

ST. MARY CHURCH
HYDE PARK

DECEMBER 3, 2023 | THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8: MASSES AT 6:45 AM AND 9:00 AM



Weekend Mass Schedule

St. Cecilia (Oakley): Saturday 3:30 PM | Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, and 8:15 PM

St. Mary (Hyde Park): Saturday at 4 PM | Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville): Saturday 3 PM | Sunday 9:30 AM

Daily Mass Schedule

St. Cecilia (Oakley): 9 AM Mass, Monday-Saturday. Communion service, Monday-Saturday 8 AM

All-day Adoration follows the 9 AM Mass on Wednesdays with 7 PM Holy Hour and Confessions from 7-7:50 PM

St. Mary (Hyde Park): 5:30 PM evening Mass, Monday-Thursday with Holy Hour on Tuesdays following the 5:30 PM Mass.

The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville): 11:45 AM Mass, Monday-Friday

Confession Schedule

Confessions begin immediately after all daily Masses and one hour before weekend Masses, ending 30 minutes before Mass.

For information on weddings, baptisms and funerals, please visit eastsidefaith.org or call the appropriate parish office.

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Priest Emergency Line: (513) 815-5038

Mass Intentions (St. Mary)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

5:30 PM Catherine Butler ☩

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

5:30 PM Julie Scott ☩

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

5:30 PM Mary Ryan ☩

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

5:30 PM Regina Wilson-Kenney ☩

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception

6:45 AM Peggy Elliott ☩

9:00 AM Alex Siegel ☩

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

4:00 PM Karl Kadon Jr. ☩

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Peggy Elliot ☩

10:30 AM Anna Hein ☩

Mass intentions may be requested and paid for online at EastsideFaith.org, under the "About" section. Masses may also be scheduled at one of our offices. Payment may be made online, in an envelope clearly marked in the collection basket, or in person during office hours. Intentions are often requested for those who have died, but may include any kind of need that you or someone you know is experiencing for which prayer is needed.

Wedding Banns

No wedding banns this week.

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The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

The first Sunday of Advent is an exciting time in our church. It is the beginning of new hope and a wonderful build up to the birth of Christ Our Lord. At the end of this week, on Friday, December 8, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The belief is that from the moment of conception, the Virgin Mary was free of original sin. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass times are: **St. Cecilia: 9:00 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM, St. Mary: 6:45 AM and 9:00 AM, and the Oratory: 11:45 AM.**

The following week we have another beautiful feast day celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is the perfect time to celebrate the Blessed Mother throughout the month as we contemplate on the Birth of the Christ child. On Tuesday, December 12, there will be a Mass at St. Cecilia at 9 AM which will be celebrated in Spanish.

What a great way to start our Advent by taking time to celebrate these lovely feast days highlighting the gift of the Virgin Mary. Please join us as we walk through the four weeks of Advent.

Sunday, December 17 is Baminelli Sunday, as well as Gaudate Sunday. Each year children gather with their families in St. Peter's Square for the "Baminelli Sunday Blessing."

The children bring with them figures of the christ child—the baminelli—from their family's nativity scene. The pope blesses the children and the figurines they have brought. Join us as we celebrate this same tradition in our eastside family of parishes and bring your baby Jesus figures from your nativity set. We will be doing the blessing at all of the Masses. This year the blessing will be at Masses on December 16 and 17.

I encourage you to take advantage of all these wonderful opportunities to celebrate our Faith during this Advent season. Amen? Amen!

Fr. Jessie

Parish Staffing Updates

Times of transition can be challenging and ultimately beneficial for families, including the Eastside Family of Parishes. Beacons of Light combined three communities — St. Mary, St. Cecilia and the Oratory. For the benefit of the entire family and with an eye on the future, some personnel will be transitioning locations. The rectory at St. Mary will act as the central administrative office for the family, housing the majority of the staff members. Fr. Alex will be moving to that rectory and Fr. Ken will be moving to a private home at the Oratory. Finally, the sisters will be moving into the home on Monteith Avenue. Please continue to pray for all Eastside Family staff as we work toward efficiency, unity and growth.

