



ST. MARY CHURCH
HYDE PARK

“...Blessed are you
among women,
and blessed
is the fruit
of your womb.”
~ LUKE 1:42



DECEMBER 17, 2023 | THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Visitation, Jacopo Pontormo, 1528-29



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 or call the appropriate parish office.

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Priest Emergency Line: (513) 815-5038

Mass Intentions (St. Mary)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

5:30 PM James Clark ☩

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:30 PM Mrs. Sally Kelley (L)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

5:30 PM Gary Crigler ☩

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

5:30 PM James Kelly ☩

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

5:30 PM No Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

4:00 PM Hon. F. David J. Albanese ☩

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Mary C. Murray ☩

3 PM Deacon John Thamann ☩

5:30 PM Elizabeth Pyles

10:30 PM Intentions of David Homoelle

Mass intentions may be requested and paid for online at 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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For a complete listing of ministries and staff, visit eastsidefaith.org.



The Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2023

Planning ahead ... this year Christmas Eve falls on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. As Catholics, we are obligated to attend both the Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass as well as the Christmas Mass. We have added a 5 PM Mass on Saturday, December 23, at St. Cecilia and we encourage you to fulfill your Sunday obligation at that Mass. This will help our priests to celebrate only one Mass each on Sunday morning, so that they can celebrate the Christmas Eve Masses that evening. This is a very unique situation that only happens every few years so please make sure you plan accordingly. Please commit yourself and your family to go to Mass on the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas on the weekend of December 23-24. Amen? Amen!

Fr. Jesse

Blessing of Expectant Mothers

Please join us at Mass on Sunday, December 31 — the Feast of the Holy Family — when we bless expectant mothers. Please join us if you are an expectant mother, or invite any soon-to-be mom you know, whether she is your daughter, friend, sister, in-law, or just an acquaintance! We will be doing this blessing at every Mass at all three churches in the family.



PLEASE NOTE: the parish offices will be closed from December 25 thru January 1 and will reopen on January 2.



EPIC

Dear Eastside Family Seniors,

Your EPIC committee would like to wish you and your families Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year. Thank you for all the support this year. What a great year we had!

You can be sure we have another year of terrific events planned for you. We will begin in February with a tour and history of St. Mary Church. The tour will be followed with lunch in Robisch Hall. Stay tuned for details.

We have a lot of fun and varied events arranged for you to look forward to in 2024. These are opportunities to be a part of the vibrant senior life in our parishes. These events give you time for reflection, companionship, activity, community and much more. If you have not yet participated, we warmly encourage you to do so. Contact Mary Landrum at mlandrum@eastsideregion.org for more information. *With much hope and anticipation for a bright new year for all of us, Mary Landrum, EPIC, Chair*

New Director of Sacred Music at St. Cecilia

As many of you know St. Cecilia Music Director, Bob Kellison, is retiring effective Monday, January 8, 2024. Bob will continue in his current role until that time. **Ryan Leep**, who married his wife Kristin at St. Cecilia in 2013, has accepted the position of Director of Sacred Music at St. Cecilia. Ryan, who before he accepted the position as Music Director for St. James of the Valley in Wyoming, sang in the St. Cecilia choir and filled in as organist when Bob was on vacation. We are thrilled to have Ryan, his wife, and their three boys back in our family. **And, remember to save the date for Bob's farewell party — Sunday, January 7.**



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. Kyle Schnippel, Fr. Robert Hale, Fr. Andrew Smith (St. Gabriel Family of Parishes), Fr. Robert Obermeyer, and Fr. Michael Pucke (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!

Please come help decorate our Oratory for Christmas this Thursday, December 21, at 6:30 PM!

From the Desk of Fr. Ken

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. It is also known as Gaudete Sunday. Hence, the wearing of the Rose vestments. We are but a short week away from Christmas. We should not be anxious about shopping or what have you. We should be Joyful that we will celebrate the commemoration of the Lord's birth.

Fr. Ken Schopf

Knights of Columbus

The Christmas Season is here. **The Knights of Columbus** lead many charitable activities during the Christmas season, including our **Keep Christ in Christmas** student poster contest (see below,) Pregnancy Center Plus contributions, and the St. Mary Christmas Tree Sale. Want to become a part of this? Go to kofcoho.org and click on "Join Us".

For more information, please email salvereginacouncil@gmail.com

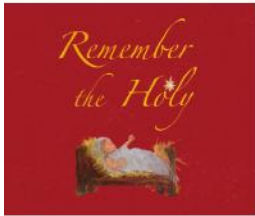
From the School Office

Advent giving projects are in full force. Alex's Angels brought in 351 new toys to share with families served by SVDP and for patients at Children's Hospital. Thank you!



