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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Second Sunday of Advent



Peace



Mass Schedule for The Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 8, 2022

8:30 a.m. Sacred Heart Church

6:30 p.m. St. Philip the Apostle Church



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

cf. Isaiah 30:19, 30

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY

*"Welcome one another," Saint Paul commands us, "as Christ welcomed you." Indeed, the Lord welcomes us here each Sunday as we gather together to celebrate the Eucharist. But let us not forget the first part, that we are also called to welcome one another. Moreover, as Paul welcomed Gentiles, and the wolf became a guest of the lamb, we are called to welcome those who are not like us: those coming from other cultures, speaking other languages, or expressing other viewpoints. Let us welcome all to this celebration.*



## 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.**

## THE ORDER OF THE MASS

## PRELUDE

*This Is Your Justice*

C. Colton

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

## ENTRANCE HYMN

## ON JORDAN'S BANK

WINCHESTER NEW

1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -  
 2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry soul from sin; Make  
 3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our  
 4. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee Whose

1. nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,  
 2. straight the way of God with - in, Pre - pare we in our  
 3. ref - uge and our sure re - ward; Shine forth, and let thy  
 4. ad - vent set thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther

1. for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 2. hearts a home, Where such a might - y guest may come.  
 3. light re - store Our souls to heav'n - ly grace once more.  
 4. we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: LM; Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt.  
 Music: *Musicalisches Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690; adapt. by William H. Havergal, 1793–1870.

## 4:30 p.m. ENTRANCE SONG

## WAIT FOR THE LORD

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong take heart

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, Emmanuel, you the Prince of Peace: Lord, have mercy. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, Emmanuel, you welcome us onto the holy mountain of justice and truth: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, Emmanuel, you show us the way to salvation: 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

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. 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 11:1-10**

*The prophet Isaiah lived 750 years before Christ. Despite the political unrest of that period, he looked forward to a kingdom so wonderful that even nature is at peace. This perfect world would be ruled by a descendent of King David. (As you listen to this reading, it helps to know that "Jesse" is the name of David's father.)*

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord, and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted.

He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair.

There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## TODAY'S READINGS

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

The wolf shall be a guest of the lamb.

**Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17**

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

**Romans 15:4-9**

God, the source of patience, enables us to live in harmony.

**Matthew 3:1-12**

Prepare the way of the Lord! "Prepare the way of the Lord," Isaiah cries through John the Baptist's words, and we continue to heed that call today. Before we hear John quote him, we hear Isaiah himself, longing for the day when the LORD's chosen one would arrive, and justice and harmony would blossom. Let us prepare a place in our hearts and in our homes for the Lord, so that we may sing, like the psalmist, of a new day of justice and peace for one and all.

## REFLECTION

Today's first reading, from Isaiah, looks forward to the coming of the long-awaited Messiah, who will be filled with the fullness of God's Spirit. He will bring peace to the world, a peace he describes in a vision where "the calf and the young lion shall browse together" (Is 11:6). The coming of Jesus inaugurates this fulfillment. The reading from the Letter to the Romans connects back to the hopes of the Old Testament. Jesus' coming fulfills the promises made to

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the patriarchs and extends them to the Gentiles "so that [they] might glorify God for his mercy" (Rom 15:9). Jesus' coming brings all peoples together in their praise and glory of God.

In the Gospel reading, God's Word comes to the people in the desert through the person of John the Baptist. The desert is the place where the Israelites had wandered for forty years and where God formed them into a people. The prophets foresaw that God would lead the people back to the desert to form them again into God's people. John the Baptist, who resembles the prophets with his clothing and diet, calls for a change of heart: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Mt 3:2). John speaks of one who is to come, one who is far greater than he. While John baptized with water, the one to come, Jesus, will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Mt 3:11). As John the Baptist called on his people to set things right, so we are called this Advent to set things right with God as we await the coming of Jesus at Christmas and welcome his presence into our lives.

### QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK

What do you need to repent of today? How can you repent so that you are reconciled with both God and neighbor and given a new opportunity at life?



