



Did you not know that I must
be in my Father's house?

LUKE 2:49

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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.*

Feast of the Holy Family- December 29, 2024

PARISH INFORMATION: December 29th, 2024

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

Rev. Steven Bertonazzi, Administrator

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Leo Howitz Permanent Deacon

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Kate Chmelko Director of Music

Cheryl Venafrá Administrative Assistant

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PARISH OFFICE

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856-858-0298

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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

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

No Special Needs Mass in January

Daily Masses:

See page 6 for New Year's Mass Schedule

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.

Office Closings; Dec 31- 12noon; Jan 1

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The Sanctuary candle at Holy Saviour burns for **Margaret Haughey requested by the family**. At St. John's the candle burns for **Joseph Duffy requested by the Campe family**.

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.**

**Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year
From the Priests and all of the Staff**



No ADORATION this week. Join us next
Thursday at Holy Saviour Church 9:30am - 8pm
Silent Adoration 9:30am - 5pm
Rosary, Benediction 7PM — 8PM

*Come let us
Adore him!*



Pray for Our Parishioners:

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

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

Intentions for this week's Masses

Saturday, December 28

4:00(HS) Patrick Cuning r/b the Cuning Family
Deceased members of Santa Maria Council #1443
the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, December 29

8:00(HS) For the People of the Parish
9:30 Timothy Willson r/b Frank & MaryAnne DeAngelis
Lawrence Crasto r/b D'Souza Family
Sister of Jesus r/b D'Souza Family
D'Souza & Pinto Families r/b D'Souza Family
11:00(HS) John Francis Coffey r/b Fr. Hugh Bradley
Celebrated In ASL & Voice Interpreted
11:00(SJ) For the People of the Parish
12:30pm HS Special Needs Mass

Monday, December 30

9:00 Intentions of the Mills Family r/b Jasmin, RJ &
Ralph Patulot

Tuesday, December 31, New Year's Eve

9am James Cuning r/b the Cuning Family
7pm(SJ)— The Kernan & Lyons families r/b the Family

Wednesday, January 1 New Year's Day

9am(SJ)- For the People of the Parish
11am(HS)-Intentions of the Parishioners of the Deaf
Ministry in ASL and Voice Interpreted

Thursday, January 2

9:00 (HS) Mary VanNote requested by her husband & Family

Friday, January 3

9:00 Intentions of Corazon Cambronero r/b Jasmin, RJ, &
Ralph Patulot

Saturday, January 4

4:00(HS) Evelyn Kenny r/b Fr. Bertonazzi & STC Parish
Charles Hall r/b Fr. Bertonazzi & STC Parish

Sunday, January 5

8:00(HS) For the People of the Parish
9:30 Lorraine Rudderow r/b Kernan Family
Rose Demarinis r/b her daughters
11:00(SJ) For the People of the Parish

Pray for Our Military

SGT Alex Coutinho, US Space Force	1st Lieut. Kayleigh Migaledi, 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	

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

Reflection for December 29, 2024

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

My calling precludes me from experiencing the stomach-churning fear of a parent dealing with a lost child. This was the case for Mary and Joseph as Jesus is temporarily lost among the crowds heading home from the Passover celebration in Jerusalem. Having made this annual trip 11 times before, traveling with the same caravan each time, at first the holy couple presumed that their boy was in the company of boys and girls his age. But He wasn't. What a shock it was to find that out.

When they did meet up with Jesus at the end of their search, right back at the Temple, Blessed Mother Mary had every right to offer a scold. The elderly teachers gathered around Him had cause to be astonished. Mary the mother could only ask: "Why?" St. Joseph let her ask the question.

Instead of offering excuses, Jesus forthrightly but respectfully countered her His question: "Why? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" We are not told what Joseph's reaction was.

Yet, for all of Jesus' adolescent assertion, which we know caused His parents to be confused, He nonetheless "goes down" from the Temple mount with them. He enters that long period of what we later would call His "hidden life" where He was "obedient to them for some 30 years.

At this point I ask you to use a little imagination to consider what Mary and Joseph might answer to some present-day correspondent interviewing them on the subject of family life, and asking them, "Is it sometimes difficult?"

Their ready answer "Yes, at times" would be followed by their admission, supplied by St. Luke when he wrote that "they did not understand what He said to them." Jesus was a different kind of child to parent.

Even though there is a vast difference between the Holy Family and our own, the common element is that difficulty that inevitably arises when offspring are offbeat with their parents. Such happenings can usually be worked through successfully when there is a context of love present. That's the encouraging ingredient of today's feast. We are right within the Christmas season when Love itself came to earth and entered human history.

