



SAINT
TERESA
OF
CALCUTTA
PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Happy Advent

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH 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.*

December 8, 2024

PARISH INFORMATION: December 8th, 2024

Second week of Advent

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

Mass and Sacrament Schedule

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

The Office closes from 12 noon to 1PM for lunch.

Marriage: Couples contemplating marriage in the parish must contact the parish office to meet with a priest to begin the marriage preparation process. This first step in planning your wedding is best begun 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.

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DATES

Submit announcements to be published in the bulletin to tbest@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org or to the Parish Office by Tuesday at 12pm of the week prior to the bulletin issue requested. **For weeks with a Holiday, we and the printer require submission a week earlier.**

Please submit **flyers** to be copied and inserted into the bulletins to the Parish Office by Wednesday at 12 noon, 11 days ahead of the desired bulletin date.

MASS & 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 (YouTube)**
11:00 AM—SJ

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

Daily Masses:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.: 9:00 AM St. John Church
Thursday: 9AM Holy Saviour Church

Adoration: Thursdays: After 9:00am Mass until 8pm HS

RECONCILIATION:

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

BAPTISMS: Call the Parish Office to schedule.

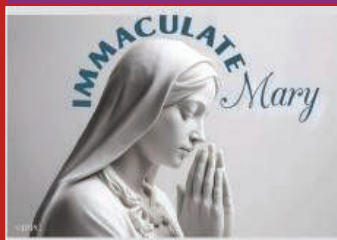
OCIA: Tuesdays at 7PM in Parish Office
Office is closed Monday December 9th

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Special Collection

There will be a special collection for the Religious Retirement Fund.



The Parish Office is **closed** Monday, **December 9th** for the **Holy Day** of Obligation: The Immaculate Conception of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**.

Pray for Our Parishioners:

Lorraine Alexander	Violet Harden	Elise Principato
Arline Barski	Steve Hardeski	Eric Roseboro
Nancy Barone	Sarah Jacob	Susan Ratajski
Charlie Bates	Teresa Jermyn	Joseph Sandone
Helen Berger	Evan Kendendine	Pat Schoenborn
James Beierschmitt	William Kinee	Richard Schoenborn
Nancy Caruso	Ali Kite	Linda Simpkins
Ed Charlton, Sr.	Baby Violet	Michael Skabla
Anthony Corrado	Kozuhowski	Dennis Siwak
Joseph DeShayes	Nina Lopes	Constance
Walt Eife	Eliane Loumeau	Steinhagen
Adam Forziati	John Macauley	Kathy Smith
Emma Grace	Annie Martella	John Tomik
Charlene French	Nicholas Matyas	Michael Travis
Adam Frisoli	Michael McAdoo	Barbara Vollrath
Heather Frisoli	Matthew McCann	Craig Wilke
	Erin DeVoe Moran	Myra Worrell
	Natale Mullen	Margaret Zimmerman
	Julia Nigro Slater	

JOIN THE ROSARY GROUP TO PRAY THE ROSARY AFTER THE 9AM MASS DAILY TO PRAY FOR YOUR INTENTIONS AND TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pray for Our Military

SGT Alex Coutinho, US Space Force	RN, SAF
Michael Gregg, USMC	Salena Silvaria, NAC/AW,
Ensign Alex Licorish, RN, USN	Nathan Tiefenthaler L. Corp
Miguel Ingram, Pvt. 1st Class US Army	
Ensign Margaret McKernan USN	
LT Patrick J. McKernan, USN	
Johnny A. Santiago, Sgt. 1st Class	
1st Lieut. Kayleigh Migaledi,	

Pray also for the Families of our Military who will not have their loved ones Home for the Holidays.

Intentions for this week's Masses

Saturday, December 7

4:00 For the intentions of Richard Schoeborn (living) r/b Pat & Brian
Jerome Sheehan r/b his family
Ollek –Page families r/b Stan & Sue Ollek

Sunday, December 8

8:00 Wallace & Joseph Families r/b the Family

9:30 For the People of the Parish

11am(SJ) FAMILY MASS—3rd Grade

Janet Shodder r/b the Sooy Family
Mary & Michael Coyle, Michael Hanson, Mary Malloy, Thomas, Patrick & Linda Doyle r/b their Family

Lorraine Rudderow r/b Fr. Steven Bertonazzi & STC parish.