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17

*In this psalm, we see that the heart of justice is indeed about people getting their due, but what they are owed not as wrongdoers but as beloved children of God. The justice with which this King is concerned is justice that protects the poor, recognizing the dignity of all who seem lowly by our worldly standards.*

PJ Anderson



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O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment. **R.**

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. **R.**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save. **R.**

May his name be blessed forever; as long as the sun his name shall remain. In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; all the nations shall proclaim his happiness. **R.**

4:30 p.m.



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### SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-9

*In the early days of the Church, some Jewish converts to Christianity continued to practice their Jewish traditions. Many of them were members of the Church in Rome, along with others who were Gentiles. They sometimes found it hard to get along. As Paul nears the end of his letter to them, he encourages them to live in harmony by drawing upon the Scriptures they had in common — what we have called the "Old Testament."*



Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: *Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.*

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand.*

*Mass of St. Mary Magdalene  
Sarah Hart*



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*Verse sung by the music ministry.*

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God. R.*

*Luke 3:4, 6*

**4:30 p.m.**



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## GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

**Matthew 3:1-12**

*In the Gospel reading, God's Word comes to the people in the desert through the person of John the Baptist. The desert is the place where the Israelites had wandered for forty years and where God formed them into a people. The prophets foresaw that God would lead the people back to the desert to form them again into God's people.*

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.**

## COMMENTARY

The wolf does not become the lamb, nor the lamb the wolf. In Isaiah's vision, animals that are natural enemies are able to get along, not by ceasing to be what they are, but by changing their behavior. Note the lion eating hay, embracing a vegetarian diet in order to coexist with the ox. Also note that in each pairing, one is gentle and often young: a lamb, a calf, a baby. Possibly the presence of such a harmless creature on God's holy mountain tames the fierce one. We are called to be the peaceful ones, finding ways to reduce tension and reconcile with those with whom we've failed to get along.

John the Baptist is the first to refer to Jesus as the Lamb of God, though that comes only after he sees him, not in today's Gospel. Jesus, the Lamb, is put to death after a threatening crowd, like a pack of ravenous wolves, demands that he be killed. Isaiah's vision of the world after the Son of David, the root of Jesse, arrived was not realized. The world carried on with its injustices, its poverty, and its aggression. And it still does. Yet, the vision of God's peaceable kingdom sustains our hope. John's first words provide a path: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2). To reach that kingdom, where all will live in harmony, we need to repent. All of us are called to be sorry and atone for our sins. And it begins with me.

The qualities of the spirit of the Lord that Isaiah lists at the beginning of this passage may sound familiar, for they are the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which were bestowed on us all at confirmation. The Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of the Lord when we make the effort to use those gifts for the benefit of each other. In doing so, we produce good fruit (as John the Baptist calls us to do) and harmonize with one other (as Paul tells the Romans).

**PROFESSION OF FAITH***Please stand.***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 (*bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. (*stand*) 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.

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John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.*

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

*Please be seated after the proclamation.***OFFERTORY SONG****BE THE LIGHT**

1. We are waiting in the darkness. Our souls still long for the light. Your very promise is a candle that leads us through the night.
2. As we await the birth of Jesus, help our busyness recede. Turn our dark days into brightness; peace and joy the gifts we need.



3. Meek and humble we await you. Our hearts are open. We long to receive. Come, Lord Jesus, dwelling among us. Guide us in the lives we lead. (to refrain)

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## 4:30 p.m. OFFERTORY SONG WITHIN OUR DARKEST NIGHT



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## 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*

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.

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (*bow*) who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, (*stand*) suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life ever lasting. Amen.

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## UNIVERSAL PRAYER

**R.** Lord, hear our prayer.



## OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

You will turn to us, O God, and restore our life, and your people shall rejoice in you.

*Ps. 85(84)7-8*



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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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).

