



O Come, O Come,
EMMANUEL

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 Advent: December 24, 2023

Parish Information: December 24, 2023

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.

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: To arrange a Baptism, 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 at 7PM (Date will be given when you call). Please call the office to register.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday: 9:00AM—3 PM

The Office is closed from 12 noon to 1PM for lunch.

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

ST. JOHN CHURCH: 809 Park Ave., Collingswood

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH: 50 Emerald Ave.,

Haddon Township

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:00 PM—HS

Sunday: 8:00 AM—HS

Sunday: 9:30 AM—SJ **Live streamed**

Sunday: 11:00 AM—SJ

Sunday: 11:00 AM— HS American Sign Language
and Voice Interpreted for the hearing

Weekday Masses:

Daily Mass: Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.: 9:00 AM SJ

Thursday: 9AM, HS

Adoration: Thursdays: After 9:00 Mass until 8PM —HS

RECONCILIATION

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

BAPTISMS: Call the Parish Office to schedule.

RCIA: Tuesdays at 7PM in Parish Office

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Prayer Requests

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

Those serving in the military: LT Ij Patrick J. McKernan, USN
Colin Bakey, USN
Eric Bakey, USA
SGT Alex Coutinho, US Space Force
Miguel Ingram, Pvt. 1st Class US Army
Ensign Margaret M. McKernan, USN

Sgt. Johnny A. Santiago, USA
1st Lieut. Kayleigh Migaletti, RN, SAF
Salena Silvaria, NAC/AW,
Nathan Tiefenthaler L. Corp

Those who are sick: David Hammond
Vincenzo Angelucci, Jr.
Arline Barski
Nancy Barone
Ed Charlton, Sr.
Anna Cipolla
Anthony Corrado
Sharon Crismond
Todd Delaney
Billie DiStefano
Lorraine Donato
Theresa Duffy
Walt Eife
Marianne Fannelle
Mike Gunning

Elise Principato
Jaxson Rivera
Eric Roseboro
Dean and Mary Russell
Pat Schoenborn
Richard Schoenborn
Rosemarie Siwak
Constance Steinhagen
Margaret Zimmerman

Alie Kite
Liza Kopp
Andrew Leonard
Cassidy Lovett
Annie Martella
Michael McAdoo
Matthew McCann
Natalie Mullen
Michael Palazzo
Alice Palermo

Adoration Schedule



- Thursdays at Holy Saviour Church 9:30AM - 8PM
 - Silent Adoration 9:30AM - 7PM
 - Consecration to the Blessed Mother
 - Rosary & Benediction 7PM—8PM
- Come spend some quiet time with the Lord during the day.*

DECEMBER 24 MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 23

4:00 Bill and Joan Fynes r/b the Family
Kernan Family (living and deceased) r/b the Family
Robert and Eileen Mullins r/b Fr. Yvans & STC Parish
Ingrid Veloria Funbanilla r/b Jasmin, Ralph and RJ Patulot
Mary Barbone r/b Fr. Yvans & STC Parish

Sunday, December 24

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta
10:00 AM Theresa Charlton & Corinne Galiczynski r/b the Family
Eileen McCormick r/b the Frank Family
Intentions of the McCormick Family r/b Al Frank
Irene Discavage r/b the Silvaria Family
Ann Dobbs r/b Bob and Mary Lou Sudoff
11:00 (HS) Mass in ASL and Voice Interpreted

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Sunday, December 24

4:00 PM (SJ) Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta
5:00 PM (HS) Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta
12 Midnight (SJ) Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta

Monday, December 25

8AM (HS) Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta
10AM (SJ) Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta
11AM (HS) Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta
Mass in ASL and Voice Interpreted

Tuesday, December 26

9:00 Michael Wills r/b Tom and Loretta Hauber

Wednesday, December 27

9:00 Esteban and Francisca Villar r/b Judith Belonia

Thursday, December 28

9:00 (HS) Patrick Cuning r/b the Cuning Family

Friday, December 29

9:00 Ginny Jones r/b First Way Collingswood

Saturday, December 30

4:00 Deceased members of Santa Maria Council K of C r/b
Santa Maria Council K of C
William Baker r/b Fr. Yvans and STC Parish
Celebration of the baptism of Anthony Hadrian Rocks r/b
Fr. Yvans and STC Parish