One other element that deserves attention in today's Gospel excerpt: obedience. Sad to say, that is a nearly forgotten concept in today's world. With all the cultural push for self-referencing and self-conviction that the only true judge of our behavior, is ourselves, who is to obey whom? Who has the right to command? Well, just open your bible and you will have your perfect example in Jesus' life of obedience to His divine Father.

If an objective analysis of your family yields mixed results in the matter of obedience, don't be downhearted. Try to think positively; forgive generously; and remember lovingly. A good closing thought: "It takes about five or six years for a tree to produce nuts, but this doesn't apply to a family tree."

God love you and your family.



PARISH AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Stewardship Family

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 JOHN 3:1) During this Stewardship season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God’s children, it’s in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

Joseph House November Donations

NOTE: No Sandwich Making in January.

With a wonderful spirit of giving Parishioners of STC donated the following items in support of the homeless in Camden. With the colder weather, **there is a need for unused gloves, socks and hats.** Casseroles: 7, Snacks: 218 packets, Sugar: 20 lbs, Powdered Creamer: 6 lbs, Hot Sauce: 2 bottles, Cookies: 2 large boxes, Men's Socks: 12 pairs, Hats: 2 cloth Hats. **Thank you for your continued monthly support. Happy New Year!**

Knights of Columbus Hoagie Sale

We will **return Mar 22, 2025** The KofC Thanks ALL of You because we enjoyed another sellout of our hoagies, selling 653 hoagies! We hope to see you again in 2025. **Thank You ALL!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—CAN TABS:

We continue to support the **Ronald McDonald House** with the collecting of soda and beer tabs as well as Campbell soup lids/tabs and cat can lids/tabs.. Drop your "collections" at our Council Hall (front or back door[s]) or in the box at church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STAMP COLLECTION PROJECT

Parishioners and their families are requested by the Knights of Columbus to **collect used stamps, especially vintage stamps, for the Alliance Stamp Ministry.** The stamps can be dropped off at our Council Hall or at 5 Brittin Ave Audubon, NJ 08106-1953. The resale of these stamps supports the work of missions and children in South America.

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

- **Enjoy your Christmas gatherings!**
- **K of C Foul Shooting Contest—1/4/2025**
- **Jubilee 2025 Mass - 1/5 2pm Camden Basilica**
- **Men’s Club Meeting—Jan. 13, 2025**
- **Hygiene Kit Drive—Jan 23, 2025**
- **Extraordinary minister of Holy Communion Training 1/25**
- **Vitality Calls of Joy** available anytime

EVENTS AROUND US

- *Saint Joseph’s Wafer Luncheon– 1/5 12noon
- *Sanctity of Life Mass– 1/22, 12:15 Cherry Hill
- *Franciscan Day of Service—1/25
- *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 code found



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 McDaid meeting room. **After January**, 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

In December, we collected and distributed 150 sandwiches, 2 cases of water, 3 boxes of chips, 1 bag of apples and 1 bag of oranges.

Happy New Year!

Knights of Columbus Foul Shouting Contest

The annual Knights of Columbus **Foul Shooting contest** will occur on **Saturday, January 4th**. The contest is open to all boys & girls ages 8-14. Copies of birth certificates as proof of age are required. Registration will take place that morning between 11:45am-12:15pm. Contest will be from approximately 12:15-1:45 pm. The contest will be held at the **Good Shepherd Gym** (Lees & Atlantic Aves., Collingswood, 2d floor). **Trophies & Certificates will be awarded** in each age & gender category. Winners advance in this statewide competition. For more information, contact varsity boys coach Bob Hensler (856)858-1170 (w); (609)519-0198 (c).

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



VITALity Calls of Joy!

Why start your week with a VITALity Call of Joy?

- Uplifting conversations
- Social interaction
- Easily connect from home
- Free program



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- Meaningful phone conversations
- Compassionate listening
- Full confidentiality

► To sign up for Calls of Joy, go to:

- <https://vitality.camdendiocese.org/calls-of-joy-program/>
- Scan QR code to the right
- Or call 856-583-6123



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VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services
631 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102
www.vitality.camdendiocese.org



PARISH AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

December 31

7pm—St. John's Church

January 1

9am—St. John's Church

11am-Holy Saviour- ASL & Voice Interpreted

MINISTRY SCHEDULE- WED. DEC 31- JAN 1

<u>MASS Time</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>SACRISTAN</u>
7:00	B. Steele	Deacon Leo	B. Steele
9:00	T. Qualli	J. Wills	MA Mercer
11:00	L. Roseboro-Brown	M. Santiago	L. Roseboro-Brown

MINISTRY SCHEDULE- JAN. 4-5

<u>MASS Time</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>SACRISTAN</u>
4:00	J. Reed	A/N Remetz	T. Howell
8:00	J. Sheehan	Deacon Rocks	To be determined
9:30	M. Blake	Deacon Leo	MA Mercer
11:00	R. Hensler	A or J Casale	T. Howitz

LECTOR TRAINING

The Diocese is offering training for everyone interested in becoming a Lector starting January 8. See the Parish Office for the Registration form.. Both the Zoom meeting and one in-person session is required for certification.



