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St. Gertrude Chicago E-Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

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This bulletin for Sunday, December 20 celebrates the fourth Sunday of Advent. On Wednesday, December 23, we'll send out our official Christmas bulletin that will cover Christmas and the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, celebrated on Sunday, December 27.

St. Gertrude Mass times are:

- Monday-Saturday: 7:30 am
- Saturdays at 5:00 pm
- Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:30 am (10:30 Mass is live-streamed on [our parish Facebook page](#))

Registration is now open for in-person attendance for:

- Christmas Masses - [Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm \(limited availability\)](#), [Christmas Eve at 6:30 pm](#), [Christmas Day at 8:00 am and 10:30 am](#)

The St. Gertrude parish office schedule for the holiday season can be found [HERE](#). Please review the [Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the](#)

[Rectory](#) and call before you come!

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From Father Rich

Renew My Church Decision Announcement – This Friday, December 18!

This week, we hear the decision of Cardinal Cupich on the future make-up of our grouping of parishes: St. Jerome, St. Ignatius, and St. Gertrude. Everyone is invited to be part of a virtual session at which Bishop Bartosic will announce and explain the decision. This virtual meeting is this Friday, December 18 at 7:00 pm.

Please go to www.renewmychurch.org/announcements for details about how to access the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone. After registering, you will be sent a calendar invite and link to access the broadcast. Please note, the email invite suggests that if you plan to watch the meeting on a computer, use a browser like Chrome, Edge, or Firefox (Safari is not currently supported), or download the Microsoft Teams app. If attending on a smartphone or tablet, use the Microsoft Teams app.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

On Thursday, December 17 through December 23, the focus of Advent shifts to the proximate preparations for our annual celebration of Christmas. On the 4th Sunday of Advent, Mary is the central figure of the gospel reading and our celebration. As the bearer of our Savior and Lord, her “fiat” changed history and ushered in our salvation.

On the 17th, we begin hearing the “**O Antiphons**” each day -- the titles from the Hebrew scriptures (Old Testament) which came to be understood as the prophetic voices anticipating the coming of the Messiah.

Part of the enjoyment of the arrangement of the O Antiphons is found in their original Latin spelling, in which the first letter of each of the titles, when

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*Click [HERE](#) to
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reservation to
attend Christmas
Mass in person!*

strung together, spells out “Ero Cras”, which in English means, “I will be tomorrow” since the final O Antiphon was on December 23rd -- and the Eve was considered the beginning of the actual feast - thus announcing the birth of the Messiah.

Each Antiphon is divided into three parts: 1) a particular title of Jesus proclaimed in the Old Testament, 2) God’s action in our lives, and 3) a prayer that we may respond to God’s generosity.

Perhaps you could use them for your own reflections in these final days of preparation for Christmas.

- **December 17: O Wisdom**, O Holy Word of God, You govern all creation with your strong, yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.
- **December 18: O Sacred Lord** of ancient Israel, who showed himself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: Come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.
- **December 19: O Flower of Jesse’s Stem**, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples: Kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.
- **December 20: O Key of David**, O Royal Power of Israel, controlling at your will the gate of heaven: Come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom.
- **December 21: O Radiant Dawn**, Splendor of Israel, Sun of Justice: Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.
- **December 22: O King of all the Nations**, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man: Come and save the creature you fashioned from dust.
- **December 23: O Emanuel**, King and Lawgiver, Desire of the Nations, Savior of All People, Come and set us free, Lord our God!

Christmas

Merry Christmas! May you and all those you love enjoy this celebration of God’s love born into humanity!

One of the interesting things that are woven throughout our prayers in the Christmas season is how we switch tenses in the verbs we use --

celebrating not only the actual historical event of Christ's birth over 2,000 years ago but equally celebrating this present moment when Christ is born more deeply into each of our hearts and lives.

All the beautiful Christmas carols and wonderful Christmas music we so enjoy during these days brings us into an awareness beyond simple words of the amazing and wonderful things God has done and God continues to do for us because God loves us! As we continue this joyful celebration in the coming weeks, let us remember to share the joy and good news of this miraculous birth and the extraordinary gift each of us and our world has received and continues to receive each time we open our hearts and our arms to all our sisters and brothers.

Christmas Giving Tree

Many thanks to all of those who participated in this year's Giving Tree! Once again this year, so many parishioners opened their hearts and their wallets to extend their care to those in our community in such need. On behalf of all those who are helped through the outreach of Care for Real, and all those who are being helped through our parish Refugee Committee -- THANK YOU! You have made the true spirit of Christmas come alive right here and now for so many in need!

