Second Sunday of Advent



2021 SJE Car Raffle: First Ever All-Electric VW ID.4

Be One of the First in the Area to Own the Brand-New Volkswagen ID.4!

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After the tremendous success of our first-ever car raffle earlier this year, Saint John the Evangelist wanted to find a unique and eco-friendly way to enhance our annual program and continue to support our Catholic Faith Appeal goal. We are very blessed to have a special relationship with Volkswagen of Naples, and they presented this special opportunity: the Brand-New Volkswagen ID.4, the first ever all-electric production vehicle from VW!

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A Prayer for World Peace

Dear God, thank You for all creation. In the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth and all teachers of peace who inspire the many faith traditions, help me and all the people of the world learn how to replace hate, war, oppression, and division with love, peace, freedom, and reconciliation. Help me to embody Your love in my relationships with my family, friends, strangers – even my enemies. I commit myself to this sacred task throughout my life. So let it be. Amen.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 5, 2020

8:00 a.m. Alice Dunney + (Vigil Masses for Sunday) 3:00 p.m. + Frank Barletta & Ralph Rocco 5:00 p.m. + Louis Perry Sr. Sunday, December 6, 2020 7:00 a.m. + Terry Vander Horst 9:00 a.m. SI Horey & Thoman Family 9:15 a.m. + Elaine Buscemi 11:00 a.m. SI Olivia Webster & David Pagano 11:15 a.m. Jerry Thirion + 1:00 p.m. Phil & Bernadette Monachino + SI For Our Parishioners 5:00 p.m. Monday, December 7, 2020 8:30 a.m. + Jean De Cesare Tuesday, December 8, 2020 8:00 a.m. + James D. McCarthy 10:00 a.m. + Linnae Fedeli Eddy 12:00 p.m. + Cheryl McKillip 5:00 p.m. Dan Marrandino + 7:00 p.m. Claire D'Angelo + Wednesday, December 9, 2020 8:30 a.m. Kenneth Longlade + Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:30 a.m. + Rhonda Olcheski Friday. December 11. 2020 8:30 a.m. + James P. Tucker Saturday, December 12, 2020 8:00 a.m. Claire D'Angelo + (Vigil Masses for Sunday) 3:00 p.m. For Our Parishioners + 5:00 p.m. + Andy Sanfelippo Sunday, December 13, 2020 7:00 a.m. + Terry Vander Horst 9:00 a.m. Edward Murphy 9:15 a.m. + Mary Rose Torres 11:00 a.m. Ted Konicki + 11:15 a.m. + George Howlett 1:00 p.m. + George Avery 5:00 p.m. Mark V. Russo +

Requested By Michele Murtaghy

Jean Barletta Louis Perry Jr. **Requested By** Vicki Vander Horst Iris Horey Natalie Campbell Nonna Diana Thirion Pat & Kathy Monachino

Requested By

Kay Reid **Requested By** Dolores Kernochan Parents Lindaman & Scrudato Families Arlene & Charlie Fetter Sylvia & Anthony DeFeo **Requested By** Elizabeth Longlade **Requested By** EME **Requested By** Kathleen Huff **Requested By** Carol Swank

Friend **Requested By** Vicki Vander Horst Paul & Patricia Mikus Marta Krug Julia Konicki The Howlett Family Marie Avery John Trave

Readings for the Week

Saturday, December 5, 2020 Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180)

Sunday, December 6, 2020 The Second Sunday of Advent Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8 (5) Pss II

Monday, December 7, 2020 [Saint Ambrose] *Memorial* Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26 (181)

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 The Immaculate Conception of the BVM

(Patronal Feastday of the United States of America) Solemnity [Holyday of Obligation] Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 (689) Pss Prop

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 [Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin] Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30 (183)

Thursday, December 10, 2020 [Our Lady of Lareto] Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15 (184)

Friday, December 11, 2020 [Saint Damasus I] Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19 (185)

Saturday, December 12, 2020 Our Lady of Guadalupe *Feast* Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Lk 1:26-38

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Sacrament of Baptism. The Diocese requires that parents seeking baptism for their child attend a baptism preparation class. To schedule a baptism class, please call the office at (239) 566-8740.

