

John the Baptist Preaching by Mattia Preti, circa 1665, oil on

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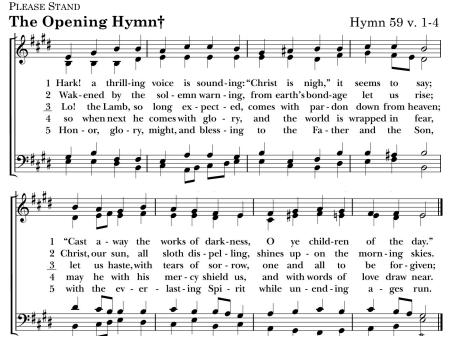
THE HOLY EUCHARIST Anglican Standard Text

Responses of the people shown in italics

Prelude† Organist

Opening Sentence of Scripture

In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Isaiah $40:3 \ (\mathrm{ESV})$



Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, alt. Music: Merton, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935).

The Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Summary of the Law

Father DeWayne Adams

The Trisagion (3 times)

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, *Have mercy upon us.*

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONGREGATION MAY BE SEATED

The First Reading

A Reading from Isaiah 35:1-10.

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. ³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. (ESV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

⁵Blessed is the one who has the God of Jacob for his / help * and whose hope is in the LORD his / God.

6Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is there/in; * who keeps his promise for / ever;

⁷Who does right to those who suffer / wrong; *

and who feeds the / hungry.

8The LORD sets prisoners / free; *

the LORD gives sight to the / blind.

9The LORD helps those who have / fallen; *

the LORD loves the / righteous.

10The LORD cares for the strangers in the land; he defends the fatherless and / widow; *

but the way of the ungodly he makes / crooked.

¹¹The LORD shall be King for ever/more, *

even your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Praise the / LORD.

The Second Reading

A Reading from James 5:7-20.

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. ¹² But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

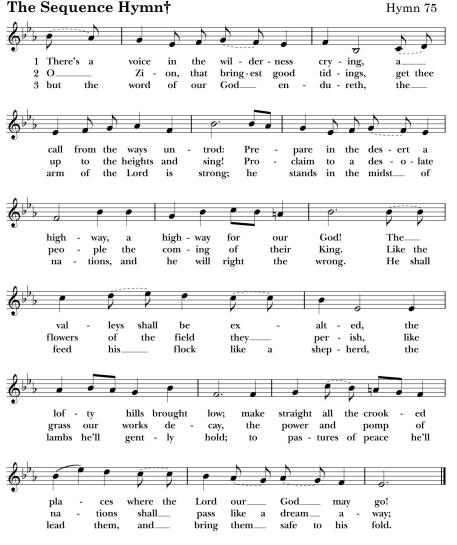
¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. ¹⁹ My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. (ESV)

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PLEASE STAND



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The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 11:2-19. *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come,

or shall we look for another?" ⁴ And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.' ¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁶ "But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, ¹⁷ "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.' ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds." (ESV)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Father Lorenzo Figueroa

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The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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.

6 *universal

We 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 worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED

The Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

[Repeat response after "Lord, in your mercy."]

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and repent of our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We are deeply sorry for these transgressions; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Comfortable Words

Father DeWayne Adams

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [Matthew 11:28]

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. [John 3:16]

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. [1 Timothy 1:15]

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. [1 John 2:1-2]

PLEASE STAND

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

PLEASE BE SEATED

Announcements and Birthday/Anniversary Blessings

The Offertory Sentence

Offer unto God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows unto the Most High. (PSALM 50:14)

The Offertory Anthem†

Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God

George F. Handel

Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God, come. Thy truth unseal. Thy Love reveal.

Lord, hear Thou in mercy our prayer to Thee.

Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God, come. Come in Thy might. Send forth Thy light. Lord, hear Thou in mercy, our prayer to Thee.

Come, Jesus, O holy Son of God. For Thee we long. Hear Thou our prayer.

To Thee be glory now and ever more.

Lord, hear Thou in mercy our prayer to Thee.

Come, Jesus Holy Son of God. To Thee be glory ever more.

PLEASE STAND [8:00 service only]

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord, *And of your own have we given you*.

[1 Chronicles 29:11, 14]

PLEASE STAND

The Doxology†

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Blue Hymnal 380, v. 3



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 to give him thanks and praise.

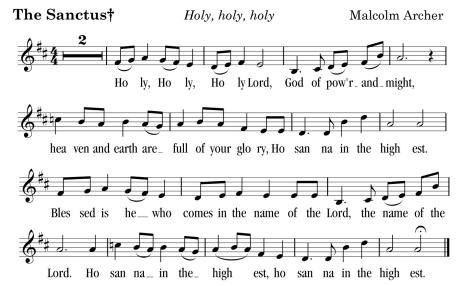
It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus [8:00 service (spoken)]

Holy, Holy, Holy—Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.



PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED

The Prayer of Consecration

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy

Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and his promise to come again.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that, by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Lord's Prayer

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

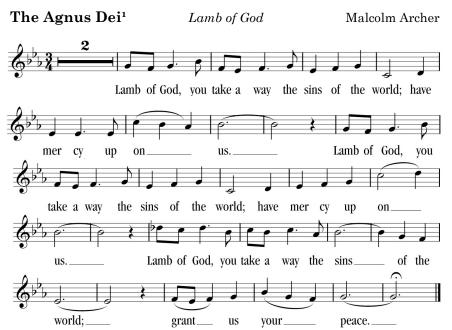
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Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.



THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

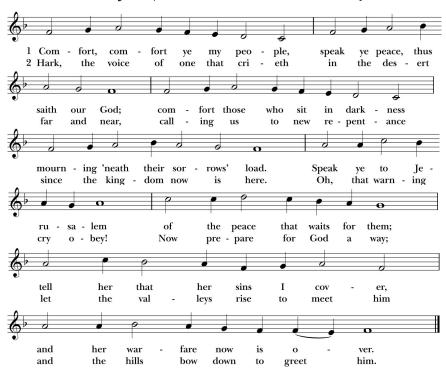
Receiving Communion and Blessings

We welcome all baptized Christians to receive communion—right hand on top of left, palms up. Those wishing to receive only the bread may cross their arms over their chest as a sign to the Chalice Bearer that you will not be receiving the wine.

If you don't wish to receive communion or if you're not a baptized Christian, you may come up, fold your hands across your chest, and the Rector (Pastor) will say a prayer of blessing for you.

Communion Hymn†

Hymn 67 v. 1-2



Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: Psalm 42, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. Hymnal 1982.

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The Post Communion Prayer

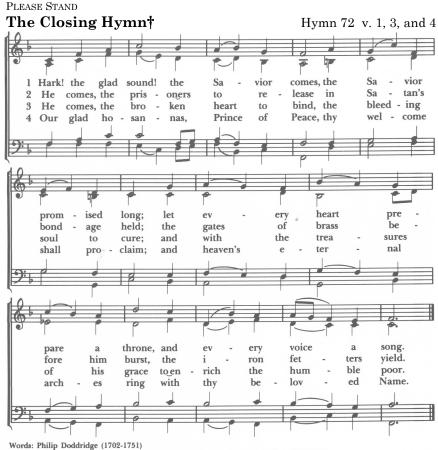
Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer Ministers to the front of the Nave

The Blessing

Father DeWayne Adams

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**



The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude†

Organist

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Music: Richmond, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816);

harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised, 1950; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

WELCOME

If you're new to St. Anne's Church, here are some things that can help make your worship experience even more enjoyable.

- 1. The service is outlined in this bulletin. If you get lost, which is normal, just stay where you are in the bulletin and you'll soon find where we are.
- 2. You may be unfamiliar with some of the service music and hymns we sing. Feel free to just listen to the music and let God speak to you through it.
- 3. If you'd prefer not to kneel at those times in the service, remaining seated is fine.
- 4. You won't be singled out as a guest. Please fill out our Guest/Member Communication Card near the pencils in the pew backs and drop it in the offering plate.
- 5. Our ushers are available to answer any of your questions.

Relax, focus on God, and worship with your mind and heart. Enjoy your visit with us, as we will enjoy having you here.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

We welcome your children to our worship services! Pick up an activity folder and coloring bag from the bookshelf just outside the Nave for your child to enjoy during worship.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AND BLESS

Cards and prayers for members and loved ones

Was someone removed from this list in error? Do you need to add someone? Contact the office at bev@stannesfw.org or 817-237-1888.

Healing

Brenda Barganier; Max & Melissa Baucum; Jerrell Coburn; Grant Conley; Lisa Hardin; Charlotte Lauer; Tommy Price; Linda Trotter; Lalo Villa; Carolyn Walsh; Caroline Young; Debbie Youngblood

Military

Andrew Anderson (Navy); Johnathan Carpenter (Army); Ryan Carter (Air Force); Kevin Gonzalez (Marines); Connor Klein (Air Force); Kevin Wright (Marines)

Shut-in

Max Baucum; Jan Gill; Rita Prestage

SERVING TODAY

Sun., Dec. 14	8:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
A colytes		H. Jackson
LEMs	D. Regier	S. Pressler/A. McKinlay
Readers	C. Regier/N. Curl	J. Adams/J. Mac Kay
$Altar\ Guild$	N. Curl	B. Masterton/J. Mac Kay
Prayer Team	A. Skoczlas/B. Freberg	S. Pressler
Ushers	G. Curl	B. McKean/M.H. Vaught
Welcome Center		M. Baucum
$Coffee\ Hosts$	J. Rezac	S. Pressler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 14

Youth Fundraising Breakfast

Monday, December 15

7:00 P.M. Spanish Share & Care

Tuesday, December 16

9:30 A.M. Mah Jongg for Ladies 7:00 P.M. Posadas

Wednesday, December 17

9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Spanish

7:00 P.M. Posadas

Thursday, December 18

7:00 P.M. Fire by Night

7:00 P.M. Posadas

Friday, December 19

7:00 P.M. Couples Evening (Span.) 7:00 P.M. Posadas

Saturday, December 20

10:00 A.M. Ruby Adams Memorial Service

BIRTHDAYS

- 14 Anthony Marcial
- 15 Luna Goytia
- 15 Linda Roppolo
- 16 Merry Frey
- 18 Luis Cardoza
- 18 Jose Morales
- 18 Patty Pipes
- 19 Tyra Fierros

ANNIVERSARY

15 John & Charlotte Lauer

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: 5:00 P.M. English (followed by party); 7:00 P.M. Spanish

Christmas Day: 10:00 A.M. English

GIVING Needs Offerings LAST SUN.: \$7,918 ~ \$5,802

CHRISTMAS SERVING OPPORTUNITIES:

SIGN UP SHEETS FOR USHERS, LEM'S, & READERS ON CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY ARE ON THE OFFICE DOOR.

DONATIONS FOR POINSETTIAS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPES.



The sanctuary light is given to the Glory of God by Jerrell Coburn.

There are no altar flowers during the Season of Advent.

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

The Right Reverend Ryan Reed, Bishop Father DeWayne Adams, Priest

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