



# Holy Eucharist

## Second Sunday of Advent and Commemoration of Our Lady of Guadalupe

8, 9 & 11 a.m. Sunday, December 4, 2022

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*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.*



*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.)**

Pazienza ("Waiting")

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

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

Hymnal, #66

Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

*The people stand.*

## **Opening Acclamation**

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*You come to your people and set them free.*

## **Lighting Of The Advent Wreath**

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**

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.*

# Kyrie Eleison

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

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

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, —  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,  
Christ, —  
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, — have mer - cy. Lord,  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## **The Collect Of The Day**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The Collect For The Feast Of Our Lady Of Guadalupe**

O God of love, you blessed your people at Tepeyac 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 who have been marked by your image share with the 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 11: 1-10

*The people are seated.*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,

and faithfulness the belt around his loins.  
The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.  
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall  
inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

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

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

at 8:00 said responsively by half verse

at 11:00 chanted by all, seated

William Croft  
(1678-1727)



- <sup>1</sup> Give the King your / justice, ' O / God, \*  
and your righteousness / to ' the / King's / Son;
- <sup>2</sup> That he may rule your / peo'ple / righteously \*  
-- / and ' the / poor ' with / justice;
- <sup>3</sup> That the mountains may bring prosperity / to ' the / people, \*  
and the little / hills ' bring / right'eous-ness.
- <sup>4</sup> He shall defend the needy a-/mong ' the / people; \*  
he shall rescue the / poor ' and / crush ' the op-/pressor.
- <sup>5</sup> He shall live as long as the sun and / moon ' en-/dure, \*  
from one gener-/a'tion / to ' an-/other.
- <sup>6</sup> He shall come down like rain up-/on the ' mown / field, \*  
like / showers ' that / water ' the / earth.
- <sup>7</sup> In his time shall the / right'eous / flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the / moon ' shall / be ' no / more.
- <sup>18</sup> Blessed be the Lord God, the / God ' of / Israel, \*  
who a-/lone ' does / won'drous / deeds!
- <sup>19</sup> And blessed be his glorious / Name ' for / ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. / A'men. / A-/men.

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

Romans 15: 4-13

A reading from the Letter from Paul to the Romans.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

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

Hymnal, #75

There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

*All stand.*

## **The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 3: 1-12

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

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.' "

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

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.

Catherine Karvosky & Oliver Clark, soloists

*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 this community and all of creation.

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

For our community, that the vision of Juan Diego will inspire us to bear active witness against prejudice, discrimination, hatred and violence. The Almighty has done great things for us,  
*and remembers the promise of mercy.*

For the fearful, the poor in spirit, the sick, the suffering and the grieving, especially those that have asked for our prayers including (N.) May our care for them reflect the love of Blessed Mary for you.

The Almighty has done great things for us,  
*and remembers the promise of mercy.*

For all displaced persons, that the humble resolve of Blessed Mary will embolden us to stand with them in their struggle, especially the millions fleeing from Syria, South Sudan, Venezuela, and Ukraine. The Almighty has done great things for us,  
*and remembers the promise of mercy.*

We rejoice for those who have been granted the fullness of the promise you made and who now dwell with you in your heavenly realm, especially for (N.). The Almighty has done great things for us,  
*and remembers the promise of mercy.*

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 of our lives. The Almighty has done great things for us,  
*and remembers the promise of mercy.*

*The celebrant ends the prayer with a closing collect.*

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 to God.

*The people kneel, as able.*

*Ministers and People*

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

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

### **The Peace**

*The people stand.*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*And also with you.*

*The Ministers and 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*

## Offertory Anthem (9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)

Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621), arr. David Willcocks

*at 9:00, sung by St. Mary's Youth Choir*

*at 11:00, sung by St. Mary's Parish Choir*

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,  
And manifest thy virgin-birth:  
Let every age adoring fall;  
Such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,  
But of the Spirit thou art still  
The Word of God in flesh arrayed,  
The promised fruit to us displayed.

The virgin womb that burden gained  
With virgin honour all unstained;  
The banners there of virtue glow;  
God in his temple dwells below.