Knights of Columbus Poster Contest Winning Entries

BOOK REVIEW

THE CATECHIST'S
CORNER*Remember the HOLY* by Lorraine Downing

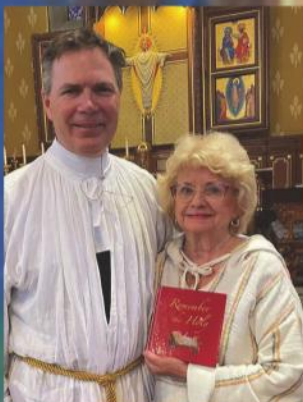
This column of *The Catechist's Corner* marks a new "first" in our brief history, as it is the first time that we are reviewing a book that is largely composed of illustrations in addition to rich verse. Though I do know the term "chiaroscuro," admittedly I am not an art aficionado and thus do not

have full mastery of the terminology best used to praise Lorraine Downing's illustrations. However, I do have some experience with visio divina (praying with sacred art), and I can say with full credibility that while reading the 65 pages of this beautiful book one can't help but be drawn into reflection when gazing upon images of the Holy Family, the Wise Men, angelic choirs, and other characters in the featured scenes. Downing's expert hand and attention to detail leave you in awe of her stunning depictions, and yet there is also this humble innocence to her use of pastels in creating these rich and colorful pictures. Like the newborn Christ in the manger, artistically it's a true combination of magnificence and humility that continue to enhance the theme of the Incarnation. Of course, the cherry on top (or should we say the star on top) is the narrative voice that carries you quickly through the stories of the different characters that converge on Christmas night. The alternating rhyme scheme and theologically elevated diction combine for a poetic quality that is pleasing to both the ear and the soul. Rather than leaving this Biblical tale as one that is distant and impersonal, our author invites her reader into the action. In our world of busyness and distraction, she reveals how our Lord's coming should prompt a stillness, peace, and hope within our soul most especially during the season of Christmas but also throughout the entire year. (Reviewed by Haley Metzger)

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

Contact RCIA Director Colin Kunath
at rcia@eastsideregion.org or visit
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!

The Perfect Gift: *Remember the Holy*

Do you need one last gift for friends or family this Christmas? Consider picking up a copy of parishioner Lorraine Downing's book, *Remember the Holy*. Its 65 pages are filled with an inspirational narrative and original pastel artwork that invites the reader to ponder the deep meaning of Christmas. Read it with your little ones, set it out for relatives to peruse during holiday visits, or gift it to someone in need of discovering the joy of Christ's coming in the Nativity.

Interested in purchasing a copy of Lorraine's book?

Email Lorraine at wdowning3147@gmail.com or pick up a copy at select Masses this weekend!

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!



PRAY THE ROSARY. WITNESS YOUR FAITH.

All men are invited to join in praying the rosary the first Saturday of every month at 7:30 AM on the steps in front of Saint Cecilia Church. Join them next on **Saturday, January 6**, to offer prayers to our Mother Mary.

**BROTHERHOOD
OF THE
HOLY ROSARY**

**THE EUCHARIST:
DISCOVERING THE MASS
IN THE OLD AND NEW
TESTAMENTS**

Based on Dr. Brant Pitre's *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*

**JANUARY 7TH-MARCH 25TH, 2024
ROBISCH HALL-ST. MARY HYDE PARK**

REGISTER AT WWW.EASTSIDEFAITH.ORG/THE-EUCHARIST

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!

SIGN UP AT WWW.EASTSIDEFAITH.ORG/THE-WILD-GOOSE

ADVENT MISSION 2023

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

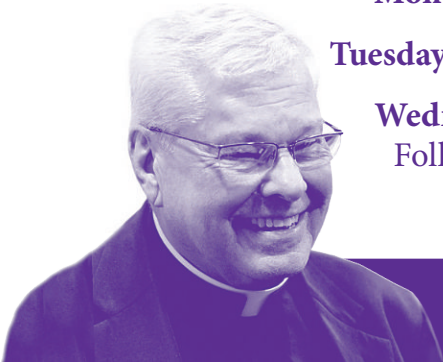
DECEMBER 18 - 20

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 is proud to present the winter lineup for our 2024 Series:

“Encounter Jesus...”



January 23, 2024

“Beauty Ever Ancient, Ever New”

Fr. Alex Dugas



February 19-21, 2024

“Master to the Disciples”

Lavinia Spirito
(Lenten Mission at St. Cecilia)



March 19, 2024

“Divine Physician”

Fr. Luke Van Berkum

*Thinking of engagement
this holiday season?*

Don't forget that you must be registered as a parishioner for at least three months if you intend to marry at St. Cecilia or St. Mary in wedding year 2025!



To inquire about dates or make plans for marriage preparation through the parish, please reach out to Haley Metzger at hmetzger@eastsideregion.org

A night of
**Pampering,
Purling, and
Princess
Diaries**

Come enjoy Friday night with the women of the Eastside!

Bring whatever craft you're working on and join us for a movie night

Friday, January 19 7:00 PM at the St. Cecilia Parish House
(on campus directly across the street from the library)

FATHERS TEAM

Do you have a desire to become a better husband and father and at the same time improve your relationship with God, our Almighty Father? Would you like to meet other men like you and explore real-life questions about being a Catholic Father today?

If yes, the FATHERS TEAM offers practical advice, fellowship, and encouragement to men, to build their capacity to be devoted spiritual leaders for their families and grow closer in their relationship to God.

