



SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA MISSION STATEMENT

*We are the welcoming community of Saint Teresa of Calcutta
living our faith by endeavoring to follow her example
to see, share and be the light of Christ's love and compassion.*

Third Sunday of Advent: December 13, 2020

Parish Information: December 13, 2020

Welcome to Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish!

We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a parish home we invite you to become part of our parish family and become fully involved in our life of prayer, education, service and community.

Registration: We invite all parishioners to register with the Parish. Registration helps us to serve you when issuing letters in connection with sponsorship of Baptism, Confirmation or Matrimony, and for letters of reference. Kindly notify the office if your address changes.

Anointing of the Sick: In case of serious illness or advanced age please call the parish office. For hospital cases, contact the hospital Chaplain.

Pastoral Care: Please call the parish office to have Communion brought to an ill or homebound family member.

Marriage: Couples contemplating marriage in the parish must contact the parish office to meet with a priest to begin the marriage preparation process. This is the first step in planning their wedding and needs to be done one year before the date of the wedding.

Baptisms: Celebrated second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12:30PM in St. John's Church. Contact the Parish Office at least two weeks before the desired date of Baptism to make arrangements. Parents are required to attend a preparation class before the Baptism. Classes will be held via Zoom at 7:00 PM in McLaughlin Hall. Schedule will be determined.

Parish Staff

Rev. Yvans Jazon	Pastor fjazon@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org
Rev. Joseph Capella	In Residence
James Rocks	Permanent Deacon (retired)
Leo Howitz	Permanent Deacon
Patricia Lipperini	Director of Faith Formation & Safe Environment
Kate Chmelko	Director of Music
Cheryl Venafr	Administrative Assistant
Stephanie Campbell	Administrative Assistant
Rosemary Fearon	Office Volunteer
MaryAnn Mercer	Office Volunteer
Anna Callaghan	Bookkeeper
Linda Roseboro-Brown	Bereavement Coordinator

Parish Office

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Fax: 856-858-2796
Website: www.stteresaofcalcuttanj.org
Facebook Name: Teresa Calcutta
Faith Formation Office: 856-858-0298, Ext. 19

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Friday: 9:00AM—3:00PM

The office is closed from 12 to 1 each day for lunch.

Bulletin Submission Dates

Announcements to be published in the bulletin need to be in the Parish Office by Monday at 12 noon, 6 days prior to the publication of the bulletin. Holidays require earlier dates. Please call office to check.

Flyer **inserts** need to be in the Parish Office by Wednesday at 12 noon, 11 days ahead of the desired bulletin date.

Mass and Sacrament Schedule

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH
50 Emerald Ave., Westmont

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM— in sign language

ST. JOHN CHURCH
809 Park Ave., Collingswood

Sunday: 9:30 AM 11:00AM

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM

Adoration Monday-Friday 9:30—10:30AM (SJ)

RECONCILIATION

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

BAPTISMS

Call the Parish Office to arrange.

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Prayer Requests

Those serving in the military:

Colin Bakey, USN, Eric Bakey, USA,
Alex Coutinho, USAF, Johnny A. Santiago, USA,
1st Lieut. Kayleigh Migaledi, RN, USAF, Salena
Silvaria, NAC/AW, Nathan Tiefenthaler L. Corp

Dear Lord, we ask you to turn their weakness into strength, suffering into compassion, sorrow into joy, and pain into comfort for all those listed here. Let them be filled with patience and joy in your presence as they wait for your healing touch. As you heal and renew your servants, Lord, may they be blessed and praise you. This we ask especially for our parishioners and our friends.

Those who are sick: Nancy Barone, Helen Berger, James Beierschmitt, Esther Benson, Jacob Bocchicchio, Ashley Boland, Bernadette Burke, Anthony Corrado, Barbara Carrozza, Theresa Charlton, Baby Declan Costello, Dean Dickel, Rudolph DiGiovanni, Anne Flamer, Victoria Gilbert, Patricia Grady, Larry Haigh, Jamie Hankins, Violet Harden, Bill Hower, Rosario Huarijara, Teresa Jermyn, Chet Kasprzak, Rachel Kellmaier, Wally Kimovich, William Kinee, Peter Laquitara, Nina Lopes, Nicholas Matyas, Mari Alice McVey, Terry Meloche, Eleanor Migaledi, B. J. Miller, Colin Murray, Carolyn Olshan, Terry Payne, Elise Principato, Frank Tiefenthaler, Michael Travis, Lyibov Ukhanska, Barbara Vollrath, Marie Wann, Wear Family, Myra Worrell