Making Your Reservation for Christmas Masses

If you haven't already done so, please remember to make your reservation for whichever Mass you come to for Christmas. This past Sunday, the 5:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve reached capacity -- not allowing any additional reservations.

In response, **we have added a 6:30 pm Mass on Christmas Eve.** If you had signed in for the 5:00 pm Mass and now want to switch to the 6:30 pm Mass, please feel free to do so. You can go to [SignUpGenius](#) and make the change there, or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 and our staff will make the change for you. Please make your reservation to attend Christmas Masses in-person [HERE](#).

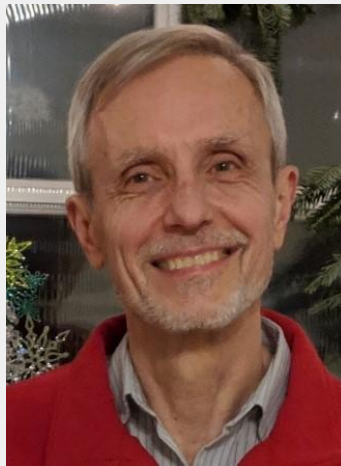
Our full schedule, including times of Masses that will be live-streamed, can be found [below](#) and [on our parish website](#). Spots for the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass may open up as people switch to the 6:30 pm Mass.

St. Gertrude Parish Auction 2021

In February, we will be inviting everyone to attend our virtual parish fundraiser: St. Gertrude Parish Auction 2021. This is a new, major parish fund-raiser that we hope will improve our financial standing during the pandemic.

We have been very fortunate that many of our parishioners have continued to make their weekly offertory contributions! Our weekly revenues have been at about 75% of our pre-pandemic Sunday offertory income. We have been relying on our parish savings to make up the difference. But that can't go on much longer. St. Gertrude Parish Auction 2021 will help us get closer to balancing the budget.

Please read the weekly articles about the auction in the newsletter and consider adding your own ideas on what would make great auction items -- and consider what you might be able to donate to make Auction 2021 a success and consider joining the volunteers who will make this all possible!



Growing in Faith

Life is hello, life is goodbye. What more touching hello is there than to welcome a newborn child into the world. Behind the first breath every newborn takes, however, is the reality that there will be a final breath, eventually. The fragility of life is clear to us in the current spread of the coronavirus. Christmas is supposed to be a time of light and joy. Our present circumstances can seem dark and bleak.

At Christmas, we celebrate that the Word Incarnate was not immune to our human condition. As we honor Jesus as a babe cradled in a wooden manger taking his first breaths, there's a certain sense of foreboding: the

wooden manger foreshadows the wooden cross upon which he will take his final breath in what is deemed to be his last goodbye.

What the cross accomplished, however, was to usher in eternity, “eternity not as endless time but the essence of all times combined, past, present, and future.”

In that spirit, we can rejoice with the angels in Bethlehem in proclaiming the good news of God’s presence in what feels like time standing still. The Babe in the stable, the Crucified One, the Omega of all our longings has entered into an eternal covenant with us. Even in light of life’s painful goodbyes in a pandemic, Emmanuel, God-with-us introduces us to the mystery of an eternal hello, a bright star that goes ahead of us on our unsettled journey.

~ Philip Bujnowski for *Growing in Faith*



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[Sign-up to Attend Christmas Masses with a Musical Prelude/New Year's Masses](#)

Wish to Attend a Christmas Mass in Church? [Registration](#) is required! New 6:30 pm

Christmas Eve Mass Just Added

This year, we will have a family Mass on Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm as well as a newly added 6:30 pm Mass in Church. On Christmas Day, we will have an 8:00 am Mass and a 10:30 am Mass. Please sign up to attend in person [HERE](#).

Registration to attend the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Mass in person filled quickly. If you are currently registered to attend the 5:00 pm Mass but would prefer to switch to the 6:30 pm Mass, you are welcome to do so. You can go to [SignUpGenius](#) and make the change there, or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 and our staff will make the change for you. Spots for the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass may open up as people switch to the 6:30 pm Mass.

Here are some COVID protocols observed in church now:

- Enter the church via the Granville (handicap access) door.
- Everyone must wear a mask.
- Leave home early enough to allow for the check-in procedure.
- You must not exhibit any signs of COVID-19 related illness.
- Once you are admitted, your temperature will be taken and you will need to sanitize your hands.
- Your reservation will be checked and an usher or greeter will take you to a seat. (Those living in the same households can sit together.)
- Everyone in church is expected to maintain safe-distancing protocols by observing the markings on the floor and in the pews which give directions for spacing and traffic flow.