Sunday, December 31

8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta
9:30 James Cuning r/b the Cuning Family
Eileen McCormick r/b Cathleen and Jack Sheridan
11:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC
John & Gertrude Wilkie r/b Schoenborn Family

Sunday, December 31

8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta
9:30 James and Gertrude Wilkie r/b the Schoenborn Family
11:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC

Monday, January 1

10:00 (SJ) David W. Pascal Jr. r/b Beth Pascal
Mass in ASL and Voice Interpreted

Sanctuary Candle



The Candle will be burned this week in memory of:
Holy Saviour: Sean Campe r/b the Campe Family
St. John: Irene Discavage r/b the Silvaria Family

4th Sunday of Advent: December 24, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

We are in our last week of Advent where our preparation for Christmas should reach its end. It has been four weeks of preparation. In our parish we were able to have a beautiful Christmas concert, a parish penance service, and an advent retreat with a holy hour.

The last Sunday of Advent we read the same gospel that we read for Immaculate Conception. As we are approaching Christmas, the Lord continues to reveal himself to us through the Gospel message. In the Gospel today we heard a conversation between Mary and the Angel, the Angel who was sent as the personal messenger of God to let the world know that Mary is Full of Grace. That was the title that describes Mary's very being.

We have so many women in our lives and in our Church like Mary who express the same Fiat to the Lord; those who attend mass with their children every week or every day. There are the ones who teach their children the good values of the Catholic faith. There are those who carry the heavy burdens of the day to make their family happy. There are those who accept to be down so their family can be raised to the highest level in life. Even if they talk less, they think much to support and protect their family. Like Mary they are the blessed ones.

Mary, as full of Grace, receives the role not only to be the mother of the Savior but the mother of the World. Her role is to help us through our journey during this hard time. We entrusted our world to be under her protection to intercede for us to her Son Jesus Christ our Savior.

Christmas is the Feast of God's sharing a Savior with us, the feast of Emmanuel, God living with us and within us. May Jesus be reborn in your heart and life during Christmas and every day of the New Year. May His love radiate all around you, His perfect love, unconditional forgiveness, humble service, compassionate heart, and overflowing generosity. May the Holy Babe of Bethlehem bless you with health in body and soul and grant you a peaceful and blessed New Year. I assure you of my special prayers during my Christmas Holy Masses and every day in the New Year.

Blessed Christmas to you and your Family.

Rev. Yvans Jazon, Pastor





Thank you for your support of our Parish and ministries. Please consider Online Giving as a way of supporting the Sunday Collection. It is a convenient and secure way of continuing your financial support of our Parish.

To sign up, scan the parish QR code at the right ———>



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

December 8: \$1,806.00

December 10: \$6,119.00

Retired Religious: \$2,569.00

**Electronic Givers— November: 133 givers
Total given \$16,324.00**

*Sincere wishes for a
blessed Christmas and
a joyful, healthy New
Year to all of our
parishioners!*

*Father Yvans
Father Hugh
Parish Staff*



Men's Club Corner

The parish finance committee recently distributed a one-page summary of the parish finances. On the income side of the sheet was a line item for the Men's Club. What do we do with these funds?

One of the main functions of these funds is the maintenance and upkeep of McLaughlin Hall. We sponsor the parish basketball teams, requesting no funds of any sort from the parents of our faith formation students to participate. We have contributed to the creation and upkeep of the St. Francis grotto located on the St. John's campus. Another area of importance we dedicate these funds to is the enhancement of parish celebrations/events such as the parish social, St. Francis Feast Day, and the parish anniversary. We assist outside of our parish with donations to the VFW post 679 auxiliary for the benefit of veterans, the Cancer Center of America for the benefit of children battling with cancer, the Angels Outreach Community for the benefit of those needing a hand up, and the Joseph House, among others. Finally, within our parish, we share our funds with the St. Vincent DePaul Society, SJ Ministry Appeal, The Food Pantry, and the parish general fund, to name a few.

I am proud to say that as another year comes to a close, the Men's Club has donated over \$15,000 this past year. If anyone ever has any questions about the utilization of the Men's Club funds, please do not hesitate to reach out to: stteresamensclub@yahoo.com and a board member would be more than happy to answer any questions.

Joshua Wiener, President of the St.Teresa of Calcutta

“MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN”

Please join with the women of our community to reflect on the presence of the Eucharist in our daily lives. We will be led by our very own, Pat Lipperini, PhD. in a morning of prayer, reflection and discussion.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

McLaughlin Hall

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Refreshments will be provided.

