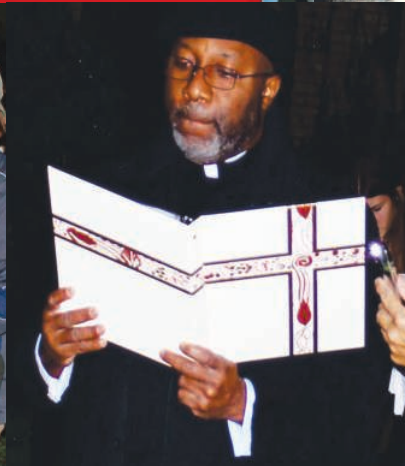


Christmas Tree Lighting 2022



St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish
Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 18, 2022

Parish Information: December 18, 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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Cheryl Venafr	Administrative Assistant
Stephanie Campbell	Administrative Assistant
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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 Migaletti, 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. Kozuhowski, 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 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 D. Donisi
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
Katherine George r/b Ed & Karen Zuczek

11:00 John and Doris Hinnegan 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.

Monday, December 19

9:00 Intentions of Judith Belonia on her birthday
Rosemarie & Bob Barbato r/b the Family

Tuesday, December 20

9:00 Wallace & Joseph Families r/b the Family

Wednesday, December 21

9:00 Intentions of Priscilla Franchetti r/b Jasmin, RJ and
Ralph Potulot
Mr. and Mrs. Jon Tormo r/b Jasmin, RJ and Ralph
Potulot

Thursday, December 22

9:00 John, Doris, and Patrick Hinnegan r/b Jenny

Friday, December 23

9:00 Intentions of The Barker Family r/b Jasmin, RJ and
Ralph Potulot
Intentions of the Mills Family r/b Jasmin, RJ and
Ralph Potulot

Saturday, December 24

4PM (SJ): Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta

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.

The Sanctuary Candle will be burned this week in memory of:
Holy Saviour Frank Barbato r/b his sister Margaret

Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 18, 2022

On this 4th Sunday of Advent, the liturgy offers us two stories of the Annunciation; first, we have to note that the first reading was from the 4th century before Jesus Christ; where the situation of the people of Israel was truly dramatic: they were threatened from everywhere by foreign armies. Faced with this danger, the young king of Israel did not make the right choice. He forsook the true God to turn to pagan gods and seek favor with them.

But these pagan gods are nothing. This is also true for us today. We think of those gods who occupy a great place in our life and our world. In today's Gospel, the prophet Isaiah invites King Ahaz, and each of us, to turn to the one true God. It is on him that we must rely. In this season of Advent, we are invited to rediscover the true meaning of Christmas. It is not a question of running after ever more consumption of earthly things, but of welcoming the One who comes to save us.

This announcement of the coming of the Savior in the Gospel today is the message of the angel to Joseph; he is invited to take his wife Mary into his home: "The child who is begotten in her comes from the Holy Spirit". These words tell us the mission that God entrusts to Joseph: he is called to be the guardian of Mary and of Jesus; Pope Francis adds that this guardianship also concerns the whole Church. Saint Joseph is now the mystical protector of the whole Church.

Joseph exercises his ministry with discretion, with humility, in silence and prayer. The Gospel does not tell us much about him, but it bears witness to his constant presence and his total fidelity, even when he does not understand where that will lead him. He accompanies each moment with thoughtfulness and love. He is with Mary in serene times and in difficult times.

As he formed this plan, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said to him: "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary, your wife, into your home, since the child who is begotten in her comes from the Holy Spirit; she will give birth to a son, and you will give him the name of Jesus (that is to say: The-Lord-saves), because it is He who will save his people from their sins." Joseph is given to us as an example for his obedience in faith.

Taking Mary turns Joseph's mind around and the Lord comforts him in this decision. By welcoming Mary, Joseph welcomes the most extraordinary gift of God. Mary had the happiness of believing in God her Savior, beyond all appearances. At the Annunciation God filled her in every way; he joined her deep heart, her desire to be loved and to love. She was happy to say yes. By saying yes to the angel, she is saying yes to God. She was not scandalized by God's unexpected way for her. "Blessed is she who believed" Elizabeth would say to her.

