



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.*

3rd Sunday of Advent: December 17, 2023

Parish Information: December 17, 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.

Parish Staff

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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

LT Ij Patrick J. 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: David Hammond
Vincenzo Angelucci, Jr.
Arline Barski
Nancy Barone
Ed Charlton, Sr.
Anna Cipolla
Anthony Corrado
Sharon Crismond
Todd Delaney
Billie DiStefano
Lorraine Donato
Theresa Duffy
Walt Eife
Marianne Fannelle
Mike Gunning

Elise Principato
Jaxson Rivera
Eric Roseboro
Dean and Mary Russell
Pat Schoeborn
Richard Schoeborn
Rosemarie Siwak
Constance Steinhagen
Margaret Zimmerman

David Hammond
Violet Harden
Jack Hoban
Marge Howard
Bill Hower
William Kinee
Ali Kite
Liza Kopp
Andrew Leonard
Cassidy Lovett
Annie Martella
Michael McAdoo
Matthew McCann
Natalie Mullen
Michael Palazzo
Alice Palermo

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.*

DEC. 17 MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16

4:00 Ollek and Pace Families r/b Stan & Suzanne Ollek
Marguerite Steigerwald r/b Faith in Action Ministry
Pete Przybkowski r/b his Wife and Children
Nancy Soglia r/b Anthony and Mary Talotta
Carl Jubbs, Sr. r/b Fr. Yvans and STC Parish

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
Family Mass

No 11AM Mass at Holy Saviour

Monday, December 18

9:00 Michael Wills r/b Cheryl and Dominick Venafr

Tuesday, December 19

9:00 Intentions of Noah Hase Dela Punta Rada r/b Jasmin Patulot

Wednesday, December 20

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

Thursday, December 21

9:00 (HS) Joanne Brady r/b the Family

Friday, December 22

9:00 Michael Wills r/b Rosemary Fearon

Saturday, December 23

4:00 Bill and Joan Fynes r/b the Family
Kernan Family (living and deceased) r/b the Family
Robert and Eileen Mullins r/b Fr. Yvans & STC Parish
Ingrid Veloria Funbanilla r/b Jasmin, Ralph and RJ Patulot
Janet Shodder r/b Fr. Yvans and STC Parish
Mary Barbone r/b Fr. Yvans & STC Parish

Sunday, December 24

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta
10:00 AM Theresa Charlton & Corinne Galiczynski r/b the Family
Eileen McCormick r/b the Frank Family
Intentions of the McCormick Family r/b Al Frank
Irene Discavage r/b the Silvaria Family
Ann Dobbs r/b Bob and Mary Lou Sudoff

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 PM (SJ) Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta
5 PM (HS) Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta
12 Midnight (SJ) Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta

Monday, December 25

8AM (HS) Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta
10AM (SJ) Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta
11AM (HS) Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta

Third Sunday of Advent: December 17, 2023

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

There is a lead up time before special joyous events that actually become a major part of the occasion. Note the excitement in engaged couples as the day of their wedding draws near. Or that of a jubilant city of sports fans as the victory parade for their team is scheduled. Or the jump up and down kind of anticipation among children as Christmas approaches.

This weekend features a joyful liturgical respite from our Advent penance as the great feast of the Nativity draws near. In many parishes the priest will wear rose-colored vestments, the color derived from mixing the purple of penance with the white of joy.

I daresay this time period I've described has such built-in excitement to it that afterward there is bound to be a kind of letdown that settles in. It is not completely such, but just enough to remind us that such "highs" are usually passing, much like a beautiful high note in a cherished musical composition.

All is not lost, however. What can override a letdown is a kind of afterglow. The warm recall that in our more peaceful moments invites us to savor the memory of it all. We look back on that wedding day and smile. Or we recall that parade and the pride we felt. We relive that Christmas morning chaos with pajama clad grandchildren.

Above all is the lasting joy of knowing that God is definitely with us in all the moments of our lives, good and bad. News headlines all about the awful things we humans do to each other should not deter us. For on this "Gaudete" ("Rejoice") Sunday, we are better off enjoying relief from the dark side of human existence to the wonderful decision God the Father made to send His only Son to us in the person of a little Child. Our ultimate redemption from our sins is available.