Those who have died: Dolores Bobb
James L. Lafferty, Jr.
Jerome Sheehan
Celicia Presume'

**Please pray for our Stephen Ministers
and those to whom they minister.**



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 12

4:00 Aidan Seddon r/b Trish Lopaz
Peter Pryzbylkowski r/b his Wife, Children,
Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

Sunday, December 13

8:00 Miller & Schnitzius Families r/b the Family
Joseph Gazzara r/b Mr. & Mrs. Timothy
McClintock
Ollek and Page Families r/b the Family
9:30 Mary Quinn r/b the Kline Family
Ronald Wiaz r/b the Family
11:00 Jonathan r/b the Parish Staff

Monday, December 14

9:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC
Adoration: 9:30—10:30

Tuesday, December 15

9:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC
Adoration: 9:30—10:30

Wednesday, December 16

9:00 Sis Laurito r/b her Family
Adoration: 9:30—10:30

Thursday, December 17

9:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC
Adoration: 9:30—10:30

Friday, December 18

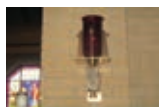
9:00 Intentions of Cathy and Fran Kernan r/b the
Family

Saturday, December 19

4:00 Joseph & Anna Maria Severino r/b Chuck,
Connie, Glade & Shannon
Christopher Bakey r/b Pat Bakey

Sunday, December 20

8:00 Wallace and Joseph Families r/b the Family
9:30 Mary Van Note r/b her Husband & Family
Bill Ellis r/b Susan & Ed Pierzynski
11:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Lamp burns before the Blessed Sacrament 7 days a week, every week of the year in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion. Please call the parish office to arrange this. Suggested offering is \$25.

Third Sunday of Advent: December 13, 2020

In today's Gospel when the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to find out who John the Baptist was, he quotes the book of Isaiah, "I am a voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord." These were words they knew and I wonder if a chill went down their spines when they heard it. John denied being the Messiah or a prophet, but claimed to be the one from Isaiah who announces the coming of the Messiah.

I am no historian but the parents of John were known to the priests and the Levites. John's father, Zachariah, was a priest and the story of Elizabeth, his wife, having a child in her old age was also known. We don't know about John and his childhood, but it would not be surprising if they knew him as a miracle child he was.

The humility of John was that he never used his status to make himself special in the eyes of the people or the priests and Levites for that matter. He could have had a very nice life as a leading priest but he did not do that.

Instead he chose a life of solitude in the desert. He rejected the fancy robes and wealthy lives of the church elders. He chose to wear an outfit made of camel hair with a leather belt and a diet of locusts and wild honey.



He rejected the priests and the Levites; they believed they were automatically saved being they were considered sons of Abraham. What did John tell them? God could make sons of Abraham out of a pile of stones, you are not special, you are in the same situation as the Gentiles you look down on. John chose to have a life exclusively committed to pointing to the coming of the Messiah. It was his mission from before he was even born. Think of the story of Mary and Elizabeth when they were both pregnant. John leaped in his mother's womb when Jesus was near.

The priests and Levites knew of his parents but did not know much about him. The only thing they knew was that many people were leaving Jerusalem and coming out to listen to him and be baptized. They just wanted to know if he was a threat to them.

The priests and Levites asked John if he was Elijah, which he denied. We don't talk much about Elijah, but the prophet Malachi predicted Elijah would return before the coming of the Lord. John was not Elijah but he proclaimed the same message as Elijah.

Elijah's main purpose was to turn the hearts of people toward God and each other. What was the main message of John? Repent! Turn from sin and return to God. What is true repentance? It is seeking and granting forgiveness, putting the needs of others before your own, and changing your life to be in accordance to God. And what does this do? It removes the obstacles in your life that keep you from God; quite literally it makes the path for the Lord straight.

John was not Elijah but did Elijah appear first before the Messiah? It is true if we consider the story of the transfiguration. Jesus is shown in his glory together with Moses and Elijah but I don't think that is it.

The mystery is when Jesus was talking about the returning of Elijah in the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus tells us that "Elijah did come first but they did not recognize him, and did to him whatever they pleased." I am not sure who that was, but that is a topic for another Sunday.

This is what is so fascinating about the New and the Old Testament; they both weave together so perfectly that you never stop seeing new relations that are neatly hidden under the surface.

