

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 12, 2021



God of the oppressed, the broken-hearted, the captives,
and the prisoners, teach us to trust that we have been
anointed to bring your good news. While we wait for you
to heal our broken world, teach us to work in faithful
trust alongside you, cherishing every ounce of goodness,
healing, freedom, and release we encounter on the way.
Amen.

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Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:
Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM
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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



December 12, 2021
3rd Sunday of Advent

"From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" St. Teresa of Avila

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)

Readings for the week of December 12, 2021

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18/Is12:2-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18 [3rd Sunday of Advent]
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 21:23-27 [St. Lucy]
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-23/Mt 21:28-32 [St. John of the Cross]
Wednesday: Is 45:6-8, 18-25/Ps 85:9-14/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4/Ps 80:2-3, 15-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45 [4th Sun of Advent]

Sacrament of Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

Confirmation preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint Luke's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.6920).

Sacrament of Holy Orders: God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Scott Jabo, at 1.814.824.1181.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

Sacrament of the Sick: Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

Leave A Legacy: Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

Bulletin Information Deadline: Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

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"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606 or Holy Trinity Office (814-456-0671).

PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Holy Trinity Office (814-456-0671).

PROLIFE COMMUNITY

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

"PRAYER CANDLE" MAKING MINISTRY

This ministry makes prayer candles from the church's left over bee's wax. They meet on Wednesdays, from 10AM - Noon in St. Stanislaus Parish Hall. No experience necessary.

ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please Check: New Registration Change of Address Change of Telephone Number

Change of E-mail Moving out of Parish Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

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Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Dec. 13th - Private Intention
 Tues., Dec. 14th - Edward Czulewicz (Tom & Julie Murray)
 Wed., Dec. 15th - Jolae Ropiecki (Jerome)
 Thurs., Dec. 16th - Richard Profeta (Richard Markiewicz)
 Fri., Dec. 17th - Millie Modzelewski (Rosary Society Members)
 Sat., Dec. 18th, 4:00PM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)
 Sun., Dec. 19th, 9:00AM - Stanley Widomski (Jack & Kathy Ciecierski)

"HOLIDAY CASH RAFFLE"

The Women's Society is, once again, selling raffle tickets for a chance to win either \$1,000 in cash, or \$1,000 worth of scratch-off lottery tickets. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from any member of the Society, the Parish Office, or by calling Nancy (814-454-4046). All proceeds benefit Saint Stanislaus Parish.



Our sanctuary candle burns in for **RICHARD & ROMAN RADOMSKI**, as gifted by the family.

JANUARY LOTTERY RAFFLE

The Holy Name Society is, once again, selling raffle tickets based off the evening lottery drawing during the month of January. See any member of the Society for tickets for your chance to win. Tickets can also be purchased in the Sacristy or in the Parish Office. They make great Christmas gifts! Thanks for your support. Proceeds of the raffle have benefited our parish in many ways.

#iGiveCatholic

A special "thank you" is shared with all those who so generously donated to the "#iGiveCatholic" campaign on November 30th. Together, we raised an additional \$2,285.00! This money will be used to continue improvements to our physical plant. Again, *many thanks* for your support of Saint Stanislaus!

LESSONS & CAROLS

Lessons & Carols, a traditional Advent devotion which blends scripture readings, music, and prayers focused on the coming Christmas season, will be celebrated this weekend, Sunday, December 19th, at 2:00PM. Please consider joining us for the simple, yet prayerful, experience as we prepare to welcome the Incarnation of Jesus Christ.

THE WELL THAT NEVER DRIES UP

Depending on how your mood is today, the words of Paul will hit you differently. "Rejoice always," he tells us. Well, if your football team is poised to win this weekend or next, maybe you're really feeling this vibe. But if you've got a long slog at work ahead of you this week and a to-do list that only seems to grow and never shrink, it may make you grumble. "Rejoice always? Always? When I'm tired? Cranky? When I'm sick of doing and giving? Thanks, Paul. I'll be sure to scribble that phrase on a Post-It and stick it to my dashboard for when some entitled punk inevitably cuts me off on tomorrow's morning commute." When we feel this way, we know it's time to head back to the well. Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any water — living water, water that moves. God's strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate and disappear. It's water you can keep coming back to. It's water that never dries up. Which is good news for us, because we never stop failing to do what we should, never stop failing to feel the joy and the compassion and the selflessness we are called to. We need a source of living water if we are going to 'rejoice always.' To be everyday stewards, we need a well that never empties. The fountain of salvation never dries up. There is always more there for us to draw from. It's a sign of His commitment — so let us, in turn, be committed to Him.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

KOLENDY

This year, we will resume our traditional celebration of Kolendy on Christmas Eve. The service will begin at 3:15PM on December 24th.

