



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 11, 2022

Parish Information: December 11, 2022

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: To arrange a Baptism, 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 at 7PM (Date will be given when you call). Please call the office to register.

Parish Staff

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	Director of Deaf Ministry & Part-time Parochial Vicar
James Rocks	Permanent Deacon (retired)
Leo Howitz	Permanent Deacon
Patricia Lipperini PhD	Director of Faith Formation & Safe Environment
Kate Chmelko	Director of Music
Cheryl Venafra	Administrative Assistant
Stephanie Campbell	Administrative Assistant
Rosemary Fearon	Office Volunteer
MaryAnn Mercer	Office Volunteer
Anna Callaghan	Bookkeeper
Linda Roseboro-Brown	Bereavement Coordinator
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Parish Office

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Friday: 9:00AM—3PM

The Office is closed from 12 noon to 1PM 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— American Sign Language and Voice Interpreted for the hearing

ST. JOHN CHURCH

809 Park Ave., Collingswood

Sunday : Sept.-June 9:30 AM (**Live streamed**), 11 AM

Daily Mass: Mon. - Fri.: 9:00 AM

Adoration: Thursdays: Holy Saviour: 10AM to 8PM

RECONCILIATION

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

BAPTISMS

Call the Parish Office to arrange.

RCIA: Tuesdays at 7PM in Parish Office

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Prayer Requests

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

Those serving in the military:	Johnny A. Santiago, USA
Colin Bakey, USN	1st Lieut. Kayleigh Migaledi, RN,
Eric Bakey, USA	USAF
Guardian Alex Coutinho, US	Ens. Patrick McKernan, USN
Space Force	Salena Silvaria, NAC/AW,
Miguel Ingram, Pvt. 1st Class US	Nathan Tiefenthaler L. Corp
Army	
SSG Stephen J. Kozuhowshi, Army	
Special Forces	
Ensign Patrick J. McKernan, USN	

Those who are sick:	Ali Kite	Katherine Richmond
Hilda Amme	Flavia Lagnan	Jacob Rivera
Rowan Anderson	Noah Lagnan	Jaxson Rivera
Nancy Barone	David Leva	Dennis Siwak
Esther Benson	Cassidy Lovett	Constance
Bernadette Burke	Jay Mancini	Steinhagen
Jean Marie Chapman	Steve Mannix	John Tomik
Ed Charlton	Annie Martella	Vivienne Vesper
Theresa Charlton	Rick McAlexander	Steven VuiMermet
Declan Costello	Matthew McCann	Julie Wegryn
Anthony Corrado	Bernice Novicki	Art Yost
John Gray	Robert O'Malley	Margaret
Mike Gunning	Allison O'Malley	Zimmerman
David Hammond	Laura Paradisio	
Violet Harden	Judith Pattison	
Bill Hower	Elise Principato	
Teresa Jermyn	Christopher Pronio	
Marlene Keen	Christian Reynolds	
William Kinee	Lawrence Rich	



Adoration Schedule

- Thursdays at Holy Saviour Church 10AM - 8PM
- Silent Adoration 10AM –7PM
- Rosary & Benediction 7PM—8PM
- Come spend some quiet time with the Lord during the day.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, December 10

4:00 Cynthia Contino r/b the Faust Family
Celebration of the baptism of Juliette Isabelle Becica
r/b Fr. Yvans & STC Parish

Sunday, December 11

8:00 Carmen Agatha Guerriero r/b the Family
Deceased Members of D'Souza & Pinto Families r/b the
D'Souza Family

9:30 Marjorie Manniz Gadren r/b Peter & Elena Hill
Gerald Mullen, Sr. r/b the Family
Louis DeAngelo r/b Fr. Yvans & STC Parish

11:00 Mary Quinn r/b the Kline Family
Donna McKeegan Carmello r/b Ed Dodd & Deb
Robertson
Jack Veasy r/b Jack & Mary Jo Tsikitas

Monday, December 12

9:00 Peter Pryzbylowski r/b his Wife, Children, Grandchildren
and Great-grandchildren

Tuesday, December 13

9:00 Jean Fritzner Loracle r/b Jack & Anna Callaghan

Wednesday, December 14

9:00 Jean Fritzner Loracle r/b Tom and Loretta Hauber

Thursday, December 15

9:00 Daniel Esposito r/b Larry Gatti

Friday, December 16

9:00 Peter Pryzbylowski r/b his Wife, Children, Grandchildren
and Great-grandchildren