The story of John the Baptist is exactly the Christmas message. We think of others, we place the needs of others before our own. The message of Elijah is brought to life by the teachings of John the Baptist. Enjoy Christmas, repent this Christmas for Jesus, and make peace with all those people you lost contact with or whom you love but maybe no longer get along with. 'Tis the Season to Zoom with all the people on your list. Be safe and have a wonderful, merry Christmas!

Deacon Leo



*Participate in Electronic Giving.
It's Simple ... Safe ... Convenient.*

- Log onto www.parishgiving.org.
- Click "SIGN UP NOW": follow the prompts.

Weekly Collection: December 6: \$7,704.00

November Electronic Givers: \$19,112/139 givers

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish during these difficult times! May God bless you and those you love!



We are in the process of cleaning out areas of McDaid Hall's basement. We are looking for some assistance to help place items and trash into a dumpster. A dumpster will be available Saturday, December 12 through Friday, December 18.

***Please contact Don Bowker
at 856-375-4216
if you are interested in helping.***



THANK YOU FROM OUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the following for their kindness and generosity during the Thanksgiving season: our parishioners who so generously contributed to the collection for the poor which Father Yvans kindly donated to our society; Acme Markets who donated 10 complete turkey dinners; the Rotary Club who donated 10 turkeys and the fixings; and all of our parishioners who donated an enormous amount of food at the Thanksgiving food collection. We would be remiss if we didn't mention and thank our parishioners who support SVdP throughout the entire year with monetary donations, matching work donations, grocery store gift cards, weekly food donations and monthly sandwich making. We are blessed in that our parishioners truly emulate the qualities of our parish patron saint, St. Teresa of Calcutta.

Arts Plus gallery of Collingswood donated the results of their annual food drive this year to our food pantry. We want to thank owners Rita and Sam Caruso for their generous support of those in need here in our community.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

Date: Wednesday, December 23

Time: 1PM—6PM

Place: Council Home: 350 Crystal Lake Ave.

More Info.:

<http://www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass>

Sponsor Code: "k of c haddon twp"

Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus #1443 and the American Red Cross



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 50/50 RAFFLE

1st Prize: 25% of proceeds

2nd Prize: 15% of gross proceeds

3rd prize: 10% of gross proceeds

No substitution of offered prize may be made.

Drawing: December 16 at 8PM

Winner need not be present to win.

Donation: \$5.00 per ticket

To purchase tickets: Please contact John Pojawis at 153 Cuthbert Blvd., Haddon Twp.

Phone: 856-906-7791

Assistance Needed at Christmas Masses

To the Saint Teresa Men's Club and Any Parishioners Who Want to Help

With the upcoming Christmas season and the "far from normalcy" that the pandemic has put us in, the Parish Council and I are in need of your assistance with the Christmas masses. We are in need of ushers to help seat people and maintain social distancing and also to direct people to the overflow masses in Good Shepherd Cafeteria and McDaid Hall. The schedule and capacities are :



Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24

- 4 PM: St. John Church—**100 to 150**
- 4PM: Good Shepherd Cafeteria (video mass) **40-60**
- 5 PM: Holy Saviour Church—**50 to 80**
- 5:10 PM: McDaid Hall (Mass overflow) - **40 to 60**
- 6 PM: St. John Church—**100 to 150**
- Midnight: St. John Church— **100 to 150**



Christmas Day: Friday, December 25

- 8 AM: Holy Saviour Church - **50—80**
- 10 AM: St. John Church—**100 to 150**

The ones where we need it most will be the 4:00 and the 4:00 overflow, the 5:00 and the 5:10 overflow, and Midnight Mass. If you can assist with one or more of these, it would be a tremendous help. If you know which mass you will be able to assist with, please let Hal Schwalm (halschwalm@prodigy.net) know. If you do not know now, please let him know when you do. If it is a game time decision, just let the ushers know that you are willing to help with whatever is needed.

This year, with Covid-19, it will be a Christmas unlike any other we have experienced. Please help us make it as safe and normal as we are able, given the circumstances.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility in this busy and rapidly changing time. We wish you a happy and healthy Advent and Christmas season. We pray for all those who have been infected by the virus and for healthcare workers on the front line. Last but not least, we pray that the vaccines come quickly and that they will be safe and effective in containing the virus and preventing even further spread.

Father Yvans and the Parish Council of St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish

Knights of Columbus Events

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Christmas and New Year



A Covid Christmas

As expected, this Christmas season is going to be unlike any we've ever experienced. Father Yvans and the staff and parish council of St. Teresa of Calcutta are working together on arrangements. The goal is to celebrate the miracle of our Lord's birth, while keeping people as safe and protected as possible.