Staying Home This Christmas? Watch Services via *Facebook Live* or on our YouTube Channel!

We will live-stream the 5:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve and the 10:30 am Mass on Christmas Day on our [parish Facebook page](#). After these services are over, they will be posted on [our parish's YouTube channel](#).

Please note, when you go to our Facebook page, we will go live a few minutes before the service and you will need to scroll down the page to look for the LIVE icon on the video, which will also be labeled with the day and time (e.g. Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve 5:00 pm Family Mass.)

Live Christmas Music Played Before Masses

If you plan to attend Christmas services in person or watch the live-stream, please consider coming ten minutes early as there will be instrumental arrangements of popular Christmas carols.

We will have professional trumpeter, Scott Baker, at all four Masses (Christmas Eve and Christmas Day), and fellow parishioners, Jim Szmurlo (trumpet), and Nicholas Bussey (trombone) will join him at the 5:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve and the 10:30 am Mass on Christmas Day.

Mass/Rectory Schedule During the Holiday Season

Thursday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

- There is no 7:30 am Communion service.
- 9:00 am-2:30 pm ~ Rectory hours
- 5:00 pm ~ Christmas Eve Family Mass in Church and [live-streamed](#) (Musical prelude at 4:50 pm.) Limited availability - click [HERE](#) for reservations to attend Mass in person.
- 6:30 pm ~ Mass in Church (Musical prelude at 6:20 pm.) (This Mass is not live-streamed.) Click [HERE](#) for reservations to attend Mass in person.

Friday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

- The Rectory is closed.
- 8:00 am ~ Mass in Church (Musical prelude at 7:50 am.) (This Mass is not live-streamed.) Click [HERE](#) for reservations to attend Mass in person.
- 10:30 am ~ Mass in Church and [live-streamed](#) (Musical prelude at 10:20 am.) Click [HERE](#) for reservations to attend Mass in person.

Saturday, December 26

- 9:00 am-2:20 pm ~ Rectory hours
- 7:30 am ~ Mass - Click [HERE](#) for reservations to attend Mass in person.
- 5:00 pm ~ Sunday Vigil Mass - Click [HERE](#) for reservations to attend Mass in person.

Sunday, December 27

- 8:00 am ~ Mass in Church (This Mass is not live-streamed.) Click [HERE](#) for reservations to attend Mass in person.
- 8:30 am-11:30 am ~ Rectory hours
- 10:30 am ~ Mass in Church and [live-streamed](#) - Click [HERE](#) for reservations to attend Mass in person.

Thursday, December 31 - Vigil - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- New Year's Eve
- 9:00 am-2:30 pm ~ Rectory hours
- 5:00 pm ~ Mass in Church - Click [HERE](#) for reservations to attend Mass in-person.

Friday, January 1 ~ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God/Holy Day of Obligation

- New Year's Day
- The Rectory is closed.
- 10:30 am ~ Mass in Church and [live-streamed](#) - Click [HERE](#) for reservations to attend Mass in person.

We will live-stream the 5:00 pm on Christmas Eve and the 10:30 am Mass on Christmas Day, and the 10:30 am Mass on New Year's Day on our [parish Facebook page](#). After these services are over, they will be posted on [our parish's YouTube channel](#).



[Thank You for Supporting our St. Gertrude's Giving Tree Program - More](#)

Than \$7,000 Raised

A very special thanks to all who helped in any way with our Giving Tree! **The collection totaled \$7,343!** All the gift cards collected went to support Care for Real and families that are part of our Refugee Ministry.

St. Gertrude's Refugee Ministry collected a total of **\$3,961!** Our donations were:

- \$2,705.00 in Target gift cards
- \$1,150 in Jewel gift cards
- \$100 in Aldi gift cards
- \$6.00 in cash

Our collection for Care for Real totaled **\$3,382!** Donations were:

- \$3,320 in Target gift cards
- \$62 in cash

Additionally, throughout the year, St. Gertrude serves as a strong supporter of Care for Real through our sharing program. **This past fiscal year, we raised \$2,886.70 for Care for Real.**

Thank you for your generosity!



St. Gertrude's Virtual Auction - Fundraiser Scheduled for February 2021!

St. Gertrude's virtual auction will take place in February and we need your help! We are in need of volunteers to solicit donated items and services.

We will provide all you need - lists of names and a script to use. If this sounds like something you can do, please email us at auction21@stgertrucechicago.org.



St. Gertrude Refugee Ministry Holiday Pattern Masks

Khadija, the single mother of two we've sponsored since she arrived from the Central African Republic, is a gifted seamstress. At present Kadidja has committed to creating 30 masks per week. The cloth masks cost \$5 each. Please place your orders here: [Holiday Pattern Masks by Kadidja](#).

