



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH 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.*

December 1, 2024

PARISH INFORMATION: December 1st, 2024

First week of Advent

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.

PARISH STAFF

Mass and Sacrament Schedule

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

The Office closes from 12 noon to 1PM for lunch.

Marriage: Couples contemplating marriage in the parish must contact the parish office to meet with a priest to begin the marriage preparation process. This first step in planning your wedding is best begun 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.

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DATES

Submit announcements to be published in the bulletin to tbest@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org or to the Parish Office by Tuesday at 12pm of the week prior to the bulletin issue requested. **For weeks with a Holiday, we and the printer require submission a week earlier.**

Please submit **flyers** to be copied and inserted into the bulletins to the Parish Office by Wednesday at 12 noon, 11 days ahead of the desired bulletin date.

MASS & 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 (YouTube)**
11:00 AM—SJ

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

Daily Masses:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.: 9:00 AM St. John Church
Thursday: 9AM Holy Saviour Church

Adoration: Thursdays: After 9:00am Mass until 8pm HS

RECONCILIATION:

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

BAPTISMS: Call the Parish Office to schedule.

OCIA: Tuesdays at 7PM in Parish Office

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Special Collection

**Next week there will be a special collection
for the Religious Retirement Fund.**

SANCTUARY CANDLES



The Sanctuary Lamp burns before the Blessed Sacrament this week at Holy Saviour for the Christiano Family r/b Margaret Way.

Pray for Our Parishioners:

Lorraine Alexander	Violet Harden	Elise Principato
Arline Barski	Steve Hardeski	Eric Roseboro
Nancy Barone	Sarah Jacob	Susan Ratajski
Charlie Bates	Teresa Jermyn	Joseph Sandone
Helen Berger	Evan Kendendine	Pat Schoenborn
James Beierschmitt	William Kinee	Richard Schoenborn
Nancy Caruso	Ali Kite	Linda Simpkins
Ed Charlton, Sr.	Baby Violet	Michael Skabla
Anthony Corrado	Kozuhowski	Dennis Siwak
Joseph DeShayes	Nina Lopes	Constance
Walt Eife	Eliane Loumeau	Steinhagen
Adam Forziati	John Macauley	Kathy Smith
Emma Grace	Annie Martella	John Tomik
Charlene French	Nicholas Matyas	Michael Travis
Adam Frisoli	Michael McAdoo	Barbara Vollrath
Heather Frisoli	Matthew McCann	Craig Wilke
	Erin DeVoe Moran	Myra Worrell
	Natale Mullen	Margaret Zimmerman
	Julia Nigro Slater	

**JOIN THE ROSARY GROUP TO PRAY THE ROSARY
AFTER THE 9AM MASS DAILY TO PRAY FOR YOUR
INTENTIONS AND TO PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Pray for Our Military

SGT Alex Coutinho, US Space Force	LT Patrick J. McKernan, USN
Michael Gregg, USMC	Johnny A. Santiago, Sgt. 1st Class
Ensign Alex Licorish, RN, USN	1st Lieut. Kayleigh Migaledi,
Miguel Ingram, Pvt. 1st Class US Army	RN, SAF
Ensign Margaret McKernan USN	Salena Silvaria, NAC/AW,
	Nathan Tiefertalher L. Corp

Intentions for this week's Masses

Saturday, November 30

4:00 Magda Cabrera r/b Fr. Bertonazzi & STC Parish
Patricia Houghkirk r/b Fr. Bertonazzi & STC Parish

Sunday, December 1

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Mary Quinn r/b Kline family
Rev. A.I. Cataudo, O.P. r/b the Kline family
Julia 'Sheila' MacFarlane r/b Ed & Sharon Chanton
Philip S. Racobaldo r/b Dominic Pucci & Denise
Bob & MaryAnn Mercer in celebration of their
60th Wedding Anniversary
Thomas Sestito r/b Denise Lovallo & Dominic
Pat Grady r/b Dolores & George Holston
Marta Prete r/b Fr. Bertonazzi & STC Parish
11:00(HS) Pat Mays r/b Mr. & Mrs. Clem Calabrese
in ASL & English