Saturday, December 17

4:00 Celebration of the baptism of Desmond Louis Kern r/b
Fr. Yvans & STC Parish

Sunday, December 18

8:00 Miller & Schnitzius Families r/b the Family
The Ollek & Page Families r/b Stan & Suzanne Ollek
Rose A. Donisi r/b Peter C. & Christian DeDonisi
Mr. & Mrs. Victor Zambrzycki r/b Dolores Andreleczyk

9:30 Mary Van Note r/b her husband & Family
All souls in Purgatory r/b the D'Souza Family

11:00 John and Doris Honnegan r/b Pat Lipperini
Jean Fritzner Loracle r/b Rolland & Gracy Coutinho
and Family
Michael Hill r/b the Family

11:00 (HS) Maria Babusci r/b Friends on New Jersey Ave.

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 11, 2022

In today's Gospel we hear about John the Baptist and what I think was Jesus' calming his fears that he has wasted his life. When I think about John the Baptist, I see his whole life was centered around Jesus. And now he is in prison, way too much time on his hands, just thinking about his life. He knew he was about to be executed and his days of being in the desert were now a memory. Was it all just a waste of time?

We all go through times like this, when everything we did seems like a total waste of time, but it is not. The mind can play tricks on you even when everything was done to perfection. Jesus is hearing from people about not just the great things that he did but also things that may have not made sense: eating and spending time with tax collectors and prostitutes; just always hanging out with sinners. With too much time on our hands, we start to play 'what if' games in our heads. What if Jesus was a fraud?

John's whole existence revolved around Jesus. Before he was even born, he was said to have leaped in his mother's womb when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her. When he was probably just old enough to understand, his father probably told him about the angel Gabriel visiting him to announce the coming of their son who would usher in the coming of the Lord. He was also probably told that he was a miracle just by being born. Remember Elizabeth, his mother, and Zachariah were both very old when he was born.

He could have been reflecting on all that his father probably taught him as a boy about the prophets: Isaiah, Elijah and Elisha. Years of study into the writings of Isaiah, he knew them all too well. How he might have been thinking Jesus was a perfect fit. Remembering how he started out just preaching to a few shepherds in the desert, and preaching the need for repentance and the coming of the Lord. Remembering the great day when Jesus himself came to the Jordan and asked to be baptized by him. He saw a dove descend upon him and the voice of God from heaven proclaiming Jesus was his beloved son in whom he is well pleased. Maybe with too much time on his hand he decides to get a message through to Jesus, asking him if he really is the one he believed he was.

He sends the message to Jesus and Jesus tells John's disciples to tell him what they see. They return to him and tell him the blind see and the lame walk, and John remembers the Oracle of Isaiah, what we hear today in the first reading. John's disciples tell him that the lepers are cured and the dead have risen. Remember, prophets could do amazing things but curing the lepers and raising the dead only God could do.

When John heard this maybe he put together that he really was the Elijah who was to come. It all seemed to fit so neatly. He performed the works of a new Elijah and Jesus fit perfectly into his role of Elijah's successor, the new Elisha. Jesus never came out and told him "yes, you are right I am the coming Lord and Messiah." Jesus told him to remember what he was taught as a child about the prophets and see how they were confirmed in Jesus. The most important thing; faith, have faith, and believe in all you have learned. Jesus never came out and says, 'you are right, I am the Lord and you are the new Elijah.' Jesus wants us to believe, have faith. That is the most important thing and something that can only happen through the Holy Spirit.

For us, the same thing, We have all been born and anointed priest prophet and King at our baptism. God has given us the wisdom also to realize that we are very much like John, and like John we have to have faith. John might have had a moment of doubt, but I have to say he was a man on fire in that desert and for all intents and purposes was probably most likely the same man on fire in prison. Full of faith and trust in God.

Through the miracle of the Eucharist that we will all soon share we have the culmination of all that Jesus did for us, just as I think in the end John had no doubt about his role in the coming of the Lord. We also get this and more through the bread we will share and cup that we drink from.