All laud, eternal Son, to thee  
Whose advent sets thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

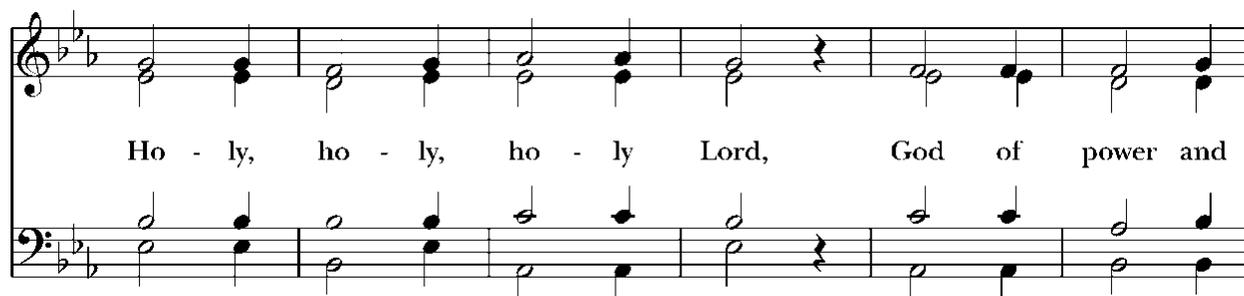
-St. Ambrose (340-397), tr. John Mason Neale



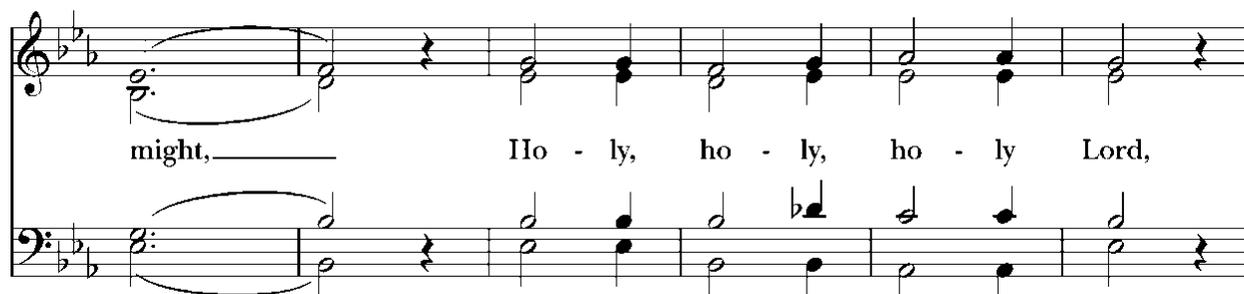
# Sanctus & Benedictus

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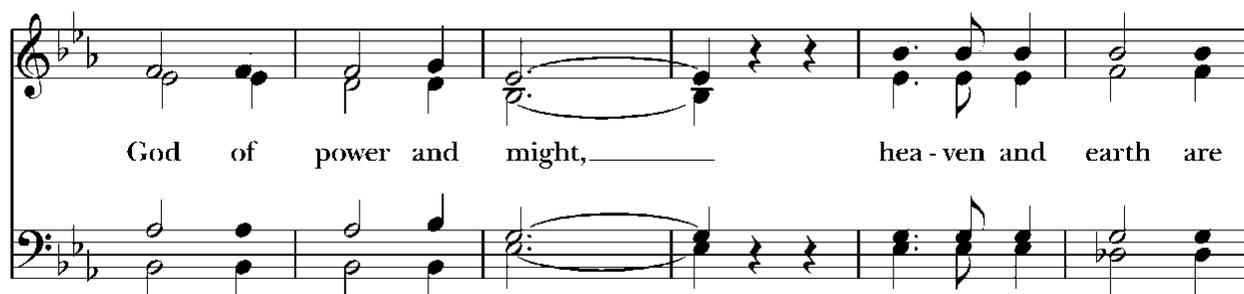
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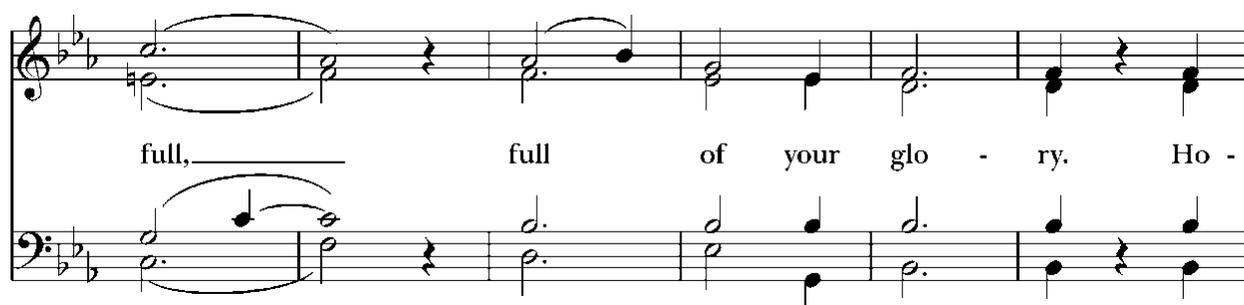
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