Christmas Pageant

You are invited to join the St. Cecilia homeschool community in attending their first Christmas pageant. The homeschool children will be putting on the play "Ad Jesum Per Mariam" (*To Jesus Through Mary*) on **Saturday, December 16 at 10 am, in the St. Cecilia school gym.** Please join us afterwards for light refreshments and fellowship.

Franciscan Sisters' Arrival Delayed

Due to immigration delays, the arrival of the sisters is now anticipated sometime this winter. I am truly disappointed and so are the sisters. They were due to arrive at the end of October. Special thanks to all who have gotten the sisters house ready on Montieith, as well as the donors of the car.



From the Oratory of Saint John Vianney

The Oratory is part of St. Cecilia Parish and devoted to prayer for the priests of our Archdiocese, through the intercession of St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests. Please join us this week in praying for: **Fr. Adam Puntel, Fr. Eric Roush, and Fr. Chris Komoroski (the South 8 Deanery) and Fr. Lawrence Mierenfeld (retired).** Special thanks to those who have offered to help send notes of thanks and encouragement to the priests we are praying for each week!

The monthly **Holy Hour at the Oratory** to pray for priests is this **Monday, December 4, from 7-8 PM.** This is a wonderful opportunity to pray for holiness and wisdom for all our priests! Please come for an hour of peaceful adoration and prayer.

Christmas Caroling! Save the date to bring Christmas cheer to our neighbors! Following the 3 PM Mass on **Saturday, December 16,** we will enjoy a pizza dinner together, head out in groups to go caroling, then regather for hot chocolate. All are welcome!



From the Desk of Fr. Ken

Today, we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. If the world were to end tonight, would we be ready? Would our souls be in order, or would we be distracted by other things? We have four weeks to find our answer.

Fr. Ken Schopf

From the School Office

Congressional Record
PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 118th CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

House of Representatives
November 16, 2023

Mr. WENSTRUP: Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate St. Mary Grade School's fourth Blue Ribbon Award. Located in Southwest Ohio and serving students across the region, St. Mary Grade School was founded by the Sisters of Charity. Opening its doors in 1908 with 100 students, the school has expanded and now has well over 400 students enrolled annually.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program seeks to honor schools from around the country that have a vision of excellence and hold their students and faculty to a high standard, and I can't think of a more worthy school than St. Mary Grade School. For over a century, this school has pushed each and every student to be the best they can be, academically and spiritually, and they continue to serve the local community to this day.

I, like the thousands of other graduates who began their educational and spiritual journey at St. Mary Grade School, owe so much of our educational foundation to the dedicated faculty who have devoted years of their lives to ensuring that future generations of Ohioans will continue to prosper.

I am incredibly proud that the National Blue Ribbon School Program has chosen my alma mater to be one of the forty private schools honored this year as the school is so deserving of this distinction. I am looking forward to their continued success in the community.

Thank you and I yield back.

Brad R. Wenstrup
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Member of Congress

★ St Mary ★ ★ Giving Tree ★

The Giving Tree is located by the Mary Altar. Christmas gifts are for Mother of Christ Church parishioners. Kroger gift cards are offered to local neighbors in need.

Please return your wrapped gifts to church no later than **Sunday, December 17**, with the ornament securely attached. Drop gift cards in the basket under the tree.

Thank you for bringing Christmas joy to others.



