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# REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS



Divine Mercy Parish is a Welcoming  
Community that Inspires Disciples of  
Jesus to Share God's Love and  
Transform the World.



Today is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday, from the Latin of the entrance antiphon for today, *Gaudete in Domino semper, Rejoice in the Lord always (Philippians 4:4)*. The antiphon captures the mood of the entire liturgy as we move into the second part of Advent: there is a sense of joyful expectation, an awareness that the fulfillment of God's great plan for us is near.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

*Philippians 4:4-5*

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY

Halfway through this season of preparation, we celebrate **Gaudete Sunday**, this Sunday of joy and gladness. With eager anticipation we prepare our hearts for Christ as we prepare our homes for Christmas. Recalling that Mary and Joseph could not find a proper place for Mary to give birth to our Savior, we commit to preparing a proper place to receive our Lord anew into our lives. In him, the blind see and the deaf hear, the poor are fed and the dead are raised. May we ready ourselves to see the wonders the Lord can do in our midst.



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## PRELUDE

*Waiting Here for You*  
C. Tomlin

## 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

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

## ENTRANCE HYMN

## O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Verses

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And  
2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who  
3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who

1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in  
2. or - d'rest all things might - i - ly; To us the  
3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient

1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of  
2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her  
3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -

Refrain

1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -  
2. ways to go.  
3. ty and awe.

el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3-6, para. in *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818-1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal* 1940, alt.  
Music: *Processionale*, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; Chant, Mode I.

## 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 give joy to your people Lord, have mercy. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, Emmanuel, you proclaim the joyful good news to the poor: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, Emmanuel, you are the way to everlasting life, our joy in God.: 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

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always solemn worship and glad rejoicing. 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 35:1–6a, 10**

*TV coverage of events in the Middle East has familiarized us with the empty expanse of arid desert described in today's reading. Therefore, we can appreciate the unbelievable transformation which Isaiah promises. The prophet says that the desert will become a lush garden, as God's chosen people return singing and dancing from their 70-year exile in Babylon.*

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

*We observe a time of sacred silence to reflect on God's word.*

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 146:6–7, 8–9, 9–10**

*Today's psalm contains all the dramatic tension of Advent: God's verbs are all in present tense, affirming who God is and what God does.*

## TODAY'S READINGS

**Isaiah 35:1–6a, 10**

The desert will bloom.

**Psalms 146:6–7, 8–9, 9–10**

Lord, come and save us.

**James 5:7–10**

Be patient like a farmer waiting for spring.

**Matthew 11:2–11**

In prison, John received word of the coming of Christ.

What can we see with eyes of faith? Isaiah saw a field of abundant flowers where others saw a parched desert. James saw an urgency to prepare for the coming of the Lord where others focused on its delay. John the Baptist could no longer see what he'd seen in the desert and needed Jesus to remind him of what his disciples were seeing all along: the poor fed, the dead raised, the deaf hearing, and yes, the blind see-ing. With eyes of faith, we see past the bleak onset of winter. We see the coming of the Lord on the horizon.

## REFLECTION

What happened to the John the Baptist we heard last Sunday, so sure of himself, proclaiming the coming of the Messiah? Today he sounds like doubting Thomas, uncertain that Jesus is truly the one. Really? He saw the Holy Spirit descend upon Jesus like a dove when he baptized him! But things have changed. Herod has thrown John in prison. Note how Jesus replies to John's question. He

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proclaims six kinds of miracles: transforming those who are blind, lame, deaf, and so on. But what about those in prison? What happened to “proclaim liberty to captives,” as Jesus read in the synagogue (Luke 4:18)? We can hardly blame John for wondering why he was languishing in a cell—or why Herod or the Romans had not been overthrown—while the Messiah was working miracles. We, too, sometimes wonder why God seems to have overlooked us or our world, do we not? But Jesus did not come into the world to make everything in it perfect. No, he came into the world to redeem it, to bring new life to it. God’s life. In Jesus, God is here with us. No need to look for another.

### QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK

How do you discern the Lord’s presence amid your sorrows and suffering?