Sacrament of Matrimony. Those who wish to be married in our parish must complete the Marriage Preparation Program. The Diocese requires a six month notice. *Tricia Schwarz: tricia@sjecc.com*.

Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements. Call the parish office. If the office is closed the answering machine will provide an emergency phone number for you to reach a priest.

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Gospel Reflections with Father Tom

Advent is a time for dreaming. Some dream of a white Christmas. Others dream about the gifts they hope to find under the tree come Christmas morning. Still others dream of spending Christmas on a deserted island far from the demands and expectations that, for many, infuse this season with stress and anxiety. I believe all of us dream of going back to normal.

Whatever your dream, Advent is also a time to recall God's dream for humanity. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ as the Word made flesh, our thoughts are drawn to the reason for the season, and it does not take us long to conclude that we are the reason why God sent his only Son to take on flesh and live among us. After all, almost as soon as God loved and dreamed the world into existence, we humans traded God's dream for dreams of our own; we went our own way, and we forgot the image and likeness of God in which we were created.

God loved the world too much to let us remain in our sin, our isolation, and our separation from Him and one another. God dreamed of restoring the world, and those who inhabit it, to their original state of unity and dignity, and it was thus that He decided to send Jesus to be our Savior. But that dream did not die when Jesus ascended to the Father after his death and resurrection. It continues even now as God continues to dream and envision the world he entrusted to our stewardship being reshaped and reconfigured in such a way that it more closely resembles his Kingdom.

In today's first reading, we hear one of the most poetic and eloquent descriptions of God's dream through the words of the prophet Isaiah. But God's dream is not just about some distant future in a faraway place where enemies become friends and those who are opposed join hands in friendship; it is a dream that God wishes to implant in us so that, making the dream our own, we would live, love, and work in such a way as to make that dream a reality now, today!

What gets in the way of making that dream a reality is that, just as our first parents, we, too, continue to struggle in our own lives with the tension between sharing God's dream and going our own way. That's why we need to hear once again the voice of John the Baptist in our Gospel reading reminding us to prepare the way of the Lord, but in order to do this, we must first experience a change of heart. In other words, repent for the Kingdom of heaven is near.

All that is good and fine, but the question remains: how do we awaken to the dream God has for us? How do we make God's dream our own and play our rightful role in working to make that dream a reality? Perhaps the best and most powerful way to do this is to embrace a spirituality of Advent – Attending to the presence of God in and around us; Discerning carefully what choices we are called to make in life; Visioning anew what our life can look like and doing what we need to do to achieve the life we desire; Engaging in life-giving relationships with those whom God has given



us to share the journey of life; Nurturing our relationship with God through prayer and frequent reception of the Sacraments; and Thanking God for the abundant ways in which He blesses us, aiming always to grow in an attitude of gratitude.

Whatever your particular dream this Advent season, let us bring all our dreams, hopes, and longings to the Lord in this Eucharistic celebration, and let us ask God that by feeding us with the Body and Blood of His Son, He might nourish within us the desire to make God's dream our own and to work throughout this Advent season and beyond to make that dream a reality.





Christmas Toy Collection Next Weekend December 12th and 13th

Make a needy child's Christmas Merry by bringing a new toy to Mass next weekend. Drop off your toy at the collection "bin" that will be in the Narthex before and after each Mass.

Donations of new unwrapped toys or other appropriate gifts are requested for boys and girls up to 17 years of age. Donations of items for older kids are especially welcome.

The annual toy drive is conducted by the Knights of Columbus St John Council 11281.

This year, the North Collier Fire Rescue District Firefighters and Paramedics will distribute your gifts through its Adopt a Family Program aka "Angela's Angels." This program is named in loving memory of Angela Coffey, a NCFR employee who pioneered the annual Adopt a Family program. Because of her passion for serving, the program continues to inspire others to do the same.

