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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In so many ways—large and small—the pandemic has upended our lives together. Families and, in a special way, young people, have faced distressing struggles. The pandemic made our connections with one another challenging and difficult. Exactly in that moment when we truly needed supportive relationships with one another, we found ourselves separated. Sadly, this included the relationships and connections that we have in and through the Church.

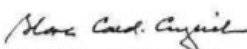
We did our best to move forward and I am proud of our collective response to the challenges of the pandemic. When I announced a general dispensation from the obligation to participate in Sunday Mass, many parishes offered on-line Sunday Masses, and went even further and established prayer lines and reached out to those in need. The TV Mass that I celebrated helped to keep us connected as a community of faith in Chicagoland. So many of you have told me how healing and comforting those Masses have been.

In the meanwhile, we are in a new moment. With vaccinations and boosters, restrictions on public gatherings have eased up. Many people feel more comfortable returning to Church. Yet, we know there are some elderly and immuno-compromised persons who are still not ready to return. And they should not return. These vulnerable brothers and sisters have an excusing cause for being absent and for this reason I will continue the TV Mass on ABC for the present time. But for the rest of us, I have decided, in consultation with my advisors, to lift the general dispensation from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass as we begin a new Church year on the First Sunday of Advent, November 26-27.

My hope is that the First Sunday of Advent will provide us with a fresh start to take up again our life together as a community of faith that gathers to worship God. I have asked our pastors to begin the Masses on November 26-27 with the traditional lighting of the Advent wreath. After the homily your pastor will lead the community in a renewal of baptismal promises, acknowledging that we owe our obligation to participate in Sunday Mass to God but also to each other. Our common profession of faith and of our desire to turn away from sin, will be concluded by a sprinkling rite with the waters of baptism.

Let this occasion of our renewal of faith and life, which we all so much want, provide us with a fresh start as we recommit ourselves to worship God and to be supportive of each other week after week as we gather around the Table of the Lord to be nourished and renewed.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be
put to shame. Nor let my enemies
exult over me; and let none who
hope in you be put to shame.

cf. Psalm 25(24):1-3

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY

Already we are bombarded with urgent reminders to get ready for Christmas. But we gather here today to begin a different kind of preparation. Over the next four weeks (and it's a full four weeks this Advent), we will recall how Jesus comes to us. He has come as an infant lying in a manger. One day he will come like a thief in the night, as our judge at the end of time. But today and every day he comes to us as Emmanuel, "God with us." Amid all the Christmas planning and holiday shopping, let us welcome God's most wonderful gift into our world, our homes, and our hearts.

The Advent wreath originated with the Lutherans of eastern Germany a few hundred years ago. The custom of lighting the wreath during the four weeks preceding Christmas took place only in the homes of believers. Gradually, especially in Roman Catholic parishes, this custom made its way into the church. Chapter 47 of the Book of Blessings tells us that the wreath "should be of a sufficient size to be visible to the congregation. It may be suspended from the ceiling or placed on a stand. If it is placed in the presbyterium (sanctuary), it should not interfere with the celebration of the liturgy, nor should it obscure the altar, ambo, or chair." The wreath is blessed only on the First Sunday of Advent, and is simply lighted on the remaining Sundays.



THE ORDER OF THE MASS

PRELUDE

Waiting in Silence

C. Landry

Together we join our voices in praise singing the Entrance Song.

ENTRANCE SONG

WAIT FOR THE LORD

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SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, **†** and of the Holy Spirit. **R. Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

– or – Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

– or – The Lord be with you. **R. And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, Emmanuel, you came into the world to bring peace to all God's people: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, Emmanuel, you are the light of the world who breaks the darkness of sin and death: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, Emmanuel, your coming opens the way to eternal life: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. **R. Amen.**

During Advent (except December 8 and 12) the "Glory to God" is omitted.

COLLECT

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

Please be seated after the prayer.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

The prophet Isaiah dreamed of a day when Jerusalem (sometimes called Zion) would be the center of the world, and all people would come there to receive instruction from God. In today's reading, Isaiah presents a vision of peace and prosperity for the whole world.

This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

This is a pilgrimage song, one that invites participation in the festal journey to Jerusalem. This trip was an obligation but is here received as a joy.

Refrain



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TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 2:1-5

They shall beat their swords into plowshares.

Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

Romans 13:11-14

Now is the hour to awake from sleep.

Matthew 24:37-44

The Son of Man will come at an hour you least expect.

