

December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of
ADVENT



***THE MUSIC, THE NICENE &
APOSTLES CREEDS ARE ON PAGES 4-5.***

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DECEMBER 20TH - DECEMBER 27TH LITURGICAL CALENDAR AT YOUR CATHEDRAL OF ST. HELENA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 AM - MASS
 9 AM - MASS
 11 AM - MASS (LIVESTREAM)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

7 AM - MASS; ROSARY AFTER MASS
 12 NOON - MASS (LIVESTREAM)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

7 AM - MASS; DEVOTIONS; ROSARY AFTER MASS
 12 NOON - MASS (LIVESTREAM); DEVOTIONS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

7 AM - MASS; ROSARY AFTER MASS
 12 NOON - MASS (LIVESTREAM)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

4 PM - CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS (LIVESTREAM)
 6 PM - CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9 AM - CHRISTMAS MASS
 11 AM - CHRISTMAS MASS (LIVESTREAM)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26 - ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

8:30 AM - ROSARY
 9 AM - MASS
 RECONCILIATION AFTER MASS UNTIL 11 AM
 5 PM - MASS (LIVESTREAM)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

7:30 AM - MASS
 9 AM - MASS
 11 AM - MASS (LIVESTREAM)

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***The Cathedral Parish Offices will close for
 the Christmas Season on Wednesday,
 December 23 at 2 pm. We will reopen on
 Monday, January 4 at 9 am.***

***The weekday Mass schedule for the Octave
 of Christmas is reduced to the 7 am Mass
 Monday through Thursday. The Mass for
 Mary, Mother of God on Friday, January
 1st will be at 10 am. There will be no ado-
 ration but the Masses will be livestreamed.***



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***Every Friday from 8 am until 12 noon, there is
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Ca-
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 Lord. Please join anytime following the 7:00
 A.M. Mass.***

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Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace to men on whom his favor rests

- Luke 2:14



With th' angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King!

Have a Blessed Christmas

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Cathedral of St. Helena

December 24 - 4 pm and 6 pm

December 25 - 9 am and 11am

A WORD ABOUT THE WORD

This week's readings are absolutely beautiful. In our first reading, the great prophet Samuel records how King David realized that he was living in luxury, while the ark of God was dwelling in a tent. He longed to build a house for the ark of God. The prophet Nathan tells David that God will be with him always and the Messiah will come from his line. This is very cool! King David is revered as the greatest leader Israel ever had, and now the promised redeemer will come from his lineage. St. Paul catches on to this thought as he tells the Romans that what had been kept secret for so long has now come to pass in Jesus. Do we ever think about that? When we hear the Word proclaimed at every Mass, does it go in one ear and out the other? Do we take time to consider the incredible revelations of our Lord? What had been hidden for centuries we have been privy too. Does it matter to you as you hear the readings each week? Finally, we have the Gospel of St. Luke. This passage from the first chapter should be highlighted and underlined in every one's bible. Yes, you have my permission to write in your bibles. Make them your own and not just a pretty book on a shelf. In this reading, for the first time in all of human history, an angel salutes a human being by saying "Hail full of grace". In all other encounters with angels it is the human who falls down and worships God's heavenly messenger. Not here. Mary is told that she will be the one that will be overshadowed by the Holy Spirit and the long awaited Messiah will come through her! However, God is a gentleman and never forces Himself on anyone. Mary had a choice and in words that echo through all of eternity she says "let it be done unto me". This is her great "Fiat" or thy will be done. Her yes made it possible for God to take on flesh and dwell among us. It was her flesh He took on. Jesus had Mary's D.N.A.! Because of her yes all of Christianity became possible. So this week, take some time and offer up a rosary or a few Hail Mary's for someone and think about the fact that God did not reveal these great things to the learned people, but in a simple, profound and mysterious way He revealed Himself to all of us, and continues to do so at every Mass. How truly blessed we are to partake in these joyful mysteries. Something to think about, and may God richly bless you always...

Prelude: Chorale Partita on Es ist ein ros Entsprungen composed by Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

Introit: Skies, let the just one come forth like the dew, let him descend from the clouds like the rain. The earth will open up and give birth to our Savior.

Offertory: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

Communion: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel.