'Twas THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Following the Christmas Eve Mass, Father Jason will, once again, offer a recitation of the Christmas classic "'Twas the Night Before Christmas." Whether young of age or young at heart, stick around after Mass to enjoy the bit of nostalgia.

WEEKLY OFFERING (DECEMBER 5, 2021)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$x.00
Amount Received	\$x.00	\$x.00
Net over/under	(\$x.00)	(\$x.00)
Mass Attendance	420	940
Envelopes	x/168	

TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE



LECTOR SCHEDULES

New lector schedules are available in the sacristy after Mass. We are asking the lectors to consider volunteering for the Christmas and New Years Masses. Please speak to Father after Mass if you are available to read.

Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **ANNA KAMINSKI**, as gifted by her family.



12/14 - Julie Brieger & Sarah Nitzczynski
 12/15 - Nathan Nitzczynski
 12/16 - Irene Brasington
 12/18 - Bobbie Colburn

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Dec. 13th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)
 Tues., Dec. 14th - Richard Sebastian (Jane & Dave Thiemann)
 Wed., Dec. 15th - Msgr. Richard Stack
 Thurs., Dec. 16th - Edith Magraw (Family)
 Fri., Dec. 17th - The Souls in Purgatory
 Sat., Dec. 18th, 5:15PM - Bonnie Fallon (Family)
 Sun., Dec. 19th, 10:30AM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Please return the envelope with your donation towards Christmas Flowers and decorations in the mail slot on Reed Street. Due to bulletin deadlines we ask that you return to the Parish Office by Tuesday, December 14th, for inclusion in our Christmas Insert. Please print the names of your loved ones you wish to remember at our altar during the Christmas Season. We thank you in advance

ADVENT MEDITATION BOOKS

Advent reflection books, "Awaken to New Light," are available next to the bulletin bins for a nominal cost of \$1.25. Please use the envelope provided and place it in the collection basket. Many blessings for a graced Advent season.

#iGiveCatholic

Many thanks to all of those who gave so generously to the #iGiveCatholic campaign. Together, we raised an amazing \$3,440.00! This money will go a long way to help us off-set some of our day-to-day expenses. Again, we are grateful for your support and amazing generosity!

We have arrived at Gaudete Sunday (Gaudete is the Latin word for "rejoice") this Third Week of Advent, and the Scriptures take on a joyful tone as we continue our preparations for the feast of our Savior's birth. Our Second Reading gives us cause for joy as St Paul reminds us, "The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all..." Then he gives us a prescription for maintaining this peace: "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Paul's instructions for obtaining peace come as an early Christmas gift. They remind us that we can and should go to God with all our needs and present them to Him along with our thanks. This guidance calls to mind a vital aspect of a stewardship way of life: gratitude to God in response to His great love and countless gifts to us. The Gospel passage, from Luke, shows us how to live out this sense of thankfulness, making our lives a "Christmas gift" to Christ in joyful response to His love for us. When the crowds hear John the Baptist's message that their Savior is coming, they ask him what they should do to prepare. He responds, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do the same." In other words, he tells them to be good and generous stewards of all God's gifts to them! As the great feast of Christmas draws near, let us rejoice in Christ's extravagant love. Let's avail ourselves of the peace He longs to give us. And let's look carefully at our lives to make sure we are indeed making of them a gift fitting for Him.

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WEEKLY OFFERING FOR DECEMBER 5, 2021

Regular Offering: \$x.xx (x/134)

	THIS WEEK TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$x.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$x.00
Total Offered:	\$x.00	\$x.00
Net (over/under):	\$x.00	\$x.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = x; 10:30AM = x

Maranatha, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

"The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations."

