



SAINT PAUL PARISH

MAKING & STRENGTHENING CHRISTIANS



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Parish Clergy

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Jason Bertke
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Deacon: Rev. Mr. Thomas Kathman
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Scott Folz

PARISH SCHEDULE

Monday, December 21

Mass 8:15AM: SPECIAL INTENTION-
THE HEALTH OF BARBARA KNOCK
Communal Rosary 8:45AM
CANCELLED: Rosary 7PM—Chapel

Tuesday, December 22

Mass 8:15AM: BERNIE LUNNEMANN
Communal Rosary 8:45AM
RCIA 1PM—PC 173

Wednesday, December 23

Parish Office Closed

Mass 8:15AM: BILL MC EVOY
Communal Rosary 8:45AM

Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve

Parish Office Closed

Christmas Eve Mass 5:00PM: DECEASED
MEMBERS OF THE HARTMAN AND
GUTZWILLER FAMILIES
CANCELLED: Holy Hour with Pastor 6PM
Christmas Eve Mass 7:00PM:
JOE SCHADLER AND WILLIAM UNKRAUT

Friday, December 25: Merry Christmas

Parish Office Closed

Christmas Mass 12:00AM (Midnight):
MICHAEL HALENKAMP
Christmas Mass 9:00AM: MR. & MRS.
SY BOLTE & DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS

Saturday, December 26

Mass 8:15AM: ERIC SCHWEIKERT
Confessions 3:30-4:30PM
Mass 5PM: MATTHEW MANGINE JR.

Sunday, December 27

Mass 8AM: DECEASED OF THE
CASTLEN FAMILY
CANCELLED: Adult Choir Practice 9:15AM
Mass 10AM: TERRI MAGLIANO
Mass 12PM: FOR THE PEOPLE OF
OUR PARISH

December 20, 2020 4th Sunday of Advent

(Please stand)
Steve Angrisano

Introductory Rites

During these initial ritual moments, the assembly becomes one in mind, heart, and voice in the worship of the Eternal Triune God.

The Procession and Entrance Hymn

The ministers, Deacon and Priest enter the church. The assembly turns and watches with expectancy as the Word of God enters. When the Deacon and Priest reach the sanctuary, they make a profound reverence toward the tabernacle out of respect and reverence for the sacramental presence of the Lord contained therein. Then, they approach the altar of sacrifice and kiss it, for it is a symbol of Christ himself.

Sign of the Cross

To make the sign of the cross, use your right hand and as the priest says "In the name of the Father," touch your fingertips to your forehead. Then as he says "and of the Son," touch your fingertips of your right hand to the middle of your chest near your heart. Lastly, as he says, "and of the Holy," touch your fingertips to your left shoulder and as he says "Spirit," to your right shoulder. In this manner, we mark ourselves with the sign of the cross upon which our Savior Jesus Christ saved us, we also become more consciously aware that we are in the presence of the Eternal Triune God.

Greeting

The priest greets those assembled using a greeting which echoes the greetings used in Jewish prayer and in the Pauline letters.

Penitential Act

To prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries of Jesus Christ and the salvation he gives us, we recall our sins and pray for God's forgiveness to be granted to each and all of us. At times, the litany "Lord have mercy" is prayed in the ancient Greek form "Kyrie, eleison," linking us to our ancestors in faith and reminding ourselves of the universality of God's mercy and of our faith.

Emmanuel

Refrain

Come, come, Em-man - u-el! Son of God, ap-pear. Heav-en and

earth, re-joice! Sal - va-tion is draw-ing near.

