



SAINT
TERESA
OF
CALCUTTA
PARISH

Advent
3rd Sunday



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 15, 2024

PARISH INFORMATION: December 15th, 2024

Third 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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Cheryl Venafr Administrative Assistant

Trish Best Administrative Assistant

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MaryAnn Mercer Office Volunteer

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Linda Roseboro-Brown Bereavement Coordinator

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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

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 4 to 5pm & 7 to 8pm, St. John's

BAPTISMS: Call the Parish Office to schedule.

OCIA: Tuesdays at 7PM in Parish Office

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The Sanctuary candle at Holy Saviour burns for the Barbato Family requested by Margaret Way.

Contact the office if you would like to dedicate a Sanctuary Candle to illuminate the Tabernacle for a week with your intention for a loved one.

Advent is a perfect time to sit quietly contemplating the birth of Jesus and praying before the **Blessed Sacrament** during **Silent Adoration** on Thursday nights.

Pray for Our Parishioners:

Lorraine Alexander	Violet Harden	Laz Orosze
Arline Barski	Steve Hadeski	Elise Principato
Nancy Barone	Sarah Jacob	Eric Roseboro
Charlie Bates	Teresa Jermyn	Susan Ratajski
Helen Berger	Evan Kendendine	Joseph Sandone
James Beierschmitt	William Kinee	Pat Schoenborn
Michael Cavallo	Ali Kite	Richard Schoenborn
Nancy Caruso	Baby Violet	Linda Simpkins
Ed Charlton, Sr.	Kozuhowski	Michael Skabla
Anthony Corrado	Nina Lopes	Dennis Siwak
Joseph DeShayes	Eliane Loumeau	Constance
Walt Eife	John Macauley	Steinhagen
Adam Forziati	Annie Martella	Kathy Smith
Emma Grace	Nicholas Matyas	John Tomik
Charlene French	Michael McAdoo	Michael Travis
Adam Frisoli	Matthew McCann	Barbara Vollrath
Heather Frisoli	Erin DeVoe Moran	Craig Wilke
	Natale Mullen	Myra Worrell
	Olive Osler	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	RN, SAF
Michael Gregg, USMC	Salena Silvaria, NAC/AW,
Ensign Alex Licorish, RN, USN	Nathan Tiefenthaler L. Corp
Miguel Ingram, Pvt. 1st Class US Army	
Ensign Margaret McKernan USN	
LT Patrick J. McKernan, USN	
Johnny A. Santiago, Sgt. 1st Class	
1st Lieut. Kayleigh Migaletti,	

Pray also for the Families of our Military who will not have their loved ones Home for the Holidays.

Intentions for this week's Masses

Saturday, December 14

4:00 Joan K. & Bill Fynes r/b The Kernan family

Sunday, December 15

8:00 For the People of the Parish

9:30 Taylor Kline r/b the Kline Family

Jack Fleming r/b The Fleming Family

Alva Marisol Mora r/b the Camo & Ely family

Gaspere DiLorenzo r/b Teresa D'Aprile

11:00(HS) Mass celebrated in ASL & English

Intentions of complete healing for Ronald Belonia r/b Judith Belonia & family

Monday, December 16

9:00 Lorraine Rudderow r/b Tayoun Family

Tuesday, December 17

9:00 All the Deceased members of the Fernandes Family

Wednesday, December 18

9:00 Intentions of Judith Belonia on her birthday

Thursday, December 19

9:00 (HS) All the deceased members of the Pinto Family

Friday, December 20

9:00 Joanne Brady on the 6th anniversary r/b Family

Saturday, December 21

4:00 Thomasine J. Ciprietti r/b her Husband, Phillip Living & deceased Kernan family r/b the Family The Flyne family r/b the Kernan Family

Sunday, December 22

8:00 Antonietta Regina Gallo r/b Terrie & Bill Hall

9:30 For the People of the Parish

11:00(SJ) Lisa Wasiowicz r/b Fr. Bertonazzi & STC Parish

ATTENTION: No 11AM Mass at Holy Saviour. Please join the 11am Mass at St. John's Church on December 22.