"Let us then throw off the works of darkness," Saint Paul exhorts us today. It is time to prepare for the coming of the light. We don't want to be caught unaware when the Lord comes. Though we naturally look forward to Christmas Day, today's readings remind us that Jesus will also come to judge us at the end of time. Unlike Christmas Day, which always falls on December 25, the end of the world will come at a time we cannot know. Therefore, let us live in the light of Christ, "the armor of light" as Paul calls it, ever prepared for his coming.

REFLECTION

Advent is not only a season to prepare for Jesus' coming as a tiny baby at Christmas. Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus will come again at the end of time, like a thief in the night, when those who are unprepared will be swept away like victims of the Great Flood. How can we prepare? Isaiah's counsel can help. Isaiah prophesied that those walking in the Lord's paths will take

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their swords and spears and turn them into blades for their plows and pruners. Swords and spears are weapons, used against a foe in battle. Plows and pruners are used for preparing fields and trees to grow food. In Isaiah's vision, tools of war become tools of life. Instead of being used to fight, they are used to nourish. Turning confrontation into cooperation, as in Isaiah's prophecy, is how we can prepare ourselves for the arrival of the Prince of Peace, no matter when he comes. May Jesus Christ, that thief in the night, break into our hearts this Advent and guide us to making peace in our families, in our communities, and in the world.

QUESTION FOR THE WEEK

With whom can you reconcile and cooperate during the next four weeks?

Scripture Text for the 4:30 p.m. Psalm

I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the Lord." And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

Jerusalem, built as a city with compact unity. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. **R.**

According to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David. **R.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May those who love you prosper! May peace be within your walls, prosperity in your buildings. **R.**

Because of my brothers and friends I will say, "Peace be within you! "Because of the house of the Lord, our God, I will pray for your good. **R.**

Verses

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to the house of the Lord," and now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
2. Jerusalem is a city built with unity and strength.
It is there, it is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.
3. For Israel's law is to praise God's name and there to give God thanks.
There are set the judgment thrones for all of David's house.
4. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May those who love you prosper;
May peace ever reign within your walls, and wealth within your buildir
5. For love of my family and love of my friends, I pray that peace be your
For love of the house of the Lord our God I pray for your good.

4:30 p.m.

Today's scripture text are in the left column.



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SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

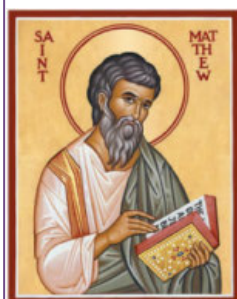
Behind everything Paul wrote was his strong belief that the hour of Christ's return in glory was near at hand. In this passage, Paul uses the image of darkness and light to describe how Christians ought to live as they await that coming.

Brothers and sisters: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

THE YEAR OF ST. MATTHEW



Today, on the First Sunday of Advent, we change the Gospel proclamations for our Sunday Gospels with readings from the Gospel of St. Matthew, the Evangelist. Also known as "Year A", most of our Gospels heard at Mass will be from Matthew during this liturgical year.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand.

*Mass of St. Mary Magdalene
Sarah Hart*



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Verse sung by the music ministry.

Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation. R.

cf. Psalm 85:8

4:30 p.m.



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GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

Matthew 24:37–44

In the gospel reading Jesus warns his disciples that they are not to be like the people of Noah's generation, who were so immersed in the ordinary and every day that they were unaware of the flood of evil that was gradually encroaching on their lives.

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

A⁺ proclamation from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

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

Please be seated after the proclamation.

COMMENTARY

Our readings call us to embrace God's transforming presence in our lives. The first reading, from Isaiah, comes from a popular song the Israelites sang in captivity. It lifted their spirits as they reflected on God's promises to lead them back to their homeland. This song tells of a new age when God will reveal himself ~o that not only the Israelites but "all nations shall stream toward" the house of the Lord (Is 2:2), the Temple in Jerusalem where God will bring peace among all humanity: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares" (Is 2:4).

St. Paul continues this theme of transformation by reminding us that our salvation is closer now than when we first believed! Our minds and actions need to embrace the necessary changes. True transformation can occur only through the power of Christ's grace: "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom 13:14). Like a new set of clothes, Christ embraces us totally and transforms the essence of our being. The Gospel reiterates the urgency to stay awake and prepare for the Lord's coming at the end of our lives or at the end of the world. We do not approach this encounter in fear and trepidation but, in the spirit of our first two readings, with a joyous expectation of God's fulfillment of the longings in our hearts for true happiness, peace, and rest, as St. Augustine addressed God, "For you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."