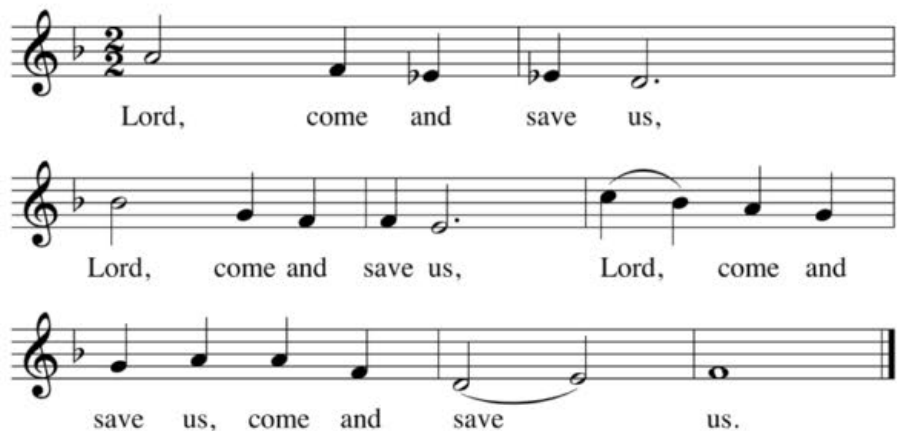
*For John the Baptist, pointing to Christ as Messiah was the complete fulfillment of God’s work in him. He didn’t do it for his own fame or for reward, but merely to prepare the way.*

### A Joyful Sunday.

The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as **Gaudete Sunday**. The word *gaudete* is derived from the Latin words *gaudium*, joy, and *gaudeo*, to rejoice or be glad. **Gaudete Sunday** occurs eight to thirteen days before Christmas, and the nearness of the feast is reason for great joy. This Sunday is a counterpart to *Laetare Sunday*, during Lent and provides a similar break about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character, and signifies the nearness of the Lord’s coming. We use the color rose to indicate a joyful day. During both days, a priest may wear rose vestments.

### Psalm 146

Marty Haugen



It is the Lord who preserves fidelity forever, who does justice to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free. **R.**

The Lord who opens the eyes of the blind, the Lord who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign forever, the God of Sion from age to age. **R.**

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4:30 p.m.



The Lord God keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets captives free. **R.**

The Lord gives sight to the blind; the Lord raises up those who were bowed down. The Lord loves the just; the Lord protects strangers. **R.**

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. **R.**

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### SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

*The letter of James was written approximately 50 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. It was addressed to a group of Christians who were disappointed that Jesus had not yet returned in glory. Using an*

*agricultural image, the author encourages them to keep their hope alive as they face the day-to-day trials of life.*

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*We observe a time of sacred silence to reflect on God's word.*

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand.*



*Mass of Endless Mercy  
Steve Angrisano*

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*Verse sung by the music ministry.*

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. R. Isaiah 61:1 (cited in Luke 4:18)*

**4:30 p.m.**



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## GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

**Matthew 11:2-11**

*In this gospel, Jesus instructs John's disciples to serve as witnesses. Witnesses are people who have seen something firsthand and who share what they have seen for the benefit of those who could not be there. Their presence at the scene of what's happening gives their testimony a certain privilege.*

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

Isaiah saw an Israel that no one else could see. Scripture scholars tell us that today's first reading was written when the Jewish people were permitted to return to Jerusalem after years in exile, but found that the city had been utterly destroyed. But Isaiah saw blooming flowers where his compatriots saw a barren desert. He saw God's glory and splendor, not the desecration of the temple. "Be strong, fear not!" he urged his neighbors, for God would save them (Isaiah 35:4). There are times and will continue to be times when we will look at the world, or the country, or our community, and see much to be pessimistic or downright hopeless about. But with the eyes of a prophet, with the eyes of faith, we can envision "the splendor of our God" emerging from the doom and gloom (35:2).

But it is not easy. Witness John the Baptist. What happened to the unborn child who leaped in the womb in Mary's presence when she herself was with child? What happened to his memory of the Holy Spirit coming down like a dove when he baptized Jesus? What happened to his certainty we saw last week when he announced that the kingdom was at hand? Perhaps the four walls of Herod's prison acted like a barrier to his deeper vision. Or perhaps he questioned why a Messiah who healed the blind and deaf and even raised the dead failed to free the imprisoned. What happened to proclaiming liberty to captives? Had God abandoned him? Have we not wondered the same ourselves?

When James refers to "the coming of the Lord" in this passage (5:7), he is speaking of Jesus' Second Coming, but it can be applied to the Lord's presence at any time. If it is really "at hand" (5:8), how are we not seeing it? How are we not feeling it? "Be patient," James counsels (5:7). In today's world, where communication, information, and entertainment are immediately available any time, it takes patience and thoughtful consideration to recognize the Lord. As we near the end of the season, let us ponder and discern the Lord's presence in our lives.