Verses

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
To us the path of knowl - edge show,
3. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem;
That trust your might - y pow'r to save,
4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind
Make all our sad di - vi - sions cease,
5. Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

(to Refrain)

1. And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2. Who or - dered all things might - i - ly;
And teach us in her ways to go.
3. From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
4. In one the hearts of hu - man - kind;
And be for us the King of Peace.
5. shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.
shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el. (Fine)

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In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And with your Spirit.**

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

... 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).**

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

A reading from the second Book of Samuel

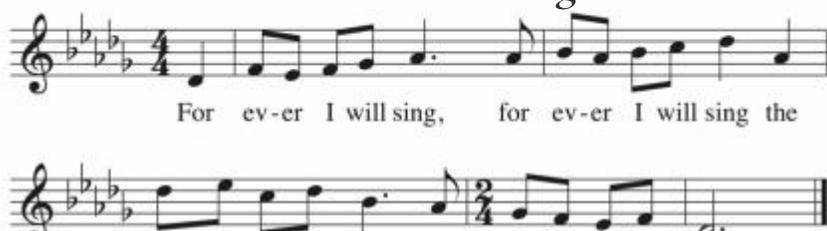
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?' " "It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89 *For Ever I Will Sing* Tony Alonso



For ev-er I will sing, for ev-er I will sing the
good-ness of the Lord, for ev-er I will sing.

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A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Romans 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Collect

The priest says "Let us pray" and a brief silence is observed so that all may become more conscious of being in God's presence and allowing each one time to call to mind the intentions each has brought to this holy liturgy. Then, the priest gathering, as it were, all the intentions, offers the collect of the day.

Liturgy of the Word

This is the first of the two major parts of the Mass, Divine Liturgy or Eucharistic Liturgy. It is during this part of the celebration that the proclamation of the Word of God takes place. The readings for the Sunday Mass are structured in a three year cycle. Thus the vast majority of the entire Bible is proclaimed to the Sunday assembly every three years.

First Reading

The first reading normally comes from the Old Testament and is thematically paired to the Gospel proclaimed on the same day.

Responsorial Psalm

Having heard of God's deeds in the proclamation of the first reading, the assembly responds normally by singing one of the psalms.

Second Reading

The second reading comes from one of the epistles. These readings are read in a semi-continuous way. This means that a few verses of a given epistle is proclaimed and then stopped. The next Sunday the proclamation continues where the previous Sunday left off.

(Please stand)

Celtic Alleluia

Celtic Mass
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



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Gospel Acclamation

Through this acclamation, the assembly welcomes and greets the Lord who speaks to the assembly in the Gospel.

Gospel

The Gospel is announced. All take their thumb and trace the cross signing the forehead, mouth and heart, praying as they do so: "May the Word of the Lord be in my mind, on my lips and in my heart." This comes to us from a Jewish custom honoring the scriptures. A section of one of the Gospels is proclaimed and the assembly listens attentively to the voice of the Lord. Across the three year cycle of readings for Sunday Mass, Matthew, Mark or Luke's Gospel is highlighted. John is read in all three years.

Homily

The Priest, or from time to time a Deacon, explains and expounds upon the mystery laid before the assembly this Sunday.

Profession of Faith

The assembly responds to the Word of God proclaimed with the ancient profession of faith to honor and confess the great mysteries of the faith. Normally the Nicene Creed is prayed which expresses the mysteries and rule of faith and comes from the Ecumenical Council at Nicea in 325 AD and the First Ecumenical Council at Constantinople in 381 AD.

The Universal Prayer (Prayers of the Faithful or Bidding Prayers)

The faithful, exercising their baptismal priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation and benefit of all.

The Lord be with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

And with your spirit.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 1:26-38

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Please be seated)



(Please stand)

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 and (Bow) 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.