Jesus responds to a question about what signs to expect, so as to know when the end of earthly time will be. Jesus' response is both chilling and hopeful. We should not be dismayed when external signs such as natural disasters occur. Rather, we should always be ready for the Lord's return, standing erect, heads raised, ready to greet the Lord at his coming. Jesus paints a picture of what it means to be ready.

We do not know when the time will come-for the end of our lives on earth or for the end of time. Jesus likens our

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT RENEWAL RITUAL

The season of Advent is a time of hope and renewal, a fresh start. Advent takes on special meaning for us this year as we begin anew, after having struggled with illness and separation from one another. We put the darkness of our weakness and woundedness behind us, as we once more embrace Christ, our hope and our light. And so, let us once again turn away from sin and renew our baptismal promises.

Let us recall that it is through Baptism that we were joined to the dying and rising of Christ and to each other as members of his body, the Church. And so, I ask you:

Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God? **R. I do.**

Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you? **R. I do.**

Do you renounce Satan, the author of sin who seeks to divide us one from another? **R. I do.**

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? **R. I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?
R. I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?
R. I do.

May the light of Christ we wait for in these Advent days increasingly reign in our hearts more brightly, casting out all fears, anxieties and sin. And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, **✠** have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins and by his grace keep us united in the Body of his Son, who lives and reigns forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY SONG

O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH

1. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah, The
2. O come De - sired of na - tions, Whom
3. O come in peace and meek - ness, For

world in si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its
priest and proph - et long fore - told, Will break the cap - tive
low - ly will your cra - dle be: Though clothed in hu - man

tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.
fet - ters, Re - deem the long - lost fold.
weak - ness We shall your God - head see.

Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the
night and show your face, And bid us hail the dawn of
grace. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah, The
world in si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its
tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.

4:30 p.m. OFFERTORY SONG

WITHIN OUR DARKEST NIGHT



With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the

fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a -

way. With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the

fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way.

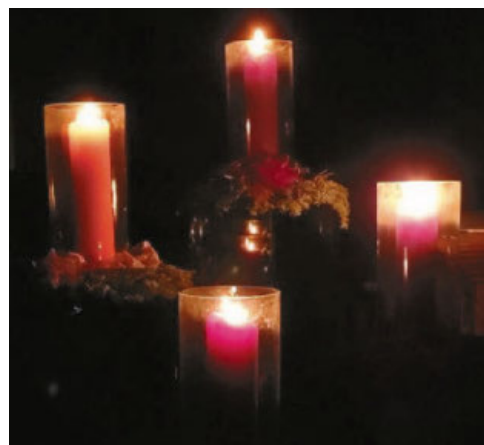
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OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

cf. Psalm 25:1-3



INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

With expectant longing we await the coming of the Lord. Around this holy table we raise our voices in thanksgiving for the justice that is ours and in longing for the peace that is to come.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father. *Please stand.*

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Women of Divine Mercy Parish
are invited to attend
Advent by Candlelight:
Reflections of Hope

Wednesday, November 30, at 7 p.m.
The evening begins with a program
in Sacred Heart Church followed by
a celebration of the season in the
Parish Center.

The word **Advent** is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming," which is a translation of the Greek word *parousia*. Scholars believe that during the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God's incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:1), his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist (John 1:29), and his first miracle at Cana (John 2:1).



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God Bless You!!

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **R. It is right and just.**

PREFACE ACCLAMATION (HOLY)

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

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

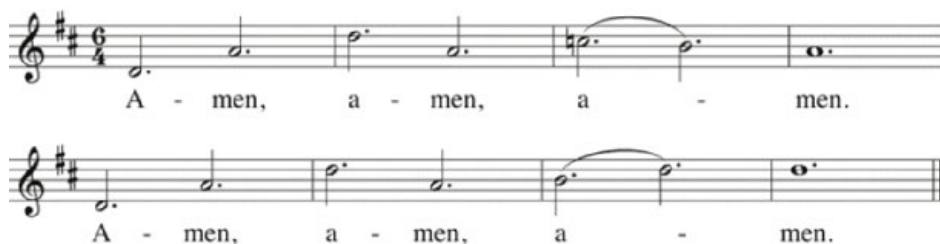
We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro -
fess your Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

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DOXOLOGY AND GREAT AMEN

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.