**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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When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

This is the one about whom it is written: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.*

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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

**HOMILY****OFFERTORY SONG****PEOPLE, LOOK EAST**

BESANCON

1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near. Of the  
2. Fur - rows, be glad, though earth is bare. One more  
3. Stars, keep the watch when night is dim. One more

1. crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are  
2. seed is plant - ed there; Give up your strength the seed to  
3. light the bowl shall brim. Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y

1. a - ble. Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
2. nour - ish, That in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
3. weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look

1. East, and sing to - day: Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
2. East, and sing to - day: Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
3. East, and sing to - day: Love, the Star, is on the way.

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



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## OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

You have blessed, O Lord, your land; you have turned away the captivity of Jacob. You forgave the guilt of your people.

*Ps. 85(84):2-3a*

## INTRODUCTION TO THE

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*At the time of the fulfillment of God's reign, there will be no division, no disease, no despair, no sorrow, no mourning. This eucharistic meal gives us a foretaste of that life to come. For this we offer our great prayer of*



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.

## The Symbolism of Light and Candles

Candles play such an important role in the life of the Church. When you enter a church, candles can be seen everywhere. They can be found on the altar, flickering before statues, and placed beside the Tabernacle. They play a prominent role during Advent, with the lighting of the Advent candles, but also during the Easter Vigil with the lighting of the Paschal Candle.

Candles most likely served a practical purpose in churches before electricity was commonly used. Candles are no longer used to simply to light a darkened room, yet they are still required during the liturgy. Their use has a much deeper biblical and symbolic meaning. Light indicates God's presence and glory. Both the Old Testament and Jewish tradition are filled with references to light and to candlelight.

Monday is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Take the time to research the wonders of Mary's appearance to Saint Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill outside of Mexico City.



### ERO CRAS

On December 17, the "O" antiphons begin appearing at our liturgies at the gospel acclamation, helping us notice and shift into the last few days of Advent preparations for Christmas.

They are not antiphons when used in that way at Mass, however; they were first the antiphons to the *Magnificat* at Evening Prayer for each day. Each one offers a specific messianic title for the coming Christ:

December 17—*Sapientia* (Wisdom)

December 18—*Adonai* (Hebrew rendering of YHWH)

December 19—*Radix Jesse* (Flower of Jesse's Stem)

December 20—*Clavis David* (Key of David)

December 21—*Oriens* (Dawn, literally "The East")

December 22—*Rex Gentium* (King of All People)

December 23—*Emmanuel* (God with Us)

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### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. 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)

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.*

If one takes the first letter of each Latin title, working in reverse from December 23 to 17, two Latin words emerge: **ERO CRAS**—which means, in English, “Tomorrow, I will be [there].” The familiar hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* is based on the “O” antiphons. Because their proper appearance in the church’s liturgy is so late in the season, we use this hymn (or others based on the “O” antiphons) on the Third and Fourth Sundays of Advent.



## 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"



The third Sunday in the season of Advent is by tradition also called "Gaudete Sunday" from the original Latin text of the entrance antiphon for today: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near."

The celebration of the Lord's nativity draws closer. We rejoice.

Listen closely to the scriptural word this weekend. Allow the texts of the prayers to sink in. The Lord comes closer to us in this liturgy and speaks a message of consolation and challenge.

God's great plan for our salvation has already been set in motion. We are the recipients of a magnificent gift. God's very self becomes incarnate, dwells among us, and saves us.

The blind receive sight. The lame leap up. Lepers are made clean. The deaf hear. The dead are raised. The poor have Good News proclaimed to them.

We do not have to look any further than Jesus. He restores us to right relationship with his heavenly Father through the Holy Spirit. In that rightness of relationship, rejoice! Imagine how God wants you to become good news for others in this holy season.