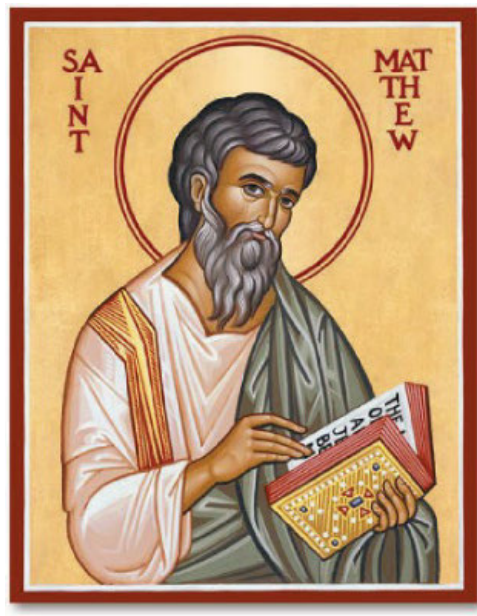


### December 8 Masses (Holyday of obligation)

The Immaculate Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

Patronal Feastday of the United  
States of America

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



### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings, and, since we have no merits to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

### PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

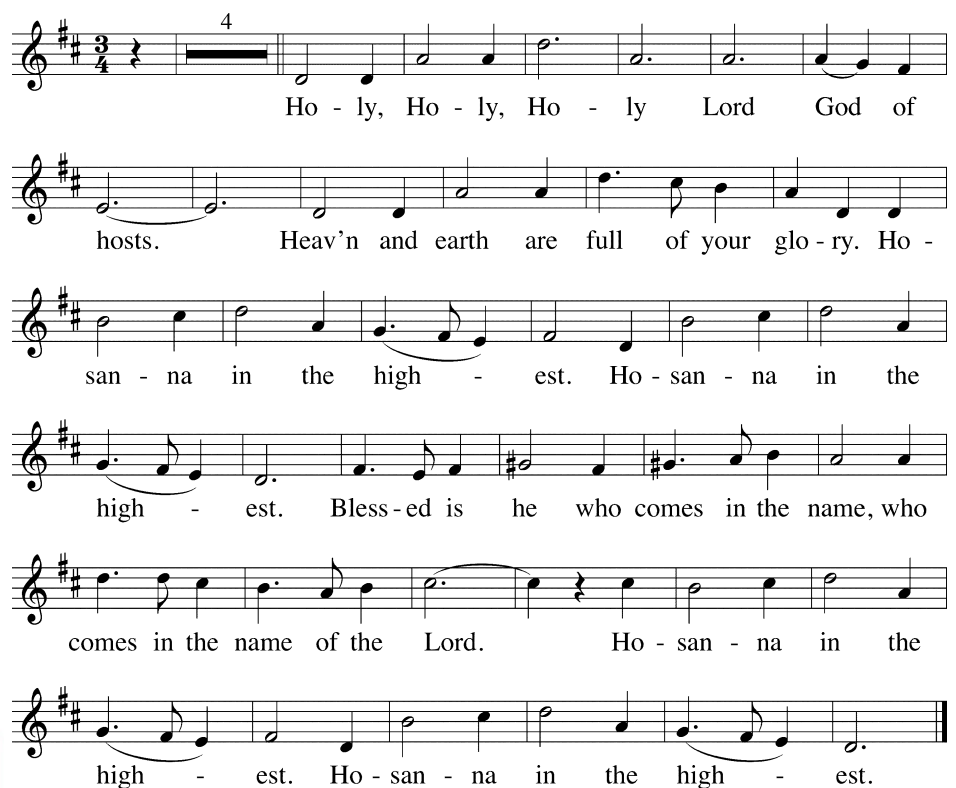
**R. And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

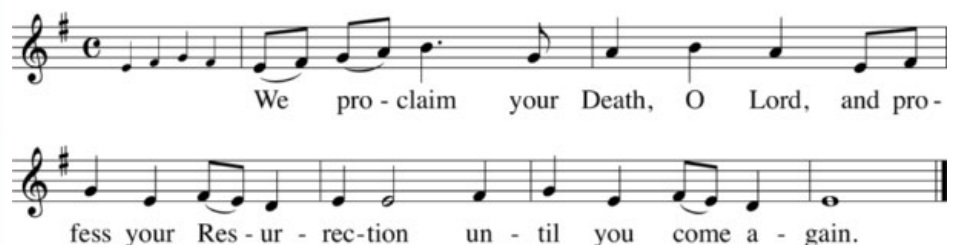
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **R. It is right and just.**