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Please stand after the acclamation.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, ... as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

LAMB OF GOD



After the litany, please kneel.

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need to be vigilant in the way we live to that of the people in Noah's time who didn't know the flood was coming. On his return, some will be ready-their lives will be in order-and others will not. There are eternal consequences to our actions and inactions. We must be ready to greet the Lord through the way we live each



SIGN OF PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles, peace I leave you, my peace I give you; ... Who live and reign for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with your always.

R. And with your spirit.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

PASTOR'S "TO THE POINT"



A few days ago, we celebrated Thanksgiving. I hope your celebration was beautiful, relaxing and filled with family, an "adopted family," or friends. Perhaps you are still enjoying leftovers from that day and basking in warm memories.

Some of you know that the word describing what we engage in at each and every Mass literally means "thanksgiving." That's what the term Eucharist denotes.

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we give thanks to God the Father for sending us his Son, Jesus, to save and redeem us. We share in the Eucharist, tasting the salvation won for us in Christ.

The bread broken and the cup shared at the Table of the Lord become the offering we render back to God in thanksgiving, even as we partake of this sacred meal. When we gather for Mass, we are not only nourished by the sacrament, we are formed in it, becoming people filled with gratitude for God's blessings and graces.

What I'm saying, in effect, is that we give thanks each day for the presence and action of God in our lives, not just on Thanksgiving Day. Believers and disciples say "thank you, God" each day, every day.

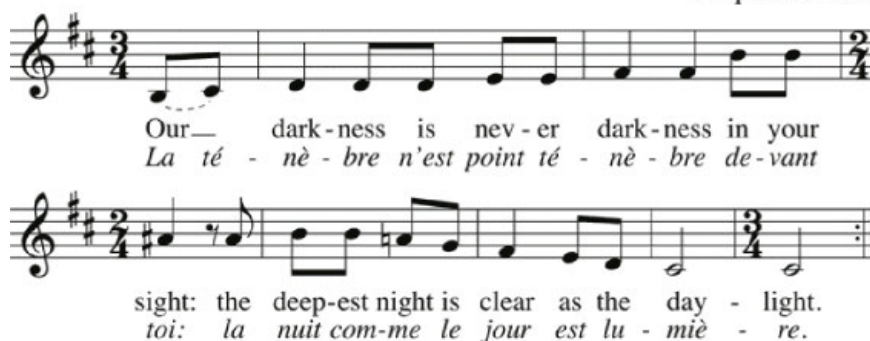
The turkey and trimmings are perhaps once a year. But we don't stop thanking the Lord once the turkey and trimmings are a memory. As Saint Paul says, "I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus. . ." (1 Corinthians 1:4).

Every day, I give thanks to God for the blessing that this parish is to me. May God fill us with every spiritual gift, and may we share those gifts with one another in thanksgiving.

COMMUNION SONG

4:30 p.m.

Jacques Berthier



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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

During communion we sing psalms and other songs that express our praise of the Father, our spiritual union in Christ, and our fellowship in the Holy Spirit.

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Psalms 85(84):13

After communion we spend some time in silent prayer and/or sing a psalm or song of praise.

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception (celebrated Dec. 8) and the Divine Infancy.

The first 24 days of December fall during the liturgical season known as Advent and are represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

The remaining days of December mark the beginning of the Christ-mas Time. The liturgical color changes to white or gold — a symbol of joy, purity and innocence.

The season of Advent originated as a fast of forty days in preparation for Christmas, commencing on the day after the feast of St. Martin (Nov. 11), it was often called "St. Martin's Lent"—a name by which it was known as early as the fifth century. In the ninth century, the duration of Advent was reduced to four weeks, and Advent preserved most of the characteristics of a penitential season which made it a kind of counterpart to Lent.

December 8 Masses (Holy Day of Obligation)

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Patronal Feast day of the United States of America

8:30 a.m. Sacred Heart and 6:30 p.m. St. Philip the Apostle

COMMUNION SONG

JESUS HOPE OF THE WORLD

As we process to receive Holy Communion we join the music ministry in singing.