Monday, December 2

9:00 For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 3

9:00 For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 4

9:00 Pat Grady r/b Rosemary Fearon

Thursday, December 5

9:00 (HS) Estelle Rago r/b Sandra Finio

Friday, December 6

9:00 For the People of the Parish

Saturday, December 7

4:00 For the intentions of Richard Schoeborn r/b Pat & Brian
Jerome Sheehan r/b family
Ollek—Page families r/b Stan & Sue Ollek

Sunday, December 8

8:00 Wallace & Joseph Families r/b the Family
9:30 For the People of the Parish
11:00(HS) Janet Shodder r/b the Sooy Family
Mary & Michael Coyle, Michael Hanson, Mary Malloy, Thomas, Patrick & Linda Doyle r/b their Family
Lorraine Rudderow r/b Fr. Steven Bertonazzi & STC parish.

ADORATION

Thursday at Holy Saviour Church 9:30am - 8pm

- Silent Adoration 9:30am –5pm * Rosary Benediction 7PM — 8PM



Reflection for December 1, 2024 – First week of Advent

by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

One contemporary mode of thinking about the two parts of today's Gospel passage is to call to mind both a "Jumbotron" and a cell phone. For those who need a definition, a "Jumbotron" is a very large monitor screen measured in feet, and often seen in sports stadiums or any large outdoor event with crowds of people in attendance. There happen to be several of them mounted in place in St. Peter's square at the Vatican.

I want to classify those happenings at the end of the world that Jesus describes today as a "Jumbotron event." Of course, when it will happen is known only by Jesus. He doesn't tell us. It could be 10,000 years from now or 10 days. The main point Our Lord makes clear is that history is always on the move, and never stagnant. It's heading toward some goal. That goal is Jesus Himself as King of the universe.

Now I ask your indulgence as I classify the happenings in our little lives as "cell phone events." Despite our often-inflated sense of ourselves, we are actually just a tiny part of the created world. We too are on the move, heading toward the same goal as the universe: union with Jesus as our King. The date that ends our earthly lives is also one of God's best kept secrets. We can only wonder when. All things being equal, I am a lot closer to it at 80 than I was at 18. But only our loving Creator knows for sure.

As a result of these dual mysteries, there is only one healthy conclusion that Jesus urges on both first disciples and on us: "Be prepared!" It seems to me that the biggest mistake most people make is to be unprepared. They try to avoid even thinking about their potential end.

I remember a chapter in a book of meditations for seminarians in which we were to imagine our funeral! This for guys just entering their twenties! The point was not to be macabre but mindful. In a dark chapel in the pre-dawn of a Winter morning, however, it was "heavy duty" stuff.

In her wisdom, Mother Church has presented the facts in the Scriptures of last week and today, to make sure we know that our death is not a matter of fiction. This is definitely not to scare us. Nor to belittle us. But to wake us up. Only a "drowsy" Christianity would invest all its hope in the things of this passing world. We are made for more, much more.

If thoughts like these make you fearful, try to acquire the perspective of God's love for you. His love truly drives out fear. What proof do we have of Love's existence? It is the Holy Eucharist. That's really why we come together for it each Sunday and holy day. It is for sure to give God thanks for gifting us with Faith, Hope and Love. But it also is to renew a positive attitude toward life. It is to remind ourselves of the outlook that Holy Scripture provides for us about our destiny. What we receive for sure is a clear picture of God's love for us, giant size or small, depending on our need. How wise then it is to "Prepare and prevent instead of repair and repent."

God love you and give you His peace.



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 Sunday, December 15th.**

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

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

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

Tags must be securely attached to all gifts.

♦ Do not wrap gifts for 1st Way and Catholic Charities.

♦ Wrap gifts that go to Angel Tree.

