, who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it, who know so much of history that they can defend it. I want an intelligent, well-instructed laity — I wish you to enlarge your knowledge, to cultivate your reason, to get an insight into the relation of truth to truth, to learn to view things as they are, to understand how faith and reason stand to each other, what are the bases and principles of Catholicism...***Cardinal John Henry Newman**

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process of welcoming people who want to be full members of the Catholic faith community. This includes those who have never been baptized, those baptized in other Christian denominations, and baptized Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. RCIA is not a “class” but rather a journey of faith. In the company of a group of faith-filled parishioners who serve as the RCIA team and with other people inquiring about the Church, and through experiences of prayer, faith-sharing, instruction, and discussion, you will have the opportunity to grow in your relationship with God as you discover how your faith could be nurtured with the Catholic tradition. If you would like to learn more about RCIA please call Father Yvans.

Faith Formation Schedule

Sunday 9:30-10:30 (Grades 1-7)
March 21, 28

Tuesday 3:30-4:30 (Grades 1-7)
23, 30

Confirmation Prep
March 14, 7PM

**REMOTE CLASSES AS SCHEDULED BY
THE CATECHISTS**

First Eucharist Parent Meeting
March 16, 7:30 PM (remote)

Confirmation Retreat: March 30

First Reconciliation Congratulations!

During our First Reconciliation preparation, we learned that Jesus is our Good Shepherd and he always seeks out the sheep that are lost. We are happy to report that our newest “flock” of children have received their First Reconciliation. We celebrated two joyous and prayerful services last Saturday. Congratulations to the following children:



Jude Adamoli, Shane Blake,
Owen Carson,
RJ Destremps, Aubrey Dodd,
Austin Dodd,
John Dziczek, Scarlett Farrow,
William Foster,
Victoria Garbe, Alex Gutshall,
Luke Heimall,
Elia Jove Kunst, Aubrey King,
Korin Klaus, Liam Lafferty,
Avalon Mancinelli, Samuel Marmion,
Sophia McCall, Christian McCall,
Allison Morrison,
Andrea Mullen,
Kane Plotts, Joseph Qualli,
Delaney Roseboro, Jason Scheuren,
Lleya Sinn, Anthony Stephens,
Eva Svekla, Ryder Wilson,
Quinn Wiltsey.

Miscellaneous Information



Lenten Days of Fast & Abstinence

Days of Fast

Catholics between the ages of 18-59 are bound to the mandate to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting entails eating one "normal" meal and two smaller meals.

Days of Abstinence

Catholics ages 14 and up are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wed. and all the Fridays during Lent.



2021 Spring Track

The Track program is open to parish kids in K-8th grades. Practices will begin on Monday March 15th at Collingswood High School. For more information and to get paperwork, please contact Coach Laurito at (856)754-7558 or jlaurito75@aol.com.



FaithFull Food Drive 2021

The FaithFull Food drive is scheduled for next weekend, March 20-21. In order to avoid large gatherings, the food collected will go to our Food Pantry instead of being delivered to other sites. Donations of food can be brought to the back of both churches when you come to mass next weekend. Bags will be available at church exits this weekend for anyone who needs them.

Thank you for your generosity to this cause.

NON EXPIRED FOOD ONLY; Aim for 'no salt added,' 'low sodium,' and 'whole grain' options!

- Canned Spaghetti Sauce
- Dried Pasta and Rice
- Canned Fruit and fruit cups
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Canned and Hearty Soups
- Cooking broths
- Dried Mashed Potato and Stuffing mixes
- Canned Beans
- Dried herbs and spices
- Cooking oils and vinegars
- Nutritious snacks (nuts, granola bars)
- Jello and pudding

Host Family Needed

A host family is needed for a Haddon Twp. High School exchange student from Spain for the 2021/2022 school year. If interested please contact Jessica Fisk at the following address: jessicafisk@anbeducation.com.

Stewards Give Back 4th Sunday of Lent

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - JOHN 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back in **Stewardship** -with increase- our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

Interfaith Immigration Coalition Resources

Lenten Values Springing into Action:



- Scripture reflection, stories, actions, and prayer for each week of Lent
- <http://bit.ly/IICLent2021>.
- This is really a helpful way to become more aware and accountable in our advocacy as we move through this sacred season .