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 or Pat O'Connor:

stephenministry@stteresaoofcaltanjanj.org

If you know of someone struggling through the holidays, suggest they contact a Stephen Minister to have someone to talk about it.

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.

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

An Invitation to join

NEW LIFE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Every Sunday Evening

After January 5, 2025

6:30pm - 8:00pm

St Rose of Lima Chapel

Green Street

Haddon Heights, NJ 08035



Do you desire to sing God's praises?

Do you want to thank God for his many blessings?

Would you like to be part of a Christian community centered in worship?

Do you wish to share what God is doing in your life?

And hear how He's working with others?

Then this is the group for you!

For more information, call or text Laura: 856-473-5169

Or Sue: 856-745-1550

Life-Long Faith Formation

Faith Formation

Daniela Perez
856-858-0298

dperez@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org

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. Teresa of Calcutta Young Adult Group (18-39)

Faith & Fellowship Night

New Year, New Opportunities to Grow in Faith

January 8 | 8:15-9:15 PM

McLaughlin Hall

744 Atlantic Ave., Collingswood, NJ 08108



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

SCHEDULE

STC YOUTH GROUP
9TH-12TH GRADES

01/29 8PM-9PM
MCLAUGHLIN HALL

02/19 8PM-9PM
MCLAUGHLIN HALL

03/12 8PM-9PM
MCLAUGHLIN HALL

04/09 8-9PM
MCLAUGHLIN HALL

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
DPEREZ@STTERESAOFCALCUTTANJ.ORG

Family Mass:

- January 26— 4th Grade Family Mass
- February 9— 5th Grade Family Mass
- March 9— 6th Grade Family Mass
- April 13— 8th Grade Family Mass

All Family Masses are held at the 11 AM at St. John's

Join us for fellowship and refreshments after Mass in the cafeteria.



Hi, I'm Francine Fernandes—a lifelong member of St. Teresa's, Camden Catholic High alum, and a pre-med student at the Catholic University of America. This March, I've been blessed with the opportunity to serve as a medical volunteer in Panama with Global Medical Brigades, providing healthcare to remote, impoverished communities.

Our mission? To spread God's love through sustainable healthcare and medical care for those in need.

I need your help to make this possible! Donations of any amount will go directly toward providing free medical care and supplies for those we serve. Your generosity helps change lives.

Scan the QR code below to donate or reach out if you have any questions. Thank you for supporting this mission of faith and service.



francinefmaria@gmail.com

Thank you



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

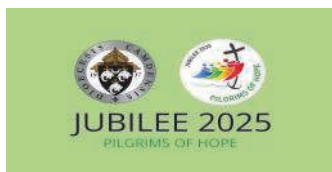
St. Andrew the Apostle, 27 Kresson-Gibbsboro Road. Gibbsboro, NJ. Mainstream Mass Saturday, 4:30pm Mass
Holy Eucharist Parish 344 Kresson Road, Cherry Hill, NJ Mainstream Mass Sunday (Oct. - Apr.) 9:45AM
For more information, please contact Fr. Hugh Bradley: hugh.bradley@camdendiocese.org.

HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT



JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE
DIOCESE OF CAMDEN INFORMATION GUIDE

<https://www.camdendiocese.org/wp-content/>



**Bishop Sullivan to celebrate
Jubilee 2025 Diocesan Opening Mass
January 5, 2025 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

Throughout the world, the Opening of **Jubilee Year 2025** begins on the feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, Dec. 29, 2024.