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

1st WAY BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

The Baby Bottle campaign proceeds benefit 1st Way of Collingswood. Thank you to all the Brother Knights who have been helping! St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish churches will be **collecting the bottles on November 30 and December 1.**

SAVE THE DATES or SEE THE FLYERS for more information:

- **Advent Evening & Reflection**—Dec. 3rd 6:30pm
- **Christmas Tree Lighting**—Dec 4 & 5, 7pm
- **STC Christmas Concert**—Dec. 8, 7pm
- Solemnity of **Immaculate Conception**—**Dec 9th, Holy Day Masses 9am & 7pm**
- **Giving Tree**—ends Dec. 15th

SEASONAL EVENTS AROUND US

- **Mark Forrest Concert**—Dec 6, 6:30pm
- **Franciscan Missionary of the Infant Jesus Advent Retreat—12-7 & 8**
- **Light of the World Christmas Concert at Mother of Mercy Parish 12-08-24**

NEW PARISH NEWSLETTER

As part of an ongoing mission to inform parishioners of events and special occasions that have occurred at St. Teresa of Calcutta, Parish Council is publishing a newsletter to highlight our very busy parish. Copies of this newsletter can be found in the back of both churches, as well as through the QR code found here. Please take a few minutes to see what our ministries have been doing, and consider joining them!



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

For help in times of emergency on our parish number **856-858-1444.**

Food Pantry: Hours: Mon.— Wed. 10AM – 12 noon
Volunteers –discussion meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the school cafeteria. Join our sandwich making on the 3rd Monday of each month.

Thank you for your donations of food for the homeless!

Gift card donations for Aldi are greatly appreciated.

ENTERING INTO ADVENT

As we are nearing the winter season, days are shorter, it's darker earlier, and our minds are preparing for the winter season. As we light the Advent Wreath candles, the light can begin to shine in our hearts. This is the time of Hope.

As we await daylight to increase, we are also awaiting Jesus' coming each day of our lives. Let Advent be the preparation of that stream of light into our hearts. We can make use of the sacrament of reconciliation so that we can celebrate Christmas in a purer way.

Father Hugh and I look forward to celebrating this joyful time of awaiting the birth of our Savior, Jesus, with you, Father Steven Bertonazzi

HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY

Do you work in the medical field as a nurse, doctor, therapist or other healthcare professional? If so, you have the unique perspective of seeing how the body, mind and spirit work together to improve the health and well-being of individuals. It's this combination of physical, emotional and spiritual care which helps to heal the whole person. **If you are seeking to utilize your healthcare background in a practical, non-clinical ministry, please prayerfully consider joining the Health and Wellness Ministry** at St. Teresa of Calcutta parish. Ministry members focus on the intentional care of the spirit through health and wellness promotion and being a resource to fellow parishioners. An informational meeting will take place on Wednesday December 5th at 7pm at McLaughlin Hall.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers are available to assist parishioners through difficult times. Please pray for our Stephen Ministers and those to whom they minister. You may either contact the office for an appointment or for more information email us at:

stephenministry@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org

Please pray for the Ministry and those whom they minister.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish Council

Parish Pastoral Councils provide a way for pastors to consult their people. Simply put, members of the Parish Council are the “eyes and ears” of the parish. This is essential in pastoral planning. In developing the parish’s **future goals and strategies**, few considerations are more important than who we are, what we are doing, and to what we aspire. In 1983, the Church placed renewed emphasis on Parish Pastoral Councils to assist pastors in their service to parishes and parishioners. (It also distinguished them from the similarly **vital role of Parish Finance Councils**, which assist the pastor with **expertise in finance, law and business practices**.) Specifically, Council members:

- a) **examine** – identify any issue that involves the pastor serving the parish;
- b) **consider** – carefully and prayerfully ponder the information gathered; and
- c) **recommend** – propose solutions or steps to be taken in the best interests of the parish.

Members of your Parish Council serve to enhance two-way communication. We consider the Parish Mission Statement far more than just a slogan. Please help us to help you enhance our welcoming community through vibrant ministries and faith-based action.