Margaret & Eugene Kernan r/b Kernan Family

11:00(HS) Mass celebrated in ASL & English

Monday, December 9 Holy day Feast of the Immaculate Conception

9:00 Flora Carfagno r/b her daughter, Donna Gaspari

7pm(SJ) For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 10

9:00 Sr. Bianca Camilleri r/b Lucy Meekins

Wednesday, December 11

9:00 Phyllis Dolchanczyk r/b rosemary Fearon

Thursday, December 12

9:00 (HS) Claire D. Eckert r/b Rosemary Fearon

Friday, December 13

9:00 All deceased members of the Coutinho family

Saturday, December 14

4:00 For the People of the Parish

Sunday, December 15

8:00 For the People of the Parish

9:30 Taylor Kline r/b The Kline Family

11:00(HS) Mass celebrated in ASL & English

Join us in Preparing God's Home for Christmas

We are **inviting volunteers** to join us **Friday, Dec. 13** to **deep clean** and prepare **St. John's and Holy Saviour** churches for **Christ's birthday**. Cleaning starts at **10am** at **St. John's** first and then we'll switch to Holy Saviour. More hands makes the cleaning go faster.

Coordinator- Loretta Hauber –856-669-8494

ADORATION

Thursday at Holy Saviour Church 9:30am - 8pm

- Silent Adoration 9:30am –5pm * Rosary Benediction 7PM — 8PM



Reflection for December 8, 2024 – Second week of Advent Year C

Today's reflection comes from the Second Reading from Saint Paul. I've often found Saint Paul hard to understand but always packed with meaningful, divinely inspired thoughts. In the days of Paul, Jesus was believed to be coming back soon, in a matter of days or weeks, not years, decades or centuries. The outlook for the "Day of the Lord", that being the day when Jesus returns was one of excitement. Paul believes and, I agree, that if God has begun work in you like He has with the Philippians it would come to its fullness when Jesus returns for us.

The Philippians believed in the Jesus that Saint Paul told them about and Paul sees them living out the Gospel by loving God and neighbor. Saint Paul, he takes no credit for this because he believed that he had nothing to do with it, Jesus worked through him to explain the faith as it really was. Saint Paul was inspired by God, and God worked through him. The Philippians were inspired by God, and God worked through them. This is grace, it has nothing to do with us, but it has everything with allowing Jesus to work through us. Jesus has no physical body in this world, He needs ours and uses it to do His Holy Will.

Good works come from the Grace that God gives us, it is not something we come upon on our own. The grace for good works is freely given to us from God, we in turn freely give it away and God keeps giving us more. It is a constant cycle of giving and receiving grace. If someone were to argue that good works don't matter, consider this, the stronger our faith, the more Jesus can work through us. Those good works are not us but Jesus working through us. If those works don't matter, then the work of God does not matter either.

Beware of one thing however, the desire to consider your good deeds as something you did on your own. And to look at your long list of good deeds as personal accomplishments. Listen to Saint Paul, good works come about by God working through us and for this to happen we must have faith in God. The faith we have in our hearts is the greatest gift of grace we receive from God. Saint Therese of Lisieux understood exactly what Saint Paul wrote. She was a French Nun born in 1873 and died at age 24:

After earth's exile, I hope to go and enjoy you in the fatherland, but I do not want to lay up merits for heaven. I want to work for your love alone.... In the evening of this life, I shall appear before you with empty hands, for I do not ask you, Lord, to count my works. All our justice is blemished in your eyes. I wish, then, to be clothed in your own justice and to receive from your love the eternal possession of yourself.

This Advent, let the grace of God flow through you like a stream, give your love freely to everyone. When this happens realize that Jesus is real. Jesus lived on Earth with us for a time and He lives forever in Heaven now and guides us in everything we do. Like Saint Paul don't dread the Day of the Lord, Jesus has begun to work through us, He will do that always and when we run to meet Him, we will experience the fullness of the grace of God.