Knights of Columbus
FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

November 18, 2023

Three Knights of Columbus recently received their 4th Degree Exemplification
Chris Parker - St Mary
Greg Albanese - St Mary
Colin Kunath - St Cecilia

God Bless the Newly Baptized



Lillie June
daughter of Zachary & Ashley Vogelpohl



Isla Grace
daughter of Michael & Lindsey Friedmann

BOOK REVIEW

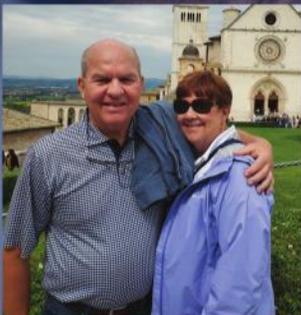
THE CATECHIST'S
CORNER*Where Have All the Fathers Gone?* by Deacon Joe Grote

As a father to a child under the age of one, I often wonder if I am raising my child correctly. I've read plenty of academic research, in the search to be the best father to my daughter, that shows what would be considered "best outcomes" for children. The common factor amongst all of them is that the kids that grow up to be successful have present parents, specifically present fathers. *Where Have All The Fathers Gone*, a book by our own Deacon Joe Grote, is a collection of daily thoughts and reflections aimed to help fathers of all ages, from someone like myself with an infant, to fathers of multiple children, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, and even dads-to-be to understand the role of fatherhood that they have obtained. Each day has a theme, a thought, and a question to challenge the father to be a better dad than he was the day before. While I went into reading this expecting to have daily reflections that focused on fatherhood itself, I was pleasantly surprised when many days' reflection focused on the improvement of oneself instead. This makes me think of Matthew's Gospel when Jesus is teaching the Sermon on the Mount, "You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your own eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye." To be able to take care of others, we must be able to take care of ourselves and recognize where we need to improve. It is very easy to get caught up in the wants and desires of the world, to get stuck in the rut of everyday life, and to come home more exhausted than the day before. One thing that this book has helped me to do is to have the reminder, regardless of how bad my day was or how exhausted I am, to tell my family that I love them and to offer bits of self-sacrifice. So I'll ask you all, "Have you told your kids you love them today?" (Reviewed by Everett Mitchel)

Interested in becoming
Catholic?
Or simply learning more
about our faith?

Contact RCIA Director Colin Kunath
at rcia@eastsideregion.org or visit
eastsidefaith.org/rcia. Classes are
Wednesday nights at 7PM in
St. Mary's Robisch Hall

Classes are now in session but you can
still join us!

Meet the Author of *Where Have All The Fathers Gone?*

The author's name, Joe Grote, might sound familiar to you. If so, that's because we are blessed to have Joe as our Director of Facilities here in the Eastside Family! When he is not hard at work ensuring our parishes and schools are in tip top shape and that our Oktoberfest and festivals go off without a hitch, he is living out his vocation as a husband, a father to four, a grandfather to five, and a Deacon to hundreds.

Interested in ordering a copy of Joe's book?

Visit www.deaconjoegrote.com to claim a copy for you or a loved one this holiday season!



The Crafty Lady Christmas Sale

Join us **this weekend** — **December 2-3**— after all St. Mary Masses in Robisch Hall. Don't miss this year's Christmas sale featuring crocheted and knitted items made by our St. Mary crafty ladies. Do your Christmas shopping for one-of-a-kind items for all ages. Proceeds are given back to the church to help fund the making of hundreds of baptismal garments and gowns, the purchase of various liturgical items, and much more. Please help support the work of this important ministry.

Get into the Christmas Spirit with Holiday Trains!

The **40s Plus Fun Bunch** will meet at the Behringer-Crawford Museum on **Sunday, December 10 at 1:30 PM** to take a Holly Jolly Days tour. The tour includes the 32nd Annual Holiday Toy Trains which consist of 250 feet of track with more than 30 moving, guest-operated accessories on the layout. *The Window Through Time* antique Christmas decorations date back to the late 1800s.

The Behringer-Crawford Museum is located at 1600 Montague Road, Devou Park, Covington, Kentucky.

Admission is \$9 adults, \$8 seniors 60+ at the door. Free on-site parking. RSVP to stcfunbunch@gmail.com to let us know if you are coming!



An EPIC Christmas Celebration

Feel the joy of this blessed season with **EPIC!** Join us for our Christmas celebration on **Tuesday, December 12**, from 11:30-2:30 pm in Robisch Hall. Enjoy a festive lunch, holiday desserts, Christmas libations, entertainment by our St. Mary School Children's choir, and a special surprise singer! Our guest speaker will be Joy Blang, Director of Philanthropy for Episcopal Retirement Services.

