



The First Sunday of Advent and Commemoration of Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00, 9:00, & 11:00 a.m. Sunday, December 3, 2023

*Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.
May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.
May you leave here with a heart prepared to serve.*



Photo of Aubrey Hargis and Ruth Tatum attending last week's annual Thanksgiving breakfast hosted by the San Francisco Interfaith Council in celebration of the 35th anniversary of the Council's Winter Shelter Ministry.

If this is your first time here, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card found on the Welcome Table in the courtyard.

The Word of God

Prelude (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 659
Savior of the Nations, Come

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Hymn At The Procession (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending
The people stand.

Hymnal, #57

Opening Acclamation

Blessed are you, holy and living One.
You come to your people and set them free.

Lighting Of The Advent Candle

God of Light and our salvation, in your name we light these candles. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. *Amen.*

Collect For Purity

Minister and people, together

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.

Trisagion (8:00 a.m.)

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal one.
Have mercy upon us.

Trisagion (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

The following is sung three times.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect Of The Day

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Collect for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (9:00 a.m.)

O God of love, you blessed your people with the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Guadalupe. Grant that her example of love to the poor and forsaken may stir our faith to recognize all people as members of one family. Teach us to follow in the way you have prepared for us, that we may honor one another in word and action. May we share with Blessed Mary your commonwealth of peace, where Christ lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

The people sit.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;

we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

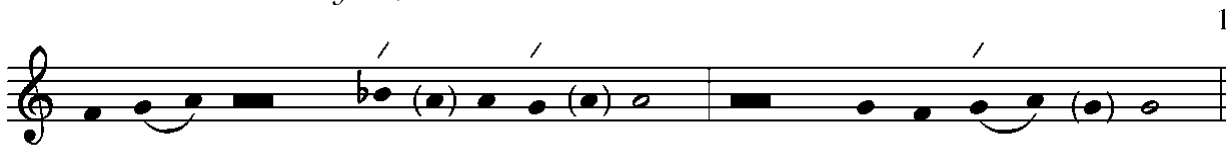
The 9:00 a.m. service continues on the following page with the Sequence Hymn.

Gradual Psalm (8:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

at 8:00 a.m. said responsively by half verse.

at 11:00 a.m. chanted by all, seated.



*Choir*¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading / Jo'seph / like ' a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned up-/on ' the / *cher*'ubim.

*All*² In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, / and ' Man-/as'seh, *
stir up your strength and / come ' to / *help* ' us.

³ Restore / us, ' O / God ' of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and / we ' shall / *be* ' saved.

⁴ O / Lord ' God / of ' hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the / prayers ' of / *your* ' people?

⁵ You have fed them / with ' the / bread ' of tears; *
you have given them / bowls ' of / *tears* ' to drink.

⁶ You have made us the derision / of ' our / neigh'bors, *
and our enemies / laugh ' us / *to* ' scorn.

⁷ Restore / us, ' O / God ' of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and / we ' shall / *be* ' saved.

¹⁶ Let your hand be upon the man / of ' your / right ' hand, *
the son of man you have made so / strong ' for / *your*'self.

¹⁷ And so will we never / turn ' a-/way ' from you; *
give us life, that we may / call ' up-/on 'your Name.

¹⁸ Restore us, O / Lord ' God / of ' hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and / we ' shall / *be* ' saved.

Second Reading (8:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

The people are seated.

A Reading from the First letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

Hymnal, #66

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

All stand.

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:24-37

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this

generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Virgen De Guadalupe Procession (9:00 a.m.)

The people are seated.

Lady of the Roses

Christopher John Muglin

Sung by St. Mary's Children's Choir

Lady of the roses, you have brought us love.

Lady of the roses, you have made us one.

In the presence of your constant love, you have brought us peace.

Lady of the roses, say you'll stay with me.

Jesus can love through anyone who has an open heart to God;

Even the smallest one.

The Homily (8:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

The Rev. Kira Austin-Young

The people are seated.

The Nicene Creed

The people stand.

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only 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 of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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.

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.

Prayers Of The People

Merciful God, our souls join with Blessed Mary to proclaim your greatness. Look with favor upon our prayers for all of creation that awaits your coming.