"All this happened to fulfill the word of the Lord spoken by the prophet: Behold, the Virgin will conceive, and she will give birth to a son; he will be called Emmanuel, which translates: "God-with-us" "When Joseph awoke, he did what the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife home. The one given to Joseph will reveal to him the infinite love of God for humanity. Mary manifests the acceptance of Joseph's love for her: he looked at the poverty of his servant. It is a new encounter in the infinite love of God that is proposed to Joseph and Mary. "Rejoice, daughter of Zion, the Lord is in you, mighty Savior." It is also proposed to us to welcome this little girl of Israel as a gift from God for us. Mary, who believed, invites us to enter into the obedience of faith, so that we can, with her, welcome Jesus in the Eucharist. It is to enter once again into the secret love of the Father's heart. The Father loved the world so much that He gave us His only begotten Son. By welcoming Mary, we enter into the surprising alliance of God and man.

I wish you all a blessed 4th Sunday of Advent. As we are preparing ourselves for Christmas, remember that God is waiting to reconcile with us in the sacrament of reconciliation. Last Monday we had the penance service at our Parish. If you did not have a chance to attend, you still have time to make a spiritual preparation to celebrate the beautiful feast of Christmas. God's blessing to you all!

Fr. Yvans Jazon
Pastor

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.



The Knights are grateful for your support of their various activities, especially their hoagie sales! March for Life will be Jan. 20. More info will follow.

Thanks to the Faith in Action group and the Hospitality Committee for all their efforts that made our second annual Christmas Prayer and Tree Lightings such a meaningful and prayerful experience. Thanks, also, to those who were able to participate in this beautiful event!

The Nazareth Academy High School Chorale sang at the 11:00 AM Mass last Sunday. Afterwards, they treated us to a concert of angel-like voices singing Advent and Christmas music. Thank you to our Music Director, Kate Chmelko and the members of the Chorale for sharing their talent with us and giving their time to sing for the Lord.

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.

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



It's *Not* Too Late!

Please participate in our Special Intention Christmas Tree. The tree-lighting ceremonies were not the end of our support of each other's intentions in prayer; they were the **beginning**. Not everyone could attend. That's why, at the back of each church, you will find ornaments with hooks inside, slips of paper, and pens.

Take a moment to jot down your intention, place the paper inside an ornament, snap it together, and hang it on the tree. While you're at it, pray for everyone else's intentions. (If you notice supplies running low, please call Nancy and Ken at (856) 858-7071.)

Let's keep this going until after Christmas Day. What better way is there to prepare to celebrate Our Lord's coming than to care for each other? Day or night, when we pass by these trees, we can think of the intentions of all in our parish community, and make them our own.

Faith In Action

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.



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

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

December 11 \$7747.00

Retired Religious Collection: \$2538.00

Immaculate Conception: \$641.00

**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 24-25

MASS	LECTOR	EM	SACRISTAN
4:00 SJ	Children	B. Steele	R. Fearon M. Mercer
5:00 HS	M/J Steinitz	L. Hauber	S. Campbell
12AM SJ	J. Richards	Deacon Leo	T. Howitz
8:00 HS	B. Summer- hayes	L. Giorgio	R. Fearon
10:00 SJ	B. Pascal	P. O'Connor	M. Mercer

"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

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.



Weekly Tip Caring for Our Common Home

"Disinterested concern for others, and the rejection of every form of self-centeredness and self-absorption, are essential if we truly wish to care for our brothers and sisters and for the natural environment. These attitudes also attune us to the moral imperative of assessing the impact of our every action and personal decision on the world around us."

Joseph's House Donations: November

Parishioners of STC generously donated the following items last month in support of the homeless:

Casseroles: 6, Cookies: 9 Large Packs, Snack Packs: 134, Sugar: 10 Lbs, Powder Creamer: 3.5 Lbs, Sandwiches: 110.

With the colder weather there is always a need for gloves, cloth hats, and socks. All donations can be dropped off at both Churches marked with "JH". Thank you for your help!

Christmas Mass and Confession Schedule

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): **4 PM**—St. John; **5 PM**—Holy Saviour; **12 Midnight**—St. John

(Dec. 25): **8 AM**—Holy Saviour, **10 AM**— St. John

(Dec. 25): **11 AM**: Deaf Community— Holy Saviour

New Years Mass, December 31-January 1: Regular Weekend Schedule:

(Dec. 31): **4 PM**— Holy Saviour

(Jan. 1): **8 AM**— Holy Saviour

9:30 AM —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.



Parish Office Schedule Christmas/New Years

Friday, December 23: 9:00—12 Noon

Sat.-Sun., December 24-25: Office Closed

Monday, December 26: Office Closed

Tues., Wed., Thurs. Dec. 27-29: 9:00—4:00

Friday, December 30: 9:00—12 Noon

Sat. -Sun. , Dec. 31 -Jan. 1: Office Closed

Monday, January 2: Office Closed

Tuesday, January 3: Open at 9:00 AM



A Christmas Blessing for Our Parish Family

May you be filled with ...