This year's theme is "Seniors Gifting Seniors." You will have the opportunity to bring a Christmas gift for seniors less fortunate than ourselves. Your gifts will be wrapped by our committee and distributed to the residents of Forest Square in Avondale, an ERS facility. Their needs are basic: dish towels, dish clothes, soaps, lotions, shampoo, hats, scarves, gloves, throws, small totes, snacks, and candies, etc.

Please register online at eastsidefaith.org/epic or email Mary at mmandrum@eastsideregion.org no later than Friday, December 8. There is no charge for this event, but you must register for it.

Make your plans now for Christmas.

The fourth Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve this year, so make plans now to attend two Masses December 23-25. The schedule for the fourth Sunday of Advent reflects an added Mass on Saturday and fewer Mass times on Sunday. We are adding an extra vigil Mass at St. Cecilia so you can fulfill your Sunday obligation. We very much encourage you to attend this Mass if you intend on attending a Christmas Eve Mass. Christmas Vigil liturgies are on Sunday and Christmas Day Masses on Monday. Please check the complete schedule below!

Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses

Saturday December 23

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| 3:00 PM | Oratory |
| 3:30 PM | St. Cecilia |
| 4:00 PM | St. Mary |
| 5:00 PM | St. Cecilia |

Sunday, December 24

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| 8:00 AM | St. Cecilia |
| 8:30 AM | St. Mary |
| 9:30 AM | Oratory |

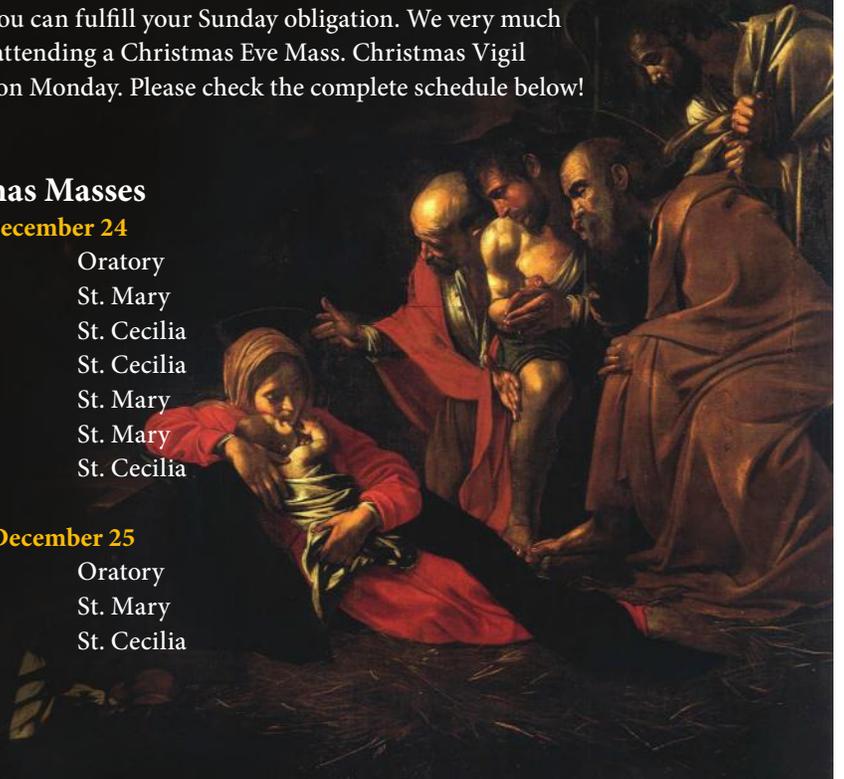
Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24

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| 3 PM | Oratory |
| 3 PM | St. Mary |
| 3 PM | St. Cecilia |
| 5:00 PM | St. Cecilia |
| 5:30 PM | St. Mary |
| 10:30 PM | St. Mary |
| Midnight | St. Cecilia |

Monday, December 25

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| 10 AM | Oratory |
| 10 AM | St. Mary |
| 10 AM | St. Cecilia |



Saint Cecilia GIVING TREE



Our annual St. Cecilia Giving Tree program has one week left, and will end next Sunday! To participate, choose an ornament from the tree by the St. Joseph altar. Ornaments should be attached to gifts when you return them. Thank you for supporting these organizations who help the needy at Christmas!