For more information on meeting times and how to get connected visit us at
www.eastsidefaith.org/fathers-team

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 Third Sunday of Advent

Entrance Hymn

Entrance Antiphon for Advent



Advent 1 To you, O Lord, I lift my soul,
Advent 2 To Zi - on's hill our God will come
Advent 3 Re - jice, a - gain I say re - jice.
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 - jice, a - gain I say, re - jice.
Let all crea - a - tion know its Lord.

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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 61:1-2A, 10-11

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

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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will
call me blessed: R.

The Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation. R.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant
Israel
for he has remembered his promise
of mercy. R.

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Second Reading

1 Thes 5:16-24

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

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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?"

He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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

My Soul in Stillness Waits

Refrain



Verses



1. O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of
2. O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our
3. O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with -
4. O Key of Knowl - edge, guide us in our
5. Come, let us bow be - fore the God who
6. Here we shall meet the Mak - er of the



glo - ry, your ra - diance shines in all who look to
spir - its, our thirst - y hearts are yearn - ing for your
in us, and in your ad - vent, draw us all to
pil - grim - age, we ev - er seek, yet un - ful - filled re -
made us, let ev - 'ry heart be o - pened to the
heav - ens, Cre - a - tor of the moun - tains and the



you, come, light the hearts of all in dark and
Word, come, make us whole, be com - fort to our
you, our hope re - born in dy - ing and in
main, o - pen to us the path - way of your
Lord, for we are all the peo - ple of his
seas, Lord of the stars, and pres - ent to us



shad - ow.
hearts.
ris - ing.
peace.
hand.
now.

Text: Psalm 95 and "O" Antiphons; Marty Haugen, b.1950
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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Recessional Hymn O Come, Divine Messiah

Communion Hymn

Maranatha, Lord Messiah

Verses



1. Gra - cious God of Wis - dom, who hear your peo - ple's
 2. Might - y Voice on Si - nai, whom Mos - es heard in
 3. Fra - grant Bud of Jes - se, whose bloom - ing kings re -
 4. Da - vid's Key of Heav - en, re - lease us from our
 5. Blaz - ing Sun of Jus - tice, the flame of east - ern
 6. Sov - ereign of all na - tions, our cor - ner - stone of
 7. Je - sus, be God with us, Em - man - u - el fore -



cry, teach us ways of pru - dence, O
 awe, Ad - o - nai, now lead us with
 vere, root your words with - in us, God's
 sins, Freed from er - ror's pris - on, our
 dawn, scat - ter cling - ing shad - ows, that
 trust, de - liv - er, in your mer - cy, your
 told, Like a shep - herd feed us, in



Breath of God Most High.
 ho - ly arm and law.
 Word for all to hear.
 life in you be - gins. Ma - ra -
 gloom of death be gone.
 crea - tures made from dust.
 safe - ly gath - ered fold.

Refrain



na - tha, Lord Mes - si - ah, long a - wait - ed from a -



far. Come and make your home a - mong us. Let us



see your birth - ing star. star.

Text: Based on the "O" Antiphons; Kathy Powell, b.1942
 Tune: Kathy Powell, b.1942
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1. O come, Divine Messiah,
 The world in silence waits the day
 When hope shall sing its triumph,
 And sadness flee away.

*Dear Savior, haste!
 Come, come to earth.
 Dispel the night and show your face,
 And bid us hail the dawn of grace.
 O come, Divine Messiah,
 The world in silence waits the day
 When hope shall sing its triumph,
 And sadness flee away.*

2. O come Desired of nations,
 Whom priest and prophet long foretold,
 Will break the captive fetters,
 Redeem the long-lost fold.

Dear Savior, haste!...

3. O come in peace and meekness,
 For lowly will your cradle be:
 Though clothed in human weakness
 We shall your Godhead see.

Dear Savior, haste!...

Text: Venez, divin Messie; Abbé Si -
 mon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663-1745; tr. by
 Sr. Mary of St. Philip, 1877

Choral Meditation - 10:30

Long-Expected Dawn

When our hearts are troubled and in need of light, and the darkness deepens 'midst the thick'ning night, we await your coming as our souls press on toward a long-expected dawn.

When our hearts are broken and in need of balm, you send your promise, your hope and calm. We await your presence as we travel on toward a long-expected dawn.

O Light of Hope! Break forth! Appear and shatter all the darkness here!

O let your advent herald clear an end to sorrow and to fear!

You come from heaven to make straight the way, birthing hope from sorrow, changing night to day. Lord, walk among us as we journey on toward a long-expected dawn.

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A Prayer for our Alumni

Loving God, we are grateful for the many gifts you have given to us: The gifts of life, love, family, friends, faith, and our Catholic schools. Thank you for guiding those who have so generously given of themselves throughout the years in the promotion and growth of our schools. May their dedication and sacrifice continue to make it possible to bring Christ to your beloved children. We ask your blessings on the outreach of the Alumni of St. Mary Grade School.

Open the hearts of our alumni so that through their dedication and sacrifice, our schools may continue to flourish.

Amen.

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