Preparing God's Churches for Christmas

We appreciate all who worked to clean the churches in preparation for our Christmas celebration.

Thank you for all who decorated and donated to the decorating and preparation of the churches.

ADORATION

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

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



Reflection for December 15, 2024 – Third week of Advent

The two great feasts of our liturgical year, Easter and Christmas, both have preparatory seasons associated with them. Easter has the six weeks of Lent, in which we try, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, to hone our repentant spirits. By and large, the authentic spirit of the Lenten season barely surfaces in popular culture, except for the ubiquitous sign of ashes on people's forehead and an occasional statement about "giving something up" for Lent. There are plenty of bunnies, flowers, eggs, and candy beckoning our attention on store shelves, and they gradually make their way into our homes. But it is still relatively easy to experience the *spiritual* meaning of the season. We can come to Easter morning fresh, hopefully renewed in our commitment to walk in the light of faith.

Advent and Christmas are a little more complicated. The urgency to decorate, shop, wrap, bake, cook, and shop some more starts early and lasts long, almost obscuring the season and meaning of Advent. The "holiday" takes over the messaging on commercials and the decor of every store. By now, perhaps many of us have our Christmas trees up, our outside lights on, with our credit card accounts burgeoning. We often come to Christmas morning with a sense of weariness mingled with relief and pride. We made it! Now we need to just get through New Year's.

It takes much greater effort to remember and include the season of Advent in our Decembers than to remember Lent in our spring times. But it is worth the effort. We do well to mark these dark nights with lights blazing, cookies, baking, and carols repeating on our playlists. But we will do ourselves a favor if we also carve out a space for Advent in our days. Light the Advent wreath daily, display a creche in a prominent place, listen to a religious Christmas carol, sit quietly in front of your tree, attend mass, and take advantage of the many parish Advent events offered this year.

We need to take the time to understand that these weeks preceding Christmas ask us to attend to our interior preparation first. How can we create a larger space for God in our lives? If we take even a small moment of our day with that preparation, then the exterior demands of the season will become less of a burden. When we arrive at Christmas Day with Advent as our traveling companion, we will still be tired. But that inner pulse of deeper understanding, gained by attention to the season, will be a source of peace, wisdom and strength for the year ahead.

Reflection by Pat Lipperini





St. Teresa of Calcutta Giving Trees

The St. Teresa of Calcutta Christmas Giving Tree is displayed in **St. John's and Holy Saviour church vestibules**. This year there are three choices for gifts. Tags identify the organizations and/or people who will receive gifts. **Please bring in all gifts by today, 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.*

♦ *Please wrap all 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.

Stewards Share

“Have **no anxiety** at all, but in everything, **by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.**” (PHILIPPIANS 4:6) St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. **He promises to give us all that we need.** Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, **are made to be generous Stewards** sharing all of our gifts as well. Placing **our trust in God frees us** from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously **share ourselves and our goods** with others.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—CAN TABS:

We collect beer/soda top tabs, Campbell Soup tabs, etc. (you can leave the whole lid and we will strip off the tabs from cat cans), etc. The Collection Boxes are in the church vestibules. We'll pick them up next on 12-28.

SANDWICH MAKING IN DECEMBER

In December please drop off premade sandwiches
There will be no sandwich night in January.
Thank you for your support.

SAVE THE DATES or SEE THE FLYERS in the Vestibules for more information:

- **Giving Tree**—ends Dec. 15th
- **Youth Christmas Party**—Dec 16, 5 to 7pm
- **KofC**—Next Drop of **Can Tabs**— 12-28
- **Men's Club Meeting**—Jan. 13, 2025
- **Hygiene Kit Drive**—Jan 23, 2025
- **Coffee & Faith Sharing**—Wednesdays 10am

EVENTS AROUND US

- * **Lessons & Carols**—St. Bridget, 12/15, 1:30pm
- * **Saint Joseph's Wafer Luncheon**— 1/5 12noon
- * **Joe Conklin Comedy Show** 2/8, 7pm

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 we issued a Parish newsletter. Copies of this newsletter can be found in the back of both churches, as well as through the QR



Joe Conklin Comedy Show with Dennis Horan & Vince Valentine

Saturday, Feb. 8, 7pm showtime. \$50 tickets available online: JoeConklin.com. BYOB. Catholic Church of St. Mary, 2001 Springdale Rd, Cherry Hill.