Details to follow.

Sponsored by the Eucharistic Revival Committee

Mass Schedule
Christmas Eve – New Years, 2023
Sunday, December 24

4th Sunday of Advent Masses

Regular Sunday Schedule **except** the 9:30 and 11:00 Masses will be replaced by 10 AM Mass at St. John's

Christmas Eve Masses – Sunday, December 24

4:00 PM – St. John's Church (Children's Mass)

5:00 PM – Holy Saviour Church

Midnight – St. John's Church

Christmas Day Masses – Monday, December 25

8:00 AM: - Holy Saviour Church

10:00 AM – St. John's Church

11:00 AM – Holy Saviour Church

Mass in ASL and Voice Interpreted

Saturday-Sunday— December 30-31

Regular Mass schedule

Monday, January 1—St. John's Church

10:00 AM— ASL & Voice Interpreted

“O Antiphons”

The O Antiphons (also known as the **Great Advent Antiphons**) are Magnificat antiphons used at Vespers on the last seven days of Advent in Western Christian traditions. They subsequently became one of the key musical features of the days leading up to Christmas. Each antiphon is a title of Christ, one of his attributes mentioned in Scripture. They are:

December 17: O Wisdom of our God Most High

December 18: O Leader of the House of Israel

December 19: O Root of Jesse's Stem

December 20: O Key of David

December 2: O Radiant Dawn

December 22: O King of all nations and keystone of the Church

December 23: O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law

Parish Office Schedule
Christmas/New Years 2023

Friday, December 22: 9:00—12 Noon

Monday-Tuesday: December 25-26: Closed

We will open Wednesday, December 27 at 9 AM.

Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 27-28: 9:00—4:00

Friday, December 29: 9:00—12 Noon

Mon., January 1: New Years Day –Closed

We will open Tuesday, January 2 at 9:00 AM.

Prayer Service for Peace

Join the Creation Care team for a Prayer Service for Peace to pray for the issues facing our world— climate change and others

Date/ Time: 3 PM—Sunday, January 7,
Feast of the Epiphany

Place: Holy Saviour Church

“The future does have a name...and its name is Hope.” Pope Francis

Our hope is strengthened when we pray together. Hope is what keeps us going, even when things are tough. We look forward to seeing you on January 7.

Retired Religious Collection
Thank You

Thank you for your generosity to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your generous donations will make a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious.



March for Life, Washington, DC
Friday, January 19, 2024

The Knights of Columbus are providing a bus to the March for Life again this year. Details will be in the parish bulletin for the weekend of December 30-31 and the first two weekends in January.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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**.

The STC St. Vincent DePaul Society serves the needy in the following ways:

Food Pantry: Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays
10AM – 12 noon

Sandwich Making for Cathedral Kitchen—3rd
Monday of each month

Sandwiches made in November: 80 for Joseph's House; 240 to Cathedral Kitchen
3 boxes of chips, 1 bag of apples, 1 case of water, 5 bags of oranges

Next sandwich collection: 3rd Monday:
December 18 at 7PM.

Next discussion meeting: There will NOT be a discussion meeting in December. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 16. in McDade Hall Meeting Room.

Additional information about these ministries can be found on our website:

[www.stteresaofcalcuttanj.org/
ministries/outreach](http://www.stteresaofcalcuttanj.org/ministries/outreach)

Stewardship: 4th Sunday of Advent Mary's Stewardship

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – LUKE 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal Steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

It's *Not* Too Late!

Please participate in our Special Intention Christmas Tree.

The tree-lighting ceremonies were not the end of our support of each other's intentions in prayer; they were the **beginning**. Not everyone could attend. That's why, at the back of each church, you will find ornaments with hooks inside, slips of paper, and pens.

Take a moment to jot down your intention, place the paper inside an ornament, snap it together, and hang it on the tree. While you're at it, pray for everyone else's intentions.

Let's keep this going until after Christmas Day. What better way is there to prepare to celebrate Our Lord's coming than to care for each other? Day or night, when we pass by these trees, we can think of the intentions of all in our parish community, and make them our own.