Reflection by Deacon Leo

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent is a season of waiting, preparation, and penance. What are the names of the Advent candles? Each candle has a name and a specific meaning.

- ◇ **First Advent Candle:** Prophet's candle, referring to the prophecies about the birth of Jesus. It is the candle of **HOPE**.
- ◇ **Second Advent Candle:** Bethlehem candle, recalling the city where He was born. It is the candle of Salvation or the candle of **PEACE**.
- ◇ **Third Advent Candle:** Shepherds' candle, remembering those who first adored Jesus. It is the candle of **Joy**.
- ◇ **Fourth Advent Candle:** Angel candle, celebrating the messengers who brought the new of the miraculous birth to the world. It is the candle of **LOVE**.



St. Teresa of Calcutta Giving Trees

The St. Teresa of Calcutta Christmas Giving Tree is displayed in **St. John's and Holy Saviour's vestibules**. This year there are three choices for gifts. Tags identify the organizations and/or people who will receive gifts. **Please return all gifts on or before Sunday, December 15th.**

1st Way -a counseling and referral service for young mothers: Gifts for infants (**unwrapped**)

Catholic Charities-gifts distributed to individuals from infants to age 18 years old (**unwrapped**)

Angel Tree-provides specific gifts requested for children of prisoners (**wrapped**)

Tags must be securely attached to all gifts.

Do not wrap gifts for 1st Way and Catholic Charities.

Please wrap gifts that go to Angel Tree.

For those who would like to donate but are not yet going to church, you can either pick up a tag at the parish office or bring your gift to the parish office.

SANDWICH MAKING RESULTS

Without supporters like you, Joseph's House & Cathedral Kitchen could not have been able to provide a total of **670 sandwiches** of which **550 were distributed from the Cathedral Kitchen and Joseph's House distributed 120 sandwiches.**

Much thanks goes to the **Faith Formation folks** for their generosity. Thank you all for your donations of time and food!

SAVE THE DATES or SEE THE FLYERS in Vestibule for more information:

- Return of 1st Way Baby Bottles - due now
- **STC Christmas Concert—Dec. 8, 7pm**
Tickets available after Mass
- Solemnity of Immaculate Conception—**Dec 9th, Holy Day Masses 9am & 7pm**
- **Cleaning our churches –12-13, 10am**

SEASONAL EVENTS AROUND US

- Franciscan Missionary of the Infant Jesus **Advent Retreat—12-7 & 8**
- **Light of the World Christmas Concert at Mother of Mercy Parish 12-08-24**
- **Advent Retreat—St. Vincent Pallotti 12/10 & 11th, 7pm to 8:30pm-Adoration, Praise & Worship Music**

NEW PARISH NEWSLETTER

As part of an ongoing mission to inform parishioners of events and special occasions that have occurred at St. Teresa of Calcutta, Parish Council is publishing a newsletter to highlight our very busy parish. Copies of this newsletter can be found in the back of both churches, as well as through the QR code found here. Please take a few minutes to see what our ministries have been doing, and consider joining them!



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

For help in times of emergency on our parish number **856-858-1444**.

Food Pantry: Hours: Mon.— Wed. 10AM – 12 noon
Volunteers –discussion meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the school cafeteria. Join our sandwich making on the 3rd Monday of each month.

Thank you for your donations of food for the homeless!

Gift card donations for Aldi are greatly appreciated.

Prepare the Way!

Luke 3:1-6 A voice of one crying out in the desert, "Prepare the way of the LORD, make straight his paths."

Many believers have a special place, a quiet place where they go to spend time with the Lord. This is a very important thing. But how many believers have actually 'prepared a way' for the Lord? As sacred as that special quiet place is to us, it has definite boundaries. But 'a way' never ends—it goes on and on. The key to a life of blessing is not preparing 'God places' to fill, but preparing 'a way' for Him. The Hebrew word for way is 'derech'. Derech means a path, or a way of life.