For the Church, its ministers and people, that we may follow the example of Mary, who lived in wholeness, and strive for unity and peace among all of God's people. The Almighty has done great things for us;

Holy is God's name.

For our community, that the vision of Juan Diego will inspire us to bear active witness against prejudice, discrimination, hatred, lies and violence. The Almighty has done great things for us;
Holy is God's name.

For the fearful, the poor in spirit, the sick, the suffering and the grieving, especially for those that have asked for our prayers (N.) and others you may now name. May our care for them reflect the abundant love of Blessed Mary. The Almighty has done great things for us;
Holy is God's name.

For all displaced persons, that the humble resolve of Blessed Mary will embolden us to stand with them in their struggle, especially for those in war-ravaged Afghanistan, the Middle East and Ukraine where grief competes with rage and devastates your people. The Almighty has done great things for us;
Holy is God's name.

We rejoice for those who have been granted the fullness of your eternal promise and now dwell with you in your heavenly realm, especially for (N.) and others you may now name. The Almighty has done great things for us;
Holy is God's name.

We rejoice as we celebrate Mary, the Lady of the Roses, and like her heart, ours are filled with wonder as we await Christ's coming. We offer our gratitude for our own blessings and the spaciousness of grace that surrounds us each day. The Almighty has done great things for us;
Holy is God's name.

The Celebrant ends the prayer with the following.

O God of mercy and miracles, who gives us roses in a season of stillness; fill us with your truth and vision of peace. By the example of Blessed Mary, may we seek the justice which unites all people and may it bring forth the Christ Light into the world directly from the womb of our awakened hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession Of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel, as able.

Minister and People, together

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

All stand.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Ministers and the People share the peace of Christ with one another.

Greeting And Announcements

The people are seated.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Anthem At The Offertory

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

at 9:00 a.m.: Sung by St. Mary's Youth Choir

at 11:00 a.m.: Sung by St. Mary's Parish Choir

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood
That we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord,
The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was, and is, and is to come;
Sing Holy, Holy Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon
For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their All!

-Revelation 22; adapt. Manz

Hymn At The Presentation

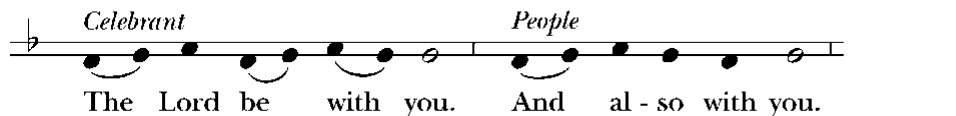
Hymnal, #60

Creator of the Stars of Night

The people stand.

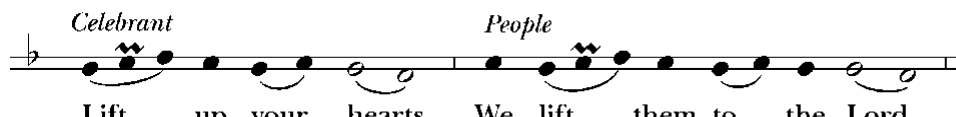
The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant *People*



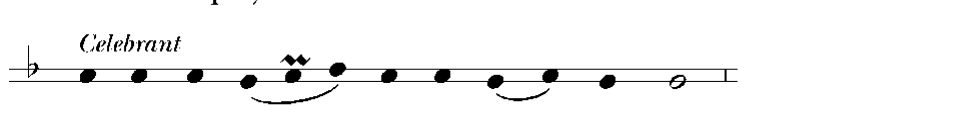
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*



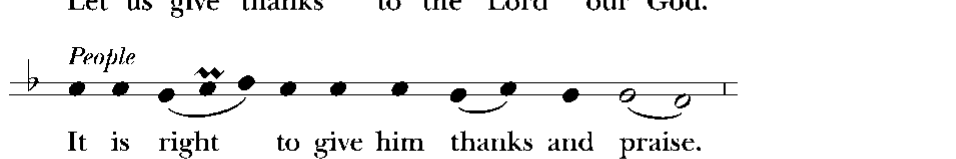
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