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ADVENT MISSION:
Encountering the Holy Family
with Msgr. Frank Lane

December 18th-20th, 2023
7-8 pm

MONDAY

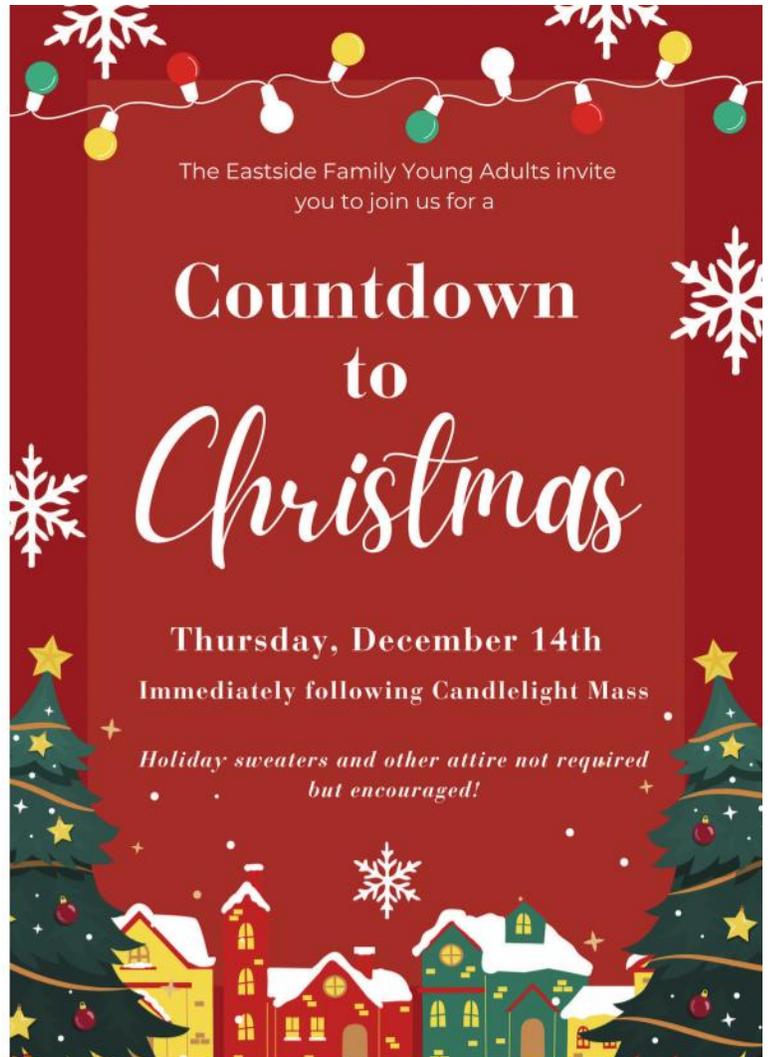
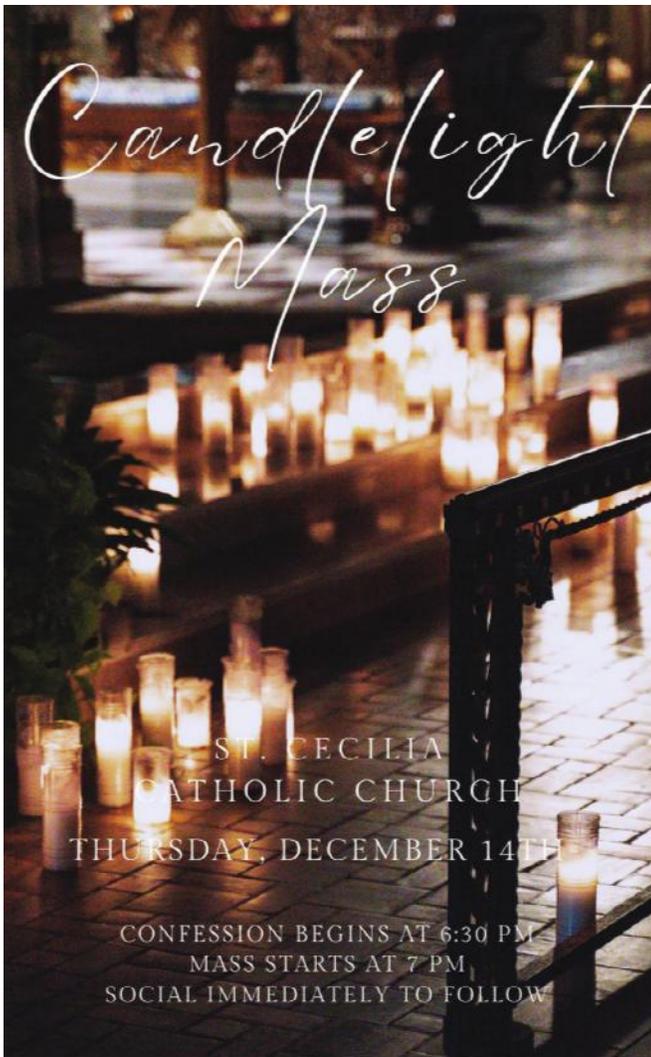
Encountering St. Joseph
St. Mary Hyde Park