....We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

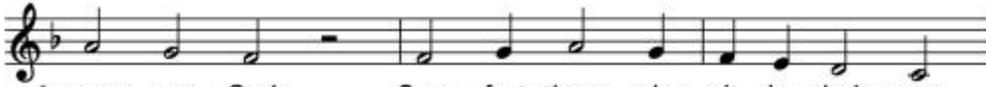
(Please be seated)

Comfort, Comfort, O My People

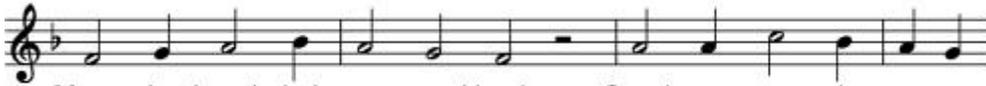
GENEVA 42



1. Com - fort, com - fort, O my peo - ple, Speak of peace, now
 2. Hark, the voice of one who's cry - ing In the des - ert
 3. O make straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er



1. says our God; Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,
 2. far and near, Bid - ding all to full re - pent - ance
 3. plac - es plain; Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



1. Mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak un - to Je - ru - sa -
 2. Since the king - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o -
 3. As be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the



1. lem Of the peace that waits for them; Tell of all the
 2. bey! Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys
 3. Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad; And all flesh shall



1. sins I cov - er, And that war - fare now is o - ver.
 2. rise to meet him And the hills bow down to greet him.
 3. see the to - ken That his word is nev - er bro - ken.

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Music: Psalm 42 (Genevan Psalter), 1551; Claude Goudimel, 1514-1572.

(Please stand)

Pray brethren (or other address of the assembly), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Sanctify these gifts of your Church, O Lord, and grant that through these venerable mysteries we may be nourished with the bread of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

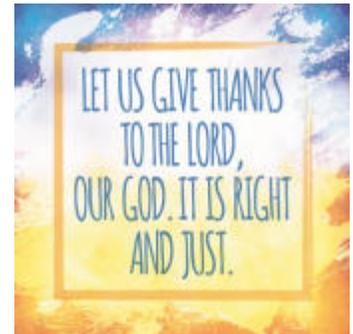
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

This is the second major part of the Mass. A collection is made for the support of the parish and its charitable works. This collection as well as the bread and wine to be offered are brought in procession to the altar. At the Last Supper, Christ instituted the Paschal Sacrifice and banquet, by which the Sacrifice of the Cross is continuously made present in the Church whenever the Priest, representing Christ the Lord, carries out what the Lord himself did and handed over to his disciples to be done in his memory. For Christ took the bread and the chalice, gave thanks, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat, this is my body and gave the chalice to his disciples saying: Take, drink, this is my blood. Do this in memory of me. Not a nostalgic remembrance but a dynamic living memorial in the power of God. Such, that, that which is remembered, becomes present to those who are celebrating the sacred mystery of salvation, who is Jesus Christ.



The Prayer Over the Offerings

The Eucharistic Prayer

Now the center and high point of the entire celebration begins, the Eucharistic Prayer, the prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. The Priest offers the prayer in the name of the whole community to God the Father through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit.



Sanctus (11th) 12th century

San - - ctus, San - ctus, San - - ctus

Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - - -

-ba - oth. Ple - ni - sunt cae - li et - ter - ra - -

gló - ri - a - - tu - a. Ho - sán - na in ex - cé -

sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne

Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - - - na in - ex -

- cé - - - - - sis.

(Please kneel)

We Proclaim Your Death

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your

Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

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Amen

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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(Please stand)



The Communion Rite

The faithful prepare themselves to receive the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. They do this using various prayers and by praying for the coming of the Kingdom in the words Jesus taught.

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: **Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

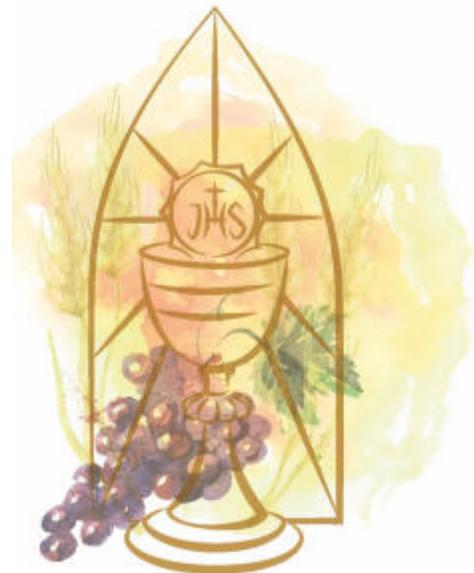
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Agnus Dei

15th century

rit.
 A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta
rit.
 mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis.
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 A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta
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rit.
 mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.