Our Parish Council members are:

John Chomiczewski (President), Loretta Hauber (Vice-President), Nicole Riley (Secretary) Ken Bos-song, Jack Callaghan, Brian Cardillo, Marie Ely, Nicholas McGill-Gardner, Nelson Remetz, Connie Stuhlemmer, Rob Tyrrell

YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES (POST CANA) Fall Event Schedule

If you're a young married couple, we'd love to see you at our upcoming events this fall/winter! If you have kids, they are welcome to all events:

- Sunday, Nov. 24, after the 9:30 am Mass: **Coffee & donuts social** in McLaughlin Hall
- Monday, Jan. 6, 6 pm: **Epiphany party**
- Sunday, Jan. 26, after the 9:30 Mass: **Coffee & donuts social** in McLaughlin Hall

Use the QR Code to join our email list. We host some events at home, so we'll share address information with those who join the email list.

Host: Post Cana Young Married Couples



PARISH AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Volunteers Needed to Assemble the Altar Christmas Trees at St. John's

On Tuesday, December 3rd, 7pm, everyone who would like to help assemble the Christmas trees and white lights for the altar at St. John's are most welcome to join us. For questions, call Hal Schwalm 609 605-4273.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Join us next month for the next Men's Club meeting on **Monday, Dec. 9th at 8 pm** at McLaughlin Hall. We invite the men of the parish to join us. For more information, please reach out to

stteresamensclub@yahoo.com or call/text Josh Wiener at 609-502-3539.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOAGIES!

Next Hoagie sale days are Dec. 7 & 14th Support the Knights' Hoagie Sale - Santa Maria Council. **Hoagies for \$5 each** at 350 Crystal Lake Ave, Haddon Twp. Hoagies are ready by 7am (back door) 8am (street). Thank you.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE- DEC 7-8

<u>MASS Time</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>SACRISTAN</u>
4:00	J. Steintz	Deacon Leo Preach	T or P Howell
8:00	R. Coutinho	Deacon Rocks Preach	R. Fearon
9:30	J. Weiner	Deacon Leo Preach	MA Mercer
11:00	K. Smith	T. Howitz	L. Roseboro-Brown

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. For assistance, please call Michele Santiago at: 609-598-1787 or grandmarose73@yahoo.com

SENIOR'S MINISTRY

This is a Parish outreach program to assist people who are **shut-in either at home or in a nursing home**. Our Mission is to **assist the parish's senior citizens who need companionship and support**. We contact family members of shut-ins, visit nursing homes and private residences to see where we can be of assistance.

If you are interested, please contact Ed Charlton by text at 215-284-1365 or by email at echarlto53@gmail.com

Experience the joyful Advent season of the coming of Christ by reflecting on the Gospels, meditating on the music, and experiencing the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. A perfect time for us to reflect on our journey as we welcome Christ into our hearts. Join us and Mark Forrest, Irish Tenor, for this evening of prayer.

Location: 313 Memorial Ave Gibbstown - St Michael Church

Date: Friday, December 6, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm

Contact:

MARK FORREST.COM



Join Us For Advent Mass
Masses will be held in our Chapel Mausoleum at 10 a.m.

- 12/16 All Saints Cemetery | Newfield
- 12/16 Holy Cross Cemetery | Mays Landing
- 12/16 Sacred Heart Cemetery | Vineland
- 12/17 Calvary Cemetery | Cherry Hill
- 12/20 New St. Mary Cemetery | Bellmawr



Visit SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org

Life-Long Faith Formation

Faith Formation

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Advent Wreath Potluck

JOIN US ON DECEMBER 2ND AT 6:30PM
FOR AN EVENING OF WREATH MAKING
AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE
CAFETERIA

THE WREATHS ARE \$20

PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 28TH BY
EMAILING DANIELA PEREZ AT
DPEREZ@STTERESAOFCALCUTTANJ.ORG OR
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE OR USE THE QR
CODE BELOW



Toy Drive

We will be collecting new toys until December 8th
for Sacred Heart Parish in Camden, NJ

If you are able to donate we ask that you do not donate
toy guns or any war toys.