TUESDAY

Encountering the Blessed Mother
St. Mary Hyde Park

WEDNESDAY

Encountering Jesus
(followed by candlelit Holy Hour with hymns)
St. Cecilia



1 A **CASH GIFT** in any amount is a convenient and popular way to show your faithful support for the church and our ministries. If you itemize, the full amount of your gift qualifies for a 2023 charitable income tax deduction. Make certain your check is dated 2023 and received or postmarked no later than December 31, 2023, to receive a deduction this year.

2 **MAKE A GIFT WITH YOUR IRA**
 Congress made the qualified charitable distribution (QCD) a permanent rule in 2015. It allows owners of a traditional IRA to exclude RMDs from their adjusted gross income (AGI) if they give the money to an approved charity, also known as a qualified charitable organization. The QCD rule allows you to give the amount you donate from your IRA directly to charity without ever receiving it as income. Therefore, you pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions. Since the gift doesn't count as income, it can reduce your annual income level. This may also help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax. Best of all, you can start taking QCDs at age 70½; you don't have to wait until you hit 73.

3 **GIVING UNNEEDED LIFE INSURANCE**
 Do you own an old life insurance policy that is no longer needed? Perhaps the purpose for the policy no longer exists (your children are grown, or your mortgage is paid off) or your financial situation has changed and mitigates the need for the insurance. Consider giving the policy to the church and receive a charitable income tax deduction for the lesser of your cost basis or the replacement value. This is a great way to benefit a cause you support without reducing your checking account. If the value is more than you wish to donate, consider cashing in the policy and giving a lesser portion. Your gift may sufficiently reduce or eliminate any potential taxes due from the sale. Please speak to your insurance advisor for more information.

4 Year-end is also the Christmas season. For many Catholics, this is an occasion to give in gratitude for God's greatest gift to us, Jesus Christ. In all our giving, let us never forget these familiar words, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son..." Why not make a special effort to honor Him in your giving this Christmas season—perhaps the most important gift you give? May God bless you as you make this expression of your faith.

