

ST. MARY CHURCH  
HYDE PARK

DECEMBER 10, 2023 | THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT  
MISSION 2023

ENCOUNTERING THE HOLY FAMILY

WITH MONSIGNOR FRANK LANE

DECEMBER 18-20





## Weekend Mass Schedule

**St. Cecilia (Oakley):** Saturday 3:30 PM | Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, and 8:15 PM

**St. Mary (Hyde Park):** Saturday at 4 PM | Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

**The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville):** Saturday 3 PM | Sunday 9:30 AM

## Daily Mass Schedule

**St. Cecilia (Oakley):** 9 AM Mass, Monday-Saturday. Communion service, Monday-Saturday 8 AM

All-day Adoration follows the 9 AM Mass on Wednesdays with 7 PM Holy Hour and Confessions from 7-7:50 PM

**St. Mary (Hyde Park):** 5:30 PM evening Mass, Monday-Thursday with Holy Hour on Tuesdays following the 5:30 PM Mass.

**The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville):** 11:45 AM Mass, Monday-Friday

## Confession Schedule

Confessions begin immediately after all daily Masses and one hour before weekend Masses, ending 30 minutes before Mass.

*For information on weddings, baptisms and funerals, please visit [eastsidefaith.org](http://eastsidefaith.org) or call the appropriate parish office.*

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### Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville)

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## Mass Intentions (St. Mary)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

5:30 PM Chloe Fasano (L)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

5:30 PM John Thamann, Deacon ☩

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

5:30 PM Doris Adler ☩

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

5:30 PM Mary Jo Hutchinson ☩

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

5:30 PM No Mass

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

4:00 PM Catherine Butler ☩

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Peggy Elliot ☩

10:30 AM Gerry DeLong ☩

**Mass intentions** may be requested and paid for online at [EastsideFaith.org](http://EastsideFaith.org), under the "About" section. Masses may also be scheduled at one of our offices. Payment may be made online, in an envelope clearly marked in the collection basket, or in person during office hours. Intentions are often requested for those who have died, but may include any kind of need that you or someone you know is experiencing for which prayer is needed.

## Wedding Banns

No wedding banns this week.

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## The Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

I am so excited to invite everyone to the Advent Mission this year on December 18-20 and to welcome back Monsignor Frank Lane. The mission is titled *Encountering the Holy Family*. Each night he will help us get closer to St. Joseph, the Blessed Mother, and have an encounter with Jesus. The first two nights will be held at St. Mary Church. The final night we will be at St. Cecilia. After the talk on the final night we will have a candlelit Holy Hour with hymns. Please commit to making it all three nights as the final weeks of your Advent preparations come to an end. There is no greater gift than the Holy Family. Let us gather to pray and learn more about how we can deepen our encounter with them. What a great way to walk into our Christmas celebration!

Amen? Amen!

Fr. Jamie



**On December 16, at 7AM,** a Rorate Mass will be offered at St. Cecilia. This Mass takes its name from the chant antiphon which begins the Mass: *Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum* — “Drop down dew, you heavens from above, and let clouds rain down the just.” This Mass, a votive Mass dedicated to Our Lady, is a long standing Advent tradition. On a Saturday in Advent, the faithful gather in darkness early in the morning in a church lit only by candlelight. As the Mass continues, the sun begins to rise and brighten the Church.

As Mary awaited the coming of her son, we await the coming of the Light of the World. A people who wait in darkness, will see a great light. Please join us as we honor the Mother of God and anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas.

Mass will be offered by Fr. Jamie, with Gregorian chant sung by Fr. Alex.

### Christmas Pageant

You are invited to join the St. Cecilia homeschool community in attending their first Christmas pageant. The homeschool children will be putting on the play “Ad Jesum Per Mariam” (*To Jesus Through Mary*) next **Saturday, December 16 at 10 am, in the St. Cecilia school gym.** Please join us afterwards for light refreshments and fellowship.