Here is an apt comment on joy and laughter from the renowned G.K. Chesterton: "It is really a natural trend to lapse into taking oneself gravely because it is the easiest thing to do...for solemnity flows out of men naturally. But laughter is a leap. It is easy to be heavy; hard to be light. Satan fell by force of gravity."

God love you and help you make that leap!





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 8: \$1806.00

December 10: \$6119.00

**Electronic Givers— October: 128 givers
Total given \$16,811.00**

Retired Religious Collection Thank You

Thank you for your generosity to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. The amount donated was \$2569.00

Your generous donations will make a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious.

Parish Office Schedule Christmas/New Years 2023

Friday, December 22: 9:00—12 Noon
Monday-Tuesday: December 25-26: Closed
We will open Wednesday, December 27 at 9 AM.

Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 27-28: 9:00—4:00
Friday, December 29: 9:00—12 Noon

Mon., January 1: New Years Day –Closed
We will open Tuesday, January 2 at 9:00 AM.



Men's Club Corner

The parish finance committee recently distributed a one-page summary of the parish finances. On the income side of the sheet was a line item for the Men's Club. What do we do with these funds?

One of the main functions of these funds is the maintenance and upkeep of McLaughlin Hall. We sponsor the parish basketball teams, requesting no funds of any sort from the parents of our faith formation students to participate. We have contributed to the creation and upkeep of the St. Francis grotto located on the St. John's campus. Another area of importance we dedicate these funds to is the enhancement of parish celebrations/events such as the parish social, St. Francis Feast Day, and the parish anniversary. We assist outside of our parish with donations to the VFW post 679 auxiliary for the benefit of veterans, the Cancer Center of America for the benefit of children battling with cancer, the Angels Outreach Community for the benefit of those needing a hand up, and the Joseph House, among others. Finally, within our parish, we share our funds with the St. Vincent DePaul Society, SJ Ministry Appeal, The Food Pantry, and the parish general fund, to name a few.

I am proud to say that as another year comes to a close, the Men's Club has donated over \$15,000 this past year. If anyone ever has any questions about the utilization of the Men's Club funds, please do not hesitate to reach out to: stteresamensclub@yahoo.com and a board member would be more than happy to answer any questions.

Joshua Wiener, President of the St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish Men's Club

“MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN”

Please join with the women of our community to reflect on the presence of the Eucharist in our daily lives. We will be led by our very own, Pat Lipperini, PhD. in a morning of prayer, reflection and discussion.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

McLaughlin Hall

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Refreshments will be provided.

Details to follow.

Sponsored by the Eucharistic Revival Committee

Giving Tree Thank you

Thank you to all who donated to our Giving Tree. A special thanks to Anne Remetz for coordinating this drive and delivering the gifts. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!

“O Antiphons”

The O Antiphons (also known as the **Great Advent Antiphons**) are Magnificat antiphons used at Vespers on the last seven days of Advent in Western Christian traditions. They subsequently became one of the key musical features of the days leading up to Christmas. Each antiphon is a title of Christ, one of his attributes mentioned in Scripture. They are:

17 December: O Sapientia (O Wisdom)

18 December: O Adonai O (Leader of the House of Israel}

19 December: O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse)

20 December: O Clavis David (O Key of David)

21 December: O Oriens (O Dawn of the East)

22 December: O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations)

23 December: O Emmanuel O King & Giver of Law}



A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home

Switch to a low-flow showerhead. Newer efficient showerheads use 2 gallons of water per minute or less, compared with 3 or more gallons a minute for older models. A family of four using low-flow showerheads can save about 20,000 gallons of water a year. #66

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.



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.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish Mass Schedule Christmas Eve – New Years, 2023

Morning Masses – Sunday, December 24

Regular Sunday Schedule **except** the 9:30 and 11:00 Masses will be replaced by 10:00AM Mass at St. John's.

Christmas Eve Masses – Sunday, December 24

4:00 PM – St. John's Church (Children's Mass)

5:00 PM – Holy Saviour Church

Midnight – St. John's Church

Christmas Day Masses – Monday, December 25

8:00 AM: - Holy Saviour Church

10:00 AM – St. John's Church

11:00 AM – Holy Saviour Church

Mass in ASL and Voice Interpreted

Saturday-Sunday, December 30-31

Regular Mass schedule

New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. There will **not** be a New Year's Eve Mass.