Faith In Action

Training for Lector

Date/Time: January 4, Zoom, 6:30-8:30PM

Cost: \$50

Location for In-person session. Please select 1:

Both the Zoom meeting and one in-person session are required for certification January 4, 2024; Zoom, 6:30-8:30pm

_____ **January 10, 2024**, 6:30-8:30pm, Saint Clare of Assisi Parish, Saint Joseph Church, Swedesboro, NJ

_____ **January 11, 2024**, 6:30-8:30pm, Saint Joseph Parish, Sea Isle City

Applications are available in the Parish Office or Emailed by request .

Fee is paid by the parish for those who will serve.

Life - Long Faith Formation

Faith Formation

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May you rejoice in the miracle, the gift and the promise of Christmas.

Family Masses

"The family that prays together stays together, and if they stay together they will love one another as God has loved each one of them." St. Teresa of Calcutta



The Family Masses are held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at the 11AM Mass.



A few students from the 8th grade Confirmation class went to Joseph's House to help serve lunch and sort through donations.



Hygiene Kit Donation Drive

The Sisters of Saint Joseph Refugee Housing Project are in need of hygiene kits. There are adult and children hygiene kits that are needed

Please consider donating any of the following items:

Adult Hygiene Kits:

- Gallon-size Ziplock Bags
- Individually wrapped toothbrush
- toothpaste
- deodorant
- bars of soap
- razors
- bottles of shampoo
- comb or brush
- menstrual pads



Child Hygiene Kits:

- Gallon-size Ziplock Bags
- Individually wrapped kids' size toothbrush
- kid friendly toothpaste
- floss
- kid-friendly shampoo
- Kid-friendly body wash
- comb or brush
- Band-aids (preferably with color/pattern)

Hygiene kits will be made on Monday, January 22nd at 7 PM in the School Cafeteria. All are welcome to attend.

Items can be dropped off at the Parish office or brought on 1/22. The more we are able to collect the more families we can help.



St. Thomas Becket Feast Day: December 29

Thomas Becket, son of the London sheriff, was educated in Surrey, London, and Paris. After his parents' death, he worked for a relative in London. Joining Archbishop Theobald's household, he studied canon law in Rome, Bologna, and Auxerre. Ordained in 1154, he became the archdeacon of Canterbury and a close friend of Henry II. Appointed chancellor in 1155, Thomas assisted in justice reforms.

In 1161, Theobald's death led to Thomas's nomination as Archbishop of Canterbury, despite his objections. As archbishop, he adopted an austere lifestyle, monastic in practice, and he spent much time in prayer and the study of scripture. He clashed with the king over church-state power, and rejected the Constitution of Clarendon, leading to his exile. Upon returning in 1170, Thomas was murdered by Henry's knights. Proclaimed a martyr, he was later declared a saint by Pope Alexander III in 1173. Henry II underwent public penance in 1174. The shrine of St. Thomas Becket, a popular pilgrimage site, was destroyed in 1538 by Henry VIII. T. S. Eliot's play "Murder in the Cathedral" brought Becket's story to modern audiences.



Masses of Welcome and Inclusion Schedule

Every Sunday

11:00AM Mass at St. John's Church
(St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish)
50 Emerald Avenue

Westmont, NJ (GPS: use Haddon Township).

The Mass is signed in American Sign Language (ASL) for Deaf Members of the Church and voiced for hearing members of the Church.

2nd Weekend of the Month

St. Andrew the Apostle

27 Kresson-Gibbsboro Road. Gibbsboro, NJ
Mainstream Mass Saturday, 4:30pm Mass

Holy Eucharist Parish

344 Kresson Road, Cherry Hill, NJ
Mainstream Mass Sunday (Oct. - Apr.) 9:45AM

For more information, please contact Fr. Hugh Bradley:
hugh.bradley@camdendiocese.org.

Office of Ministry with the Deaf and Persons with Disabilities

We believe that every child of God is uniquely created and inherently worthy of love, and so as we love him we also love all others. (John 13:34-35)

Special Needs Mass

Holy Savior Church in Westmont (St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish) celebrates a separate Sunday afternoon Special Needs Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month, especially for families with special needs children and adults.

This particular mass is sensory-friendly, a loving and open environment of acceptance and understanding allowing special needs families the opportunity to attend mass together.

4th Sunday each month, 12:30PM (subject to change...Please call the parish office to confirm):
856-858-0298

30 Emerald Avenue, Westmont, NJ 08108
(GPS: use Haddon Township)

For more information, please contact Fr. Hugh Bradley:
hugh.bradley@camdendiocese.org.