Bishop Dennis Sullivan will celebrate a **Jubilee 2025 Opening Mass on the feast of the Epiphany, Sunday, Jan. 5, 2025** at 2 p.m. in the **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**, 642 Market St., Camden. **All are welcome.** See the link above for the prayers, schedule, and the guide with suggestions to celebrate the Jubilee throughout the year.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the
whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen

Francis



Call to Worship



December 29, 2024

ENTRANCE HYMN: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Breaking Bread: 105

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

MENDELSSOHN

Verses



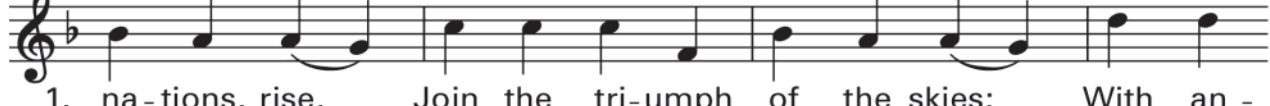
1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



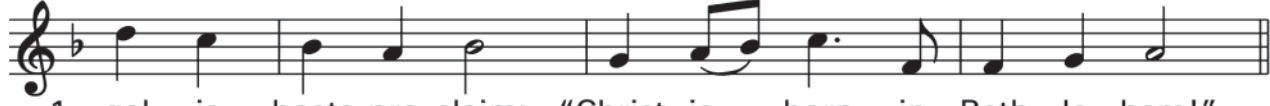
1. new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,
2. last - ing Lord; Late in time, be - hold him come,
3. Righ-teous-ness! Light and life to all he brings,



1. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye
2. Off-spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
3. Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



1. na-tions, rise, Join the tri-umph of the skies; With an -
2. God-head see! Hail th'in-car-nate De - i - ty! Pleased as
3. glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die, Born to



1. gel - ic hosts pro-claim: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
2. man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el!
3. raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec-ond birth.

Refrain



Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King."

Text: 77 77 D with refrain; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. by William H. Cummings, 1831–1915.

MASS READINGS—December 29, 2024

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

FIRST READING :

[1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28](#)

In those days Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel, since she had asked the LORD for him. The next time her husband Elkanah was going up with the rest of his household to offer the customary sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vows, Hannah did not go, explaining to her husband, "Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and to remain there forever; I will offer him as a perpetual Nazirite."

Once Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh. After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said: "Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." Hannah left Samuel there.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

[Ps 84:2-3, 5-6,9-10](#)

SECOND READING:

[1 Jn 3 :1-2, 21-24](#)

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

GOSPEL:

[Lk 2:41-52](#)

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and 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.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

ST. LOUIS



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;



1. A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
2. While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
3. So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.
4. Cast out our sin and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.



1. Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light:
2. O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
3. No ear may hear his com - ing, But in this world of sin,
4. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



1. The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
2. And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
3. Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
4. O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Text: 86 86 76 86; Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893. Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908.

COMMUNION HYMN: "The First Nowell" Breaking Bread 115

THE FIRST NOWELL

THE FIRST NOWELL

Verses



1. The first No - well, the an - gel did say,
2. They look - ed up and saw ____ a star
3. And by the light of that ____ same star
4. This star drew nigh to the ____ north - west,
5. Then en - tered in those wise ____ men three,
6. Then let us all with one ____ ac - cord



1. Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2. Shin - ing in ____ the east, ____ be - yond ____ them far;
3. Three ____ wise ____ men came ____ from coun - try far;
4. O'er ____ Beth - le - hem ____ it took ____ its rest,
5. Full ____ rev - 'rent - ly ____ up - on ____ the knee,
6. Sing ____ prais - es to ____ our heav - 'nly Lord;



1. In fields where ____ they lay keep - ing their sheep,
2. And to the ____ earth it gave ____ great light,
3. To seek for a king was their ____ in - tent,
4. And there it ____ did both stop ____ and stay,
5. And of - fered ____ there, in his ____ pres - ence,
6. Who with the ____ Fa - ther we ____ a - dore



1. On a cold win - ter's night ____ that was ____ so deep.
2. And ____ so it con - tin - ued both day ____ and night.
3. And to fol - low the star ____ wher - ev - er it went.
4. Right ____ o - ver the place ____ where Je - sus lay.
5. Their ____ gold ____ and myrrh ____ and frank - in - cense.
6. And ____ Spir - it blest ____ for ev - er - more.

Refrain



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English Carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, alt. Music: Trad. English Carol, 17th cent.

GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN

GOD REST YOU MERRY

Verses



1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - may;
2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther A bless - ed an - gel came,
3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, All you with - in this place,



1. Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior Was born on Christ - mas Day
2. And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought tid - ings of the same,
3. This day is born a Sav - ior Of Vir - gin pure and bright,
4. And with true love and char - i - ty Each oth - er now em - brace;



1. To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r When we were gone a - stray.
2. How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by name.
3. To free all those who trust in him From Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
4. This ho - ly tide of Christ - mas Is filled with heav'n - ly grace.

Refrain



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, Com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

Text: 86 86 86 with refrain; Trad. English Carol, 18th cent.

Music: Trad. English Carol; melody fr. *Little Book of Christmas Carols*, ca. 1846.

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