(Please kneel)

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Dan Schutte

Beyond the Moon and Stars

Refrain

Be-yond the moon and stars, as deep as night, so great our
 hun-ger, Lord, to see your light. The spar-row finds her home
 be-neath your wing. So may we come to rest where an-gels
 sing.

Verses

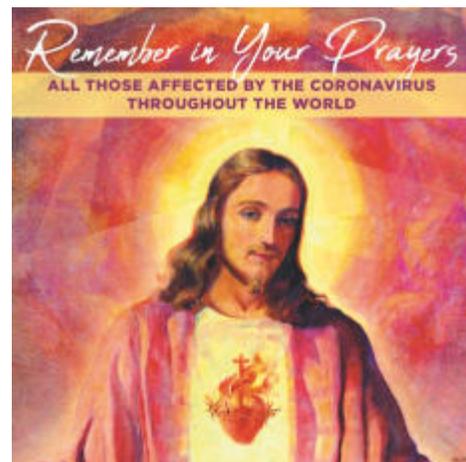
1. Our eyes have longed to see your lov - ing
2. Your roads have led us, Lord, 'cross des - ert
3. Up - on our dark - ness, Lord, a light has
4. With shin - ing star at night, and cloud by
5. When life's great jour - ney ends, and day is

to Refrain

1. face, to live with - in your courts for all our days.
2. sand. We place our hopes and dreams with - in your hand.
3. shone. You chose to dwell with us in flesh and bone.
4. day, you brought us here to see your love's dis - play.
5. done, then may our eyes be - hold your Ho - ly One.

Reception of Holy Communion

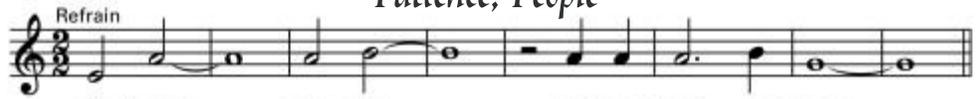
Since the celebration of the Eucharist is the Paschal Banquet, it is desirable that in accordance with the Lord's command his Body and Blood should be received as spiritual food by those faithful who are properly disposed.



Patience, People

John Foley, S.J.

Refrain

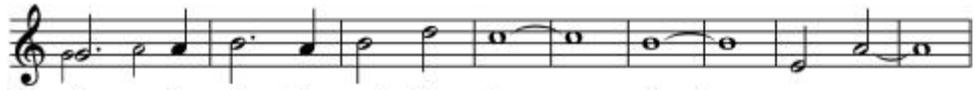


Pa-tience, peo-ple, till the Lord is come.

Verses



1. See the farm-er a-wait the yield of the soil. He watch-es
 2. You have seen the pur- pose of the Lord. You know of
 3. Stead-y your hearts, for the Lord is close at hand. And do not



1. it in win-ter and in spring rain.
 2. his com-pas-sion and his mer-cy. } Pa-tience,
 3. grum-ble, one a-gainst the oth-er.



1-3. peo-ple, for the Lord is com- ing.

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(Please stand)

Post Communion Prayer

Concluding Rites

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Bishop Foys has mandated that we pray the Leonine prayer to St. Michael the Archangel at the end of all Masses throughout the Diocese of Covington. "It is apparent that the smoke of Satan has entered the sanctuary," Bishop Foys said. "This prayer which has been prayed since 1886 to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness seems exceptionally appropriate at this time in the life of our beloved Church."