- Psalms 146:10

News for Our Partnership

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24th:

4:00PM - St. Stanislaus

4:30PM - Holy Trinity

Saturday, December 25th:

9:00AM - St. Stanislaus

10:00AM - Holy Trinity

Sunday, December 26th:

9:00AM - St. Stanislaus

10:30AM - Holy Trinity



HOLIDAY REMINDER: AMAZON SMILES

As the holidays draw near, we just wanted to remind you of our participation in the "Amazon Smile" program.

"Amazon Smiles" is a website operated by Amazon that lets you enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping as is found on "amazon.com." The difference is that when you shop on Amazon Smile, the "Amazon Smile Foundation" will donate a percentage of the purchase price directly to our respective parishes. To start, simply follow the link:

Saint Stan's: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-0967487>

Holy Trinity: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1091810>

CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to Christopher Beres of Holy Trinity who earned a First Honors distinction from Cathedral Preparatory, and to Nora Sebastian who earned a First Honors distinction from Villa Maria Academy. We are proud of you! You represent your respective schools admirably, and you encourage the work of Holy Trinity's tuition assistance program. Keep up the good work!

HOLY TRINITY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Orders can be picked up in Holy Trinity's Social Hall on December 17th from 4 – 7 PM, or Saturday, December 18th from 9AM – Noon. There are some additional items available during the times of the Market on first come basis. Thanks for placing your order with us!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Elderly religious need your help. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes—often for little to no pay. Now, many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

SPECIAL RETREAT FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

Engaged couples are invited to attend an Engagement Encounter this January 28-30, 2022. Engagement Encounter is a restful retreat designed to provide a meaningful environment for deepening the conversations and habits necessary in a happy, holy, and lasting marriage. Here is what a past participant had to say: "I cannot thank you enough for an amazing experience this weekend. My fiancé and I will never forget it and all of the special moments." Learn more or register at <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>. We would love to welcome you this January!

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joy

Do not be afraid.
I am bringing you good news
of great joy for all people.



THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

12/13) Shirley Widomski; 12/14) Julie Slomski & Katherine Krainski; 12/15) Dorothy & Mead Carlson, Nancy & Art Kujawinski, & Carol Clark; 12/16) Corinne Dyakon, Mary Jo Sulecki, & Kay Stankiewicz; 12/17) Dave Slubowski; 12/18) Pearl Wisniewski; 12/19) Bill Dyakon & Fr. Jason Glover

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

12/13) Fr. Philip Billotte; 12/14) Fr. Mark Mastrian; 12/15) All Vocations; 12/16) Fr. Joe Czarkowski; 12/17) Msgr. George Appleyard; 12/18) Msgr. Dick Mayer; 12/19) Fr. Ian McElrath

Sunday, Dec 12, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Queen of Mercy, watch over us

Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

“The crowds asked John the Baptist, ‘What should we do?’”

Often, we seek guidance, wondering like those around John the Baptist: What should we do? The answer's a simple one: show mercy. Our adversaries, family members, and we ourselves may be in need of such compassion. When the Brown Virgin appeared to Juan Diego in Mexico and left her image on his cactus-fiber cloak, her promise of mercy to all who appealed to her was sealed on the Americas. Our Lady of Guadalupe, now patroness of Mexico and empress of the Americas, extends her reign across two continents and around the globe. Respond with mercy today.

Monday, Dec 13, 2021

MEMORIAL OF LUCY, MARTYR

I can see clearly now

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27

“By what authority are you doing these things?

And who gave you this authority?”

In these darkening days of December, the Scandinavian festival of light held on Saint Lucy's feast day is a cheerful sight to brighten spirits. In these countries - girls dress as Lucy in long white gowns with wreaths of candles on their heads, carrying sweets in procession as songs are sung. Whether you belong to those ethnicities or not, why not incorporate the festival into your family holiday traditions? Saint Lucy is the patron and protector of eyesight—ask her to help you focus yours, to see more clearly the coming of the radiant king.