Angela's Angels coordinates with Collier County Public Schools and identifies children and families in need. The NCFR Firefighters then deliver the donated gifts and other essentials to those families!

Remember Toy Collection December 12 & 13 2020

(if you cannot donate on Saturday or Sunday, bring your toy to the Parish Office during the prior week)



This collection sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, distribution by the Angela's Angel program of the North Collier Fire Rescue District.







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Actual Vehicle Awarded May Differ from Vehicle Shown in Terms of Color and Options

We wanted to get our 2021 Annual Car Raffle kick-started here in December so you can come to the Front Office starting the week of December 7, 2020, and grab your tickets as Stocking Stuffers for Christmas. The price is \$20 per ticket or a pack of 6 for \$100. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to both save the environment and snag an original first-ever vehicle, all while supporting our Catholic Faith Appeal Goal. Come get them while you can!



2020 Ladies of Charity Children's Christmas Gift Drive

In past years, Ladies of Charity held an annual Christmas Sneaker Drive. This year, in light of the pandemic, the Ladies of Charity will be accepting monetary donations for a Children's Christmas Gift Drive. All contributions donated to the Ladies of Charity will be used to provide Christmas gifts to children served by these three vital and approved social services programs within our community: Guadalupe Social Services in Immokalee, Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA) Immokalee Community School, and needy children at Naples Park Elementary School. Access the <u>online</u> <u>donation capability here</u>. You can also give via check or cash by making it out to the Ladies of Charity, with the memo line: 2020 Children's Christmas Gift Drive, and placing your gift in the Offertory Basket when leaving church or mailing/dropping it off at our Front Office.



Faith Formation



Celebrating Our Confirmation Youth ~ Please Keep Them in Your Prayers

Please keep our youth in your prayers as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this week with Bishop Frank J. Dewane. Our youth have been preparing for over two years and are excited for this day to finally arrive!

<u>Name</u>

Jacqueline Acevedo Michael Arsenault Nina Backus **Joseph Baier** Alexander Barrios-Ruiz **Blake Bollinger Jack Boucher** Lily Braun Joseph Calamari II Matthew Campbell **Richard Colo** Brendan Corina Katherine Drevfuss Morgan Gahan Grant Goduti Grace Greco Isabel Greening David Hintz Olivia Hofacker Kody Horton London Jackoboice Laurvn Jackson Zoev Jones Charlotte Kelly Jaidan Knott Samuel Kodak Thomas Kodak

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Saint Name Saint Brigid of Kildare Saint Sebastian Saint Cecilia Saint Ignatius of Loyola Saint Patrick of Ireland Saint Anthony of Padua Saint Anthony of Padua Saint Catherine of Alexandria Saint Luke the Evangelist Saint Andrew the Apostle Saint Phillip Neri Saint Sebastian Saint Genevieve Saint Germaine of Pibrac Saint Gabriel the Archangel Saint Therese of Lisieux Saint Ioan of Arc Saint Francis of Assisi Saint Rose of Viterbo Saint Sebastian Saint Dymphna Saint Genevieve Saint Ioan of Arc Saint Cecilia Saint Joan of Arc Saint Andrew the Apostle Saint Peter the Apostle

Name Alexander Konopczynski Isabella Lucarelli Abbie Lyncheski Michael MacDonald Dominic Manziano Clara Marti Garro Sarah Mill William Nehrkorn **Daniel Noguera** Kathryn Norris Molly O'Brien Gabriele Perilli Marta Petruzzella Alexandra Pfent Tyler Plumley Jordyn Puthoff Isabella Rebimbas Laura Ribeiro Sebastian Robalino-Ordoñez Christopher Rosato Trent Rowe Hailie Scandaliato Colin Shook **Rvan Staunch** Martin Sullivan Anna Swords Madeline Vickers