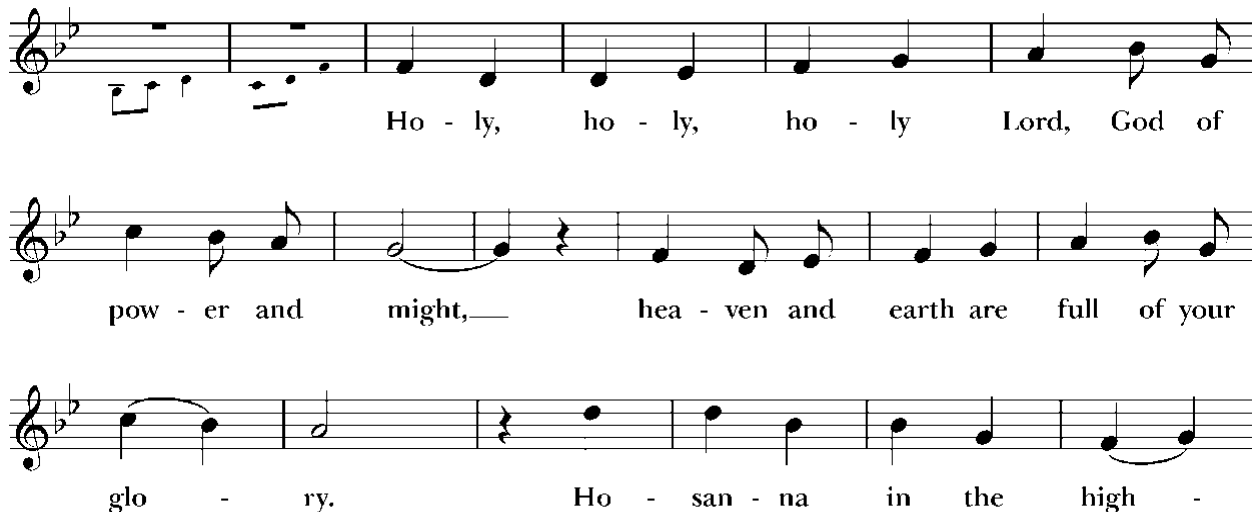
We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

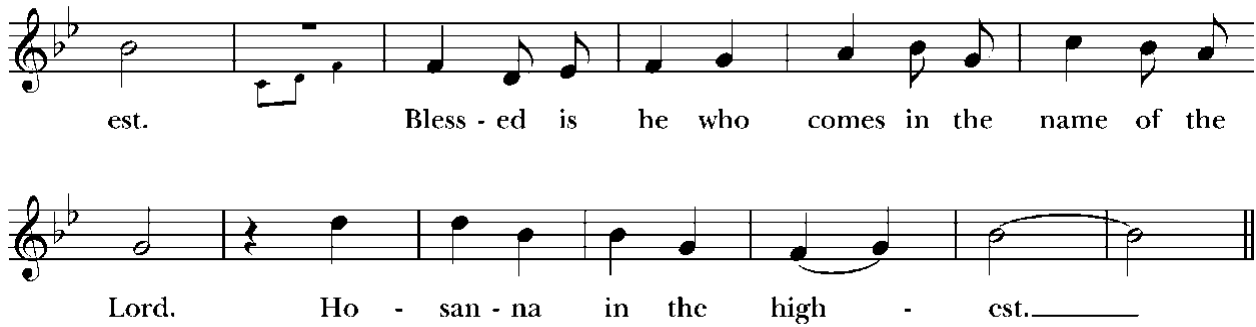
Sanctus & Benedictus

at 8:00 a.m.: the following is said

at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.: the following is sung



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -



The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all your saints,

from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Celebrant

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

8va bassa ----- Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, ___
___ you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984).

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Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who desire to know God better are invited to receive the consecrated Bread and Wine. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. You may drink from a common chalice, or you may intinct the Bread into the Wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please simply cross your arms over your chest.

The people are seated.

Communion Music (9:00 a.m.)