Call to Worship

4th Sunday of Lent—March 14, 2021

ENTRANCE HYMN

RAIN DOWN

Jaime Cortez

Refrain

Rain down, rain down, rain down your
love on your peo - ple. love, God of life.

Verses

1. Faith-ful and true is the word of our God. All of God's
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God live in the
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth; you are the

1. works are so wor-thy of trust. God's mer - cy falls on the
2. kind-ness and joy of God's wing. God will pro - tect us from
3. wa - ter of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your

to Refrain

1. just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.
2. dark - ness and death; God will not leave us to starve.
3. peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.

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FIRST READING: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23



In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled."

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 137: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

R. Let my tongue be si-lenced, if I ev - er for - get you!

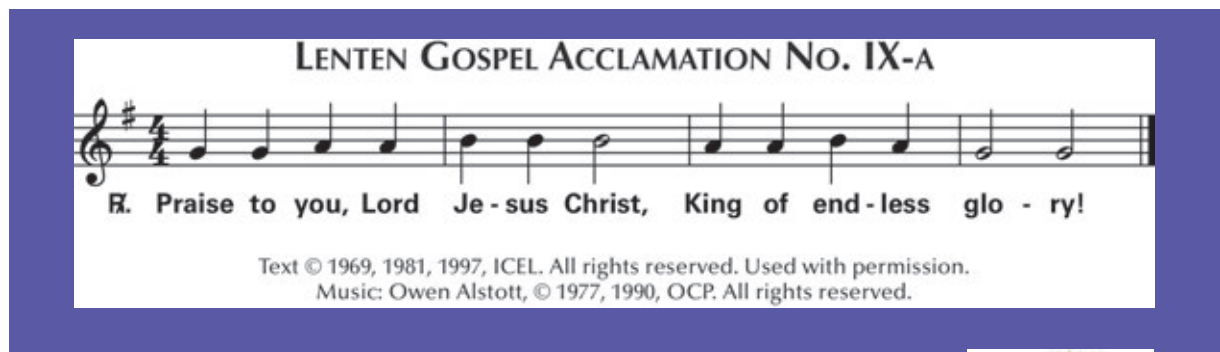
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SECOND READING: Ephesians 2: 4-10

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good

good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The image shows a musical score for a Lenten Gospel Acclamation. It is titled "LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION No. IX-A". The music is written on a single staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry!". Below the lyrics, there is a copyright notice: "Text © 1969, 1981, 1997, ICEL. All rights reserved. Used with permission. Music: Owen Alstott, © 1977, 1990, OCP. All rights reserved." The entire score is enclosed in a blue rectangular border.



GOSPEL: John 3: 14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

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.

At the words that follow, up to and including “and became man”, all bow.

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 the life of the world to come. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN



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Refrain

Come to me, all who la-bor and are heav-y bur - dened, and
 I shall give you rest. Take up my yoke and learn from
 me, for I am meek and hum - ble of heart,
 and you'll find rest for your souls. Yes, my
 yoke is eas - y and my bur - den is

Verses

light.

1. You, God, are my shep-herd.
2. Be - side peace-ful wa - ters
3. Should I be sur-round-ed
4. Be - fore my deep hun - ger
5. Pur - sue me, O God, —

1. I shall nev - er be in need. Fresh and green are the
2. you re - store — my true self; There you lead me to
3. by the shad - ows of death, I will not fear, for
4. you spread out — your — feast. My — skin you a -
5. with your fath - om - less love. In your tent let me

to Refrain

1. mead-ows where you give me — rest.
2. walk — in the path of new life.
3. you are stead - fast in your — love.
4. noit — with the rich - est of oil.
5. dwell — all the days of my life.

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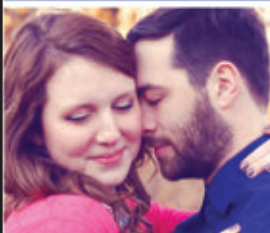


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