Payment can be made via Zelle (audraeisin2@hotmail.com), or Venmo (TogetherWeAreStrong), or if needed by check, (payable to Audra Eisin.)

You will be called or texted when your masks are ready to arrange to pick them up. Please indicate in the comment section of the above apps/your check how you want to be contacted when placing your order.

If you would like some tech support, please contact Pam Horan-Bussey at 773.315.3290.



Readings for Sunday, December 20

Reading 1: 2 Sm 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.”

Reading 2: Rom 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.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

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.



Rest in Peace

- George Dempsey, father-in-law of parishioner Paula Dempsey
 - Mary J. DuCharme, mother of JoEllyn Martinez
 - Ruth Timmons
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This Sunday - Commonweal Conversation & Christmas Zoom Party

Please join us for a virtual Christmas gathering and dialogue this Sunday, December 20 from 3:00-4:00 pm via Zoom. We will commemorate this festive and sacred season- even if our celebration falls short of in-person Christmas parties.

We will play some games and spread Christmas cheer among friends, both new and long-cherished. We're also pleased to welcome Stephen Millies, noted theologian and Director of the Bernardin Center at Catholic Theological Union, who will address, "From JFK to JRB: The Hope for Healing in our Church and Politics." Below is a description of this topic:

There were sixty years between the election of the first and second Catholic presidents of the United States. A lot has changed inside the church, and around the church in our social climate. Joe Biden ran on a platform that promised hope for healing and reconciliation. The biggest obstacle he faces may be his own church.

We'll assess the problem and the prospects in a short discussion, with time for questions and answers.

Please register for the event by sending an email to **Commonweal-Christmas@e-grapevine.org**.



Additional Parish Information Found on our Website

List of info/articles

- [Mass Schedule/Links to Sign up for Mass](#)
 - [Video of What to Expect When Returning to Church](#)
 - [Parishioner Guidelines for Attending Mass in Church](#)
 - [What to Expect/Do in Church \(photos w/captions\)](#)
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 - [Volunteer Sign-up Form](#)
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Lectors, Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, Set-up/Greeters/Clean-up Teams, Musicians, and Music Planned for This Weekend

Mary Clare Barker, our Music Minister, has created a song sheet for use at home with lyrics for music for our live-streamed 10:30 am Mass this Sunday at 10:30 am [HERE](#). Our Christmas schedule and music will be sent out on

Wednesday, December 23.

This weekend, our cantors and musicians will be:

- Saturday, December 19 at 5:00 pm - Siobhan O'Neil Meluso
- Sunday, December 20 at 8:00 am - Paula Dempsey
- Sunday, December 20 at 10:30 am - Lisa Erceg

Please note, we ask that those attending Mass in person do not sing due to concerns that singing may spread germs further than six feet.

Our Eucharistic ministers are:

- Saturday, December 19 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, December 20 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly
- Sunday, December 20 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, December 19 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, December 20 at 8:00 am - Mark Kollar
- Sunday, December 20 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis

Our set-up/greeter team this weekend is:

- Saturday, December 19 at 5:00 pm - Debra Kern, Carol Ann Munro, Michelle Kuehlhorn
- Sunday, December 20 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly, Carol Ann Munro, Marty McDermott, Brigid Cronin, Mark Kollar
- Sunday, December 20 at 10:30 am - Michael Kowalsky, Patrick Robinson, Dorothea Tobin, Nancy Kuhn

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- Saturday, December 19 at 5:00 pm - TBD
- Sunday, December 20 at 8:00 am - TBD
- Sunday, December 20 at 10:30 am - TBD

We still need other volunteers to fill teams for greeting/set-up and clean-up. For safety reasons, volunteers should be between 18-64 years of age and not have conditions that would put them at risk for negative outcomes from COVID-19 infection (immunosuppressive therapy, heart or lung disease, cancer, etc.)

If you would like to participate on a team, please [download this form](#) and email it to Kevin Cheers at kccheers@stgertrudechicago.org and include your preferred e-mail and telephone number.



[Ways to Help Our Parish: Amazon Smile, Text to Give, GiveCentral, PayPal, Archdiocese Link, and Amazon Smile](#)

Visit smile.amazon.com and select St Gertrude Parish as your charity of choice. From then on, connect to Amazon through smile.amazon.com and St. Gertrude will automatically benefit as your charity of choice.

We have set up a "Text to Give" option through GiveCentral. Parishioners are welcome to text the word **Donate** to 1.773.741.9505 to make a donation via phone.