The following is sung by all, seated

Cantor: O - so - so o - so - so, pyong-hwa eui im - gum
1. Come now, O Prince of peace: make us one bo - dy,
2. Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior,
3. Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one, bo - dy,

u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - so.
Come, O Christ. Je - sus, re - con - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Christ. Je - sus, re - con - cile all na - tions.
Come, O Christ. Je - sus, re - con - cile all na - tions.

Words & music: Geon-young Lee

Communion Music (11:00 a.m.)

Rorate Coeli

Plainchant, arr. Craig J. Westendorf

Sung by St. Mary's Parish Choir

Drop down dew, you heavens from above, and let the clouds rain down the just.

O be merciful. O be merciful O Lord.

Remember no more the sins of your people.

Your holy city is deserted.

Zion has become a wilderness.

Jerusalem is deserted:

The house of your holiness and your glory where our ancestors praised you.

Lord look on the affliction of your people

And send the one whom you will send.

Send the Lamb, the ruler of the earth

From the rock in the desert to the mountain of the daughter of Zion,

That he may take away the yoke of our captivity.

O be comforted. O be comforted you my people.

Your salvation will quickly come to you.

Why are you consumed with sadness?

Why does sadness seize you?
I will save you. Do not be afraid.
For I am the Lord your God,
The Holy One of Israel, your redeemer.

-Advent prose

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People, standing

Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sending Of The Eucharistic Visitor, When Needed

In the name of this parish family, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts. Together we share in the body and blood of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.

Blessing

Closing Hymn (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

Hymnal, #54

Savior of the Nations, Come

At 9:00 a.m.: Verses 1-3 are sung before the homily; verse 4 after.

At 9:00 a.m., children attending Sunday School process out after the choir.

The Homily (9:00 a.m.)

The Rev. Kira Austin-Young

The people are seated.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland

Bach

Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

Welcome Visitors And Guests

December 3, 2023

Thank you for wrapping your prayer with ours today. We welcome all that seek the Holy. St. Mary's prays, celebrates, and serves our community and our neighbors as we strive to live as the body of Christ in the world. Check out the announcements at the back of the service bulletin for more ways to connect with us or email office@smvsf.org and we will stay in touch with you. We look forward to traveling this journey of faith with you.

Upcoming Advent Happenings

Join us for all the upcoming Advent happenings at St. Mary's.

- December 10, 9:00 a.m.: Procession for Sankta Lucia.
- December 16, 1:30 p.m.: Caroling on Union Street
- December 17th, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.: A Festival of Lessons and Carols for Advent
- December 19th, 7:00 p.m. Blue Christmas
- December 24th, 9:00 a.m.: Morning Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent
- December 24th, 3:00 p.m.: Christmas Pageant & Petting Zoo
- December 24th, 5:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve Eucharist with Children's & Youth Choirs
- December 24th, 9:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve Eucharist with Parish Choir
- December 25th, 10:00 a.m.: Christmas Day Eucharist with Parish Choir
- December 31st, 10:00 a.m.: A Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas, with Eucharist
- January 7th, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.: Procession of the Magi for Epiphany

Holiday Pantry

Sunday, December 10

Plans are in the works for the return of Tidings of Comfort and Joy. On Sunday, December 10, you will have a chance to purchase wonderful baked goods. We are expanding the sale to include other handmade items, such as Raggedy Ann and Andy, created by Betty Lampen. There will be many ways to get involved. Do you have a fun thing you like to make? Christmas ornaments, candles, etc. Let us know. We will need volunteers on the day of the event as well as days before to package and mark items. Please fill out the volunteer form that can be found on our website. If you have questions, contact Nancy Clothier, webmaster@smvsf.org.

Volunteer forms will also be available in the Narthex.