### PREFACE ACCLAMATION (HOLY)



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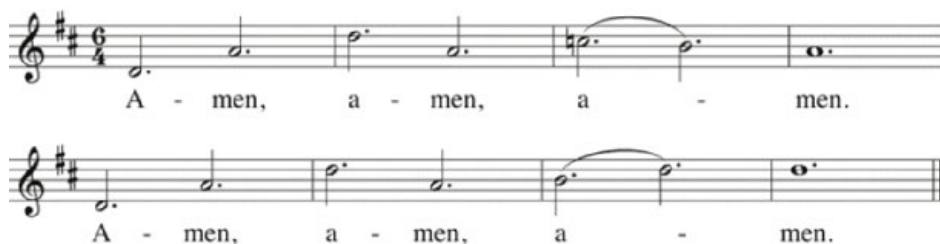
### MYSTERY OF FAITH



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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.*



## 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 weeks ago, I was pleasantly surprised. Our parish took up a special collection to help Catholic Charities assist asylum seekers being settled in the Chicagoland area.

The funds we collected that weekend, with additional donations arriving after it, far exceeded any other special collection of the past year. To date, we have received just over \$5,000. Normally, our biggest second collection is the Mother's Day one, in support of the work of Catholic Charities.

Obviously, this newest second collection will also go to Catholic Charities, but for the specific aim of helping asylum seekers. I didn't expect that we would receive donations for this collection that would surpass the Mother's Day one.

I shouldn't be surprised by the extreme generosity of our parishioners.

Generosity is a hallmark of God's people. We have been generously blessed by God. In turn, we share those blessings with others who are less fortunate.

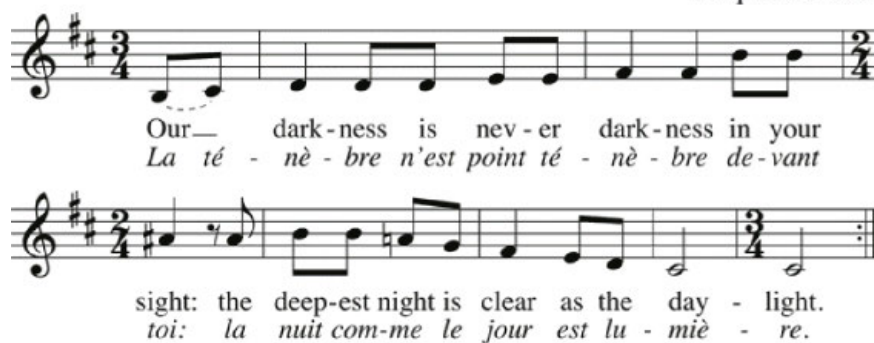
Last weekend we began a new Year of Grace with the start of the Advent season. Throughout the liturgical year we will recount God's past blessings to his people as well as how God blesses us here and now.

First and foremost, we are blessed in Christ as his followers, his disciples. Let us celebrate our unity in Christ, a unity of purpose that sends us forth into the world to surprise others with the Good News of the advent of God's kingdom among us.

## 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.*

**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**

Bar 5:5, 4:36

*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.*





## COMMUNION SONG

## ON THAT HOLY MOUNTAIN

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

The wolf is the guest of the lamb, **R. on that holy mountain.**  
And the calf and the lion shall lie down, **R. on that holy mountain.** Together they shall rest with the child,  
**R. on that holy mountain, on that holy mountain of the Lord.**

### REFRAIN

*Cantor/All*

The musical score for the Refrain is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are: 'No harm or ruin— on that ho - ly moun - tain. That sa - cred day— shall be filled with knowl - edge. There shall be peace,— led by all the chil - dren, on that ho - ly moun - tain, on that ho - ly moun - tain, on that ho - ly moun - tain of the Lord. Ho - ly and peace - ful the day of the moun - tain.' The score includes a '1.-2.' marking, a 'To Verses' section, and a 'Final' section with a '2' marking.