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.

PARISH NEWS AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Don't be a victim of a scam.

A scam has been going around the Diocese in which parishioners receive emails or texts which appear to be from the Priests of their parish requesting assistance in the form of gift cards, iTunes, or money. Father would not use email to ask you to handle something for him confidentially and would not simply send you a web address with a cryptic message. Please know that Fr.

Bertonazzi's email is: sbertonazzi@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org and Fr. Hugh's email is: hugh.bradley@camdendiocese.org and not any other G-mail email variation. Please disregard scams and call the office if you have questions about a suspicious email or call.

1st Way Baby Bottle Collection Results

Through your generous donations as of 12/3/24, we collected \$4,354.94 for the Pregnancy Center in W. Collingswood. 1st Way has been helping expectant mothers and mothers in need for over 45 years. All services are free and confidential.

THANK YOU!



FIND FREEDOM

Catholic in Recovery is a worldwide community of individuals seeking a solution to **addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments** by integrating the Catholic faith into 12-step recovery.

JOIN a virtual meeting to begin your journey or strengthen your recovery. Resources also include CIR's Pathway to Recovery to support and guide you through the first 90 days of recovery.



NEW & UPCOMING VIRTUAL CIR MEETINGS

Sunday General Recovery w/Divine Mercy Chaplet	Sundays 5pm ET / 2pm PT
Monday Morning General Recovery Meeting	Mondays 7am ET / 4am PT
Weekly ACDH Reflections Meeting	Wednesdays 8pm ET / 5pm PT
Gamblers, Compulsive Shoppers & Debtors Meeting	Saturdays 9am ET / 6am PT
Men's Lust Addiction Steps/Workbook Meeting	details coming soon!
Internet & Technology Addiction Meeting	details coming soon!

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:

- examine** – identify any issue that involves the pastor serving the parish;
- consider** – carefully and prayerfully ponder the information gathered; and
- 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:

- 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

Spiritually Prepare for Christmas

We will have a special evening for **Reconciliation on Tuesday, December 17th, from 4pm to 5pm & 7pm to 8pm at St. John's church.**

Come and prepare yourself to receive our King, Jesus, in the Eucharist, with a pure spirit.

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 Jack Callaghan and Pat O'Connor: stephenministry@stteresaofcaltanjanj.org

If you know of someone struggling through the holidays, suggest they contact a Stephen Minister to have someone to talk about it. They don't have to go it alone!



No Priests? No Sacraments. **No Eucharist!**

Pray for vocations so our Diocese grows with wonderful priests being ordained and so that we may always be able to receive the sacraments. Encourage young men to consider a vocation as a priest or religious. Pray for the Seminarians and our Priests and Bishops.

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

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Join us for the next Men's Club meeting on **Monday, January 13th 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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE- DEC 21-22

<u>MASS Time</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>SACRISTAN</u>
4:00	B. Steele	S. Ficara	T or P Howell
8:00	J. Sheehan	Deacon Rocks	R. Fearon
9:30	B. Kopp	Deacon Leo	MA Mercer
11:00	R. Coutinho	J. Belonia	L. Roseboro-Brown

LECTOR TRAINING

The Diocese is offering training for everyone interested in becoming a **Lector**. Get a **Registration form** from the Parish office. Both the **Zoom meeting and one in-person session is required** for certification.

Wednesday January 8, 2025; Zoom, 6:30-8:30pm

In-Person Sessions (Choose One)

Tuesday January 14, 2025, 6:30-8:30pm, Saint Katharine Drexel Parish 6077 West Jersey Avenue Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

Or Thursday January 16, 2025, 6:30-8:30pm, Holy Eucharist Parish 344 Kresson Road Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

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

Give your Marriage a Christmas Gift!