Sankta Lucia Procession Participation

Sunday, December 10

All children and youth ages 4-18 are invited to join this lovely candle bearing tradition in either a singing or non-singing role. Rehearsal will be at 8:15 a.m. in the Great Room on Sunday, December 10 in for the 9:00 service. Costumes will be

provided. Please email Marla Perkins to sign up so we can plan: marla@smvsf.org

Giving Tree for Gubbio

The Giving Tree, an Advent tradition at St. Mary's, will soon be up and adorned with "ornaments", each representing a gift for a needy, unhoused person served by the Gubbio Project at St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in the Mission District. Each day, the Gubbio Project provides a safe place for respite in their lovely courtyard and "sacred sleep" in the church sanctuary as well as many special services. In this season of short days and long nights and colder and wetter weather, Gubbio's guests are in need of blankets and warm jackets. Supplies of those crucial items have run very low. Pick up an ornament or two on our Giving Tree to give the gift of a new or used blanket or a new or used jacket of any adult size. You can return your gift (no wrapping needed!) to the Giving Tree area in the Parish Hall in the weeks before Christmas. Because the need is so great at St. John's, we'll likely be delivering the items as we receive them. Many thanks in advance for your generosity!

Caroling on Union Street Saturday, December 16

Help bring Christmas spirit to our neighbors on Union Street as we serenade them with Christmas carols. We'll meet in the Courtyard at St. Mary's on Saturday, December 16 at 1:30. We will carol down the street until about 3:30 p.m. when we'll meet back in the Courtyard for hot cider and cookies.

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite neighbors and friends to come along. All are welcome and no experience is necessary. We will have song booklets for everyone!

Call for Christmas Pageant Cast & Volunteers

Step into the magical world of Christmas and be a part of something truly special! We're thrilled to invite your participation in our upcoming Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 24th, at 3 p.m..

CASTING CALL:

We're seeking participants of all ages (adults, don't be shy!) to bring to life the story of Jesus' birth to our audience. There are an abundance of supporting roles, complete with costume, for ages 5 and above, so invite friends and other family who might be visiting. A short rehearsal will be held that Sunday at 1:30 p.m. before the petting zoo starts at 2 p.m., and all speaking roles can be "on book." There is also an opportunity for children to be part of a flash mob of costumed angels and shepherds who will be joining the cast right before the pageant begins! Just show up around 2:30 p.m. that day for costuming and simple instructions.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Not interested in the spotlight but still want to be a part of the magic? We're also looking for enthusiastic volunteers to assist with various aspects, including directing, helping with costumes, setting up and cleaning up, and herding mini angels and shepherds. Experience the joy of the

holiday season, make new friends while being part of a creative community, and create lasting memories for our congregation.

To participate, please contact Rev'd Kira at kira@smvsf.org by December 21st. Let's come together to create a Christmas celebration that will warm hearts and spread cheer throughout the community. Join us in making this holiday season truly magical!

Christmas Flower Donations Deadline Monday, December 18

Please help contribute towards decorating the church with holiday finery in honor of Christ's coming at Christmas.

Your donation towards the cost of our Christmas flowers may be made in honor or memory of someone dear to you.

You may make your donation online by visiting our website at smvsf.org/donate or you can make a check payable to "The Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin," (with a note in the memo section "CHRISTMAS FLOWERS") either in the Sunday collection basket or by delivering it to the church by Monday, December 18.

Please email Ashley at ashley@smvsf.org stating who your donation is in honor or memory of. Donations received after December 18 cannot appear in the printed Christmas service program. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Advent Devotional Resources Available

The Advent season begins on December 3rd as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ, first, as a baby at Christmas, and one day, in glory and power at the end of time. This season is one of anticipation, waiting, and prayer even in the midst of busy Christmas preparations. To help you meaningfully engage this season, we have coloring calendars for families and daily devotional books from Living Well Through Advent available on the table in the narthex for you to take home with you. If you would prefer to receive the daily devotionals in your e-mail or purchase an e-book of the devotionals for \$.99, more information is available at livingcompass.org/advent.

Everybody is In!

St. Mary's 2024 Annual Appeal

for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

Isaiah 56:7

St. Mary's strives to be a place where we receive the love of God and bear Christ into the world. As a part of that call, we seek to be a space where everyone can find a place to belong and to be of service. Our ministries span the generations and vary from affinity groups, governance committees, formation opportunities, outreach, pastoral care, and so many, many more. And let us not forget the wonderful Sunday worship experiences! We actively embody God's promise that Everybody is in.