You can drop off the toys during Faith Formation or
at the parish office.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Retreats

- SAT & SUN **DECEMBER 7 - 8, 2024**: ADVENT
- SAT **MARCH 15, 2025**: LENT
- SAT **MAY 10, 2025**: MARIAN RETREAT



Day of service
SAT **JANUARY 25, 2025**

Moments of prayer
ONCE A MONTH: LECTIO DIVINA
FOLLOW US FOR THE CALENDAR

**FRANCISCAN MISSIONARY
OF THE INFANT JESUS**

CONTACT US

call: (856)-428-8834
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"MOTHER MARY JOSEPH" CENTER OF HOSPITALITY 1215 KRESSON ROAD, CHERRY HILL, NJ



SERVE AT JOSEPH'S HOUSE

"Whatever you do for one of these least brothers of mine,
you do for me" Matthew 25:40

All Youth 7-12th grades are invited to serve

Please contact Daniela Perez if
you are interested in serving

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
9:30-11:30 AM**

555 Atlantic Ave., Camden NJ, 08104

★ St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish ★

ADVENT EVENING OF STUDY AND REFLECTION

on the infancy narratives

Led by Patricia Lipperini, PhD

Join us for a peaceful evening of scripture study,
reflection, and preparation as we journey toward the
celebration of Christ's birth. All are welcome to this
time of prayer and spiritual enrichment.

Tuesday, December 3
6:30-8:30PM
McLaughlin Hall

RSVP by November 28
Please confirm your attendance by contacting
Daniela Perez at Dperez@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org
or call 856-858-0298

JOIN US FOR YOUTH BIBLE SCHOOL

Get to learn more about the
holy scriptures with us!

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10
7PM-8:30PM
MCLAUGHLIN HALL**

OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY WITH THE DEAF AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
& Community Information

Masses of Welcome and Inclusion

Every Sunday The Mass is signed in American Sign Language (ASL) for Deaf Members of the Church and voiced for hearing members of the Church. **11:00AM Mass at Holy Saviour Church**, (St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish), 50 Emerald Avenue, Westmont, NJ (GPS: use Haddon Township).

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.

Christmas Masses & Reconciliation Schedules

December 17

Reconciliation—Dec 17 SJ 4pm to 5pm & 7pm to 8pm

December 24 Christmas Eve Masses

4pm—St John's Church

5pm—Holy Saviour Church

12am—Midnight St. John's Church

December 25

8am—Holy Saviour Church

10am—St. John's Church

11am—Holy Saviour Church in ASL & Voice Interpreted

Come Join Us For A

Christmas Concert

With the

Tri-County Symphonic Band

**Sunday December 8th
7:00pm**

St. John Church
Doors open at 6:15pm
Tickets: \$15 per person (kids under 12 free)
* Available after Mass
* Call (856) 858-0298 for pick up at the Parish Office
* Or scan QR code:



Update On Special Intention Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024-Holy Saviour, 7pm

Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024, 7pm -St. John's

We are about to gather as a parish family to prepare for Christmas in a very special way. At the heart of the ceremonies is every parishioner's chance to place their special intentions on a slip of paper, then inside an ornament, and then that ornament on a tree.

Amid reflection and prayer, there is music, caroling and hot chocolate. **We have exciting news about the music. Each night will feature a very talented high school choir.** Wednesday will be Haddon Township and Thursday, Camden Catholic. Seriously consider participating in both.

From these evenings through Christmas Day – and beyond – these lighted Christmas trees will represent our parish community praying for each other's special intentions as well as our own.