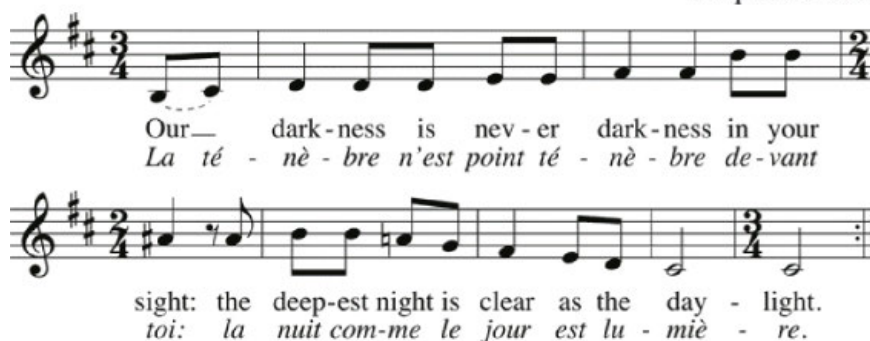
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## COMMUNION SONG

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.*

**Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.** *cf. Isaiah 35:4*

*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 Christmas Time. The liturgical color changes to white or gold — a symbol of joy, purity and innocence. Christmas Time ends with the Epiphany, Jan. 8.*

## BLESSING OF STRAW

*Many homes within our Catholic tradition place blessed straw in their homes. You can add it to your nativity scene, or you can follow the old custom and tuck it under the tablecloth. By putting straw on the table, we make our homes like Bethlehem, a word that means "the house of bread." Whenever we welcome guests to eat with us in love, our home becomes a place where God comes to live.*

**Prayer for Blessing of Straw:**

Let us bless the Lord. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation: You have made the earth fruitful with ripe wheat, which we have harvested from the land. Today we come before you with wheat straw. Soon we will use this straw to celebrate the birth of your Son in Bethlehem: For he is the Bread of Life, our Savior and Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## COMMUNION SONG OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

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

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

1. Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, Ere the worlds be -  
 2. Bless-ed was the day for ev - er When the Vir - gin,  
 3. This is he whom seers in old time Chant-ed of with  
 4. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore him; An - gel hosts, his  
 5. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to

1. gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 2. full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 3. one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
 4. prais - es sing; All do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,  
 5. God the Son, Glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it,

1. He the source, the end - ing he, Of the things that  
 2. Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the child, the  
 3. Prom - ised in their faith - ful word; Now he shines, the  
 4. And ex - tol our God and King; Let no tongue on  
 5. Per - sons three, yet God - head one. Glo - ry be from

1. are, that have been, And that fu - ture years shall see,  
 2. world's Re - deem - er, First re - vealed his sa - cred face,  
 3. long - ex - pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise the Lord,  
 4. earth be si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring,  
 5. all cre - a - tion While e - ter - nal a - ges run,

Final  
 1-5. Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. 5. A - men.

Text: 87 87 87 7; verses 1-4, *Corde natus ex parentis*; Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413;  
 tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, and Henry W. Baker, 1827-1877, alt.; verse 5, Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889.  
 Music: Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; Chant, Mode V; adapt. fr. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

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## THIS WEEK'S PARISH CALENDAR

### December 11, Sunday

*Third Sunday of Advent*

- 8 a.m. Mass & Hospitality— St. Philip
- 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 & Hospitality — Sacred Heart
- 11:30 a.m. Alpha - Parish Center Rotunda
- 4:30 p.m. Mass—Sacred Heart

### December 12, Monday

*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*

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

### December 13, Tuesday

*Memorial of St. Lucy*

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

### December 14, Wednesday

*Memorial of St. John of the Cross*

- 8:30 a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart
- 2 p.m. Adoration — Sacred Heart
- 3 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation — St. Philip

### December 15, Thursday

*Wednesday in the Third Week of Advent*

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

### December 16, Friday

*Friday of the Third Week in Advent*

- 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

## THIS WEEK'S PARISH CALENDAR (continued)

### December 17, Saturday

*Saturday of the Third Week in Advent*

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

### December 18, Sunday

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

- 8 a.m. Mass — St. Philip
- 10 a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart
- 11:30 a.m. Alpha — Parish Center Rotunda
- 4:30 p.m. Mass—Sacred Heart

### December 12 – December 16

Online Rosary

## LITURGY AND LIFE

Think about people in your life whom you trust and how their words and actions of love reflect those of our Savior. Send them an e-mail or thank-you card for the influence they have made in your life.

This week the **Sanctuary Candle** is lit in memory of Daniel Murphy (SH) and Viola Dietz (SPA).

Today's gifts of bread and wine are in joy for the people of Divine Mercy Parish.

## CHRISTMAS SHARING

### EXTENDED!

### CARDS DUE TO THE PARISH OFFICE DECEMBER 12TH

We are short several gift cards for our sharing parishes. Are you able to help?

Just visit our Christmas Sharing page on our website or click [here](#) to sign up for a card.