A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home

Visit how2recycle.info for ideas on how to recycle items that you can't put in your curbside recycle bin. For example, you will find that Safeway accepts all plastic bags, and Target accepts plastic bags as well as plastic overwrap from products such as bathroom tissue and even plastic envelopes from online shopping deliveries. #67



Basketball – Foul Shooting Contest!

The Annual Basketball Foul Shooting Contest, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will take place on Saturday, January 6th 2024, from 12 noon to 2pm. Registration will be from 11:30 am to 12 noon. The Contest will take place at the Good Shepherd Gym and is open to all youth, ages 9 to 14. Participants must provide a copy of their birth certificate. Winners advance, as the Contest is statewide. For more information, contact Coach/AD Bob Hensler at (856) 858-1170(w) or (609) 519-0198 (c)



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 Michele.** Everything is strictly confidential. **More Info.:** Contact Michele Santiago at : 609 -598-1787 or email her at the following: grandmarose73@yahoo.com.





Call to Worship

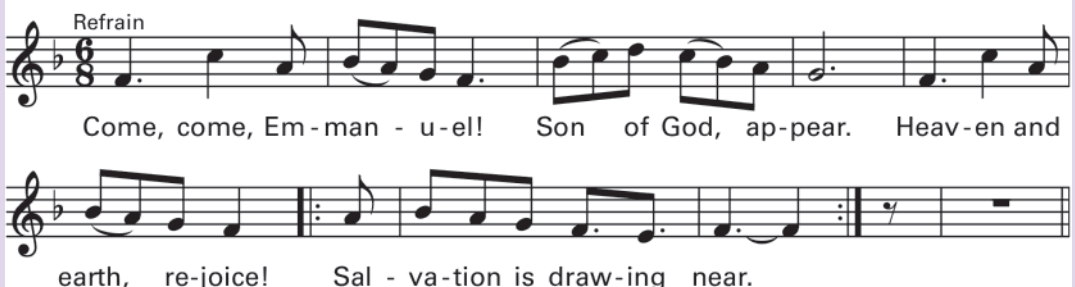
Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 24, 2023

Entrance Hymn: "Emmanuel" *Breaking Bread* #58

EMMANUEL

Steve Angrisano

Refrain



Come, come, Em-man - u-el! Son of God, ap-pear. Heav-en and
earth, re-joyce! Sal - va-tion is draw-ing near.

Verses



1. O come, O come, Em-man - u - el,
That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
To us the path of knowl-edge show,
3. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem;
That trust your might - y pow'r to save,
4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind
Make all our sad di - vi - sions cease,
5. Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

(to Refrain)



1. And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2. Who or - dered all things might - i - ly;
And teach us in her ways to go.
3. From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
4. In one the hearts of hu - man - kind;
And be for us the King of Peace.
5. shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.
shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el. (Fine)

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

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

SECOND READING: Romans 16: 25-27

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

GOSPEL: Luke 1: 26-38

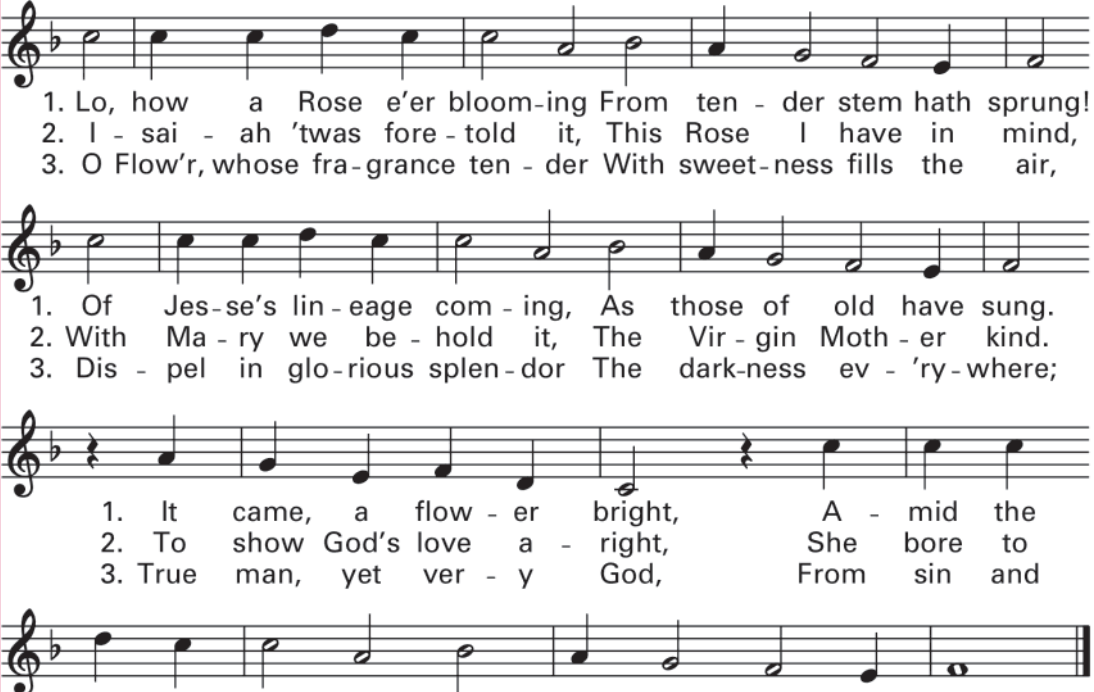
The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered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