Nourished by these divine gifts, almighty God, we ask you to grant our desire: that, aflame with your Spirit, we may shine like bright torches before your Christ when he comes. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Go in peace glorifying God by your life. **Thanks be to God.**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray: and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JESUS

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:30-31

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O Come, Divine Messiah

VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE

Verses



1. O come, di - vine Mes - si - ah; The world in
 2. O Christ, whom na - tions sigh for, Whom priest and
 3. You come in peace and meek - ness And low - ly



1. si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its
 2. proph - et long fore - told, Come, break the cap - tive's
 3. will your cra - dle be; All clothed in hu - man

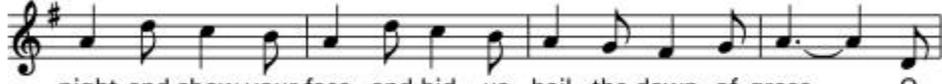


1. tri - umph And sad - ness flee a - way.
 2. fet - ters, Re - deem the long - lost fold.
 3. weak - ness Shall we your God - head see.

Refrain



Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the



night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. O



come, di - vine Mes - si - ah; the world in si - lence waits the day when



hope shall sing its tri - umph and sad - ness flee a - way.

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Text: 78 76 with refrain; Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663-1745; tr. by S. Mary of St. Philip, 1877.

Music: Trad. French Carol, 16th cent.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 26 & 27

5PM – Rose C.

8AM – Shanna N.

10AM – Duane F.

Noon – Patrick M. Sr.



MASS STIPENDS: To pray for and, especially, remember deceased relatives and friends, you can schedule a Mass Intention. For any living person or special intention, you can also have a Mass read. Contact the Parish Office. The standard stipend is \$10.

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GOD BLESS OUR STEWARDSHIP

December 14, 2020

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Regular Collection	8,214.50
Loose	389.01
WeShare	4,168.00
Immaculate Conception	1,141.00
Retired Religious	3,457.80
Seminarian Education (Add'l)	35.00
Adopt A Student	154.00
St. Vincent de Paul	595.00
Christmas Flowers	380.00
Christmas	2,110.00
St. Paul School	365.00
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Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24

Mass 5:00 p.m.

Mass 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: Friday, December 25

Mass 12:00 a.m. (Midnight)

Mass 9:00 a.m.

NOTES FROM THE DIOCESE

DPAA END-OF-YEAR GIVING

This is the season we give thanks to God for all He has done for us this past year and throughout our lives. It is also a good time to begin considering how we might give back some of our wealth or assets to Him with a special year-end gift. Gifting is a great way to thank God for these blessings. We hope that you will consider the 2020 Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal as a beneficiary of your year-end charitable giving.

Take advantage of the charitable tax deduction for DPAA gifts made before December 31 (benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings, and other financial benefits), and consider the variety of gift options available to you. Your end-of-year gift to the DPAA can make a great difference to us and help you, as well. There are a variety of ways you can contribute an Appeal gift. The easiest and most direct methods are donations of cash, stock and IRA Charitable Rollover. For more information on how you can help make a difference by contributing a year-end gift to the 2020 DPAA, please contact the Diocesan Stewardship Office at (859) 392-1500.



Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Mass Times

Thursday, Dec. 31
Vigil Mass 7:00PM

Friday, Jan. 1
Mass 8:15AM
Mass 12:10PM

**Please note: There will be no
Exposition/Blessed Sacrament on
Friday, January 1.*

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, December 23 through Friday, January 1. For an emergency, please call the office at 859-371-8051 and follow the prompts.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER?

St. Paul is looking for volunteers for altar linens. Call the Parish Office at 859-371-8051 for more information and if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your interest.

CHRISTMAS SET UP

HELP NEEDED WITH CHRISTMAS SET UP!

Art and Environment needs your help setting up for Christmas! All parishioners are welcome to help on December 20th after the Noon Mass. We will have plenty of stations available to accommodate for social distancing requirements. Masks must be worn.



ATTENTION ST. PAUL FAMILIES!

The annual Blue & Gold Bash fundraiser will be virtual in Spring 2021. More details will be announced soon, but the plan is to hold an online auction and raffle.

