



SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT PEACE



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.*

Second Sunday of Advent: December 10, 2023

Parish Information: December 10, 2023

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.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday: 9:00AM—3 PM

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

ST. JOHN CHURCH: 809 Park Ave., Collingswood

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH: 50 Emerald Ave.,

Haddon Township

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:00 PM—HS

Sunday: 8:00 AM—HS

Sunday: 9:30 AM—SJ **Live streamed**

Sunday: 11:00 AM—SJ

Sunday: 11:00 AM— HS American Sign Language
and Voice Interpreted for the hearing

Weekday Masses:

Daily Mass: Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.: 9:00 AM SJ

Thursday: 9AM, HS

Adoration: Thursdays: After 9:00 Mass until 8PM —HS

RECONCILIATION

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

BAPTISMS: Call the Parish Office to schedule.

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: LT Ij Patrick J. McKernan, USN
Colin Bakey, USN
Eric Bakey, USA
SGT Alex Coutinho, US Space Force
Miguel Ingram, Pvt. 1st Class US Army
Ensign Margaret M. McKernan, USN
Sgt. Johnny A. Santiago, USA
1st Lieut. Kayleigh Migaletti, RN, SAF
Salena Silvaria, NAC/AW,
Nathan Tiefenthaler L. Corp

Those who are sick:	Marianne Fannelle	Natalie Mullen
Vincenzo Angelucci, Jr.	Mike Gunning	Michael Palazzo
William Baker	David Hammond	Alice Palermo
Arline Barski	Violet Harden	Elise Principato
Mary Barbone	MaryAnn Helmer	Jaxson Rivera
Nancy Barone	Jack Hoban	Eric Roseboro
Ed Charlton, Sr.	Marge Howard	Dean and Mary Russell
Anna Cipolla	Bill Hower	Pat Schoeborn
Anthony Corrado	William Kinee	Richard Schoeborn
Sharon Crismond	Ali Kite	Rosemarie Siwak
Todd Delaney	Liza Kopp	Constance Steinhagen
Billie DiStefano	Andrew Leonard	Margaret Zimmerman
Lorraine Donato	Cassidy Lovett	
Theresa Duffy	Annie Martella	
Walt Eife	Michael McAdoo	
	Matthew McCann	

Adoration Schedule



- Thursdays at Holy Saviour Church 9:30AM - 8PM
 - Silent Adoration 9:30AM - 7PM
 - Consecration to the Blessed Mother
 - Rosary & Benediction 7PM—8PM
- Come spend some quiet time with the Lord during the day.*

Mass Intention for the Week

Saturday, December 9

4:00 (HS) Eugene & Margaret Kernan r/b the Family
Eugene Kernan r/b the Family
William M. Jordan r/b the Chiumento Family
Grace Lacey r/b Fr. Yvans & STC Parish

Sunday, December 10

8:00 (HS) Miller & Schnitzius Families r/b the family
9:30 Mary Quinn r/b the Kline Family
Taylor Kline r/b the Kline Family
Intentions of the Grossi Family— Marion, William, Margaret, Anthony and Anne r/b Tom and Linda Smith
Jack Fleming r/b Ed and Sharon Charlton
Bonnie Stout r/b Dominic Pucci and Denise
Kathleen Anderson r/b Denise Lovallo & Dominic Pucci
Deceased members of D'Souza & Pinto Families r/b D'Souza and Pinto Families
Marie r/b the D'Souza Family
11:00 Parishioners of Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish

Monday, December 11

9:00 Michael Wills r/b Pst Lipperini

Tuesday, December 12

9:00 Michael Wills r/b Bob and MaryAnn Mercer

Wednesday, December 13

9:00 Marge Carter r/b Rosemary Fearon

Thursday, December 14

9:00 (HS) Daniel MacLeon r/b the Kilmer Family

Friday, December 15

9:00 Michael Wills r/b the Schwalm Family

Saturday, December 16

4:00 Ollek and Page Families r/b Suzanne Ollek
Marguerite Steigerwald r/b Faith in Action Ministry
Pete Przbykowski r/b his Wife and Children
Nancy Soglia r/b Anthony and Mary Talotta

Sunday, December 17

8:00 Wallace and Joseph Families r/b the Family
9:30 Mary VanNote r/b her Husband and Family
Corinne Galiczynski r/b Steve and Cathy Rauch
Theresa Charlton r/b the McCormick Family
Marguerite Steigerwald r/b Loretta and Tom Hauber
Father Mark Beard r/b Kathy and Ellen
John and Gertrude Wilkie r/b the Schoenborn Family
Frank Mandel, Jr. r/b the Penney Family
Margie Mannix Gadren & Marilyn K. Cippolone r/b Faith in Action Ministry
11:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta
There will NOT be an 11AM Mass at Holy Saviour on Dec. 17.