### From the Oratory of Saint John Vianney

The Oratory is part of St. Cecilia Parish and devoted to prayer for the priests of our Archdiocese, through the intercession of St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests. Please join us this week in praying for: **Fr. Jarred Kohn, Fr. Steve Mondiek, Fr. Aaron Hess, Fr. Andrew Reckers (Holy Angels, Sidney) Fr. Dennis Niemeier (retired).** Special thanks to those who have offered to help send notes of thanks and encouragement to the priests we are praying for each week!

**Saint Vincent de Paul Society** needs following items to our food pantry (there is a shelf in the back of church): Spaghetti sauce, hand soap, mustard/ketchup, pancake mix/syrup, dish soap, canned vegetables and soup, applesauce/canned fruit, jelly, cereal. Thank you!

**Christmas Caroling!** Save the date to bring Christmas cheer to our neighbors! Following the 3 PM Mass on **Saturday, December 16,** we will enjoy a pizza dinner together, head out in groups to go caroling, then regather for hot chocolate. All are welcome!



### From the Desk of Fr. Ken

John the Baptist was a precursor of Jesus. He was famous for baptizing in the Jordan River and had developed a following. But when Jesus appeared on the scene, he told his followers that Jesus must increase and that he must decrease. That says a lot about the man.

*Fr. Ken Schopf*

### From the School Office

We celebrated the 2023 National Blue Ribbon Award last Sunday at the 10:30 Mass followed by fellowship. Thank you to our parish community for your support of our beloved St. Mary School. We are honored to continue the legacy of Excellence in Education on Erie Avenue!



After getting feedback from our music director, Katie Barton, I implemented changes to the sanctuary of the church to facilitate her role as music director better. In addition, these changes were made to enhance and offset the sanctuary to administer the sacraments better. Those changes included moving the organ to the center of the choir and the Baptismal Font to the St. Joseph Altar to facilitate baptisms better. Finally, the fronts of choir stalls and candelabras were adjusted to line up with the Tabernacle to allow more room for instruments and create a sacred space. *Fr. Jamie*

## St. Mary St. Vincent De Paul Food Drive December 16 & 17

We are collecting non-perishable foods and baby items for our neighbors in need. Please bring items to the vestibule or rectory driveway.

*Thank you for helping stock the shelves during the holiday season.*



## St Mary Giving Tree

*The Giving Tree is located by the Mary Altar. Christmas gifts are for Mother of Christ Church parishioners. Kroger gift cards are offered to local neighbors in need.*

*Please return your wrapped gifts to church no later than **NEXT Sunday, December 17**, with the ornament securely attached. Drop gift cards in the basket under the tree. **Thank you for bringing Christmas joy to others.***



### Little Dribblers Basketball Registration

Open to all Kindergarten–2nd grade school and parish students  
January 12 – February 09

Register [HERE](#)



## BOOK REVIEW

THE CATECHIST'S  
CORNER*The Glories of Mary* by St. Alphonsus de Liguori

One need not look far into the tradition of the Catholic Church to see its extreme love and devotion to our Lord's Blessed Mother. Alphonsus Liguori's *The Glories of Mary* has stood the test of time as a classic among Marian devotional books in this tradition. From the 7 Sorrows of Mary to her virtues to a line by line meditation on the Salve Regina, St. Alphonsus gives us a masterfully crafted guide to why we should love Mary. First of all, she is the Mother

of God. There is no one who loves Mary more than her Son, Jesus Christ. As we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception, we are reminded of that love Jesus has for her. God, in creating his own mother, made her the most perfect and beautiful woman to ever live, free from the stain of Original Sin. Anything Mary asks of her Son is guaranteed to be given to her, leading St. Alphonsus to call Mary the "Treasurer of all Divine Graces." It is through the hands of Mary that God's grace flows onto his people because she is the most merciful of all the souls in heaven. Secondly, since Christ gave us his Mother to be our Mother, we are her children too. So, next to God himself, no one loves you more than Mary. She desires to bestow endless graces upon you from her Son and will always intercede for you before him if you have recourse to her. St. Alphonsus tells many stories throughout *The Glories of Mary* about how our Blessed Mother's intercession saved poor souls from damnation and how one word from her in favor of you silences all accusations the devil can throw at you. I cannot recommend this book highly enough for anyone searching for a way to deepen their devotion to Mary and, with the saints, fall in love with her. (Reviewed by David Homoelle)

Interested in becoming  
**Catholic?**  
Or simply learning more  
about our faith?