The message for this third Sunday in Advent is "joy". And the joy we find in today's readings is that through our faith we see a beautiful story all laid out before us, and I believe in my heart that it's all true. Our joy comes through faith; it is beyond words; it is a feeling you have in your heart. You want to tell the world but words can't seem to express it, but you know it is all true. At once we have found our peace.

Deacon Leo



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

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

December 4: \$9616.00

**Electronic Givers— September \$17,065.00
from 136 givers**

NEW WAY TO GIVE!

**Scan this QR code with your smartphone for
easy, secure on-line giving.**



*Thank you for your continued generosity to the
support of our parish!*

December 17-18

MASS	LECTORS	EM	SACRISTANS
4:00	A. Remetz	N. Remetz	P.Moran
8:00	J. Reed	Deacon Rocks	R. Fearon
9:30	M. Blake	Deacon Leo	M. Mercer
11:00	J. Ely	M. Santiago	T. Howitz

Men's Club Meeting

The Men's Club would like to invite all the men of the parish to join us for our next meeting on Monday, December 12th at 8 pm in McLaughlin Hall. For more information, please contact Josh Wiener (609-502-3539), or email us at stteresamensclub@yahoo.com.

"Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest

For students ages 5-14

Contact organizer Rolland Coutinho for an entry form:
Phone: 856-220-9989 **Email:** rcc1266@yahoo.com

Special Collection This Weekend Retired Religious

The second collection this weekend will be for the retired religious. May of us were well-educated by these dedicated men and women and have reaped spiritual as well as academic benefits from their words, teaching, and example. You are always so generous to this special collection and the religious men and women who receive assistance from this collection are very grateful.

Scheduled Mass Intention Changes

In order to comply with Diocesan policy, the following changes for scheduling announced Masses will take effect as of January 1, 2023.

Only 1 Mass intention will be allowed for per Mass except for multiple intention Masses.

There will be 2 multiple intention Masses per week as follows:

Holy Saviour Saturday 4:00 PM

St. John's Sunday – will be alternated between the 9:30 & 11:00 AM Masses

No one will be allowed to schedule more than 6 Masses per year. This will provide availability for everyone in the parish to request Mass intentions for specific Masses.

Mass intentions for the Parishioners of the Parish are to be celebrated at 1 Mass every Sunday, on Holy Days of Obligation, Easter and Christmas. No other intentions will be scheduled on these specific days.



Bottles from Baby Bottle Drive

Please return any bottles from the Baby Bottle Drive to the back of the churches. They will be returned to First Way. Thank you.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Giving Trees

All gifts need to be returned on or before Tuesday, December 13.

- **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 & 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.

Thank You

Thanks to the parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, the Collingswood Rotary, and ACME Markets, the Society of St Vincent de Paul was able to provide Thanksgiving dinners to several residents of our community.

We are grateful for the continuing generosity of our parish and these organizations as we work to reduce food insecurity in our area throughout the year, but especially at the holidays.

Thank you, too, to our very generous parishioners for their donations to our recent Coat Drive and the Giving Tree. Special thanks to Anne Remetz for organizing and coordinating these events.

Thank you from the Knights: \$278 collected from Roses for Life.

Join the Knights January 20 for the March for Life. Contact Mark Kiernan at mvkiernan@aol.com.



Thank you to Fr. James Durkin from Cross Catholic Outreach for visiting our parish last weekend. To support this ministry, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach.

Office of Ministry with the Deaf and Disabilities

We believe that every child of God is uniquely created and inherently worthy of love, and so as we love him we also love all others. (John 13:34-35)

Special Needs Mass

Holy Savior Church in Westmont (St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish) celebrates a separate Sunday afternoon Special Needs Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month, especially for families with special needs children and adults.

This particular mass is sensory-friendly, a loving and open environment of acceptance and understanding allowing special needs families the opportunity to attend mass together.

4th Sunday each month, 12:30PM (subject to change...Please call to confirm)

Holy Savior Church
50 Emerald Avenue
Westmont, NJ 08108
(GPS: use Haddon Township)

Masses of Welcome and Inclusion Schedule

Every Sunday

11:00AM Mass at Holy Savior Church
(St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish)
50 Emerald Avenue

Westmont, NJ (GPS: use Haddon Township).

The Mass is signed in American Sign Language (ASL) for Deaf Members of the Church and voiced for hearing members of the Church.