Sanctuary Candle



The Sanctuary Candle burns every week of the year in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. The fee is \$25.00.

Second Sunday of Advent: December 10, 2023

Today's Gospel is about John the Baptist, and you might be asking what this has to do with Christmas. Let's look at the story of John. When I pray my morning prayers each day, I pray the Canticle of Zechariah. This is the prayer of John's father Zechariah about the destiny of his son, John the Baptist. 'You my child shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way.' John was born to prepare the way of the Lord. The only thing we know about John is that he was related to Jesus because we all remember the story of Mary's visitation to her cousin Elizabeth, John's mother. Remember the conception of John like that of Jesus was a miracle. Elizabeth was well out of childbearing years when she became pregnant, and an angel Gabriel also appeared to Zechariah just as he did to Mary.

The only time I believe John experienced Jesus (I can't even say seen Him) was when the two of them were in the womb. Remember when Elizabeth was pregnant with John and went to greet her cousin Mary, who was also pregnant, the child jumped in her womb. After this it is believed John never met Jesus. Notice at the end of the first chapter of Luke, it reads, "and the child grew and became strong in the spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel."

It is believed from the Dead Sea Scrolls and Josephus that John was probably raised by an ancient Jewish monastic sect called the Essenes in the desert and this group lived exactly as Gabriel had told Zechariah that John should be raised. They were like monks, rich in faith and having no parts with alcohol or strong drink. They lived a celibate life of prayer and fasting, and it was known they would raise children who were abandoned or consecrated to the Lord. What we know about Jesus is that He was raised in Galilee and John grew up in the wilderness or another name for it, the desert.

Now, we can talk about the Gospel of Mark. This is where our Gospel today starts, and where this Gospel begins is from the prophecy of Isaiah, "Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare the way of the Lord. The voice of one crying out in the desert, prepare the way of the Lord make straight his path."

What does this have to do with Christmas? The Advent season is about preparing our hearts to be ready for the coming of God. We normally think of Jesus coming as a baby, but this has a similar feel to it. John was waiting all his life and was working his best to prepare people for the coming of Jesus. John was incredibly popular, and you might be thinking why? He is in the desert; how could he become popular?

John was in the desert, and he was baptizing people with a baptism of repentance. This is what we do during Advent. We work to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord. You might be asking why was he baptizing people in the Jordan River. All you need for a baptism is water and there would be plenty of water in Jerusalem. Why not just baptize there? One story that the Jewish people held close came from the book of Joshua about the New Exodus. The Exodus story that we know ended at the crossing of the Jordan and it was believed that this New Exodus would begin where the old one left off, at the Jordan River. When you think about the idea of baptizing in the Jordan it was perfect, great marketing, the people would love this and they did!

John did not know Jesus, but he knew he soon would. Just like the gospel from last week, we are told to be alert, be vigilant, this is exactly what John did. He was watching and waiting for the one who was greater than he, the one who he was not worthy to untie his sandals. This is what we are doing during Advent, only for us, we know the exact time when He would come December 25th, but John did not know the day He watched and waited. It is believed that John did not know this person until his baptism. Remember the baptism of Jesus, the heavens being torn open, the descent of the Holy Spirit and the voice of the Father, "This is my beloved son?" It is not quite the Nativity story we are used to but none the less the story about the coming of Jesus.

When you think about it, we are always celebrating the season of Advent. We are always looking, always waiting for the coming of Jesus, and Christmas Day is really every day because each day we are blessed to meet Jesus in all the people we encounter.

The joy of Christmas is not just December 25th. It is every day; every day is the day when we meet Jesus. We meet Him first with all the people in our family and friends and we also meet Him with those who we do not know. And finally, we also meet Jesus in the people we do not like and try to avoid. That is our challenge, treating everybody with the same hospitality.

So, this Advent be vigilant, notice the people around you, watch for the Lord in the people you are in contact with, just as John did with each person he was baptizing. For us, seeing Jesus in all the people we meet and treating them all with the same love and the hospitality you would if they were Jesus. Live each day with this same joy.

Deacon Leo



Thank you for your support of our Parish and ministries. Please consider Online Giving as a way of supporting the Sunday Collection. It is a convenient and secure way of continuing your financial support of our Parish.