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have **healed their marriages** through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. **Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy**. It provides **help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises**. The next program will be held **February 14 - 16, 2025** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Life-Long Faith Formation

Faith Formation

Daniela Perez
856-858-0298

dperez@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org

Our next **Young Adult Group** will be held in the
School classroom on the second floor on
December 18th at 7PM.

Coffee & Faith Sharing

Co-led by Barry Steele & Daniela Perez



Wednesdays at 10AM in McLaughlin Hall

Join fellow Parishioners for a meaningful morning of
faith, fellowship, and sharing on the Gospel

All ages are welcome
Bibles are not required

No Faith Sharing on the first Wednesdays of the month



St. Francis introduced the first live Nativity scene in 1223 at Greccio, Italy, to bring the Christmas story to life in a deeply personal way. By including local people, animals, and a live re-creation of the scene in Bethlehem, he helped everyone see that Christ comes to us in our own time and place. This tradition, now cherished worldwide, reminds us of God's humility in the Incarnation and invites us to experience the love of Jesus personally.

please join us for a
Youth
Christmas Party
5-7 PM
Monday 16 December
Refreshments will be provided
St. Joseph the Worker Parish
901 Hopkins Rd Suite A, Haddonfield, NJ 08033
RSVP by using the QR Code
Below



Hygiene Kit Drive

The Sisters of Saint Joseph Refugee
Housing Project and Neighborhood Center
are in need of hygiene kits.
There are adult & children hygiene kits that
are needed.

Please consider donating the any of the following items:

Adult Hygiene Kits:

- Individually wrapped toothbrush
- toothpaste
- deodorant
- bars of soap
- razors
- bottles of shampoo
- comb or brush
- menstrual pads



Child Hygiene Kits:

- Individually wrapped kids' sized toothbrush
- kid friendly toothpaste
- floss
- kid-friendly shampoo
- kid-friendly body wash
- comb or brush
- band-aids (preferably with color/pattern)

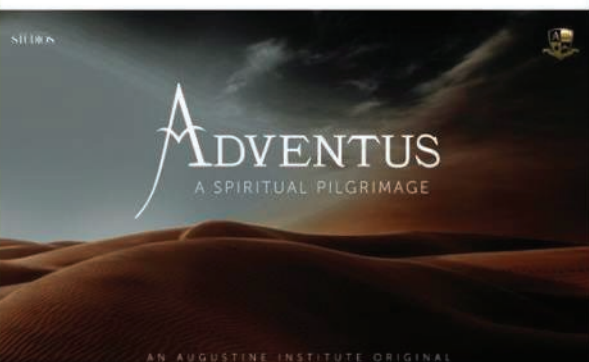
Hygiene kits will be made on **Thursday, January 23**
at **7 PM in the School Cafeteria**
All are welcome to attend.

Items can be dropped off or amazon delivered to the parish office,
dropped off during Faith Formation, or brought on 1/23

If you have any questions please contact dperez@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org

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Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



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 (Children's Mass)
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

December 31

7pm—St. John's Church

January 1—**9am** (SJ), **11am** (HS) ASL & English

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Call to Worship



Third Week in Advent : December 15, 2024

ENTRANCE HYMN: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Breaking Bread: 39

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Verses

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who
3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who
4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From
5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And
6. O come, Thou Day-spring from on high And
7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In

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

1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of
2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her
3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -
4. might - y pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry
5. way that leads on high, And close the path to
6. gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow
7. sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our

Refrain

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

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

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3–6, para. in *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818–1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal* 1940, alt.
Music: *Processionale*, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890; Chant, Mode I.

MASS READINGS—December 15, 2024

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

FIRST READING :

Zep 3:14-18a

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has removed the judgment against you he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel

Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6.

SECOND READING:

Phil 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL:

Lk 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

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.