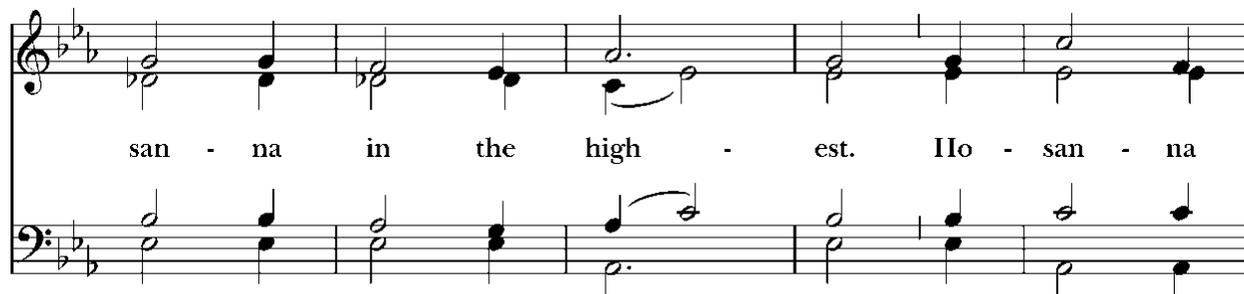
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The People stand or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary the Christ Bearer and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for 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.)

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

### 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.

## The Communion

All who desire to know God are invited to receive the consecrated Bread and Wine. Wine may be sipped from the cup. There is no intinction (dipping wafer into the wine) due to health considerations. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

*If you prefer to receive a blessing, please simply cross your arms over your chest.*

*The people are seated.*

## Communion Chant (9:00 a.m.)

Lento  $\text{♩} = 48$   
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Wait for the Lord, his day is near.

The first line of the Communion Chant is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, his day is near." The music consists of a series of chords and single notes, with a final cadence.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

The second line of the Communion Chant continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!" The music concludes with a final cadence.

**Communion Music (11:00 a.m.)**

Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming  
*Sung by St. Mary's Parish Choir*

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
As men of old have sung.  
It came, a flower bright,  
Amid the cold of winter  
When half-gone was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The Rose I have in mind:  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright  
She bore to men a Savior  
When half-gone was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender  
With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor  
The darkness everywhere.  
True man, yet very God,  
From sin and death He saves us  
And lightens every load

-St. Ambrose

**Post Communion Prayer**

*The people stand.*

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, for gathering your children together in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. We rejoice that you have remembered us; for we were scattered and have now been drawn together from the four corners of the earth. May we who rejoice in the Blessed Mary of Guadalupe ever strive for peace and serve you as witnesses of Jesus Christ until the day of the Lord dawns in glory. *Amen.*

## **Sending Of The Eucharist 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 share one heavenly feast.*

## **Blessing**

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

Hymnal, #54

Savior of the Nations, Come

*Verses 1-2 are sung before the homily; verses 3-4 after.*

### **The Homily (9:00 a.m.)**

The Rev. Kira Austin-Young

*The people are seated.*

## **Dismissal**

Let us go forth love and serve the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

### **Postlude (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)**

"Offertoire" from *Mass for the Convents*

François Couperin "le Grand" (1668-1733)

# Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

## *Welcome Visitors And Guests*

December 4, 2022

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](mailto:office@smvsf.org) and we will stay in touch with you. We look forward to traveling this journey of faith with you! Following public health recommendations from the diocesan and civic authorities, masks and social distancing are optional for worship. We invite you to use your own discretion about whether or not you choose to wear a mask indoors.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:ashley@smvsf.org).