The Archdiocese has [an online giving option via the Archdiocesan website](#). You simply click on the link and it takes you to the website. Once there, you determine if you want to contribute via a credit card or a checking account. You fill out the form, including selecting the parish to which the contribution is going, and the money will be electronically debited. The site offers options for amounts and the frequency of the contribution.

To access our PayPal link, please visit [our parish website](#) and donate from there. [GiveCentral](#) offers parishioners the option of one-time gifts or weekly contributions.

For more information on text to give or to sign up for online giving, please email Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities, at

ablumberg@stgertrudechicago.org. He will be happy to help in any way he can.

Click here to go to GiveCentral

Click here for PayPal (via our website)

Donate via the Archdiocese website



Daily Scripture Readings

Our website has links to the daily readings for Masses [HERE](#). (*Scroll down the webpage to see the readings.*)

Here is the list of readings for this for parishioners that prefer to look them up:

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

Tuesday, December 22: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday, December 23: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79; **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] **Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Friday, December 25: Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20; **Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Saturday, December 26: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Sunday, December 27: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 21: 7:30 am - Mrs. Helene Anne Brandau+ and James Burton+

Tuesday, December 22: 7:30 am - John Wilson+

Wednesday, December 23: 7:30 am - Peter+ and Mary+ Tunney

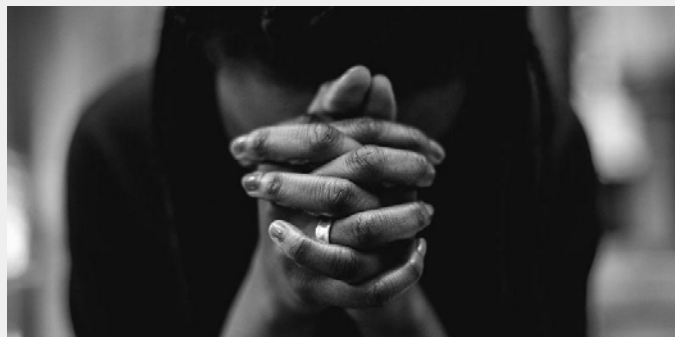
Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24: (No morning Communion service); 5:00 pm - Glenn & Mary Jo Martin+; 6:30 pm - Bruno & Vincenzia Tassone+

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25: 8:00 am - Lillian+ and Michael+ Nyderek; 10:30 am - Nguyen Family for Peace, Health & Faith

Saturday, December 26: 7:30 am - Living & deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners; 5:00 pm - Jenny+ and Austin+ Wyman

Sunday, December 27: 8:00 am - Wayne Ide+; 10:30 am - Betty Taylor+

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Michael Batza
 - Jean Bautista
 - Walter Bradford
 - Ester Bugler
 - Maggie Callaway
 - Aida Calvopina
 - Geraldine Clark
 - Connie Cool
 - Lois DiFruscio
 - Sara Fighter
 - Lucia Hall
 - Gina Heidkamp
 - Maria Hertl
 - Bernice Kiedysz
 - Karey Myers
 - Robert Howe
 - Braedon Rimpson
 - Mickey Resch
 - Charley Scantlebury
 - Richard Seitz
 - Peggy Stoffel
 - The Sullivan family
 - Elinora E. Tolentino
 - Norma E. Viray
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Hymnal Info & Lyrics for December 20, 2020

Hymns:

- Entrance: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, #38
- After the lighting of Advent Wreath: Rejoice, Rejoice...(chorus to O Come Emmanuel)
- Responsorial Psalm: #85 Lord, Let us See your Kindness (GIA setting)
- Gospel Acclamation: Advent Alleluia by Michael Joncas (GIA-verse 4)
- Offertory: Patience, People, #47

- Communion: Gentle Woman, #694
- Recessional: Prepare Ye from Godspell

Lyrics:

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, chant (#38)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Psalm 85: Lord, let us see your kindness by Marty Haugen (#85)

Patience People by John Foley, S.J. (#47)

Refrain: Patience people, till the Lord is come.

Verse 1: Steady your hearts, for the Lord is close at hand.

And do not grumble, one against the other. (to refrain)

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman by Carey Landry (#694)

Refrain: Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star so strong and bright,
Gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.

Verse 1: You were chosen by the Father; you were chosen for the Son.

You were chosen from all women and for woman shining one.

Verse 2: Blessed are you among women, blest in turn all women, too.

Blessed they with peaceful spirits. Blessed they with gentle hearts.

Prepare Ye (from Godspell) by Stephen Schwartz

Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

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