If we want to be blessed, then let us prepare 'a way' in our lives even if it's a curvy path now, remember scripture tells us 'the winding roads will be made straight'. Walk with faith. Let's develop Godly ways, Godly habits, Godly consistency, and practices. Let God guide us in 'holy ways' that carry on throughout our daily lives. Let's open ourselves for the blessings of God to flow through us to others around us—let's give Him a derech (a path) through which to do so.

Follow Jesus for He IS the way!

Happy Advent Season!

Fr. Steven Bertonazzi



1st Way of Collingswood Baby-Bottle drive is completed. We ask now for the return of any and ALL bottles not yet returned. Our drive has been **very successful** here at St. Teresa's. Thank you all. Results will be published soonest.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish Council

Parish Pastoral Councils provide a way for pastors to consult their people. Simply put, members of the Parish Council are the "eyes and ears" of the parish. This is essential in pastoral planning. In developing the parish's **future goals and strategies**, few considerations are more important than who we are, what we are doing, and to what we aspire. In 1983, the Church placed renewed emphasis on Parish Pastoral Councils to assist pastors in their service to parishes and parishioners. (It also distinguished them from the similarly **vital role of Parish Finance Councils**, which assist the pastor with **expertise in finance, law and business practices**.) Specifically, Council members:

- a) **examine** – identify any issue that involves the pastor serving the parish;
- b) **consider** – carefully and prayerfully ponder the information gathered; and
- c) **recommend** – propose solutions or steps to be taken in the best interests of the parish.

Members of your Parish Council serve to enhance two-way communication. We consider the Parish Mission Statement far more than just a slogan. Please help us to help you enhance our welcoming community through vibrant ministries and faith-based action.

Our Parish Council members are:

John Chomiczewski (President), Loretta Hauber (Vice-President), Nicole Riley (Secretary) Ken Bos-song, Jack Callaghan, Brian Cardillo, Marie Ely, Nicholas McGill-Gardner, Nelson Remetz, Connie Stuhlemmer, Rob Tyrrell

YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES (POST CANA) Fall Event Schedule

If you're a young married couple, we'd love to see you at our upcoming events this fall/winter! If you have kids, they are welcome to all events:

- Monday, Jan. 6, 6 pm: **Epiphany party**
- Sunday, Jan. 26, after the 9:30 Mass: **Coffee & donuts social** in McLaughlin Hall

Use the QR Code to join our email list. We host some events at home, so we'll share address information with those who join the email list.

Host: Post Cana Young Married Couples



PARISH AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Thank you to the Decorating & Concert Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the Trees and the Tree Lighting to 'prepare the way' for remembering the birth of Jesus. Thank you to all volunteers involved in the Christmas Concert today.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Stephen Ministers are available to assist parishioners through difficult times. Please pray for our Stephen Ministers and those to whom they minister. You may either contact the office for an appointment or for more information email Jack Callaghan and Pat O'Connor: stephenministry@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org

If you know of someone struggling through the holidays, suggest they contact a Stephen Minister to have someone to talk about it. They don't have to go it alone!

Are you being called to help others?

Is God calling you to reach out to those who are hurting? We are surrounded by people who need some help bearing their burdens: those who have lost a job, loved one, gone through divorce, or battling a terminal illness. Caregiving is one of the most important jobs God calls us to do-to love others in His name.

Stephen Ministry has been in operation at St. Teresa of Calcutta since 2018. The ministry has been a blessing to individuals, the lay ministers themselves and the whole Parish. Stephen Ministers express Christ's love for others, calling on the training they have received and employing the tools of Faith.