Communion 11am: Je Vous Salue Marie composed by Fr. Jean-Batiste de la Sainte Famille (b. 1974)

Translation of the text: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Postlude: Concerto in A minor after Vivaldi Mvt. 2 composed by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Creator of the Stars of Night

THE NICENE CREED



1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse
3. When this old world drew on toward night,
4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
6. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



Your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
Should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
You came; but not in splen - dor bright,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
Re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
And God the Spir - it, Three in One,



O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
You came, O Sav - ior, to set free
Not as a mon - arch, but the child
All things on earth with one ac - cord,
De - fend us while we dwell be - low
Praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



We pray you hear us when we call.
Your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.
Of Mar - y, blame - less moth - er mild.
Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
From all as - saults of our dread foe.
From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

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, con-substantial with the Father, through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, *(please bow your heads)* **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; I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Text: *Creator alme siderum*, Latin 9th. C., revised 1632; tr. *The Hymnal* 1982, alt., © 1985, The Church Pension Fund
Tune: CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM, LM; Mode IV, Sarrum, 9th C.; acc. by Gerald Ferrell, OSB, 1919-2009



Psalm for the Fourth Sunday of Advent



Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



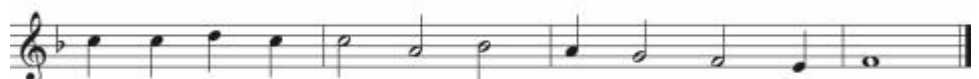
1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem hath
2. I - sa - iah 'twas for - told it, The Rose I have in
3. This Flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, As seers of old have
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The Vir - gin Moth - er
air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry -



sung. It came, a blos - som bright, A -
kind. To show God's love a - right, She
where. True man, yet ver - y God, From



mid the cold of win - ter, When half spent was the night.
bore to us a Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.
sin and death he saves us, And light - ens ev - 'ry load.

Text: Isaiah 11:1; *Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen*; Speyer Gesangbuch, 1599; tr. sts. 1, 2 by Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, alt.; st. 3, Friedrich Layritz, 1808-1859; tr. by Harriet Reynolds Krauth, 1845-1925, alt.
Tune: ES IST EIN' ROS' ENSTSPRUNGEN, 7 6 7 6 6 7 6; *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1599; harm. by Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our
Lord,

(please bow your heads)

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,**
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the
dead;

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the liv-
ing and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.



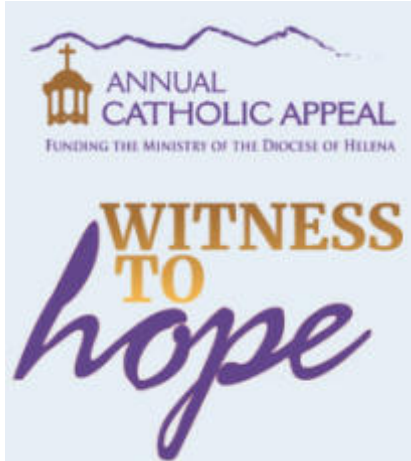
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**WAYS TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH
from Deacon Bob Fishman the Director of
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***A Church in Crisis - Pathways Forward
by Ralph Martin
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***Latin Masses at the Cathedral
January 24 at 1:00 p.m.***



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2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

David's posterity will endure forever.

Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29

"Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."

Rom 16:25-27

To Jesus be the glory and praise forever.

Lk 1:26-38

The fulfillment of David's kingship is in Mary's son, Jesus the Christ.

The Holy Family December 27, 2020

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God.

Ps 128:1-5

"Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."

Col 3:12-21

Love is the bond of perfection.

Lk 2:22-40

The Holy Family is witness to God's love.

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or
Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16, 17/Mt 10:17-22

Vocations Prayer

Heavenly Father, please abundantly bless these men who are in formation for the priesthood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant them gifts of wisdom, knowledge and most of all, generous hearts, that they may be enflamed with love for You and Your Church. Through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

Matthew Christiaens
Dillon Armstrong
Kaleb Mitchell
John Cooney

Tyler Frohlich
Kyle Tannehill
Brett Rotz
Riley Helgoe

Luke 2:10-11 "for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is the Messiah and Lord."



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