<u>Saint Name</u>

Saint Pope John Paul II Saint Teresa of Avila Saint Teresa of Calcutta Saint Christopher Saint Nicholas St Hildegard of Bingen Saint Cecilia Saint Pope John Paul II St Michael the Archangel Saint Brigid of Ireland Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Saint Thomas Aquinas Saint Maria Goretti St Elizabeth of Hungary Saint James the Greater Saint Mary Magdalene Saint Cecilia Saint Cecilia Saint John Bosco Saint Sebastian Saint Jerome Saint Sophia Saint Felix of Nola St Joseph of Cupertino Saint Patrick of Ireland Saint Anastasia Saint Monica

Thank you to everyone for your wonderful donations for Christmas Baskets for our Teen Moms in the Collier Schools TAPP program. We are still collecting items and will collect through December 15th. We are still in need of baby board books, pacifiers, baby shampoos and lotions, baby detergent, baby bibs, sippy cups and bowls, small baby toys, and clothing sizes 18 months-5T. Thank you for your kindness and overwhelming generosity!

This Week in Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, December 6th – K-8 Faith Formation Class Sessions & High School Confirmation Sessions

Monday, December 7th - 6:30 p.m. - Confirmation Year 3 Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 9th - K-8 Faith Formation Class Sessions

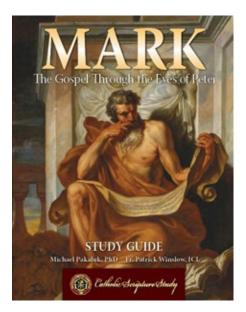
Thursday, December 10th - 6:30 p.m. - Confirmation Ceremony - Youth please arrive at 5:45 p.m. in the Ballroom

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Join Us for An Exciting New Bible Study – Mark: The Gospel Through the Eyes of Peter



As we are now in Cycle B of the Church Liturgical years, and this is the year for the Gospel according to St. Mark, what a great opportunity to study this Gospel! As a traveling companion and secretary to Peter, Mark and his writings would have a unique perspective of Jesus through St. Peter.

In Mark, an 18-session study, learn the compelling introduction to Christ, experiencing Him as a "worker of mighty deeds" who expels demons, heals the sick, and teaches that the Kingdom of God has not only arrived, but is in power. Learn, through Peter, why Christ's suffering was necessary. Experience Mark as a fascinating, compelling study presented through the eyes of Peter, Christ's original disciple.

You will hear the Lord's call, understanding it like never before, just as those first disciples – empowering you to spread the Good News as they did. Join us as Dr. Michael Pakaluk sheds new light in discovering Mark's Gospel verse-by-verse. Fr. Patrick Winslow provides powerful and practical insights to living this Gospel. Learn to apply these teachings to your own spiritual life.

The full-color Study Guide includes a glossary of key words, beautiful sacred art, and extensive commentary to open up the meaning of the entire biblical text. Insightful questions and supplemental readings from the Catechism, Church teachings, and saints aid in reflection and life application. We invite you to join us, even if you've never participated before.

This study will be offered from 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday mornings beginning on January 13th, 2021. To register for the study, please email <u>aff@sjecc.com</u>. Study guides are optional and may be pre-purchased for \$35.00. Space is limited, so please register soon!





Prayers

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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.

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Gloria (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.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion Prayer

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





Reading 1

IS 40:1-5, 9-11

Mass Worship Alia

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is explated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

Responsorial Psalm PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14

R. (8) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Reading 2 2 PT 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

Alleluia LK 3:4, 6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All flesh shall see the salvation of God. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel MK 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."