CHRIST, CIRCLE ROUND US

Dan Schutte

Verses



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



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

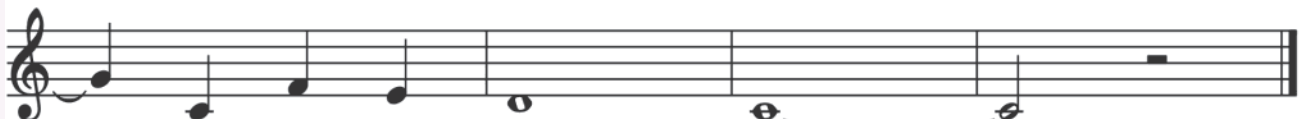
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Christ, cir - cle round us. Christ, may your light sur -



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



with great thanks - giv - ing.

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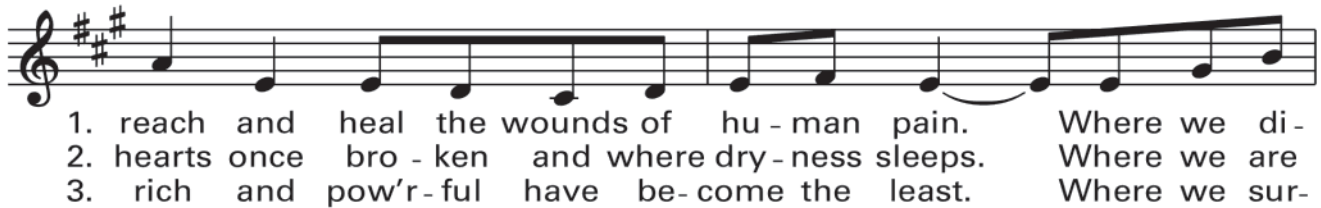
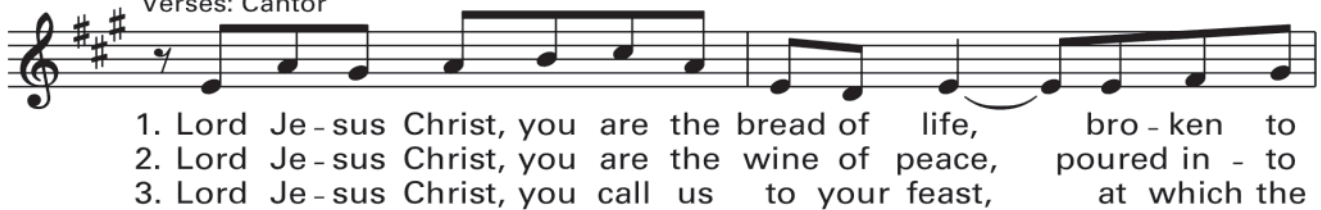
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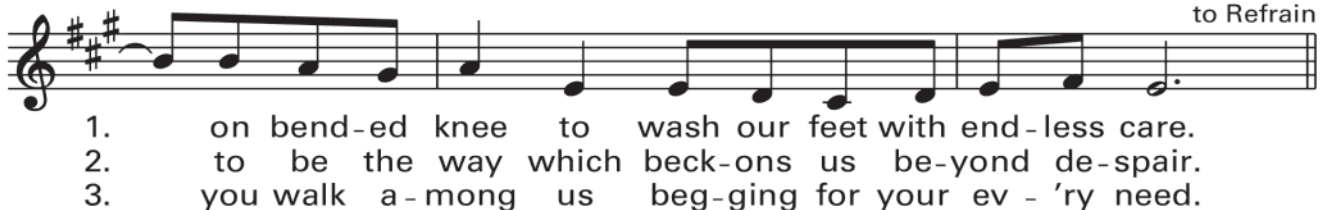
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Verses: Cantor



to Refrain



PEOPLE, LOOK EAST

BESANÇON



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near Of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad, though earth is bare. One more
3. Stars, keep the watch when night is dim. One more
4. An - gels, an - nounce on this great feast: Him who



1. crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
2. seed is plant - ed there; Give up your strength the seed to
3. light the bowl shall brim. Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
4. com - eth from the East. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley



1. a - ble. Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
2. nour - ish, That in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
3. weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
4. hum - ming With the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



1. East, and sing to - day: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
2. East, and sing to - day: Love, the Rose, is on the way.
3. East, and sing to - day: Love, the Star, is on the way.
4. East, and sing to - day: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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