Contact RCIA Director Colin Kunath  
at [rcia@eastsideregion.org](mailto:rcia@eastsideregion.org) or visit  
[eastsidefaith.org/rcia](http://eastsidefaith.org/rcia). Classes are  
Wednesday nights at 7PM in  
St. Mary's Robisch Hall

Classes are now in session but you can  
still join us!

Meet the Author of *Where Have All The Fathers Gone?*

The author's name, Joe Grote, might sound familiar to you. If so, that's because we are blessed to have Joe as our Director of Facilities here in the Eastside Family! When he is not hard at work ensuring our parishes and schools are in tip top shape and that our Oktoberfest and festivals go off without a hitch, he is living out his vocation as a husband, a father to four, a grandfather to five, and a Deacon to hundreds.

*Interested in ordering a copy of Joe's book?*

Visit [www.deaconjoegrote.com](http://www.deaconjoegrote.com) to claim a copy for you or a loved one this holiday season!

# Make your plans now for Christmas

The fourth Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve this year, so make plans now to attend two Masses December 23-25. The schedule for the fourth Sunday of Advent reflects an added Mass on Saturday and fewer Mass times on Sunday. We are adding an extra vigil Mass at St. Cecilia so you can fulfill your Sunday obligation. We very much encourage you to attend this Mass if you intend on attending a Christmas Eve Mass. Christmas Vigil liturgies are on Sunday and Christmas Day Masses on Monday. Please check the complete schedule below!

## + Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses

### Saturday December 23

3:00 PM	Oratory
3:30 PM	St. Cecilia
4:00 PM	St. Mary
5:00 PM	St. Cecilia

### Sunday, December 24

8:00 AM	St. Cecilia
8:30 AM	St. Mary
9:30 AM	Oratory

## + Christmas Masses

### Sunday, December 24

3 PM	Oratory
3 PM	St. Mary
3 PM	St. Cecilia
5:00 PM	St. Cecilia
5:30 PM	St. Mary
10:30 PM	St. Mary
Midnight	St. Cecilia

### Monday, December 25

10 AM	Oratory
10 AM	St. Mary
10 AM	St. Cecilia

**🎄 Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!**





## SAINT CECILIA GIVING TREE

This is the final weekend of the Giving Tree program. If you would like to donate a gift or gift card, you have until noon (on Sunday) to bring them to the St. Joseph altar before gift deliveries occur. Thank you so much to all who have already participated in making a difference for those in need this Christmas.

# THE WILD GOOSE

DISCOVERING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

## Thursday Morning Study

JANUARY 11TH-FEBRUARY 15TH

9-10:30 AM

ST. MARY HYDE PARK-MARIAN ROOM

The Tuesday Morning Study group will be moving to Thursdays for Spring 2024! Join this dynamic group for reflection on the Holy Spirit with the final six episodes of the FORMED series, *The Wild Goose*. A reminder that while consistent attendance will only continue to enhance your experience, each episode can be viewed as a stand-alone short feature. Consequently, don't worry if you can't make it to all of the gatherings or if you did not attend the fall sessions. Each individual session has much to offer! Your presence is welcome for as much of the series as possible!

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# ADVENT MISSION 2023

“Encountering the Holy Family” with *Monsignor Frank Lane*

DECEMBER 18 - 20

Monday 12.18 : *Encountering St. Joseph* (St. Mary)

Tuesday 12.19: *Encountering the Blessed Mother* (St. Mary)

Wednesday 12.20: *Encountering Jesus* (St. Cecilia)  
Followed by a candlelit Holy Hour with hymns.