To sign up, scan the parish QR code at the right ———>



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

December 3: \$10,592.00

Electronic Givers— October: 128 givers

Total given \$16,811.00

Men's Club Meeting

The next Men's Club meeting will take place, Monday, December 11 at 8PM in McLaughlin Hall. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Josh Wiener at 609-502-3539 or stteresamensclub@yahoo.com.



Basketball – Foul Shooting Contest!

The Annual Basketball Foul Shooting Contest, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will take place on Saturday, January 6th 2024, from 12 noon to 2pm. Registration will be from 11:30 am to 12 noon. The Contest will take place at the Good Shepherd Gym and is open to all youth, ages 9 to 14. Participants must provide a copy of their birth certificate. Winners advance, as the Contest is statewide. For more information, contact Coach/AD Bob Hensler at (856) 858-1170(w) or (609) 519-0198 (c)

"Congrats to the boys varsity basketball team on winning the Camden Catholic High School tournament! They defeated Mt. Carmel (Berlin), St. Rose (Haddon Heights) and CPS (Camden) to win the tourney championship!"



*Advent Theme 2023:
Waiting in Hope for the Coming of
Our Eucharistic Lord.*

Christmas Concert – Tri-County Symphonic Band

Sunday, December 10, 7—8:15 PM, St. John Church

Communal Penance Service

Monday, December 11, 6:30PM, St. John Church
Several priests will be hearing confessions.

Parish Advent Retreat

Wednesday, December 13, 7 PM, St. John Church
Preacher: Fr. Vince Guest from Sacred Heart, Camden

Deaf Community Christmas Social

Sunday, December 17
11:00 Mass at St. John's followed by pot luck social in Good Shepherd Cafeteria. Come and bring a dish to share. More info.: Flyer on page 8

Confessions at Holy Saviour Church

Saturdays: 3PM – 3:45 PM

Adoration, Rosary, Benediction:

Thursdays 9:30AM – 8PM

Holy Saviour Church

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- Silent Adoration 9:30AM – 7PM
- Consecration to the Blessed Mother
- Rosary & Benediction 7PM—8PM



St. Teresa of Calcutta Giving Trees

The St. Teresa of Calcutta Christmas Giving Tree is displayed in St. John's vestibule. 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 12th.

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 cannot get 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.



The following people have recently registered in our parish:

Brian and Diana Dakzell

John and Ashley Cappelli

John and Marie Marchesani

Bryan and Meredith Dunn

Brian and Natalie Winthrop

Barbara Stanley and Stephen Le Clair

If you are new to the area and would like to become part of our parish, please call the Parish Office at 856-858-0298 or visit our website [stteresaoofcalcuttanj.org/about us](http://stteresaoofcalcuttanj.org/about-us). Fill in the form and send it to the Parish Office.

Special Collection This Weekend for Retired Religious

The second collection next weekend will be for the retired religious. Many 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.



Final Hoagie Sales for 2023: December 16

Thank you for your support!

Decorating Churches

**Friday, December 22, 2023 at 10AM.
St. John Church**

If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please call the parish office, 856-858-0298 Ask for MaryAnn Mercer or Rosemary Fearon.



Roses for Life: Next Weekend

Members of the Santa Maria Council K of C will be selling Roses for Life after all Masses on the weekend of December 16 & 17. Proceeds are used to the pay for the bus to the March for Life in Washington, DC (January 19, 2024) and to support other Pro-Life causes. Please buy and wear a Rose, to show that you support the Right to Life!



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 Michele.** Everything is strictly confidential. **More Info.:** Contact Michele Santiago at : 609-598-1787 or email her at grandmarose73@yahoo.com.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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**.

The STC St. Vincent DePaul Society serves the needy in the following ways:

Food Pantry: Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays
10AM – 12 noon

Sandwich Making for Cathedral Kitchen—3rd
Monday of each month

Sandwiches made in November: 80 for Joseph's House; 240 to Cathedral Kitchen
3 boxes of chips, 1 bag of apples, 1 case of water, 5 bags of oranges

Next sandwich collection: 3rd Monday:
December 18 at 7PM.

Next discussion meeting: There will **NOT** be a discussion meeting in December. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 16. in McDade Hall Meeting Room.