Joe Mattingly  
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The poor shall receive from the rich, **R. on that holy mountain.**  
And the sick and the lame shall be healed, **R. on that holy mountain.** The wicked shall be saved by God's breath,  
**R. on that holy mountain, on that holy mountain of the Lord.**

Justice shall flower for all time, **R. on that holy mountain.**  
As long as the sun still can shine, **R. on that holy mountain.**  
Peace till the moon be no more,  
**R. on that holy mountain, on that holy mountain of the Lord.**

## THIS WEEK'S PARISH CALENDAR

### 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

### December 5 – December 9

Online Rosary - 7:30 a.m. link on website homepage

### December 5, Monday

*Monday of the Second Week of Advent*

- 8 a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart
- 7 p.m. Uncle Pete's Ministry—Parish Center Rotunda
- 7 p.m. Small Faith Sharing Group for Advent-Online

### December 6, Tuesday

*Optional Memorial of St. Nicholas*

- 8 a.m. Mass — St. Philip
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary — St. Philip

### December 7, Wednesday

*Memorial of St. Ambrose*

- 8:30 a.m. Mass - Sacred Heart
- 2 p.m. Adoration - Sacred Heart
- 3 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation — St. Philip
- 6:30 p.m. Fr. Kartje Bible Study — Parish Center Rotunda

### December 8 Thursday

*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feast Day of the U.S.) (Holy Day of Obligation)*

- 8:30 a.m. Mass - Sacred Heart
- 6:30 p.m. Mass - St. Philip
- 7 p.m. Small Faith Sharing Group for Advent— at the home of Kathleen Clarke

### December 9, Friday

*Optional Memorial of St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*

- 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, JP II Room
- 7:30 p.m. Mathieu Mieling Christmas Concert at Sacred Heart

### THIS WEEK'S PARISH CALENDAR (continued)

#### December 10, Saturday

*Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto  
Human Rights Day*

#### HUNGER HERO WEEKEND

- 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

#### December 11, Sunday

*Third Sunday of Advent*

#### HUNGER HERO WEEKEND

- 8 a.m. Mass - St. Philip (Hospitality after Mass)
- 8:45 a.m. Children's Ministry Sessions — Sacred Heart School
- 9:15 a.m. Children's Ministry Christmas Pageant—Sacred Heart School Gym
- 10 a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart (Hospitality after Mass)
- 11:30 a.m. Alpha — Parish Center Rotunda
- 4:30 p.m. Mass—Sacred Heart

#### JOIN OUR ONLINE ROSARY

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

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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.**

### SENDING HYMN

### COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

STUTTGART

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to  
 2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of  
 3. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a  
 4. By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in

1. set thy peo - ple free! From our fears and  
 2. all the earth thou art; Dear de - sire of  
 3. child, and yet a king; Born to reign in  
 4. all our hearts a - lone; By thine all - suf -

1. sins re - lease us, Let us find our rest in thee.  
 2. ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
 3. us for - ev - er, Now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
 4. fi - cient mer - it Raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: 87 87; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: Christian F. Witt's *Harmonia Sacra*, 1715; adapt. by Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876.

### 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. } Pa-tience,  
 3. grum - ble, one a - gainst the oth - er. }

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

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**MASS INTENTIONS****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3**

5:00 p.m. – Frank & Teresa D'Astici

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**

8:00 a.m. (SPA) – Casey Salm Cortright † and Parishioners of Divine Mercy

10:00 a.m. (SH) – John O'Brien †

4:30 p.m. (SH) – Hope Fairclough McGowan †

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 5 (SH)**

8:00 a.m. – Ermin Garcia, Jr.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 (SPA)**

8:00 a.m. – Dr. Jerome Zwierzycki †

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 (SH)**

8:30 a.m. – Steve Fickinger †

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8**

8:30 a.m. (SH) – Concepcion Mariano

6:30 p.m. (SPA) – Parishioners of Divine Mercy Parish

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 (SPA)**

8:00 a.m. – Bob Berner †

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 (SH)**

5:00 p.m. – The Coradini Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**

8:00 a.m. (SPA) – Mark Lahey

10:00 a.m. (SH) – George & Ann Herrmann and Parishioners of Divine Mercy

4:30 p.m. (SH) – Bob Berner †

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Contact the parish office 847-446-0856 or [megan@divinemercynorthshore.org](mailto:megan@divinemercynorthshore.org)

**LITURGICAL MINISTER ASSIGNMENTS****December 8, 2022**

(Holy Day of Obligation)

**8:30 a.m.**

SACRED HEART CHURCH

**Presider: 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

**Presider: TBD**

Sacristan: Rima Abraham

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Jim Dietz

EM: Michael Koberda

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" at Sacred Heart Church, and the 10 a.m. "Mass during the Day" at St. Philip the Apostle Church. You can sing for one or the other or both! RSVP to Ron Vanasdlén, Director of Liturgy and Music ([lupusgrex@gmail.com](mailto:lupusgrex@gmail.com)) for a music packet!