New Year's Day – Monday, January 1

10:00 Mass – Holy Saviour Church

Thank you to Carter Lumber

Thank you to Mr. Wes Stinson and Carter Lumber in Cherry Hill for their generous donation of materials that were used to construct the frames of our parish Garden at the Holy Saviour site.



Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle is lit every week of the year in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. The cost is \$25. It will be lit this week in memory of :

St. John: Mary Van Note r/b her Husband and Family.



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/
ministries/outreach](http://www.stteresaofcalcuttanj.org/ministries/outreach)

Stewardship: 3rd Sunday of Advent Stewards Pray

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." – 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 – 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

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

_____ **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 .

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

Lectors are especially needed for all Masses in our Parish. For people who have not been actively involved in the parish but would like to be, this is a good opportunity to serve the parish and connect with other parishioners as well.

November Joseph House Donations

Parishioners donated the following in November: Sugar, 24 lbs., Casseroles 7, Men's Socks 26 pairs, Women's socks, 20 pairs, Women's gloves 14 pairs, Hot sauce 6 bottles, Powdered creamer 7 lbs., Snacks, 7 packets, Powdered milk 1 lb., Splenda 400 packets, Winter hats 12, Scarves 6

Thank you for your continued support of the homeless.



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)

Life - Long Faith Formation

Faith Formation

Daniela Perez

856-858-0298 ext. 19

dperez@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org



The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word for "rejoice". This Sunday is named so because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4-5

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

2024	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

St. John of Kanty

Feast Day: December 23

St. John was a young man from the countryside who found success in the bustling city and prestigious university of Kraków, Poland. After excelling in his studies, he became a priest and a theology professor. Despite facing opposition, he was eventually sent to serve as a parish priest in Olkusz due to rivalry. Though initially unsure of his responsibilities, he worked hard to win the hearts of his parishioners. John, a humble and kind man, returned to Kraków after some time and dedicated the rest of his life to teaching Scripture.

Known for his seriousness and humility, John was especially renowned among the poor of Kraków for his generosity. He readily shared his belongings and money with them, despite occasionally being taken advantage of. He lived a simple life, keeping only what was essential for his own support. His lifestyle included minimal sleep, frugal eating habits, and abstaining from meat. John even undertook a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, hoping to face martyrdom at the hands of the Turks. Additionally, he made four subsequent pilgrimages to Rome, carrying his belongings on his back. When concerns were raised about his health, John pointed out that the desert fathers, despite their austere lives, lived remarkably long lives. 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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

FACE PAINTING!

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.



Roses for Life Sale This 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!



Call to Worship

Third Sunday of Advent: December 17, 2023

Entrance Hymn: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" *Breaking Bread* #380

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!

Gloria: Not sung/recited during Advent and Lent

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61: 1-2a,10-11

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

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *My soul rejoices in my God.*

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

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

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

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

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

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'*" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

CREED: Breaking Bread: Inside front cover

Offertory Hymn: "Christ, Circle Round Us" *Breaking Bread* #57

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.

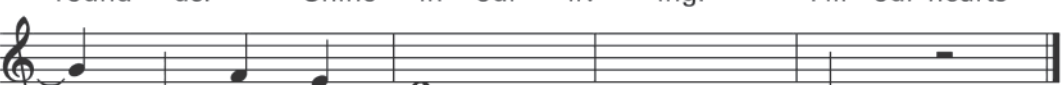
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Christ, cir - cle round us. Christ, may your light sur -



round us. Shine in our liv - ing. Fill our hearts



with great thanks - giv - ing.

Parish Office Schedule: Christmas/New Years 2023

Friday, December 22: 9:00—12 Noon

Monday-Tuesday: December 25-26: Closed

We will open Wednesday, December 27 at 9 AM.



Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 27-28: 9:00—4:00

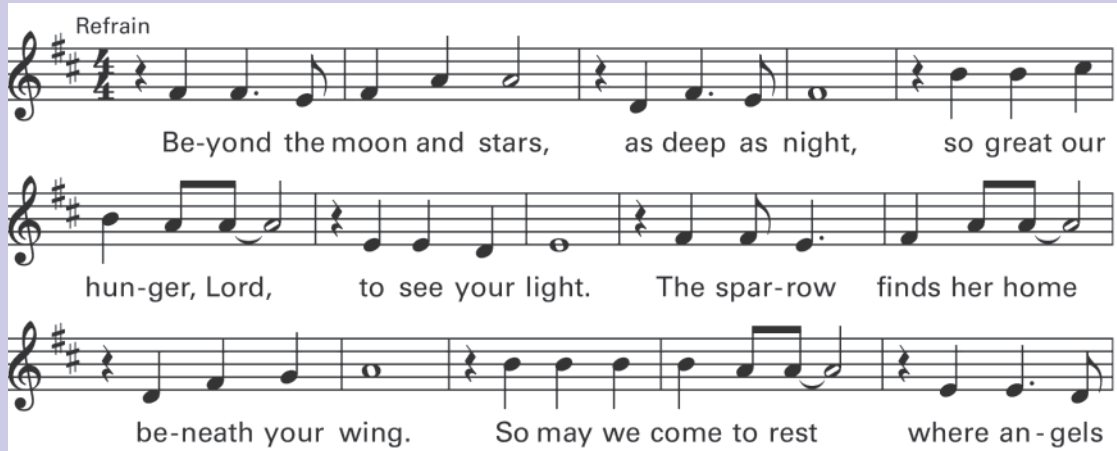
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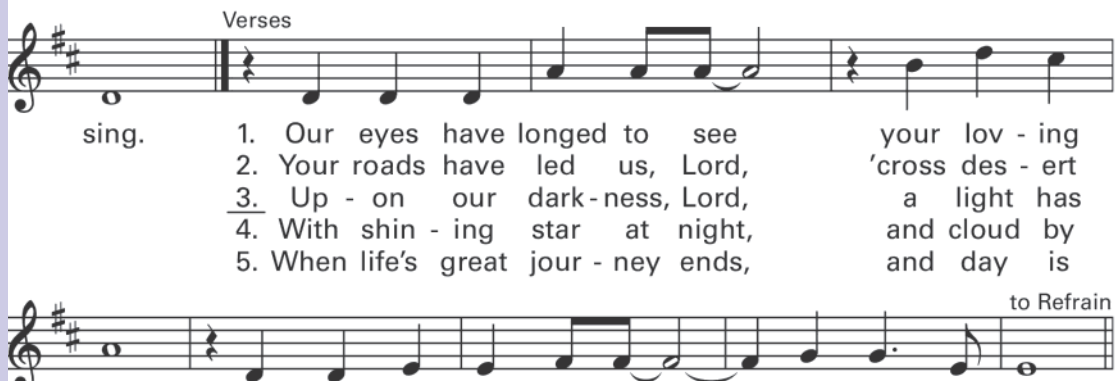
COMMUNION HYMN: "Beyond the Moon and Stars" #48

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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

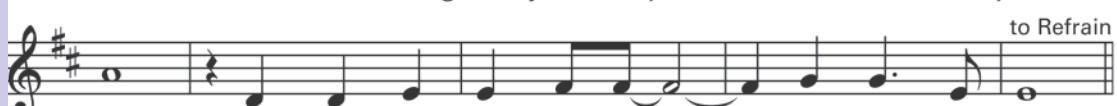
Verses



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.

Dec. 23-24: AM Masses

MASS	Lectors	EM's	Sacristans
4:00	S. Campbell	B. Steele	P. Moran
8:00	B. Summerhayes	Deacon Rocks	R. Fearon
10:00	J. Ely	Deacon Leo	M. Mercer

December 24: PM Masses

MASS	Lectors	EM's	Sacristans
4:00	Family Mass SJ	R. Kopp F. Pauciello	R. Fearon
5:00	M. Steinitz HS	Deacon Rocks L. Hauber	S. Campbell
12 AM	J. Richards SJ	Deacon Leo T. Howitz	T. Howitz

Dec. 25: AM Masses

MASS	Lectors	EM's	Sacristans
8AM HS	J. Reed	L. Giorgio	P. Moran
10 AM SJ	P. Lipperini	J. Wills	M. Mercer

SOON AND VERY SOON

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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;

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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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