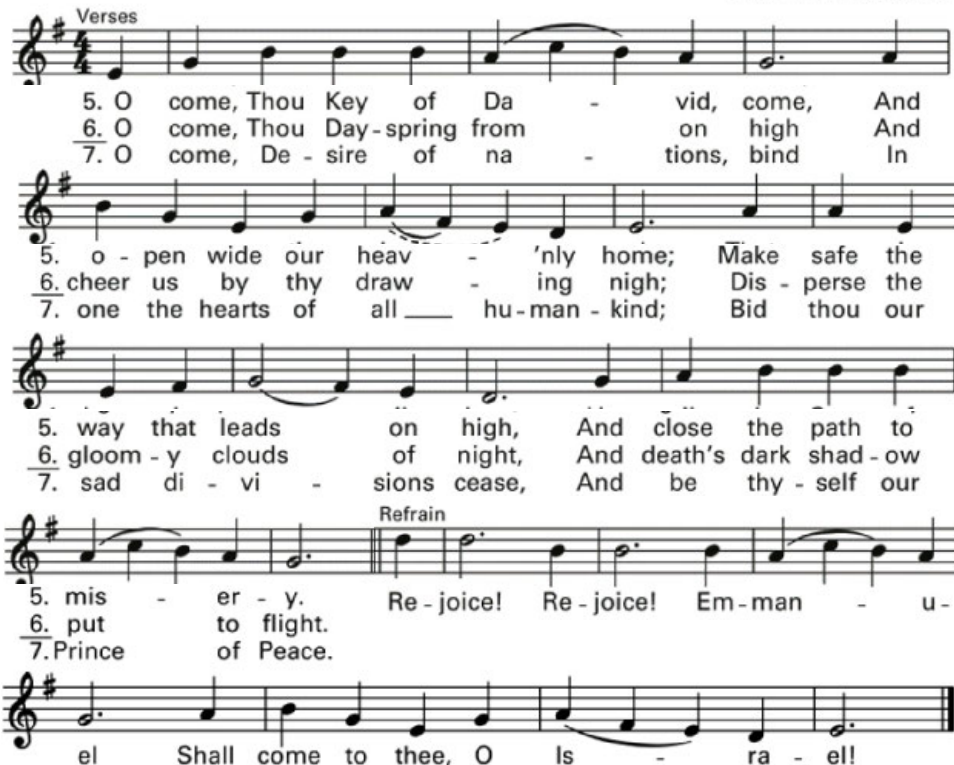
All cards must be delivered to the parish office by Monday, December 12th. Thank you for your generosity!

## SENDING HYMN

## O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Verses



5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And  
 6. O come, Thou Day-spring from on high And  
 7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In

5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the  
 6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the  
 7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our

5. way that leads on high, And close the path to  
 6. gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow  
 7. sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our

Refrain

5. mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -  
 6. put to flight.  
 7. Prince of Peace.

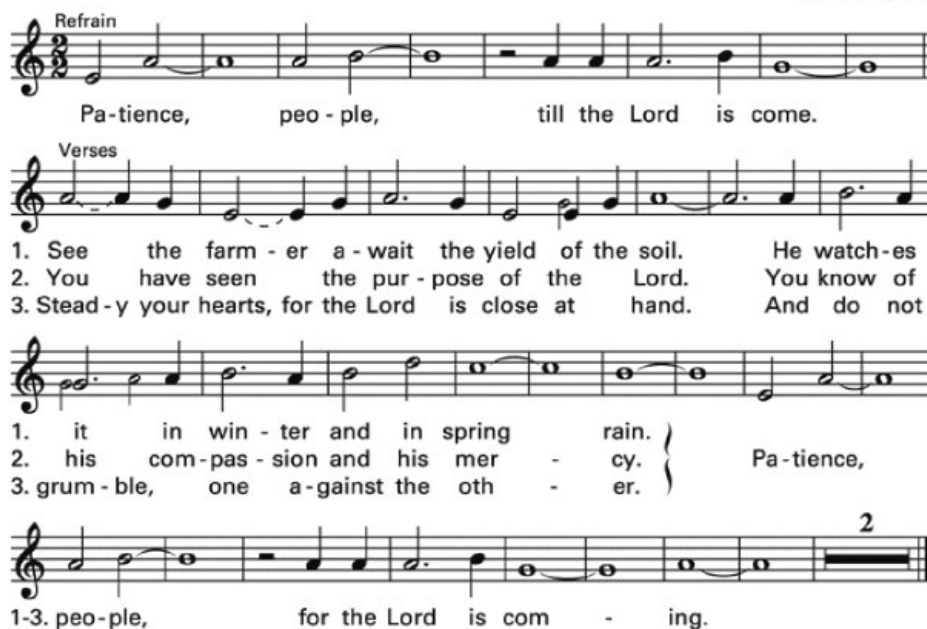
el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## 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. } Pa-tience,  
 2. his com - pas - sion and his mer - cy.  
 3. grum - ble, one a - gainst the oth - er.