**LITURGICAL MINISTER ASSIGNMENTS****December 10, 2022**

**5:00 p.m.**

SACRED HEART CHURCH

**Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza**

Sacristan: Ludy Mariano

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Barb Anderson

EM: Dcn Bob Puhala

Song Leader: Carla LaMarr

**December 11, 2022**

**8:00 a.m.**

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

**Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza**

Sacristan: Rima Abraham

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Steve Clingan

EM: Judy Meade

Song Leader: Katie Meine

**10:00 a.m.**

SACRED HEART CHURCH

**Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza**

Sacristan: Ludy Mariano

Servers: Quinn D., Sofia P., Anna P.

Lector: Minister Needed

EM: Dcn. Gerry Keenan

Song Leader: Katie Meine

**4:30 p.m.**

SACRED HEART CHURCH

**Presider: Fr. John Kartje**

Sacristan: Minister Needed

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Sue Seebert

EM: Julie Hartvigsen

Song Leader: Miranda Farmer

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED!**

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](mailto:rvanasdlén@divinemercynorthshore.org) Ask him about the "Family Plan."

**CHRISTMAS SHARING: ALL GIFT CARDS DUE TO THE PARISH OFFICE TOMORROW - DECEMBER 5th!**

- 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!

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

Questions? Contact Liz McGowen, [Lmcgowen@divinemercynorthshore.org](mailto:Lmcgowen@divinemercynorthshore.org) or 847-446-0856 ext 108.

*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 Famey,  
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  
**Bill Seeberg**  
**John Goodall**  
**Carol Julia Dini**

The Sanctuary Candle this week is lit in  
memory of Patrick Carlton Tower (SH)  
and Carol Dini (SPA).

**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 - 3:00pm.

**St. Philip the Apostle Church:**

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

**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

 Presented by Divine Mercy Parish

**YOU CAN STILL JOIN A SMALL FAITH SHARING  
GROUP FOR ADVENT!**

Groups will meet 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.

**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](mailto:jsullivan@shwschool.org) to schedule a tour or visit our website at [shwschool.org](http://shwschool.org). Come and see why our families love us!

**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.

## JOIN US FOR FLUTOPIA



IN CONCERT AT SACRED HEART CHURCH  
AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 7:00 P.M.

Anna Ausmann Sheryl DeVore Lise Delain Biotin  
Sarah Doherty Nancy Fencil Lee-Ann Frega  
Mary Simon Jennifer Visocnik  
Director: Laurel Ann Kaiser

### PROGRAM

DING DONG Merrily on High  
Greensleeves  
Fantasia  
Deck the Halls Pentatonix Style  
Christmas Time is Here  
Skating  
Angels We Have Heard on High  
Still Still Still  
Waltz of the Flower  
Silent Night  
Hallelujah Chorus (all rise!)  
Hark the Herald Angels Sing  
(along!)

ALL ARE WELCOME.

FREE CONCERT, BUT DONATIONS ACCEPTED.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

Sacred Heart School has a job opportunity for a Junior Kindergarten Assistant. This can be a flexible position from 8:45 - 1:30 or until 3:00pm Monday through Friday. The right person will be a caring individual who understands the importance of helping these little children begin to know God, learn socialization skills, and create a joy for learning. Being a team player, possessing organizational skills and flexibility are a must. If you are interested in learning more about this position please contact: Margaret Webb, Principal of Sacred Heart Catholic School at 847-446-0005 or [mwebb@shwschool.org](mailto:mwebb@shwschool.org).

### PARISH OFFICE

Open Monday - Friday, 9am to 4pm  
Office Address: Divine Mercy Parish  
1077 Tower Rd. Winnetka, IL 60093

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