*Prepare yourself for the birth of the Savior of the world.*

## COCKTAILS *with the* CATECHISM

### “ENCOUNTER JESUS...” WINTER 2024 SERIES LINEUP



**JAN 23**

“*Beauty Ever Ancient, Ever New*”  
w/ FATHER ALEX DUGAS



**FEB 19-21**

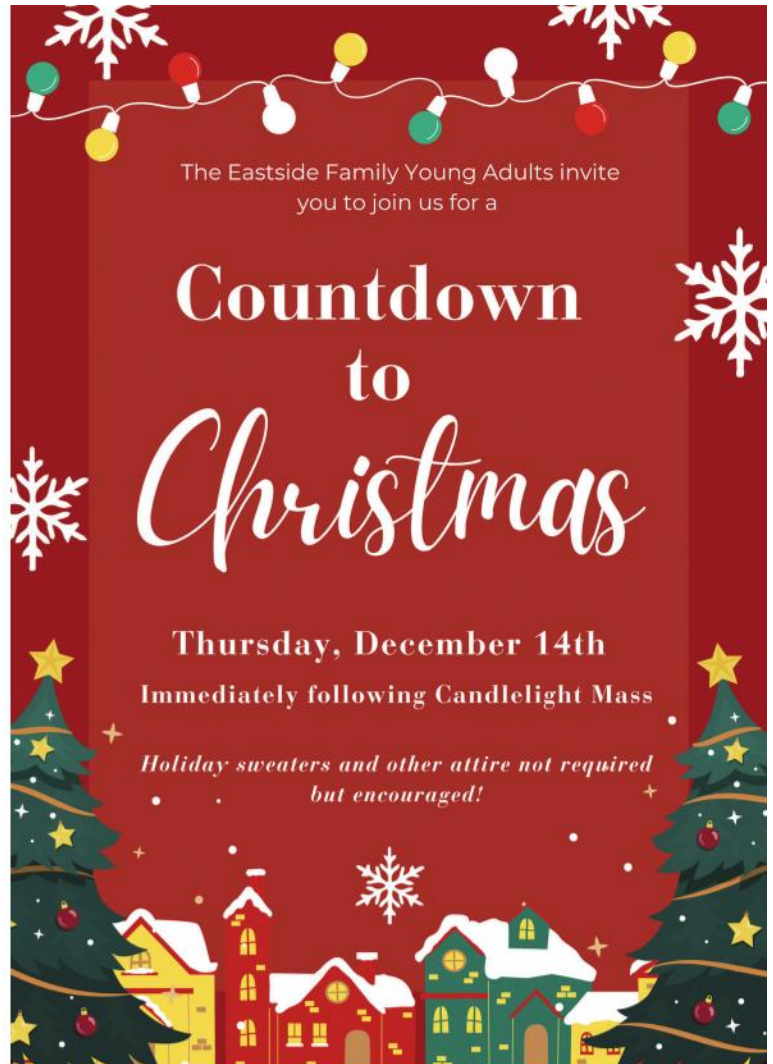
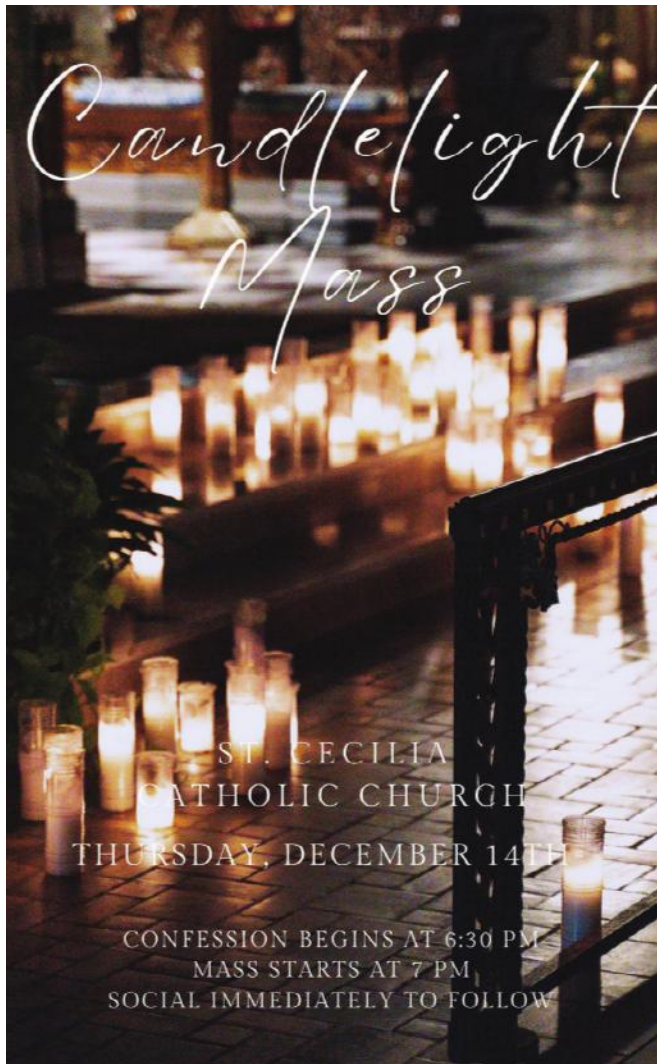
“*Master to the Disciples*”  
w/ LAVINIA SPIRITO  
(Lenten Mission at St. Cecilia)