We are currently seeking donations that could be used for the online auction and raffles. Examples include: gift cards/certificates, food coupons, sporting equipment, home accessories, and gift baskets. We can also use larger items such as jewelry, vacation packages, group dinner parties, etc.

All of the proceeds from this virtual event go directly to the St. Paul Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). Through your donations and funds raised, our PTO has been able to upgrade student textbooks, purchase SMART boards for classrooms, fund the Art and Spanish programs, fund the STAR reading and math assessment programs, provide scholarships and many other school needs.

If you are able to donate, please contact Andrea Kramer (text 859-816-9920 or email andrea.kramer29@gmail.com).



thank you

Thank you to all the volunteers who help sanitize the pews, ambo, door handles, railings (indoor and outdoor), and bathrooms after every Mass throughout the week and weekends. We appreciate everything you do for St. Paul Parish!



PRE-BAPTISM MEETING

A Pre-Baptism Meeting is required for first child parents. They will be held individually via Zoom meeting at the convenience of the participants and the instructor. For more information and to schedule a meeting, please contact Linda Fryman at lfryman@stpaulnky.org or 859-371-8051.

PARISH KITCHEN

Looking for an opportunity to serve directly the needs of the poor? To be a co-worker of Christ alongside volunteers who have the heart and passion for making a difference in the lives of others? If yes, consider spending a few hours each month as a paid, weekend staffer for Parish Kitchen in Covington where folks find a free nourishing meal 365 days a year. Retired? Management or Food Service experience? This opportunity is calling you! Visit ParishKitchen.org or www.covingtoncharities.org.



If you or someone you know is curious about becoming Catholic, St. Paul Parish would like to invite you to come explore your questions. Deacon Nick Schwartz is available to meet with you to discuss and answer any questions you might have about what Catholics are all about. It's very informal, and there is no obligation. You can contact Deacon Nick at (859) 371-8051 ext. 240 or nschwartz@stpaulnky.org.

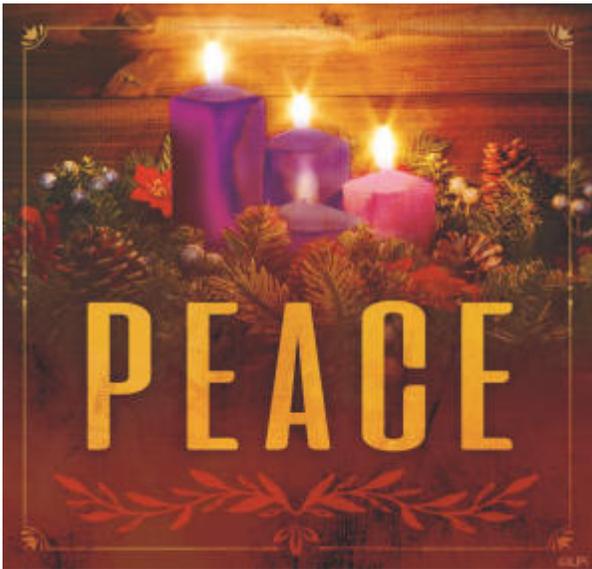
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Catholic Charities

When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you? And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

(Matthew 25)

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers for our jail ministry team. The incarcerated will soon be back in our community and we want to plant the seeds of the Word of God in their hearts and minds. Our volunteers do this along with supporting other efforts in the jails, in the community and in family support groups. If you would like to volunteer in this special ministry in Northern Kentucky, please email or call Dave Capella, Catholic Charities Jail Ministry Coordinator 859-581-8974 x117 or at dcapella@covingtoncharities.org.

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- Click on the link at the end of the sentence, "Search for your organization here."
- When asked to find an organization, enter "St. Paul School 41042" OR use the Organization Number of NP751.
- Click on "St. Paul School 41042" and then click on "Enroll."
- THANK YOU!



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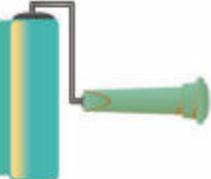
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