Please Join Us for Either or Both **Special Intention Tree Lightings**, Spread the Word, and Invite Anyone You Like



Call to Worship



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: December 1, 2024

ENTRANCE HYMN: "Sing Out, Earth and Skies"

Sing Out, Earth and Skies

Verses



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



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



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

Refrain



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



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

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950
Tune: SING OUT, 7 7 7 7 with refrain: Marty Haugen, b.1950
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MASS READINGS—December 1, 2024

GLORIA: is on the inside front cover of the *Breaking Bread* book

FIRST READING :

Jer 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

SECOND READING:

1 Thes 3:12—4:2

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

GOSPEL :

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

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

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

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

Offertory Hymn: "Ready the Way"

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

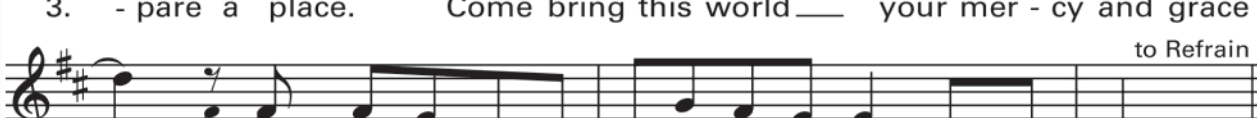
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2. As we wait for you, give us the strength to walk
3. Let us see your face; in our hearts we pre -



2. in your truth, so we may love more like you
3. - pare a place. Come bring this world your mer - cy and grace



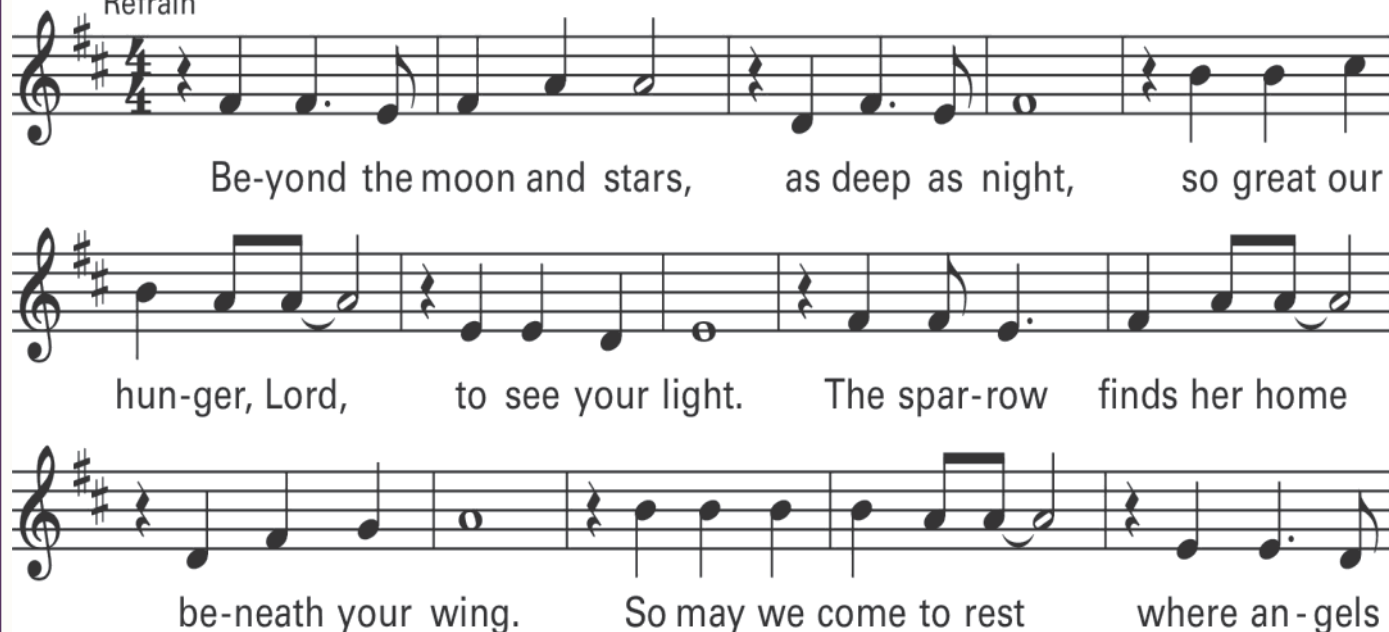
2. and } read-y the way for you, Lord. to Refrain
3. as we }