**MAR 19**

“*The Divine Physician*”  
w/ LUKAS VAN BERKUM





**1** A **CASH GIFT** in any amount is a convenient and popular way to show your faithful support for the church and our ministries. If you itemize, the full amount of your gift qualifies for a 2023 charitable income tax deduction. Make certain your check is dated 2023 and received or postmarked no later than December 31, 2023, to receive a deduction this year.

**2** **MAKE A GIFT WITH YOUR IRA**  
 Congress made the qualified charitable distribution (QCD) a permanent rule in 2015. It allows owners of a traditional IRA to exclude RMDs from their adjusted gross income (AGI) if they give the money to an approved charity, also known as a qualified charitable organization. The QCD rule allows you to give the amount you donate from your IRA directly to charity without ever receiving it as income. Therefore, you pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions. Since the gift doesn't count as income, it can reduce your annual income level. This may also help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax. Best of all, you can start taking QCDs at age 70½; you don't have to wait until you hit 73.

**3** **GIVING UNNEEDED LIFE INSURANCE**  
 Do you own an old life insurance policy that is no longer needed? Perhaps the purpose for the policy no longer exists (your children are grown, or your mortgage is paid off) or your financial situation has changed and mitigates the need for the insurance. Consider giving the policy to the church and receive a charitable income tax deduction for the lesser of your cost basis or the replacement value. This is a great way to benefit a cause you support without reducing your checking account. If the value is more than you wish to donate, consider cashing in the policy and giving a lesser portion. Your gift may sufficiently reduce or eliminate any potential taxes due from the sale. Please speak to your insurance advisor for more information.

**4** Year-end is also the Christmas season. For many Catholics, this is an occasion to give in gratitude for God's greatest gift to us, Jesus Christ. In all our giving, let us never forget these familiar words, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son..." Why not make a special effort to honor Him in your giving this Christmas season—perhaps the most important gift you give? May God bless you as you make this expression of your faith.

*\*As always, please consult your tax and/or insurance advisor for any questions or concerns you may have regarding tax deductible or charitable donations.*



# Worship Aid for the Second Sunday of Advent

## Entrance Hymn



Advent 1 To you, O Lord, I lift my soul,  
Advent 2 To Zi - on's hill our God will come  
Advent 3 Re - joice, a - gain I say re - joice.  
Advent 4 O heav - ens, o - pen wide a - bove;



in you, my God, I place my trust.  
with heal - ing for all na - tions' ills.  
The Lord is near and com - ing soon.  
rain down the Just One, all you clouds;



Let not my en - e - mies ex - ult,  
Your hearts will quick - en as you hear  
Your gen - tle - ness be shown to all.  
bring forth a Sav - ior, mo - ther earth.



nor wait - ing hearts be put to shame.  
the Lord's ma - jest - tic, glo - rious voice.  
Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.  
Let all crea - a - tion know its Lord.

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### Verse 1

*O shepherd of Israel, hear us, you who lead Joseph like a flock;  
enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse up your might and come to save us.*

### Verse 2

*God of hosts, turn again, we implore; look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.*

## Penitential Rite

### Option A

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and  
in what I have failed to do,

*And striking their breast, they say:*

through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask  
blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### Option B

Have mercy on us, O Lord.  
For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.  
And grant us your salvation.

Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.  
Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.

Christe Eleison/Christ, have mercy.  
Christe Eleison/Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.  
Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.

## Prayer for Vocations



*Almighty Father, You have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

-Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading

IS 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

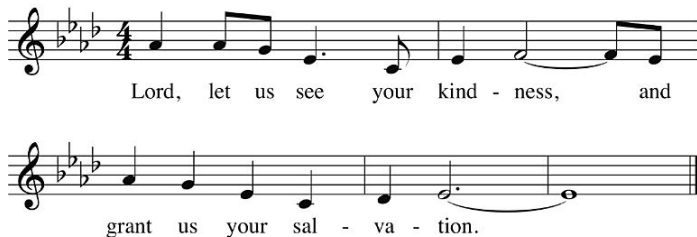
Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Psalm Response

PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14



The English translation of the Psalm Response from the *Lectionary for Mass*  
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1. I will hear what the LORD God speaks;  
he speaks of peace for his people and his faithful.  
His salvation is near for those who fear him,  
and his glory will dwell in our land.

2. Merciful love and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have kissed.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth,  
and justice look down from heaven.

3. Also the LORD will bestow his bounty,  
and our earth shall yield its increase.  
Justice will march before him,  
and guide his steps on the way.

## Second Reading

2 PT 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Gospel

MK 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

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## The Nicene 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,  
**All make a profound 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

## Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." and "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!".

Text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6-7; Taizé Community, 1984  
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Communion Hymn

## Like a Shepherd

Refrain

Like a shep - herd he feeds his flock and gath - ers the  
lambs in his arms, hold - ing them care - ful - ly  
close to his heart, lead - ing them home.

Verses 1, 2

1. Say to the cit - ies of Ju - dah: Pre - pare the  
2. I my - self will shep - herd them, for oth - ers have  
way of the Lord. Go to the moun - tain top,  
led them a - stray. The lost I will res - cue and  
lift your voice; Je - ru - sa - lem, here is your God.  
heal their wounds and pas - ture them, giv - ing them rest.

Verse 3

3. Come un - to me if you are  
heav - i - ly bur - dened, and take my yoke up -  
on your shoul - ders, I will give you rest.

Text: Isaiah 40:9ff, Ezekiel 34:11, Matthew 11:28ff; Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943  
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## Choral Meditation - 10:30

## Take Comfort, My People

1. Take comfort my people, make straight the crooked way. Prepare within your hearts a place to hold the light of day. Bring a word of light resilient, let our love increase;  
Take comfort, my people, and sing a song of peace.
2. Take comfort my people, and heed the prophet's cry, to those who live in darkness let them know the light is nigh. Bring a word of light resilient, let our hope increase;  
Take comfort, my people, and sing a song of peace.
3. Take comfort my people, and cast aside all fear, rejoice amidst your waiting for the Prince of Peace is near. Bring a word of light resplendent, let our faith increase.  
Take comfort, my people, and sing a song of peace.
4. Take comfort my people, take heed Jerusalem! Your time of debt is over and your service at an end! Bring a word of light rekindled, let our joy increase;  
Take comfort, my people, and sing a song of peace.
5. Take comfort my people, and climb the mountain high, awake from sleep, make loud your voice, the bridegroom's time is nigh! Bring a word of light remembered, let our trust increase.  
Take comfort, my people, and sing a song of peace.

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## Recessional Hymn

## On Jordan's Bank

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be ev'ry heart from sin;  
Make straight the way of God within,  
And let each heart prepare a home  
Where such a mighty guest may come.
3. For you are our salvation, Lord,  
Our refuge, and our great reward;  
Without your grace we waste away  
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.
4. To heal the sick stretch out your hand,  
And bid the fallen sinner stand;  
Shine forth, and let your light restore  
Earth's own true loveliness once more.
5. All praise to You, eternal Son,  
Whose advent has our freedom won;  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Spirit, evermore.

Text: Jordanis oras praevia; Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806-1876, alt.

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