Bear with us as we navigate guidelines provided by both the Diocese and the Governor in our preparations for the Christmas season. The Christmas schedule and constraints on the number of people allowed in church buildings combine to present significant challenges, so we are adding live overflow Masses at what usually are our two most crowded Masses.

Note that the number of people that we can accommodate at each Mass is difficult to project, as it depends on a lot of demographics. Example: A family of 5 living under the same roof can sit next to each other in 5 or 6 feet of space; yet, five single persons, having to be separated by 6 feet each, need at least 35 total feet of space.

In any of event, we must commit to a plan that works best for the most members of our parish. **The schedule and approximate number of parishioners are listed below.**

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New Year's Eve: Thursday December 31

5 PM: Holy Saviour Church -**40 to 60**

New Year's Day: Friday, January 1

9 AM: St. John Church—**100 to 150**

Numbers in bold indicate the number of people allowed in church for each mass.



All masses except the 6PM and 8AM will be livestreamed.

Parish Spiritual Ministries

Parish Prayer Intention for the Week of December 13-19

Dec. 13-19 Let us pray for our Young People who encounter Jesus through our Faith Formation program. We pray that God can use our Catechists as Earthen Vessels to bring the Good News of the Gospel to another generation of young believers and bring them closer to Christ and His Church. We also pray that God will strengthen their families in these challenging times and bless them with the Gift of Faith to persevere every day. **Catechists**

*Let my prayer be incense *-before you; my uplifted hands
-* an evening Offering.(Psalm 141:2)*



St. Teresa of Calcutta Giving Trees

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish Christmas Giving Trees are displayed in both churches. This year there are three choices for gifts. Tags identify the organizations and/or people who will receive gifts. **All gifts need to be returned on or before Tuesday, December 15.**

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

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

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

Tags must be securely attached to all gifts.

- ◆ Do not wrap gifts for 1st Way and Catholic Charities.
- ◆ Wrap gifts that go to Angel Tree.

For those who would like to donate but are not yet going to church, you can either pick up a tag at the parish office or bring your gift to the parish office with a home-made tag specifying which group gets your donated gift.

ADVENT HOLY HOUR

**Tuesday, December 15, 7PM
St. John Church**

Family Holy Hour and confessions
sponsored by the Parish.

DECEMBER 19-20

Mass	Lector	Euch. Min.	Sacristan
4:00	Loumeau	Deacon Leo	Moran
8:00	Blake	Deacon Rocks	Fearon
9:30	Wiener	Bonafiglia	Mercer
11:00	PHensler	O'Connor	Roseboro-Brown

INFORMATION ABOUT MASS/ADORATION SCHEDULE

There will be no 9AM mass on Christmas Eve, December 24. The church will be decorated at that time.

There will be no Adoration :

- Thursday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Day
- Friday, Dec. 25
- Monday—Friday, December 28—January 1



Monday—Friday

9:30—10:30

St. John Church

No morning adoration

Dec. 24-25

Dec. 28—Jan. 1

Come join us!

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The stewardship of the Men's Club has continued through the pandemic, sponsoring parish events, providing a meal a month to local workers, and most recently, delivering over 100 winter hats to The Cancer Center of America. We are looking for a few good men to join us.

The next Men's Club meeting will be on Monday, December 14 at 8PM (masked and socially distanced) as well as on Zoom. For more information including the Zoom link please contact Ed Charlton (215-284-1365) or Josh Wiener (609-502-3539), or email us at : stteresamen'sclub@yahoo.com



PARISH BASKETBALL TEAM UPDATE

Unfortunately, the Burlington County Grade School Basketball League has decided NOT to play a basketball season this year. Thank you to any students who expressed interest in playing for the parish team. We plan to go "full stream ahead" for next season, so keep us in mind! If you have any questions, please contact Bob Hensler at (856) 858-1170 or rheInser@roberthenslerllc.com.

SAVE THE DATE!

The next Financial Peace University class will be held on Thursday nights, beginning January 19. Details to follow.

What others have said who attended the class in March:

- We had excellent FPU classes. The coordinator was great! Always available to answer and address our questions."
- "Favorite part was the accountability and sharing our successes."
- Really great discussions around the difficult topic of money."