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

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR!**

If you'd like to participate in the wonderful music for Christmas please come to rehearsal, Wednesday, Dec. 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. You can sing for one or the other or both! RSVP to Ron Vanasdlen, Director of Liturgy and Music (lupusgrex@gmail.com) for a music packet!

**MASS INTENTIONS****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**

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 †

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 (SH)**

8:00 a.m. – Bob Berner †

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 (SPA)**

8:00 a.m. – John Tower †

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 (SH)**

8:30 a.m. – John O'Brien †

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**

8:30 a.m. (SH) – Mary Sue Thirolf †

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16 (SPA)**

8:00 a.m. – Mary Jean Turk †

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 (SH)**

5:00 p.m. – Conway/Stevens Families

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18**

8:00 a.m. (SPA)– Danny Boy Murphy †

10:00 a.m. (SH) – John O'Brien †

4:30 p.m. (SH) – MarRyan Townsend

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Contact the parish office 847-446-0856 or megan@divinemercy north shore.org.

**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, Larry White, 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.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION****Sacred Heart Church:**

Saturdays 9:00 a.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 - 3:00 p.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.

**LITURGICAL MINISTER ASSIGNMENTS****December 17, 2022****5:00 p.m.**

SACRED HEART CHURCH

**Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza**

Sacristan: Ludy Mariano

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Minister Needed

EM: Minister Needed

Song Leader: Jaina Alexander

**December 18, 2022****8:00 a.m.**

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

**Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza**

Sacristan: Rima Abraham

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Jim Dietz

EM: Dcn. Gerry Keenan

Song Leader: Katie Meine

**10:00 a.m.**

SACRED HEART CHURCH

**Presider: Fr. Bob Hienz**

Sacristan: Ludy Mariano

Servers: Emmett L., James L.

Lector: Bill Hague

EM: Dana Hendry

Song Leader: Katie Meine

**4:30 p.m.**

SACRED HEART CHURCH

**Presider: Fr. Bob Hienz**

Sacristan: Minister Needed

Servers: Maddie P.

Lector: Rick Schultz

EM: Dee Hanlon

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 Vanasdlen via email at: rvanasdlen@divinemercy northshore.org Ask him about the "Family Plan."

*Go to build the kingdom of God on earth.*

## 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 Fencel 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.

### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### Christmas Eve

3:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Church

5:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Church

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

10:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Church

#### Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. St. Philip the Apostle Church

Livestream Schedule: 30 Minutes of Carols  
3pm Christmas Eve before each Mass  
10am Christmas Day

### 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!



### 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 School at 847-446-0005 or [mwebb@shwschool.org](mailto:mwebb@shwschool.org).



## Children's Caroling Party

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20  
4:30-5:30 PM**

**PARISH CENTER AT SACRED HEART  
1090 GAGE, WINNETKA**

- Come and sing Christmas carols led by parishioner Alex Valvassori
- Christmas crafts
- Hot chocolate and treats
- Come cozy and comfy or dress in your holiday gear
- Babies, children of all ages, aunts, uncles, grandparents, caregivers & friends welcome

**Come one, come all!**

Questions? Contact Kathy Handelman,  
khandelman@divinemercynorthshore.org or Liz McGowen at  
lmcgowen@divinemercynorthshore.org at 847-446-0856

### PARISH OFFICE

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

### PARISH OFFICE / STAFF

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Recurring on-line donations greatly increases our ability to project revenues and better plan for expenses. Click here to create your secure account today: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/205>. Consider these advantages: elimination of offering envelopes, postage and check-writing; donor-elected option to cover credit card processing fees (a NEW feature which greatly reduces our costs), and uninterrupted ongoing support of Divine Mercy ministries even when you're away!



In fiscal 2022, 36% of our offertory (Sunday, Christmas and Easter collections) came to us via on-line donations. Let's aim for a higher percentage this year!

As we await the coming of Christ into the world, we ask you to prayerfully consider this request. Thank you!

Call either Cindy Atsaves, Finance Manager, or Michelle Wasielewski, Director of Operations at 847.446.0856 with any questions.

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