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. _____

VERSES

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

1.-4. Come, Lord Je - sus! _____

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

1.-4. Come, Lord Je - sus! _____

2 To Refrain

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

Deanna Light and Paul A. Tate
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

THIS WEEK'S PARISH CALENDAR

November 27, Sunday

The First Sunday of Advent

- 8 a.m. Mass — St. Philip
- 10 a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart
- 4:30 p.m. Mass - Sacred Heart

November 28 – December 2

Online Rosary

November 28, Monday

Monday of the First Week of Advent

- 8 a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart
- 7 p.m. Small Faith Sharing Group for Advent - Online

November 29, Tuesday

Tuesday of the First Week of Advent

- 8 a.m. Mass — St. Philip
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary — St. Philip
- 9:30 a.m. Crafty Ladies — John Paul II Rm., St. Philip
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Evening Alpha — Parish Center Rotunda

November 30, Wednesday

*Feast of St. Andrew
World Solidarity Day with
Palestinian People
Day to Remember
Chemical Warfare Victims*

- 8:30 a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart
- 9:30 a.m. Small Faith Sharing Group for Advent - Parishioner home
- 2 p.m. Adoration - Sacred Heart
- 3 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation — St. Philip
- 7 p.m. Advent by Candlelight— Sacred Heart Church

December 1, Thursday

*December is the Month
of the Divine Infancy and the
Immaculate Conception
World AIDS Day / Rosa Parks Day
Human Rights Month, and National
Drunk and Drugged
Driving Prevention Month.*

- 8 a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart
- 7 p.m. Small Faith Sharing Group for Advent—Parishioner home

THIS WEEK'S PARISH CALENDAR (continued)

December 2, Friday

First Friday

World Day for Slavery Abolition

- 8 a.m. Mass — St. Philip
- 8:30 a.m. Adoration & Rosary — St. Philip
- 9 a.m. Small Faith Sharing Group for Advent—St. Philip, JPIL Room

December 3, Saturday

Memorial of St. Francis Xavier

First Saturday

World Day of Persons with Disabilities

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Inspirational Study Group - Sacred Heart Fireplace Room
- 9 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation - Sacred Heart
- 10 a.m. Funeral Mass for John Goodall - Sacred Heart
- 5 p.m. Mass - Sacred Heart

December 4, Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:45 a.m. Children's Ministry Sessions - Sacred Heart School
- 8:45 a.m. Alpha - Sacred Heart School Gym
- 11:30 a.m. Alpha - Parish Center Rotunda
- 5:15 p.m. Family Faith - Parish Center Rotunda

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SENDING HYMN

THE KING SHALL COME WHEN MORNING DAWNS

MORNING SONG

1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
 2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To
 3. O bright - er than the ris - ing morn When
 4. O bright - er than that glo - rious morn Shall
 5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And

1. light tri - um - phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the
 2. bear, and fight, and die, But crowned with glo - ry
 3. he, vic - to - rious, rose And left the lone - some
 4. this fair morn - ing be, When Christ, our King, in
 5. light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Thy

1. east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
 2. like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
 3. place of death, De - spite the rage of foes.
 4. beau - ty comes, And we his face shall see!
 5. peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly King of kings.

Text: CM; Greek; tr. by John Brownlie, 1859–1925, alt.

Music: *Sixteen Tune Settings*, Philadelphia, 1812; *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816.

4:30 p.m. SENDING SONG

PATIENCE, PEOPLE

John Foley, S.J.

Refrain
 Pa-tience, peo - ple, till the Lord is come.

Verses
 1. See the farm - er a - wait the yield of the soil. He watch - es
 2. You have seen the pur - pose of the Lord. You know of
 3. Stead - y your hearts, for the Lord is close at hand. And do not

1. it in win - ter and in spring rain.
 2. his com - pas - sion and his mer - cy.
 3. grum - ble, one a - gainst the oth - er.

Pa-tience,
 1-3. peo - ple, for the Lord is com - ing.

Text: Based on James 5:7–9, 11. Text and music © 1977, John B. Foley, S.J., and OCP. All rights reserved.

MASS INTENTIONS

This week, the Sanctuary Candle at Sacred Heart and at St. Philip is in memory of **All Souls of Divine Mercy.**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

5:00 p.m. – The Vanasdlén Family and Parishioners of Divine Mercy

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00 a.m. (SPA) – Viola Dietz
10:00 a.m. (SH) – John W. O'Brien
4:30 p.m. (SH) – Vince DiPaolo

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28 (SH)

8:00 a.m. – William Goodrich

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. – Patrick Tower

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 (SH)

8:30 a.m. – Jeannie Balsam

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 (SH)

8:00 a.m. – Ines Gortezar

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. – John Eckenroad

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 (SH)

5:00 p.m. – Frank & Teresa D'Astici

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00 a.m. (SPA) – Casey Salm Cortright
10:00 a.m. (SH) – John O'Brien
4:30 p.m. (SH) – Hope Fairclough McGowan

MASS INTENTIONS

Contact the parish office 847-446-0856 or

megan@divinemercynorthshore.org.