2nd Weekend of the Month

St. Andrew the Apostle
27 Kresson-Gibbsboro Road
Gibbsboro, NJ
Mainstream Mass Saturday, 4:30pm Mass

Holy Eucharist Parish
344 Kresson Road, Cherry Hill, NJ
Mainstream Mass Sunday (Oct. - Apr.) 9:45AM

For more information, please contact Fr/ Hugh Bradley at hugh.bradley@camdendiocese.org.



NO SANDWICH COLLECTION IN JANUARY 2023

Cathedral Kitchen has requested that we cancel our Sandwich Collection for January 16, 2023 (MLK Day of Service). They are typically inundated with unscheduled sandwich drop offs and need to control the number of donations to avoid waste.

December Sandwich Collection
Monday, December 19, 2022

February Sandwich Collection:
Monday, February 20, 2023

Thank you for your cooperation,
The Society of St. Vincent DePaul

St. Teresa of Calcutta Building and Maintenance

Part time Employment Opportunity
20+ hours in a four day week

General Job Description:

- Maintain parish buildings.
- Perform custodial duties/minor repairs
- “Handyman” experience required
- Manage service contractors
- Recognize facility issues.
- Be available off-hours occasionally if needed

Contact Tom Hauber at :
tomhauber1@gmail.com or
215-783-8554

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.



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 19 at 7PM**. Someone will be there to accept your donation.

Sandwiches made in November: 1,110
Also received 8 bags of fruit, 1 carton water

PLEASE MAKE ONLY TURKEY or BEEF BOLONGA SANDWICHES.

Please put cheese on all sandwiches

***The Discussion Meeting will take place as scheduled:
3rd Tuesday, December 20 at 7PM in the Faith Formation Center.***

Thank you for continuing to help the needy.



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!

**The Pantry now has a freezer.
We can now accept frozen items during our regular hours.**



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 email her at grandma-rose73@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Parish Events

Family Mass: Sunday, December 11, 11AM, St. John.

The Nazareth Academy High School Chorale will sing at 11:00 Mass on Sunday, December 11. They will provide a concert after Mass in St. John Church. The choir is under the direction of our very talented Music Director, Kate Chmelko. Their singing is magnificent. We are grateful to Kate and her chorale for singing for us this Advent. *Free will offerings to benefit the chorale will be accepted.*

Advent Communal Penance Service:

Monday, December 12, 6:30PM, St. John Church
A number of visiting priests will be here to help with confessions.

Advent Parish Retreat: Wednesday,
December 14, 7PM, St. John Church,
Speaker: Msgr. Joseph P. Malagrecia



Confessions during Advent:

Saturdays, Dec. 3, 10, 17: 3:00—3:45 Holy Saviour
Dec. 24: 3:00—3:45: **Holy Saviour and St. John's**

Christmas Masses, Dec. 24-25:

(Dec. 24): **4PM**—St. John; **5PM**—HS; **12Midnight**—SJ
(Dec. 25): **8AM**—Holy Saviour, **10AM**— St. John
(Dec. 25): **11AM**: Deaf Community— Holy Saviour

New Years Mass, December 31-January 1:

Regular Weekend Schedule:

(Dec. 31): **4PM**— Holy Saviour

(Jan. 1): **8AM**— Holy Saviour

9:30AM —St. John **11AM** - St. John

11AM—Deaf Community— Holy Saviour



Feast of the Epiphany, January 8: Kate Chmelko's musicians will play at the 9:30 and 11:00 Masses.



ADVENT RETREAT WITH MSGR. JOSEPH P. MALAGRECA

*Emmanuel: God Present to Us
in the Eucharist*



Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 7:00 pm
St. Teresa of Calcutta
809 Park Ave., Collingswood, NJ

Msgr. Joseph Malagrecia was with us for our Lenten retreat last year. He is back with us "by popular demand". We are grateful that he could fit us into his busy schedule. We hope that everyone will be able to join us for this special preparation for Christmas.

New 2023 Missals

We placed the 2023 Missals in the pews at both churches Thanksgiving weekend. **The missals are to be left in church and not taken home.** This way the missals will be available for everyone at all the Masses.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you!

Thanks to all who helped with the recent Newton Lake cleanup. We appreciate your service in helping such a beautiful site being cared for and your efforts to clean up the environment.