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

One of the primary missions of our St. Vincent DePaul Society is to assist people in times of emergency. We respond to calls for help on our parish number [856-858-1444](tel:856-858-1444). Often people are reluctant to ask for help, but should you know of anyone in our community in need of urgent assistance, please refer them to our number and let them know we are there to help.



FOOD PANTRY HOURS:
Mon. & Wed.:
10AM to 12 PM

Staples put into each bag:

Breakfast:

Oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, condensed milk, cereal boxes

Lunch:

PB and jelly, tuna, mac & cheese, spam, chunky/regular soups

Dinner:

Pasta sauce, pasta, vegetables & beef stew, instant rice/potatoes, canned fruit

Gift cards from food stores, especially Aldi, are also appreciated.

Thank you so much for your continued support!



SANDWICH MAKING

Make at home and drop off only until further notice. Please bring your already made sandwiches to Good Shepherd cafeteria on **Monday, December 21 at 7PM**. Someone will be there to accept your donation.

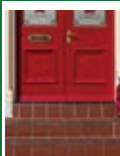
PLEASE MAKE ONLY TURKEY & BEEF BOLONGA SANDWICHES.

Please put cheese on all sandwiches.

Cases of water as well as apples and oranges are being requested.

November: 480 sandwiches were made, 7 cases/water, 14 bags/fruit

Discussion Meeting.: 3rd Tuesday, December 22 at 7PM promptly via ZOOM. Thank you for helping the needy.



DINNERS TO DOORSTEPS

We provide meals for people or families who are ill, disabled, living alone, parents of new babies, etc. We also provide meals for individuals and families who are struggling to put food on the table. If you need help, please call Michelle. Everything is strictly confidential.

More Info.: Contact Michele Santiago at : 609-598-1787 or by email at grandmarose73@yahoo.com.

- **Additional volunteers are needed for cooking and delivery.**

LIFE-LONG FAITH FORMATION

Growing in Faith At Every Age

*I want a laity, ... who know their religion, who enter into it, who know just where they stand, who know what they hold and what they do not, who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it, who know so much of history that they can defend it. I want an intelligent, well-instructed laity — I wish you to enlarge your knowledge, to cultivate your reason, to get an insight into the relation of truth to truth, to learn to view things as they are, to understand how faith and reason stand to each other, what are the bases and principles of Catholicism...***Cardinal John Henry Newman**

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process of welcoming people who want to be full members of the Catholic faith community. This includes those who have never been baptized, those baptized in other Christian denominations, and baptized Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. RCIA is not a “class” but rather a journey of faith. In the company of a group of faith-filled parishioners who serve as the RCIA team and with other people inquiring about the Church, and through experiences of prayer, faith-sharing, instruction, and discussion, you will have the opportunity to grow in your relationship with God as you discover how your faith could be nurtured with the Catholic tradition. If you would like to learn more about RCIA please call Father Yvans.

Parents of Confirmation Candidates:

Zoom meetings on December 15 or 16.
7:30 PM. Pick which day works for you.

Parents of 2nd graders and older children needing First Reconciliation and First Communion:

Zoom Meetings on January 19 and 20. 7:30PM.

Please note: If you are a parishioner of St. Teresa and your child attends a Catholic school in the area, you are asked to attend these meetings and participate in our parish’s sacramental prep. Sacraments are always celebrated in one’s parish, not one’s school.

Please call the parish office if you need to be put on our email list for Zoom invitations.

Upcoming Faith Formation Schedule

Sunday 9:30-10:30 AM, Grades K-7
Dec 13, Home project: Dec 20

Tuesday 3:30-4:30 PM, Grades K-7
Dec 15, Home Project: Dec 22

All Remote sessions will take place at their designated time during these weeks.

Ideas to Highlight Advent In Your Home

What are you doing to teach your children about the true meaning of Christmas? There are simple ways to highlight that Jesus is the reason for the season. Don’t miss out on the rich tapestry of teaching tools available to you during this Advent season! Here are a few tips:

1. Use an Advent Wreath for Grace before meals. If you don’t have a wreath, use four candles. If you don’t have 3 purple and one pink candle, use four white ones and mark them with pink and purple. Lighting the candle and saying “Come Lord Jesus” can set your prayer apart from the normal. You can always access the daily readings by going to <https://www.usccb.org/>
2. Is your Nativity set prominent in your house? Give your manger a prominent place amid the Santas and snowmen and Christmas trees. Children need to see the centrality of Jesus during this season.
3. Listen to religious Christmas music. More and more, radio stations play Christmas music non stop between Thanksgiving and Christmas, but they offer scant selections about the birth of Christ. Tune your spotify or Pandora to “religious Christmas songs” and use it as a way to meditate on the miracle of the Incarnation.
4. Give to others. Find a way as a family to show generosity to others. Drop canned goods off at the parish. Pick a name off of the Advent Giving Tree in the back of the church. Help your children create cards for those who are lonely or sick this year.