Perhaps you have been blessed by receiving any one of these gifts: Faith, mercy, teaching the faith, and encouragement. Are you at a place where you can give something back by serving and blessing others. Pray to discern if this may be the ministry that God has prepared for you.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Join us this month for the next Men's Club meeting on **Monday, Dec. 9th at 8 pm** at McLaughlin Hall. We invite the men of the parish to join us. For more information, please reach out to

stteresamensclub@yahoo.com or call/text Josh Wiener at 609-502-3539.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE- DEC 14-15

<u>MASS Time</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>SACRISTAN</u>
4:00	S. White	P. Moran	A or N Remetz
8:00	B. Summerhays	Deacon Rocks	R. Fearon
9:30	N. Bernardo	Deacon Leo	MA Mercer
11:00	B. Hensler	K. Smith	T. Howitz

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. For assistance, please call Michele Santiago at: 609-598-1787 or grandmarose73@yahoo.com

SENIOR'S MINISTRY

This is a Parish outreach program to assist people who are **shut-in either at home or in a nursing home**. Our Mission is to assist the parish's senior citizens who need companionship and support. We contact family members of shut-ins, visit nursing homes and private residences to see where we can be of assistance.

If you are interested, please contact Ed Charlton by text at 215-284-1365 or by email at echarlto53@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOAGIES!

Next Hoagie sale days are Dec. 14th
Support the Knights' Hoagie Sale - Santa Maria Council. **Hoagies for \$5 each** at 350 Crystal Lake Ave, Haddon Twp. Hoagies are ready by 7am (back door) 8am (street). Thank you to all those who support our fund raising efforts.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AND SEEKING OF SERVICES

Remember to reach out to our **Bulletin Sponsors for Christmas items, home repairs, legal services, realtors,, etc.** and tell them you are a parishioner and appreciate them sponsoring our bulletin printing so that we may be kept informed.

Join Us For Advent Mass
Masses will be held in our Chapel Mausoleum at 10 a.m.

- 12/16 All Saints Cemetery | Newfield
- 12/16 Holy Cross Cemetery | Mays Landing
- 12/16 Sacred Heart Cemetery | Vineland
- 12/17 Calvary Cemetery | Cherry Hill
- 12/20 New St. Mary Cemetery | Bellmawr



Visit SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org

Life-Long Faith Formation

Faith Formation

Daniela Perez
856-858-0298

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Coffee & Faith Sharing

Co-led by Barry Steele & Daniela Perez



Wednesdays at 10AM in McLaughlin Hall

Join fellow Parishioners for a meaningful morning of faith, fellowship, and sharing on the Gospel

All ages are welcome

Bibles are not required

No Faith Sharing on the first Wednesdays of the month



"Let us also make a home in our hearts for Him, as the Blessed Virgin Mary did, and say, 'Be it done unto me according to Thy word.'"

St. Francis of Assisi

Please join us for a
Youth Christmas Party
5-7 PM
Monday **16** December
Refreshments will be provided
St. Joseph the Worker Parish
901 Hopkins Rd Suite A, Haddonfield, NJ 08033
RSVP by using the QR Code Below



JOIN US FOR YOUTH BIBLE SCHOOL

Get to learn more about the holy scriptures with us!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

7PM-8:30PM

MCLAUGHLIN HALL

Our next Young Adult Group will be held in the School classroom on the second floor on December 18th at 7PM.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Please consider donating to our Toy Drive. All toys will be donated to Sacred Heart in Camden, NJ.

They are requesting **new toys** such as:

- Sports equipment (especially basketballs and footballs)
- Trucks
- LEGO/building toys
- Ethnic dolls
- Tea Sets
- Playskool Fisher Price Sets
- Boardgames
- Any other new toys
- **Please no toy guns or war toys**



Drop-off locations:

Parish Office Mon-Fri 9AM-4PM
During Faith Formation in the cafeteria on
Sun. 9:30-10:30 AM and Tue. 4-5PM

The last day to donate will be on December 8th



Masses of Welcome and Inclusion

Every Sunday The Mass is signed in American Sign Language (ASL) for Deaf Members of the Church and voiced for hearing members of the Church. **11:00AM Mass at Holy Saviour Church**, (St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish), 50 Emerald Avenue, Westmont, NJ (GPS: use Haddon Township).

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.