You may also designate a gift for the weekly Sanctuary Candle, weekend flowers and/or the bread and wine for Masses at either worship site.

SUGGESTED DONATIONS:

Mass Intentions \$10

Flowers \$75

Sanctuary Candle \$25

Bread and Wine \$20

LITURGICAL MINISTER ASSIGNMENTS

December 3, 2022

5:00 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

President: Fr. Steve Lanza

Sacristan: Ludy Mariano

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Minister Needed

EM: Minister Needed

Song Leader: Carla LaMarr

December 4, 2022

8:00 a.m.

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

President: Fr. Steve Lanza

Sacristan: Rima Abraham

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Minister Needed

EM: Dcn. Gerry Keenan

Song Leader: Katie Meine

10:00 a.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

President: Fr. Bob Hienz

Sacristan: Ludy Mariano

Servers: Troy Q.

Lector: Minister Needed

EM: Dcn. Bob Puhala

Song Leader: Katie Meine

4:30 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

President: Fr. Bob Hienz

Sacristan: Minister Needed

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Minister Needed

EM: Minister Needed

Song Leader: Miranda Farmer

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

We are in critical need of ministers to serve as weekday and weekend sacristans, servers, and lectors. Please consider any of these ministries for your regular Mass attendance. If available please Ron Vanasdlén via email at: rvanasdlén@divinemercynorthshore.org Ask him about the "Family Plan."

LITURGICAL MINISTER ASSIGNMENTS

December 8, 2022

(Holy Day of Obligation)

8:30 a.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

President: Fr. Bob Heinz

Sacristan: Ludy Mariano

Servers: Sacred Heart School

Lector: Sacred Heart School

EM: Sacred Heart School

Song Leader: Miranda Farmer

6:30 p.m.

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

President: TBD

Sacristan: Rima Abraham

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Minister Needed

EM: Minister Needed

Song Leader: Jaina Alexander

CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

If you'd like to participate in the wonderful music for Christmas please come to rehearsal, Wednesday, Dec. 7, 14, and 21 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Music Studio, lower level of the Parish Center. The Parish Choir will sing at the 10 p.m. "Mass during the Night", Sacred Heart Church, and the 10 a.m. "Mass during the Day", St. Philip the Apostle Church. RSVP to Ron Vanasdlén, Director of Liturgy and Music (lupusgrex@gmail.com) for a music packet!

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

If you are looking for a quality values-based Catholic education, consider Sacred Heart School! You may email Jennifer Sullivan at jsullivan@shwschool.org to schedule a tour or visit our website at shwschool.org. Come and see why our families love us!



Go to build the kingdom of God on earth.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

The following people suffer from illness or chronic conditions. They have asked for the prayers of our parish family. Please remember them to the Lord.

Mark Agnew, Jeannie Ambrose,
Michael Anderson, Donald Blair,
Elaine Boback, Ronald Braun,
Wendy Braun, Robert Conte, Jr., John Coyne,
Rich Danstrom, James Farney,
Mary Beth Fellingner, Lisa Marie Franke,
Frank Frelka, Ermin Garcia, Jr., Paul Greco,
Benjamin Grillo, Jack Hogan, Sarah Hyde,
Emily Jatis, Peggy Keese, Rick Kehrer,
Patti Kotscharjan, Gina Quirk Lazicki,
Griffin Maks, Rosaleen Mazur,
Teresa McNamara, Mike McNulty, Cathy Nolan,
Beth O'Brien, Joan O'Donnell, Lynn Pattison,
Judy Rasfeld, Kathy Sarch, Bill Seeberg,
Violet Vanselow, Douglas Williams,
and all those written in our parish book of
intercessions.

If you or your loved one needs a Minister of Care or is seriously ill or near death, and in need of the Sacrament of the Sick/Last Rites, please contact the parish office at 847-446-0856.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

May the souls of faithfully departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace,
especially

Patrick Carlton Tower

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacred Heart Church:

Saturdays 9:00a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

St. Philip the Apostle Church:

Wednesdays 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

with Rev. Gerald Cole.