One of the most powerful ways that we can "be in" at St. Mary's is through a financial pledge. This is a giving estimate of the level

of financial support you intend to give for the upcoming year. One of St. Mary's strengths is the abundant and generous people who give meaningfully of their financial means to make all that happens at St. Mary's possible.

To learn more about making a pledge, or to make a pledge online please visit our pledge page at smvsf.org/pledge-blurb. Should you have questions about pledging, or St. Mary's in general, please contact Rev. David at david@smvsf.org

Sunday School Update

Happy Advent and new liturgical year. Embedded in that short sentence are all the clues to what will be happening in Sunday school today. We'll introduce vocabulary: advent and Advent and then move to the symbols of this first season of the church year. Do you know why the wreath and candles are Advent symbols? Ask a Sunday school student.

Parents: your children will also be bringing home an Advent calendar (no chocolates with this one) and a booklet to guide your family on ways to celebrate this four week season at home. We hope you'll celebrate with enthusiasm and joy.

P.S. Older children will also be working on craft items for Tidings of Comfort and Joy next week.

Youth Group Games Night!

All 6th-12th graders are invited to a Youth Group Games Night on Sunday, December 3 from 6-8pm in the Great Room. Bring

your favorite board game or card game (or other!), and let's play! Dinner and hot chocolate will be provided, and friends are always welcome. See you there!

Ongoing Weekly Offerings

*Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Please join us Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Chapel for a time to time to breathe, center yourself, and feel God's presence while silently being one in community. For those unfamiliar with Centering Prayer, our time will include a Breathing Meditation, 15-20 minutes of silent prayer, followed by an opportunity for prayer requests and thanksgivings, and close with the Lord's Prayer. Those who wish may remain for a time of sharing.

Please feel free to contact Debbie Veatch at veatchdl@gmail.com or 415-244-3515 with any questions.

*Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Library

Join Rev'd Kira in the library on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. as we look at the scriptures that we'll hear in church the following Sunday. Gain a new appreciation for the Bible and get more out of Sunday's sermons as we learn together. BYOBible, though we will have extras! Contact Rev'd Kira (kira@smvsf.org) with any questions.

*Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join us for "The 5PM", a creative, casual worship service
Immerse yourself in an atmosphere of inspiration and collaboration. From

interactive discussions to creative liturgy,
"The 5 PM" encourages open conversations
and unique forms of worship expression.
No need to dress up – come as you are!

Scam Alert:

Emails Impersonating Rev. David

Recently, people affiliated with St. Mary's
have received emails from various email
addresses impersonating The Rev. David
Erickson. Please note, the only email
address David would use to contact you
is david@smvsf.org. Rev. David will never
ask you for money, gift cards, or favors,
and we ask that you kindly ignore and
delete any email that comes through asking
for such. If you ever feel suspicious about
an email or wonder if it's truly from Rev.
David you can always reach out to the
parish administrator, Ashley Ryan at
ashley@smvsf.org.

We Pray For...

PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS

Doris Neuberger
Liz Hanson
Meg Hanson
Ryan Carlson
Elora May
Kristine Goode
Michael Woodworth
Patsy & Bobby
James & Sarah
Wallace Randall Conner
Lee Walsh
Carolyn Rathjen
Suzanne Clark
Dennis Kuzmicky
Patti Plymire
Jerry Plymire
Bob Cheatham
Cathy W.
Karl Mayer
Cynthia Hubbard
Steve D.
Jack P.
Regina P.
Michael Satzow
Steve Jizmagian

IN DISCERNMENT

Michael Stafford

RECENTLY DECEASED

Patricia Troyer
Ken Berry

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Please remember these individuals who have ongoing concerns in your personal prayers this week.

Deborah
Gordon Bellis
June
Kevin Teeney
The Community at the Heritage & St. Francis
Jane
Quinn Charles Fay
Erich
Simon
Phyllis Shepherd
Mike Lusse
Fred Martin
Shirlee Martin
Francis Kalani
Will Driscoll
The Crossley Family
Kevin Fisher Paulson
David Schade
Jeanne Lacy
Roulhac Austin
George Secour
Gloria & Everett Powell
Kim Stadtfeld Russell
Bill
Vicki Haggin
Dani May
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9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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