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Offertory Hymn: "Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming" *Breaking Bread* #94

LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING
ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN



1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem hath sprung!
2. I - sai - ah 'twas fore - told it, This Rose I have in mind,
3. O Flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the air,

1. Of Jes-se's lin - eage com - ing, As those of old have sung.
2. With Ma - ry we be - hold it, The Vir - gin Moth - er kind.
3. Dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry - where;

1. It came, a flow - er bright, A - mid the
2. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
3. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and

1. cold of win - ter, When half spent was the night.
2. us a Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.
3. death now save us, And share our ev - 'ry load.

Text: 76 76 6 76; based on Isaiah 11:1; Trad. German Carol, 15th cent.; tr. by Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, alt.
Music: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1599.

Parish Office Schedule: Christmas/New Years 2023

Friday, December 22: 9:00—12 Noon

Monday-Tuesday: December 25-26: Closed

We will open Wednesday, December 27 at 9 AM.



Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 27-28: 9:00—4:00

Friday, December 29: 9:00—12 Noon

Mon., January 1: New Years Day –Closed

We will open Tuesday, January 2 at 9:00 AM.

COMMUNION HYMN: “Night of Silence” #80

Night of Silence

1. Cold are the peo - ple, win - ter of life, We
 2. Voice in the dis - tance, call in the night, On
 3. Spir - it a - mong us, shine like the star, Your

trem - ble in shad - ows this cold end - less night,
 wind you en - fold us, you speak of the light,
 light that guides shep - herds and kings from a - far,

Fro - zen in the snow lie ros - es sleep - ing,
 Gen - tle on the ear you whis - per soft - ly,
 Shim - mer in the sky so emp - ty, lone - ly,

Flow - ers that will ech - o the sun - rise,
 Ru - mors of a dawn so em - brac - ing,
 Ris - ing in the warmth of your Son's love,

Fire of hope is our on - ly warmth,
 Breath - less love a - waits dark - ened souls,
 Star un - know - ing of night and day,

3
 Wea - ry, its flame will be dy - ing soon.
 Soon will we know of the morn - ing.
 Spir - it we wait for your lov - ing Son.



People, Look East

1. People, look East. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able.
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

2. Furrows, be glad, though earth is bare
One more seed is planted there;
Give up your strength the seed to nourish
That in course the flow' may flourish.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

3. Stars, keep the watch when night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim.
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Star, is on the way.

4. Angels, announce on this great feast:
Him who cometh from the East.
Let ev'ry peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Dec. 23-24: AM Masses

MASS	Lectors	EM's	Sacristans
4:00	S. Campbell	B. Steele	P. Moran
8:00	B. Summerhayes	Deacon Rocks	R. Fearon
10:00	J. Ely	Deacon Leo	M. Mercer

December 24: PM Masses

MASS	Lectors	EM's	Sacristans
4:00	Family Mass SJ	R. Kopp F. Pauciello	R. Fearon
5:00	M. Steinitz HS	Deacon Rocks L. Hauber	S. Campbell
12 AM	J. Richards SJ	Deacon Leo T. Howitz	T. Howitz



Dec. 25: AM Masses

MASS	Lectors	EM's	Sacristans
8AM HS	J. Reed	L. Giorgio Backup: Volunteer	P. Moran
10 AM SJ	P. Lipperini	J. Wills Backup: Volunteer	M. Mercer



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