#### **Courtyard Commerce Today**

It's Advent, the season of waiting for the wondrous things that are coming. That said, there's a lot going on right now. The younger children will hear the story of the Angel Gabriel's visit to Mary and be introduced to the many symbols of Advent. We'll also debrief today's Virgin of Guadalupe pageant and introduce Santa Lucia who will be with us next week.

Meanwhile upstairs the older children will review essential Advent information as they prepare for today's Courtyard Commerce. Just in time for holiday gift wrapping, we'll be selling bags of hand crafted gift tags. The goal is to provide blankets, socks and hygiene supplies for the Gubbio Project operating at St. John's Episcopal Church in the Mission District. Each day a hundred or so people, many of whom are unhoused or otherwise disadvantaged, come to St. John's for respite, 'sacred sleep' in the sanctuary and hospitality and services in the courtyard.

Courtyard Commerce is just this Sunday, but in the weeks to come we hope you'll consider a donation of a blanket, socks or hygiene supplies. A collection basket will be in the narthex.

#### **Newcomer Reception**

#### **Today, Sunday, December 4th**

Whether you've recently joined the St. Mary's community or you consider yourself a newcomer, you're invited to a casual reception at the home of Nancy Clark (1628 Lake St) on Sunday, December

4th from 3-5 p.m. Come learn more about St. Mary's, mix and mingle with other newcomers, clergy, and others who make this community so special. Please RSVP to the Rev'd Kira Austin-Young at [kira@smvsf.org](mailto:kira@smvsf.org).

**The Sankta Lucia Procession  
Sunday, December 11, 9 a.m.**

All parish children ages 4-18 are invited to join in the Sankta Lucia Procession on Sunday, December 11th at the 9:00 a.m. service. Costumes provided. Please arrive in the Great Room for costuming, instructions, and rehearsal by 8:10 a.m. on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Please let Marla know at [marla@smvsf.org](mailto:marla@smvsf.org) if your child will participate so we can plan, but you are welcome to simply show up to rehearsal on Sunday morning.

**Lussekatter, Sankta Lucia Bun Baking  
Saturday, December 10**

Children ages 6-18 are also invited to join a meditative baking session of the special Sankta Lucia buns called Lussekatter on Saturday morning, December 10 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Great Room. Our deacon postulant, Rebekah Hays Estera, is a talented baker with a special interest in sacred baking. Parents may join, or drop off children if you need to for this time. Please RSVP to Marla: [marla@smvsf.org](mailto:marla@smvsf.org) before Friday, December 2.

**Union Street Caroling  
Saturday, December 17**

Join us for Christmas Caroling on Union Street! We'll meet in the Courtyard at St. Mary's on Saturday, December 17 at 1:00. We will carol down the street until about 3:00 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!

**A Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols,  
Sunday, December 18**

Grounded in the rich Anglican heritage of music and a much-loved service at St. Mary's, A Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols, will be offered on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 9:00 and at 11:00 a.m. Advent Lessons and Carols is resplendent with magnificent song and moving Scripture readings offering time for reflection, meditation, and peace with emphasis on hope, anticipation and renewal of self in preparation for the coming of the Chosen One.

Lessons and Carols is a non-Eucharist service. A Eucharist service will be offered at 8:00 a.m. on December 18 marking the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

## **Nominations for New Vestry Members**

Do you feel called to serve God at a leadership level? Consider putting your talents to use on St. Mary's Vestry. The Vestry functions as the board of directors of St. Mary the Virgin, is responsible for the overall discernment of God's vision for St. Mary's, and exercises corporate and budgetary authority. The Vestry oversees the wide range of ministries, programs, and events at St. Mary's. Every year the Vestry thanks four graduating members for their service and nominates four new candidates for the slate. Each term is three years. Ask a former/current Vestry member about their experience, and consider nominating yourself or others. Follow the url on our Highlights email or website to nominate someone. you have any questions, please email the vestry at [vestry@smvsf.org](mailto:vestry@smvsf.org).