*Additional information about these ministries
can be found on our website:
www.stteresaofcalcuttanj.org/*



Christmas Music Concert

The Parish Council is sponsoring a Christmas Music Concert to enhance our Advent Preparations. The Concert will be on Sunday Evening December 10th from 7:00 PM to 8:15PM. It will be performed by the Tri-County Symphonic Band and it will be held in St. John Church. **Tickets are priced at \$15 a person with children under 12 are free.**



Training for Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Date: Dec. 16, 2023 **Time:** 8:00am-12:00pm **Cost:** \$50
Location: Incarnation Parish, Kernan Center, Classroom
#8 240 Main Street Mantua, NJ 08051

Training for Lector

Date/Time: January 4 Zoom, 6:30-8:30PM, **Cost:** \$50,
Location for In-person session. Please select 1:

Both the Zoom meeting and one in-person session are required for certification January 4, 2024; Zoom, 6:30-8:30pm

In-Person Sessions (please select one) ;

_____ January 10, 2024, 6:30-8:30pm, Saint Clare of Assisi Parish, Saint Joseph Church, Swedesboro, NJ

_____ January 11, 2024, 6:30-8:30pm, Saint Joseph Parish, Sea Isle City

**Applications are available in the Parish Office or
Emailed by request by email.**

Fee is paid by the parish for those who will serve.

The Food Pantry would like to thank Thriven Design, especially Amy, the market manager, for their generous food donations. The photo shows about half of what they donated.

Life - Long Faith Formation

Faith Formation

Daniela Perez

856-858-0298 ext. 19

dperez@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org



SANDWICH NIGHT!

MONDAY
DECEMBER 18TH
7PM-8PM
SCHOOL CAFETERIA

What to bring:

- Sliced bread (wheat or white)
- Sliced turkey or beef bologna (no pork)
- Cheese

Calling all 6th-8th graders to come together for a night of fun and compassion! Join us in making sandwiches for a good cause. The sandwiches you make will be donated to the Cathedral Kitchen or Joseph's House to help those in need.



COME AND SEE

SAT 13 JANUARY	What's new?
SAT 16 MARCH	Toward the light of Easter
SAT 4 MAY	One step with the Virgin Mary



Walk together on the path of the Gospel. For young people and young adults aged 17-33 years old.

For more information contact 856-428-7930 or email fmijcomeandsee@yahoo.com

December CHILDREN'S CHOIR

THE CHILDREN WILL SING AT THE DECEMBER 17TH 11AM FAMILY MASS AND THE 4PM CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS

ALL 1ST - 8TH GRADE PARISHIONERS WHO LOVE TO SING OR HAVE AT LEAST 2 YEAR EXPERIENCE ON AN INSTRUMENT!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSALS:
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT 7PM
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21ST AT 7PM
7-8PM ON THE 2ND FLOOR IN THE SCHOOL

QUESTIONS? CONTACT REGINA SCHMITT
AT REGINAGUNNING@GMAIL.COM OR
TEXT 215-280-1687

Our Lady of Guadalupe o Feast Day: December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mary became a powerful intercessor for the indigenous people of Mexico at a time when the armies of Spain were conquering them. Her story is inextricably tied to the story of St. Juan Diego, to whom she appeared a number of times. Juan Diego, a poor peasant who was going to church to pray for the recovery of his uncle, received his first vision of her and was told that she had a special errand for him. He was to go to the bishop of Mexico City and tell him that she wanted a chapel built on Tepeyac Hill, a mount near Juan's village, where all who were troubled could seek her aid. Though Juan was not initially believed by the bishop, Our Lady provided him with "proof" of her visits to him in the form of the imprint of her image surrounded by roses on his cloak. It is from this original image that current pictures of Our Lady of Guadalupe have been created.

A chapel was eventually constructed on the site as Our Lady requested. Today, a great basilica stands on the site. Through Juan Diego, Our Lady achieved the conversion of hundreds of thousands of the Mexican indigenous people. Pope John Paul II proclaimed her the patron saint of the Americas. She is also the patron of the unborn and the elderly.

As the pre-eminent saint of our Church, there are many feast days in honor of Our Lady. Under the title of the Immaculate Conception, Mary is also the patron of the United States.

Mary's message today: Our greatest saint, Mary did one basic thing. She listened to God's will that she was to be the mother of Jesus and she accepted that will. "Let it be done to me as you say." (Lk 1:38)



Source: OSV

Masses of Welcome and Inclusion Schedule

Every Sunday

11:00AM Mass at St. John's 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:
hugh.bradley@camdendiocese.org.

Office of Ministry with the Deaf and Persons with 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 the parish office to confirm):
856-858-0298

30 Emerald Avenue, Westmont, NJ 08108
(GPS: use Haddon Township)

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

Ministry with the Deaf & Persons with Disabilities
VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services of the Diocese of Camden

MASS AND CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

FACE PAINTING! **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023**

Please bring a side or dessert to share!

SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH
809 PARK AVE
COLLINGSWOOD, NJ 08108
MASS AT 11:00 AM
CHRISTMAS SOCIAL FOLLOWING MASS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

*Shh! Please help Santa by bringing a wrapped gift for your child with name labeled (no more than \$10)

PLEASE BRING CANNED GOODS FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY!

PLEASE CUT OUT AND SEND YOUR CHECK PAYMENT WRITTEN OUT TO: ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH
MAIL CHECK TO: REV. HUGH BRADLEY DIRECTOR, MINISTRY WITH THE DEAF
809 PARK AVENUE COLLINGSWOOD, NJ 08108

*ALSO ACCEPTING CASH AT DOOR

\$8.00 per person or \$20.00 per family (of 4).

Name: _____

Address: _____

people / # family _____

• please email Father Hugh Bradley what side or dessert you are able to share and any questions: frbradley.mwd@gmail.com Thank you.



Joseph House October Donations

Parishioners of STC donated the following during October in support of the homeless:

Casseroles-8, Powdered Creamer-3.5 lbs., Sugar-10 lbs., Sugar packets-100, Hot Sauce-2 bottles, Snack Packs-154

Thank you for your continued generosity!



Call to Worship

Second Sunday of Advent: December 10, 2023

Entrance Hymn: "See How the Virgin Waits" *Breaking Bread* #55

SEE HOW THE VIRGIN WAITS

Slovak folk melody

1. See how the Vir - gin waits for him; Ma - ry in won - der
 2. Gent - ly she hears the dis - tant breeze sway - ing the sil - ver
 3. Now a new pat - tern on the loom; now a new pres - ence

1. waits for him. Shake off your slum - ber; come all full of
 2. ol - ive trees. What is she think - ing as the sun is
 3. in the room. Wak - ing or sleep - ing, all her love she's

1. won - der. Je - sus is com - ing as the Prince of Peace.
 2. sink - ing, wait - ing the birth - day of her first - born Son?
 3. keep - ing, wait - ing the com - ing of the Son of God.

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December 16-17

MASS	Lectors	EM's	Sacristans
4:00	B. Steele	M/J Steinitz	S. Campbell
8:00	J. Sheehan	Deacon Rocks	R. Fearon
9:30	N. Bernardo	Deacon Leo	M. Mercer
11:00	Family Mass	P. O'Connor	T. Howitz

Gloria: Not sung/recited during Advent and Lent

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.*

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3: 8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”* John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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Offertory Hymn: "Ready The Way" *Breaking Bread* #53

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. to Refrain

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
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COMMUNION HYMN: "Christ Be Our Light" #599

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

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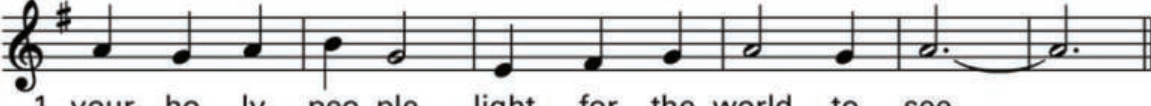
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1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



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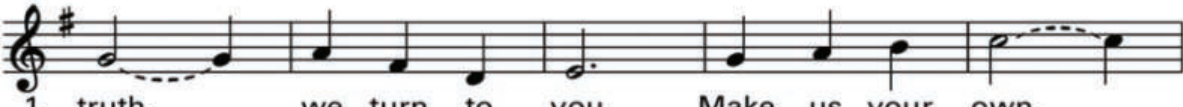
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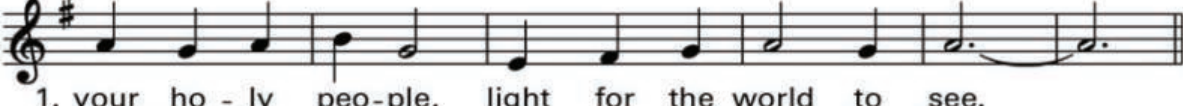
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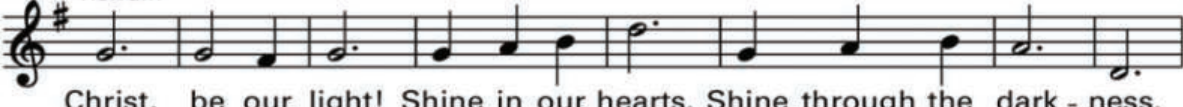


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