**As always, please consult your tax and/or insurance advisor for any questions or concerns you may have regarding tax deductible or charitable donations.*



Worship Aid for the First Sunday of Advent

Entrance Hymn



Advent 1 To you, O Lord, I lift my soul,
Advent 2 To Zi - on's hill our God will come
Advent 3 Re - joice, a - gain I say re - joice.
Advent 4 O heav - ens, o - pen wide a - bove;



in you, my God, I place my trust.
with heal - ing for all na - tions' ills.
The Lord is near and com - ing soon.
rain down the Just One, all you clouds;



Let not my en - e - mies ex - ult,
Your hearts will quick - en as you hear
Your gen - tle - ness be shown to all.
bring forth a Sav - ior, mo - ther earth.



nor wait - ing hearts be put to shame.
the Lord's ma - jest - tic, glo - rious voice.
Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.
Let all crea - a - tion know its Lord.

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Verse 1

*LORD, make me know your ways. Teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth and teach me; for you are the God of my salvation.*

Verse 2

*I have hoped in you all day long. Remember your compassion, O LORD,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.*

Penitential Rite

Option A

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and
in what I have failed to do,**

And striking their breast, they say:
**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask
blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Option B

**Have mercy on us, O Lord.
For we have sinned against you.**

**Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
And grant us your salvation.**

**Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.
Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.**

**Christe Eleison/Christ, have mercy.
Christe Eleison/Christ, have mercy.**

**Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.
Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.**

Prayer for Vocations



Almighty Father, You have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

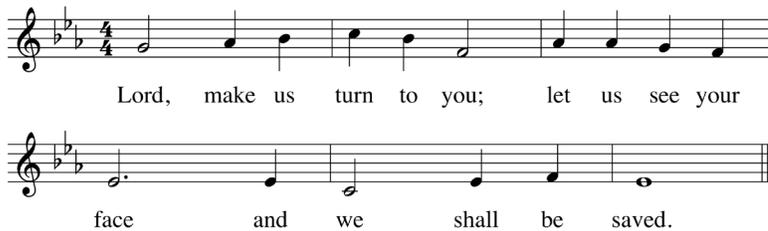
You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19



Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your
face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
enthroned on the cherubim, shine
forth.
Rouse up your might and come
to save us. R.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted,
the son of man you have claimed

for yourself. R.

May your hand be on the man at your
right hand,
the son of man you have confirmed
as your own.

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon
your name. R.

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The Nicene 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,

All make a profound 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.

Offertory Hymn The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To
3. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
4. And let the end - less bliss be - gin, By
5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And



light tri - um - phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the
suf - fer and to die, But crowned with glo - ry
earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
wea - ry saints fore - told, When right shall tri - umph
light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Your



east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
of that morn Whose day shall ev - er last.
o - ver wrong, And truth shall be ex - tolled.
peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1857-1925, alt.
Tune: MORNING SONG, CM; John Wyeth, 1770-1858; arr. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Communion Hymn

Jesus, Hope of the World

Refrain



Je-sus, hope of the world, Je-sus, light in our



dark-ness, here we a-wait you, O Mas-ter Di-vine.



Here we re-ceive you in Bread and in Wine:



Je-sus, hope of the world.

Contors:



1. Come to us, O Son of God!
2. Come to us, O Prom-ised King!
3. Come to us, O Ris-ing Sun!
4. Come to us, O Heart's De-sire!



Come to us, O Son of Man!
Come to us, O Prom-ised Peace!
Come to us, O End-less Light!
Come to us, O Sav-ing Love!



Come, Son of God! Come, Son of Man!
Come, Prom-ised King! Come, Prom-ised Peace!
Come, Ris-ing Sun! Come, End-less Light!
Come, Heart's De-sire! Come, Sav-ing Love!

All:



Shep-herd your peo-ple in love!
Come and be Lord of our hearts!
Shat-ter the dark-ness of death!
Ban-ish our doubt and our fear!

D.C.

xt: Deanna Light, b.1967, and Paul A. Tate, b.1968
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Recessional Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free!
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.

2. Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

3. Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a king;
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4. By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Text: 87 87; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788.

Music: Christian F. Witt's Harmonia
Sacra, 1715; adapt. by Henry J. Gaunt-
lett, 1805–1876.

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Alex was a source of joy to all around him. He was kind, funny, and always wore a smile. **We celebrate Alex's life with the Alex's Angels project on St. Nicholas Day, December 6.**

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