The wonder of Mary,

The obedience of Joseph,

The joy of the angels,

The eagerness of the shepherds,

The determination of the maji,

And the peace of the Christ child.

Almighty God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

Bless you now and forever.

*Happy and blessed Christmas from
Fr. Yvans, Fr. Hugh and all the Parish
Staff!*

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 18, January 8, 15, 22

Tuesday 3:30-4:45

Grades 1-7

Dec 20, January 10, 17, 24

Confirmation Prep (8th gr)

Sunday 6:30-8PM

Dec 18

Family Mass

Our next Family Mass will be Sunday January 15 at 11AM. We invite our 5th graders to participate as readers, singers, ushers, greeters.



Faith Formation Service Project

St. Teresa's Faith Formation families will be collecting items for CARE Packages which will be given to Joseph House to help their clients. We invite all parishioners to add to our collection.

Items we'd like to collect:

Socks
Deodorant
Chapstick
Shampoo
Lotion
Sunscreen
Tissues
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Wet Wipes
Band-aids
Hand Sanitizers

Or any other item you think might be helpful

Please place them in the vestibule of either church and mark FF. The more we collect, the more CARE packages we can make.

Items due by Sunday January 9 or Tuesday January 11.

We will make the CARE packages after the Family Mass on Jan 15.



Call to Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 18, 2022

Entrance Hymn: "Emmanuel" *Breaking Bread* #55

EMMANUEL

Steve Angrisano

Refrain



Come, come, Em - man - u - el! Son of God, ap - pear. Heav - en and



earth, re - joice! Sal - va - tion is draw - ing near.

Verses



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
To us the path of knowl - edge show,
3. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem;
That trust your might - y pow'r to save,
4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind
Make all our sad di - vi - sions cease,
5. Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



(to Refrain)

1. And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2. Who or - dered all things might - i - ly;
And teach us in her ways to go.
3. From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
4. In one the hearts of hu - man - kind;
And be for us the King of Peace.
5. shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.
shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el. *(Fine)*

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No Gloria during Advent

FIRST READING: Isaiah 7: 10-14

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!" Then Isaiah said: Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

SECOND READING: Romans 7: 1-7

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised previously through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, the gospel about his Son, descended from David according to the flesh, but established as Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: Matthew 1: 18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel*, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

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

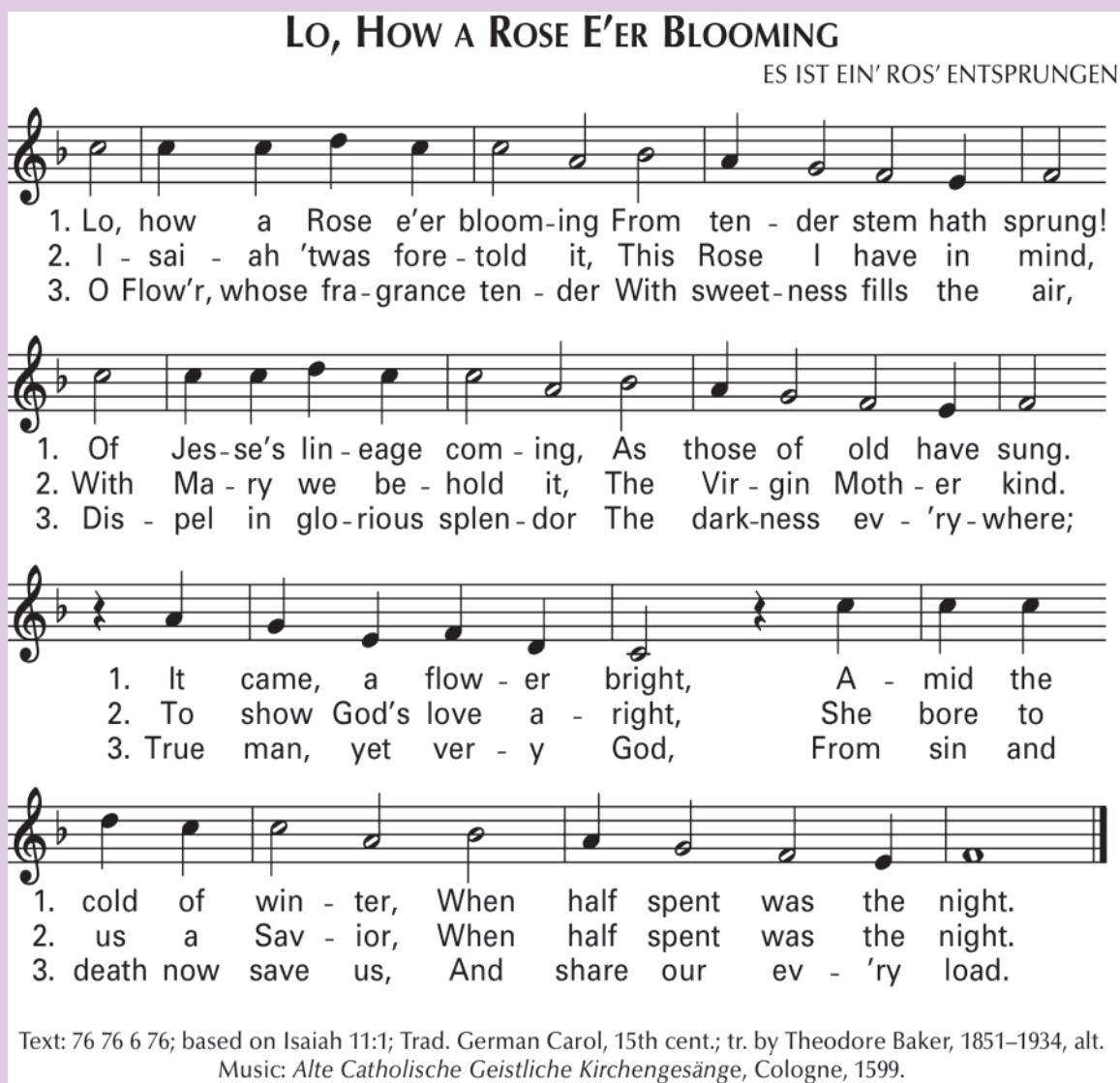
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kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic 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.