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BEYOND THE MOON AND STARS

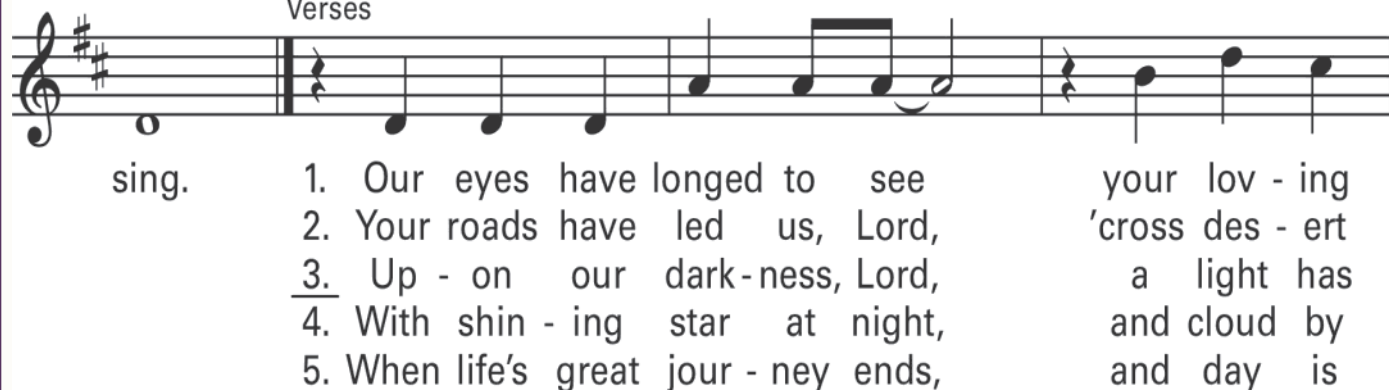
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Refrain



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

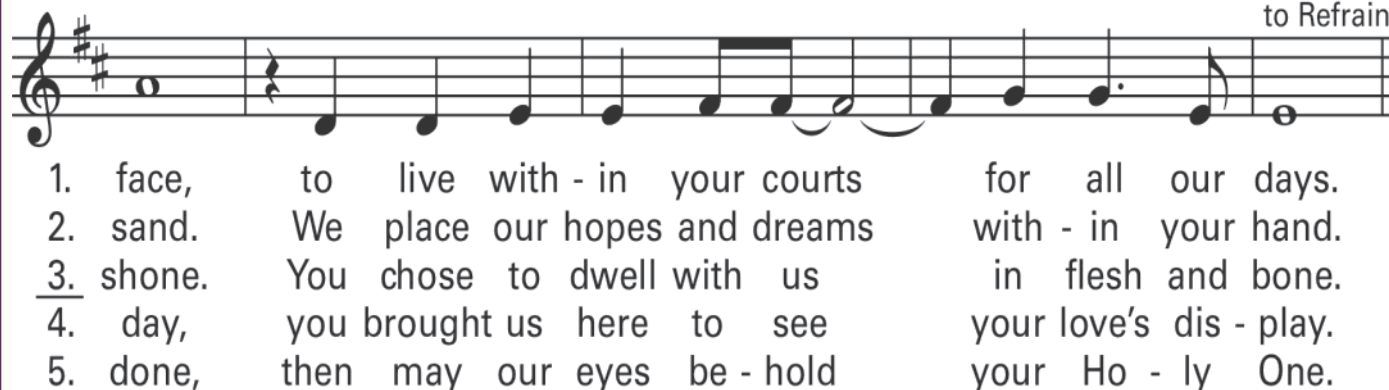
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sing.

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.

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;



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;
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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; } Hal-le-



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

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