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**

Faith Formation Schedule

Classes held in Good Shepherd School

Sunday 9:30-10:45

Grades K-7

Dec 11, 18

Tuesday 3:30-4:45

Grades 1-7

Dec 13, 20

Confirmation Prep (8th gr)

Sunday 6:30-8PM

Dec 18

Family Mass

Our next Family Mass will be Sunday Dec 11 at 11AM. We invite our 6th graders to participate as readers, singers, ushers, greeters.





Call to Worship

Third Sunday of Advent: December 11, 2022

Entrance Hymn: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" *Breaking Bread* #39

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
4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From
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

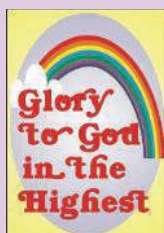
1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in
2. or - d' rest all things might - i - ly; To us the
3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient
4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them That trust thy
5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the
6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the
7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our

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 -
4. might - y pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry
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

1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
2. ways to go.
3. ty and awe.
4. o'er the grave.
5. mis - er - y.
6. put to flight.
7. Prince of Peace.

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



No Gloria during Advent

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, come and save us.

SECOND READING: James 5: 7-10

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.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11: 2-11

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."

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.

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I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN: "Christ, Circle Round Us"

CHRIST, CIRCLE ROUND US

Dan Schutte

Verses



1. Come, O Ra-diant Dawn, splen-dor of the morn-ing light.
2. Come, O Flow'r of Love, ho - ly branch of Jes-se's tree.
3. Come, O Word of Truth, font of know-ledge from on high.
4. Come, O Gate of Hope, ho - ly door of heav-en's throne.
5. Come, O Might-y Lord, mas-ter of the stars of night.
6. Come, Em-man - u - el, cher-ished hope of Is - ra - el.
7. Come, Lord Je - sus Christ, long a - wait - ed Prince of Peace.



1. Come, Sun of Jus - tice, turn a - way the pow'r of night.
2. Come, Bough of Bless-ing, bloom for all the world to see.
3. Come, Ho - ly Wis-dom, be our faith - ful friend and guide.
4. Come, Key of Da - vid, o - pen wide the path-way home.
5. Come, Strength of Pil-grims, keep us in your lov - ing sight.
6. Come, live a - mong us, ev - er in our hearts to dwell.
7. Come, Hope of Na-tions, ev - er make our love in - crease.

Refrain



Christ, cir - cle round us. Christ, may your light sur -
round us. Shine in our liv - ing. Fill our hearts
with great thanks - giv - ing.

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COMMUNION HYMN: "Beyond the Moon and Stars"

BEYOND THE MOON AND STARS

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Refrain

Be-yond the moon and stars, as deep as night, so great our
 hun-ger, Lord, to see your light. The spar-row finds her home
 be-neath your wing. So may we come to rest where an-gels

Verses

sing.

1. Our eyes have longed to see	your lov - ing
2. Your roads have led us, Lord,	'cross des - ert
3. Up - on our dark-ness, Lord,	a light has
4. With shin - ing star at night,	and cloud by
5. When life's great jour - ney ends,	and day is

to Refrain

1. face,	to live with - in your courts	for all our days.
2. sand.	We place our hopes and dreams	with - in your hand.
3. shone.	You chose to dwell with us	in flesh and bone.
4. day,	you brought us here to see	your love's dis - play.
5. done,	then may our eyes be - hold	your Ho - ly One.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Soon and Very Soon"

SOON AND VERY SOON

SOON AND VERY SOON

1. Soon and ver - y soon, We are going to see the King;
2. No more cry - ing there, We are going to see the King;
3. No more dy - ing there, We are going to see the King;

1. Soon and ver - y soon, We are going to see the King;
2. No more cry - ing there, We are going to see the King;
3. No more dy - ing there, We are going to see the King;

1. Soon and ver - y soon, We are going to see the King;
2. No more cry - ing there, We are going to see the King;
3. No more dy - ing there, We are going to see the King; } Hal-le-

1-3. lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah! We're going to see the King.

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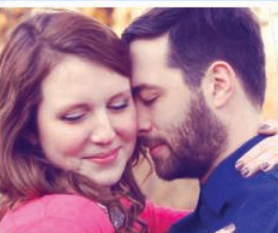


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