ADORATION

Sacred Heart Church:

Wednesdays from 2:00 - 3:00p.m.

St. Philip the Apostle Church:

Fridays from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

JOIN OUR ONLINE ROSARY

Meet on Zoom, weekday mornings at 7:30 a.m. See our website homepage for the link.

JOIN A SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUP FOR ADVENT!

Groups will meet for 4 weeks to watch & discuss short videos presented by Fr. Mark Touns and friends of Ascension Presents, looking at Scriptures that lead us to the Incarnation. We'll make prayer a priority, look at John the Baptist in a whole new way, and discover that holiness is messy - even for the Holy Family! Christ our Hope is coming! Join Us!



Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture

Prepare for Christmas in a New Way
and Experience Real Spiritual
Formation throughout Advent
till Christmas Day.

Visit our [Website](#) or Contact **Patty Sanfilippo** to Register for a Group
and [watch the introductory video](#):

Mondays online from 7-8pm, Hosted by Joe McGowan,
11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12

Wednesdays 9:30-10:30am at the home of Laurie Bauer,
11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21

Thursdays 7 - 8:00pm (6:30 for socializing) at the home of Kathleen
Clarke, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22

Fridays 9:00-10:00am at the St. Philip John Paul II Room,
Hosted by Cathy Stegich, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23

**Note: Some sessions may be combined to avoid busy schedules
during Christmas week.**

Mathieu Mieling & Quintet - Friday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 pm

Start the holiday season
with a concert of
reimagined Christmas songs

**Sacred Heart Church
at Divine Mercy Parish**
1077 Tower Road, Winnetka
Doors open at 7:15pm
Suggested free will donation \$15

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**CHRISTMAS EVE
SACRED HEART**
3:00 P.M.
5:00 P.M.
10:00 P.M.

**CAROLS
BEFORE ALL THE
MASSES!**

**CHRISTMAS EVE
ST. PHILIP**
6:30 P.M.
CHRISTMAS DAY
10:00 A.M.

CHRISTMAS SHARING: THE GIFT CARD CHALLENGE

As you know, people are in need now more than ever. Serving others is part of who we are as Catholics, and we know our faith community is extremely generous! Christmas is around the corner, and so is the Great Gift Card Challenge!

This is a challenge we're undertaking on behalf of both our sharing parishes, St. Benedict the African and St. Moses the Black (formerly St. Columbanus). We've been in touch with them and each has determined the specific needs of their community, as well as the gift cards which would work best for them. Thank you for whatever you can give!

Here's how to participate in the Great Gift Card Challenge!

- 1) Visit our [Christmas Sharing Webpage](#) (or contact Liz below) to sign up for a gift card. You may sign up for as many as you wish.
- 2) Purchase the gift card **and** get a receipt for each card.
- 3) Place the gift card(s) **and** receipt(s) in an envelope marked "Christmas Sharing." Remember to put your name on the envelope so we can keep track of who returned their cards.
- 4) Put your envelope in the offertory at Mass or bring it to the parish office. If the office is closed, you may put it into the black drop box next to the front door. Do not put your envelope into the mailbox! Or, you may mail your envelope to Divine Mercy Parish, 1077 Tower Rd., Winnetka, IL 60093, Attn: Christmas Sharing.

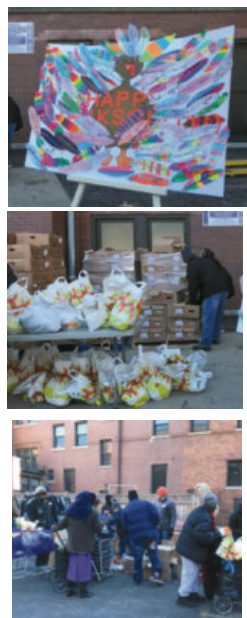
Cards are due at the Parish by December 5th. Thank you!

Questions? Contact Liz McGowen, Lmcgowen@divinemercynorthshore.org or 847-446-0856 ext 108.



GRATEFUL FOR ALL OUR THANKSGIVING VOLUNTEERS!

Many thanks to the 70+ volunteers who helped pack and distribute food, coats, gloves, and scarves to the clients of the Food Pantry at St. Moses the Black (formerly St. Columbanus) on the Wednesday morning before Thanksgiving. We hope the experience was enriching for all the participants, particularly in the way everyone could process the morning with the reflection questions for the ride home!



PARISH OFFICE

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