## **Edward's Story**

Since September, the St. Mary's-Sherith Israel Nueva Esperanza Accompaniment (NEAT) team has been accompanying Edward (emphatically not Eduardo), who had to flee his native Columbia when his life was threatened repeatedly by government agents. Edward officially is sponsored by our own beloved Gerson Marcony Bolvito Grijalva, who we helped achieve asylum 3½ years ago. Learn about Edward's by visiting <https://www.smvsf.org/edwards-story/>. You may contribute to this work by designating "Justice Ministries" on your special Advent donation. Contact clergy or any member of St. Mary's NEAT (identified

in the article) to join this blessed work of welcoming the stranger among us.

## **Advent Outreach Giving Opportunities: St. Mary's Justice Ministry and Nambale Magnet School**

This Advent season, all those who desire to make a direct difference in the world through your financial partnership are invited to support either the St. Mary's Justice Ministry and/or the Nambale Magnet School. Funds for the St. Mary's Justice Ministry will be used to strengthen our work in migration ministry, unhoused ministry, and other areas the Holy Spirit leads us to. Donations to the Nambale Magnet school will be fully given to support the school and their needs as a part of the Youth Mission Trip that will once again be visiting the school in the summer of 2023. To learn more about the Nambale Magnet school please go to [thenambalemagnetschool.sc.ke/](http://thenambalemagnetschool.sc.ke/) To learn more about St. Mary's Justice Ministry please visit [smvsf.org/justice-ministries/](http://smvsf.org/justice-ministries/) Please make checks out to "St. Mary's Church" and designate your intention in the memo line.

## **Advent Giving Tree and Project (Re)start!**

This year, our parish giving tree ministry is in partnership with The Diocese of Northern California, who has invited us to partner with other parishes in their diocese and our own in providing essential household and personal goods for victims of wildfire, flooding, and other disasters. Victims often need household and personal items since they are often a long distance

from stores providing necessary goods and/or have difficulty shouldering the financial burden. This "restarting" of life for disaster victims can take months while they live in temporary housing until their permanent housing is rebuilt.

Our Giving Tree will be covered with ornaments containing needed items by those in Northern California recovering from natural disasters. Beginning Sunday, Nov. 27th, we invite parishioners and their families to take ornaments from the Giving Tree, purchase the indicated items, and deposit them into the appropriate bin on the first floor of the parish hall by Dec. 18th. Items do not need to be wrapped.

If you have any questions, please contact Rebekah Hays-Estera - our deacon postulant at 661.964.8120 or rh.estera@gmail.com, Susan Barber, Nancy Clark, or Deacon Tim Smith.

### **Youth Mission Trip to Kenya**

For the 2023 Youth Mission Trip we will return to the Nambale Magnet School in Kenya! All 8th-12th graders are encouraged to apply for the trip, which will be from June 19-July 4. Space is limited, so completing the application (due January 17) is essential. Contact Mike Stafford at mike@smvsf.org with questions.

### **Welcome Home!**

#### **St. Mary's 2023 Annual Appeal**

St. Mary's mission and ministry is possible because of the grace of God and people who give of themselves and their financial resources so that we may continue to receive the love of God and bear Christ into

the world. It's not too late to make a pledge, as we need your help to reach our goal!

To learn more about making a pledge, or to make a pledge online please visit our pledge page at <https://www.smvsf.org/2023-pledge/>

Should you have questions about pledging, or St. Mary's in general, please contact Rev. David at david@smvsf.org.

<b>Total Pledge Units:</b>	131
<b>Total Pledged:</b>	\$618,110
<b>Pledge Goal:</b>	\$800,000

### **Are the Holidays a Difficult Time for You?**

#### **Stephen Ministers are Here for You**

Are you finding yourself sad, in pain, depressed, or alone during the holidays? Are you mourning a loved one who is not here to share the joy of holidays with you? There are many reasons that we might find Advent the most painful time of the year. St. Mary's lay Stephen Ministers are here now and all year to walk with you and make sure that you are not alone. Stephen Ministers provide highly trained Christ-centered pastoral support to people in times of crisis. Contact a priest or deacon if you or someone you know might benefit from a Stephen Minister.