OFFERTORY HYMN: "Lo How a Rose E're Blooming" *Breaking Bread* #80

LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING
ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN



1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem hath sprung!
2. I - sai - ah 'twas fore - told it, This Rose I have in mind,
3. O Flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the air,

1. Of Jes-se's lin - eage com - ing, As those of old have sung.
2. With Ma - ry we be - hold it, The Vir - gin Moth - er kind.
3. Dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry - where;

1. It came, a flow - er bright, A - mid the
2. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
3. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and

1. cold of win - ter, When half spent was the night.
2. us a Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.
3. death now save us, And share our ev - 'ry load.

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COMMUNION HYMN: "Night of Silence" *Breaking Bread 78*

Night of Silence

1. Cold are the peo - ple, win - ter of life, We
 2. Voice in the dis - tance, call in the night, On
 3. Spir - it a - mong us, shine like the star, Your

trem - ble in shad - ows this cold end - less night,
 wind you en - fold us, you speak of the light,
 light that guides shep - herds and kings from a - far,

Fro - zen in the snow lie ros - es sleep - ing,
 Gen - tle on the ear you whis - per soft - ly,
 Shim - mer in the sky so emp - ty, lone - ly,

Flow - ers that will ech - o the sun - rise,
 Ru - mors of a dawn so em - brac - ing,
 Ris - ing in the warmth of your Son's love,

Fire of hope is our on - ly warmth,
 Breath - less love a - waits dark - ened souls,
 Star un - know - ing of night and day,

Wea - ry, its flame will be dy - ing soon.
 Soon will we know of the morn - ing.
 Spir - it we wait for your lov - ing Son.

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People, Look East

People, look East. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able.
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.



2. Furrows, be glad, though earth is bare
One more seed is planted there;
Give up your strength the seed to nourish
That in course the flow' may flourish.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

3. Stars, keep the watch when night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim.
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Star, is on the way.



4. Angels, announce on this great feast
Him who cometh from the East.
Let ev'ry peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.



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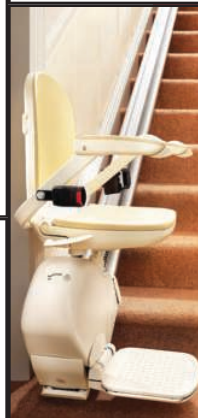
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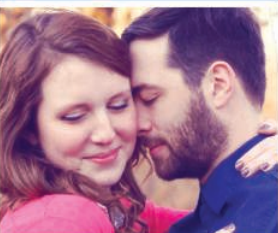


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