Tuesday, Dec 14, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Carried by love

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32

“Then will I remove from your midst the proud braggarts, and you shall no longer exalt yourself.”

Saint John of the Cross was named a doctor of the church for his profound, poetic writings on Christian mysticism. As a spiritual phenomenon, mysticism is difficult to explain. Central ideas, though, connect love and suffering. Today, pause to remember the tragic school shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary and contemplate this meditation by John and remember to love: “I saw the river over which every soul must pass to reach the kingdom of heaven, and the name of that river was suffering. And I saw a boat which carries souls across the river, and the name of that boat was love.”

Wednesday, Dec 15, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Jesus, our justice and our peace

Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Luke 7:18b-23

“...justice and peace shall kiss.”

The coming of Jesus into the world was ultimately the coming of true justice and peace. In today's psalm, these two virtues are said to have “kissed” when the Messiah arrived on Earth. What an incredible image! Every promise of God finds its yes in the One who frees us from sin and death. In the gospel reading, Jesus proves by his miraculous love that he is the long-hoped-for Messiah. Today, remember the fulfillment of all our hopes and dreams is the justice and peace of Jesus. Perhaps not what we expected, but what we need!

Thursday, Dec 16, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Differently blessed

Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30

“Among those born of women, no one is greater than John; yet the least in the Kingdom of God is greater than he.”

Today's first reading refers to an idea repeated many times in the Bible: that children are a blessing from God. Catholic teaching on situations where bearing children is not possible is not the inverse, however. The church has never taught that infertility or any other limitation is a punishment or “curse” from God. To the contrary, Catholic tradition emphasizes that persons in every situation or condition deserve our full attention, respect, and caring concern. How can you practice empathy toward those whose family life has taken a less common direction?

Friday, Dec 17, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O WISDOM)

Make the wise choice

Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17

“O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!”

Today the church begins to sing the O Antiphons to accompany the Advent evening prayer of Mary's Magnificat. These short, sung phrases remind us of our need for salvation and our desire to embody the divine characteristics of our Savior. Today we pray for knowledge. This is not the knowledge that wins arguments around the dinner table, but the knowledge that shines a light on who we are, where we came from, and what we are called to do. It is the knowledge that comes with discernment and brings us peace. May wisdom be our teacher.

Saturday, Dec 18, 2021

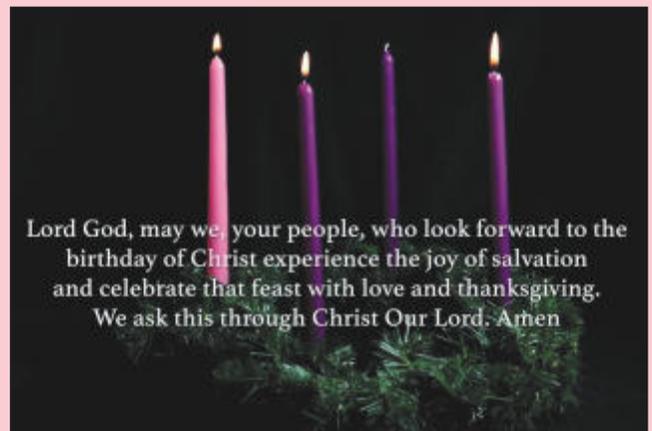
ADVENT WEEKDAY (O SACRED LORD)

Walk each other home

Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25

“And they shall name him Emmanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’”

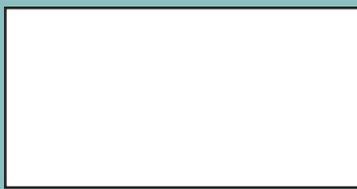
The theme for this year's International Migrants Day is “Reimagining Human Mobility.” U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres calls upon citizens of the world to “seize the opportunity of the recovery from the pandemic to implement safe, orderly, and regular migration and enable migrants to build more inclusive and resilient societies.” Today's O Antiphon recalls the migration of Israel from Egypt to Palestine and asks God to guide the movement of peoples. Because we all can trace our ancestry back to migrating people at one time or another, it is appropriate today to pray for people on the move seeking new homes and new lives in new lands.



Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

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