### **Advent Resources**

Advent, the church's season for preparation for the birth of Christ and Christ's Second Coming, begins Sunday, November 27th. To enter into this season, St. Mary's is providing several opportunities to deepen

your devotion and prepare your hearts during this busy but meaningful time. We will be using the daily devotional book *Holy is His Name* by Elis Hiu-Mei Lui as a congregation and copies are available on the table in the narthex for the taking.

There are also coloring poster Advent calendars available that are particularly good for families with young kids.

### **Youth Group Games Night**

All 6th-12th graders are invited to a Youth Group Games Night on Sunday, December 6 from 5:30-7:30 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!

### **Notes from the Finance Office**

#### **1. Regarding End of Year Checks**

As the end of the year approaches, the finance office at St. Mary's would like to let everyone know that all checks dated December 2022 and received by January 6, 2023 will be posted as 2022 donations. All checks dated 2023 will be posted as 2023 donations. Online credit card donations made before midnight on December 31, 2022 will be posted as 2022 donations.

#### **2. Please Use the Memo Line**

Please use the memo line on all checks to St. Mary's to indicate if your donation is for 2022 Pledge, 2023 Pledge, Christmas offering, Altar flowers, or Friends of Music.

All donations are welcome!

### **St. Mary Magdalene Scholarship 2023-2024**

The St. Mary Magdalene Scholarship Fund was created by a generous bequest of a long-time parishioner of St. Mary the Virgin. This gift funds undergraduate college scholarships for young women in our parish attending college during the 2023-2024 academic year.

More information and 2 application forms are available on the St. Mary's website under the Formation tab. One form is for new applicants and there is a different form for previous applicants who received scholarships last year. Applications are due by March 1, 2023. Please contact Ruth Tatum at [ruth.tatum@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.tatum@gmail.com) with questions.

### **Masks Optional for All**

Following The CDC guidelines, masks are currently optional for all people on St. Mary's campus. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. Should local transmission levels change, our policy of masks recommendations will change as well. For more information about the CDC guidelines, to view San Francisco's transmission level please visit [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county)

# *We Pray For...*

## ***PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS***

The Rev. Nancy Bryan  
Marlis Branaka  
David Gibson  
Barbara B.  
David Jeffrey  
The Drew Family  
Helen-Anne Gable  
Will Discollf  
Joe Boro  
The Elliot Family

## ***CONTINUING PRAYERS***

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

David  
Jeanne  
Deborah  
Gordon Bellis  
June  
Kevin Teeney  
The Community at the Heritage & St. Francis  
Jane  
Quinn Charles Fay  
Erich  
Tim Eland  
Simon  
Phyllis Shepherd  
Michael Crossley  
André Diedrichs  
Mike Lusse  
Fred Martin  
Shirlee Martin  
Heidi Driscoll  
Francis Kalani  
Cammy Bryan

## ***RECENTLY DECEASED***

Jon Hayman  
Tom Austin  
Michael Gerson  
Kathy Mastrocola  
Mary Roper  
Malcolm Graham Dugliss

# *Christmas Season Liturgical Offerings*

## **Blue Christmas, Tuesday Dec. 20**

7:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service

## **Christmas Eve, Saturday Dec. 24**

2:00 p.m. Christmas Petting Zoo in the Courtyard

3:00 p.m. Family Nativity Pageant

5:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist for Christmas Eve

9:00 p.m. **(New Time)**  
Festival Choral Eucharist

## **Christmas Day, Sunday Dec. 25**

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Carols

## **First Sunday after Christmas, Sunday Jan. 1**

10:00 a.m. Congregational Christmas Lessons & Carols

## **Feast of the Epiphany, Sunday Jan. 8**

8:00 a.m. Spoken Word Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Baptism & Procession of the Magi

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Procession of the Magi

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