Call to Worship

Third Sunday of Advent—December 13, 2020

ENTRANCE HYMN

Sing Out, Earth and Skies

Verses

Cantor:

1. Come, O God of all the earth: Come to us, O
2. Come, O God of wind and flame: Fill the earth with
3. Come, O God of flash-ing light: Twin- kling star and
4. Come, O God of snow and rain: Show- er down up -
5. Come, O Jus - tice, Come, O Peace: Come and shape our

Cantor:

Right - eous One; Come, and bring our love to birth:
right - eous - ness; Teach us all to sing your name:
burn - ing sun; God of day and God of night:
on the earth; Come, O God of joy and pain:
hearts a - new; Come and make op - pres - sion cease:

All:

In the glo - ry of your Son.
May our lives your love con - fess.
In your light we all are one.
God of sor - row, God of mirth.
Bring us all to life in you.

Refrain

Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you!

Raise your joy-ful cries! Dance to the life a - round you!

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Tune: SING OUT, 7 7 7 7 with refrain: Marty Haugen, b.1950
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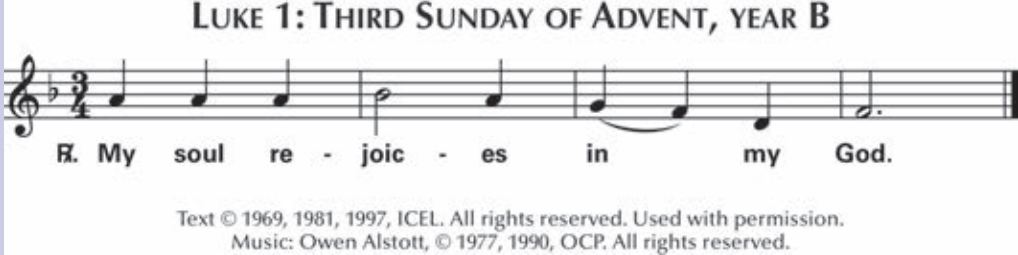
FIRST READING: [Isaiah 61, 1-2a, 10-11](#)

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

LUKE 1: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B



R. My soul re - joic - es in my God.

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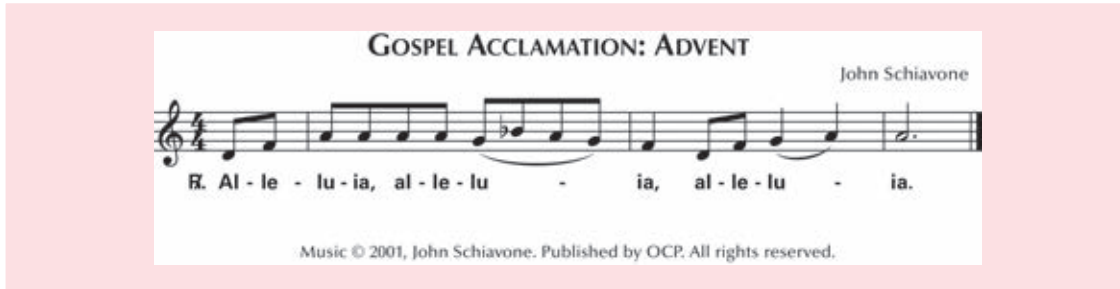
SECOND READING: [1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24](#)

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said:

*"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert.
'Make straight the way of the Lord,'"*



as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Creed:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father, through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven.

At the words that follow, up to and including "and became man", all bow.

And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



COMMUNION HYMN:

READY THE WAY Curtis Stephan

Refrain

Read-y the way, read-y the way, read-y the way

of the Lord. of the Lord.

Verse 1

1. Make straight the road, raise the val - leys, and
 1. moun-tains make low. Turn-ing from sin, let the bro-ken be whole,
 1. and read-y the way of the Lord.

Verses 2, 3

2. As we wait for you, give us the strength to walk
 3. Let us see your face; in our hearts we pre -
 2. in your truth, so we may love more like you
 3. - pare a place. Come bring this world your mer - cy and grace
 2. and read-y the way for you, Lord.
 3. as we

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