

December 20, 2020 Third Sunday of Advent

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Sunday, December 20th

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Welcome to our Livestream of the Sunday Mass - **please feel free to share this with your friends on Facebook and invite people to attend the online Mass.**

Today is **December 20, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Good Morning

At this time, we ask you to light the advent candle at your homes in preparation for the mass.

Announcement:

The Church has reopened and daily mass has resumed with 7 am and 8:30 am - appropriate social distancing must be followed and masks must be worn at all times - no exceptions. 8.30 am mass will continue to be livestreamed.

Weekend masses are open as well but require advance signup – please see website for details. 10 am Sunday mass will also continue to be livestreamed.

The Church is open for private prayer from 6.45 am to noon on weekdays. Please follow social distancing protocols. Masks must be worn at all times.

Also, please note that you will need to reserve in advance for attending weekend masses and Mass during Christmas time - details for sign-up posted on the website

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Thank you for your participation in the Christmas mass survey

Please check our website for Christmas mass schedule. Reservations must be made in advance no exceptions – visit website or call the parish office to inquire and make reservations.

For those of us who continue to celebrate Mass in our homes virtually it is good to remember that Jesus is truly present whenever 2 or 3 are gathered in his name, even if at a distance. There is also the idea of the “Domestic Church”, an understanding that is born of baptism that the family is the first and perhaps most encountered way of living out our lives of faith. Both of these ideas have taken on greater prominence these last few months.

Let us now take a moment to greet each other online.

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Amen

Lord have mercy;
Christ have mercy;
Lord have mercy;

Glory to God in the Highest

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Amen

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Lectionary: 11

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.”

Thanks be to God

Response: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

R. (2a) **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever;
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.
For you have said, “My kindness is established forever”;

in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant:

Forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all generations."

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father,
my God, the Rock, my savior.'

Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,
and my covenant with him stands firm."

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

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.

Thanks be to God

Alleluia

LK 1:38

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Before Gospel

P: "The Lord be with you." All: "and with your spirit."

P: "A reading from the Gospel according to Luke" All: "Glory to you Lord."

Gospel

LK 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.

After Gospel

P: “The Gospel of the Lord.” All: “Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.”

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The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.
I 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 adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayer of the faithful:

Response: Lord hear our prayer

Please pray for an end to the current COVID-19 pandemic and all who are impacted by it, especially those who are ill and those who have lost their lives. Please offer a prayer of thanksgiving as well for those who risk their own health to help others.

May the Holy Spirit come upon all and continue to inspire us.
Please pray for peace around the world.

We also pray for the children of the parish who had their First Communion in September, and for the children received the sacrament of Confirmation in October.

For the eighth-grade confirmation candidates and their families that the Holy Spirit may come upon them to guide them in their faith journey.

We also pray for the students that are home for the Christmas break.

Back to School Prayer

Dear God, with a new school year upon us, we pray for our students and teachers, that You would ease their anxiety about going back to school amidst the pandemic. We pray for safety for those returning to in-person classes, and for the needed technology, self-discipline, and adult oversight for those learning

online. We pray that every child has enough to eat, a supportive network of friends and family, and perseverance to face every challenge with Your strength. *Amen*

Please pray for the safe reopening of the Church.

Mass Intentions

Dominick Verdic+ By the Verdic Family

Other Intentions for the weekend:

Barbara, George Sr. & Gertrude Hughes+ By the Hughes Family

For the People of IHM Parish

Dr. Frank Pecoraro+ By Mary Anne, Danielle, Will & Danica

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Offertory:

At this time we would have our weekly collection. We ask you to prayerfully consider making a donation through our online, text to give or parish envelope options. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Giving:

<https://www.parishgiving.org/index?e=876D52DCC9C937F21282F9D33E7E517ED8C94E18D7AF78A1>

Go Fund Me:

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/immaculate-heart-of-mary-scotch-plains>

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Giving tree is virtual this year – please see website or follow this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45acad22a5fbc07-christmas>

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy church.

Amen

And with your spirit ;

We lift them up to the lord ;

It is right and just;

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Eucharistic prayer:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,

FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU
R: My Lord and my God

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,x`
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.
R: My Lord and my God

Memorial Acclamations (pick the one that is sung)
[Priest]

The mystery of faith.

1. We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.
2. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.
3. Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

Amen

Our Father

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 the kingdom the power and the glory are yours now and forever

Amen

Peace be with you all.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof; but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer after Communion:
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Dismissal

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