Christmas Masses & Reconciliation Schedules

December 17

Reconciliation—Dec 17 SJ 4pm to 5pm & 7pm to 8pm

December 24 Christmas Eve Masses

4pm—St John's Church (Children's Mass)

5pm—Holy Saviour Church

12am—Midnight St. John's Church

December 25

8am—Holy Saviour Church

10am—St. John's Church

11am—Holy Saviour Church in ASL & Voice Interpreted

Protect Yourself from Social Isolation this Winter



The winter season brings colder weather and less sunlight that can keep older adults in their homes more often than other times of the year. This can decrease opportunities for meaningful, social interactions. As humans, we are social creatures and need social connections for survival. Research has found that people who engage in meaningful activities with others tend to live longer, see a boost in their mood, and feel a sense of purpose.

Here are several ways you can prevent social isolation for yourself and your loved ones:

- ☐ Be **open and honest with your doctor** about how you feel physically, emotionally and mentally. Let your doctor know about any major changes or stresses in your life, such as the death of a loved one.
- ☐ **Schedule time each day** to stay in touch with family, friends, and neighbors either in person, by email, text, voice or video call.
- ☐ **Nurture friendships** by sending letters or cards or by planning an outing or sharing a meal together.
- ☐ **Research senior social programs** and activities in your community.
- ☐ **Practice good self-care.** Exercise, eat healthy meals, get a good night's sleep (7 to 9 hours) and do more of what brings you joy.
- ☐ **Exercise** (check with your doctor first) with others such as joining a walking club or walking with a friend.
- ☐ Engage in **activities that give you a sense of purpose.** For example, **volunteering** helps you feel less lonely and allows you to help others.
- ☐ Contact VITALity Care Coordination to connect you with **local outreach ministries, resources and programs in your area.** Call our **Help Line at 888-268-4825.**

Join our **Life to the Fullest** Membership Program that informs and connects seniors to the information they need to stay safe and healthy. Membership is free to all 65 and over living in the South Jersey area.

For more information, visit www.vitality.camdendiocese.org or email christine.willard@camdendiocese.org.



Call to Worship

Second Week in Advent : December 8, 2024



ENTRANCE HYMN: "See How the Virgin Waits" Breaking Bread: 55

SEE HOW THE VIRGIN WAITS

Slovak folk melody



1. See how the Vir - gin waits for him; Ma - ry in won - der
2. Gent - ly she hears the dis - tant breeze sway - ing the sil - ver
3. Now a new pat - tern on the loom; now a new pres - ence



1. waits for him. Shake off your slum - ber: come all full of
2. ol - ive trees. What is she think - ing as the sun is
3. in the room. Wak - ing or sleep - ing, all her love she's



1. won - der. Je - sus is com - ing as the Prince of Peace.
2. sink - ing, wait - ing the birth - day of her first - born Son?
3. keep - ing, wait - ing the com - ing of the Son of God.

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MASS READINGS—December 8, 2024

GLORIA: is on the inside front cover of the *Breaking Bread* book

FIRST READING :

Bar 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5,6.

SECOND READING:

Phil 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.

GOSPEL:

Lk 3:1-6

On 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 Ituraea 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."

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.

WAITING IN SILENCE

Carey Landry



1-5. Wait-ing in si - lence, wait-ing in hope; we are your



1. peo-ple, we long for you, Lord. God ev - er with us, Em - man - u -
2. peo-ple, we trust in your love. O Sun of Jus - tice, true Prince of
3. peo-ple, Lord, we seek your truth. Wis - dom In - car - nate, teach us your
4. peo-ple, we long for new life. O Key of Da - vid, o - pen our
5. peo-ple, our hearts thirst for you. Flow - er of Jes - se, bloom in our



1. el, Come, Lord Je - sus,
2. Peace, Come with your jus - tice, Lord,
3. way; Show us the path of life, } Ma - ra - na - tha!
4. hearts. Give us new vi - sion, Lord,
5. midst. Make us your gar - den, Lord,

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell

Verses



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark - ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou - bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

THE KING OF GLORY

KING OF GLORY

Refrain



The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.



O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.

Verses



1. Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?
2. In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
3. Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;
4. He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion,
5. He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,

to Refrain



1. He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.
2. He goes a - mong his peo - ple cur - ing their ill - ness.
3. In all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.
4. He took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.
5. And he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

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