Hymns for the Second Sunday of Advent December 5-6, 2020

Prelude:
Entrance Hymn:
Preparation Hymn:
Communion Hymns :

A Voice Cries Out (Verses 1 & 2) A Voice Cries Out (Verses 3 and on) Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

I Have Loved You

Comfort, Comfort O My People

Closing Hymn:

People Look East (Verses 1 & 2)

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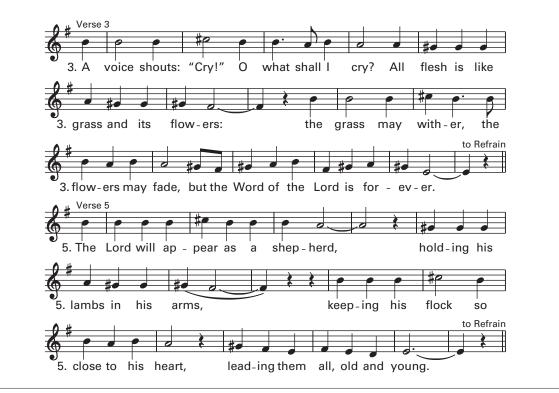






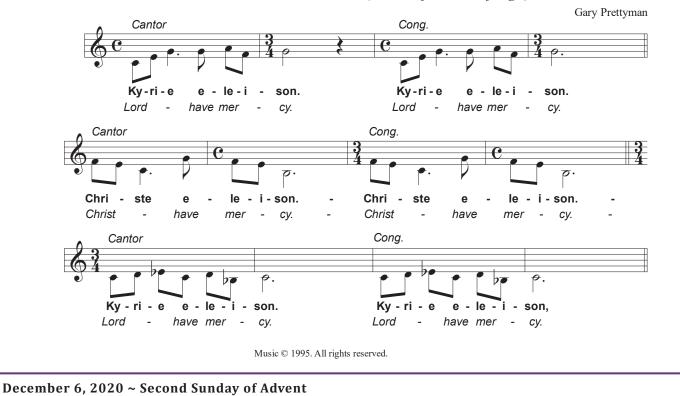
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A VOICE CRIES OUT (CONT. 2)



Kyrie eleison (Lord Have Mercy)

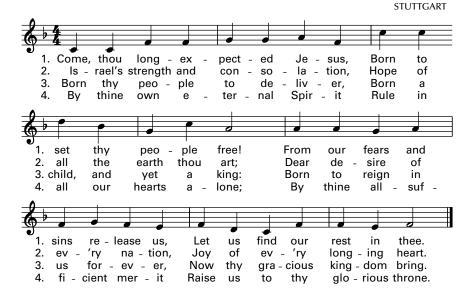
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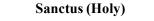




COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

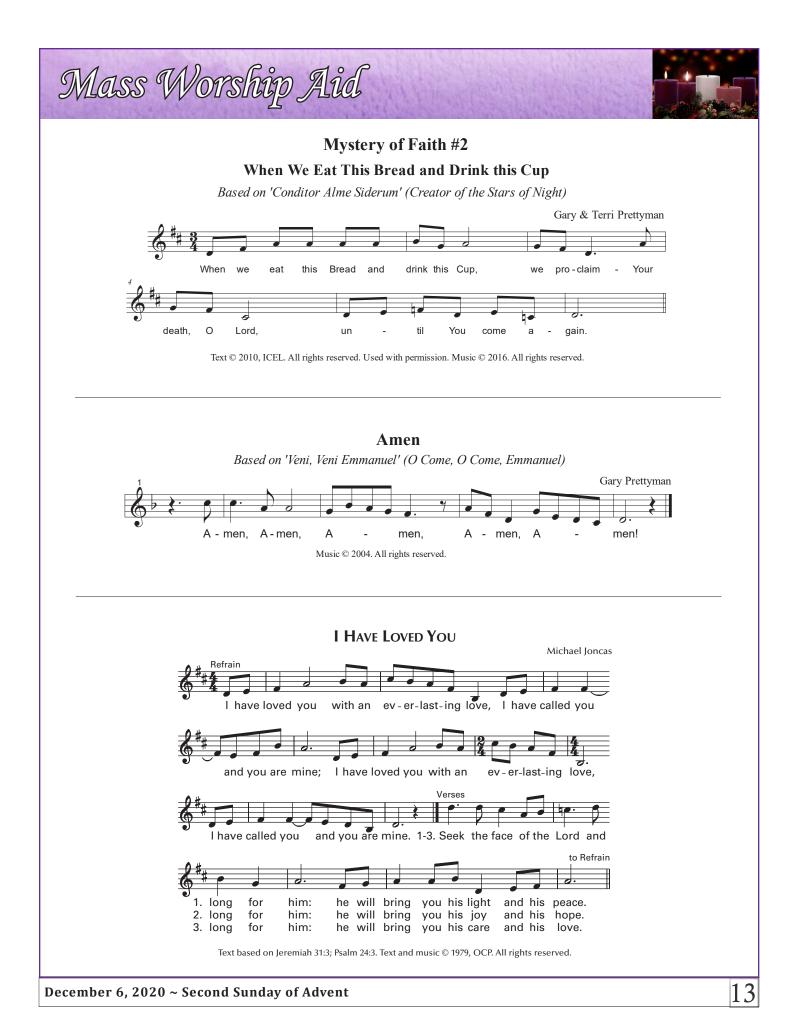


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COMFORT, COMFORT, O MY PEOPLE



Music: *Psalm 42 (Genevan Psalter)*, 1551; Claude Goudimel, 1514–1572.

PEOPLE, LOOK EAST



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Scripture Readings for Immaculate Conception of the BVM

Reading 1 GN 3:9-15, 20

After the man, Adam, had eaten of the tree, the LORD God called to the man and asked him, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself." Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!" The man replied, "The woman whom you put here with me she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it." The LORD God then asked the woman, "Why did you do such a thing?" The woman answered, "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you shall be banned from all the animals and from all the wild creatures; on your belly shall you crawl, and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel." The man called his wife Eve, because she became the mother of all the living.

Responsorial Psalm PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4

R. (1) Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

R. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.

The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

R. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

R. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.

Reading 2 EPH 1:3-6, 11-12

Brothers and sisters: Blessed be the God and Father of

our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved. In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ.

Alleluia LK 1:28

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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.

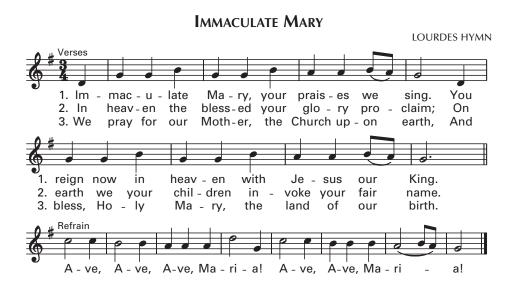




Hymns for the Immaculate Conception of the BVM December 8, 2020

Entrance Hymn:	Immaculate Mary	
Preparation Hymn:	Cantor Solo	
Communion Hymn:	Mary's Song	
Closing Hymn:	Hail, Holy Queen (Salve Regina)	

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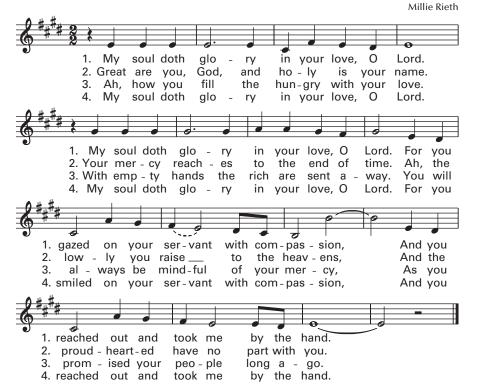
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A Year Ago: \$60,691.65	Pledged (11/19/20): \$446,510.31	November 1, 2020, Payment: \$18,000
Difference: -45%	% of Goal: 78%	Additional November Contributions: \$60,000.00
	% of Families Participating: 17%	Current Assumed Balance (11/17/20): \$895,513.59

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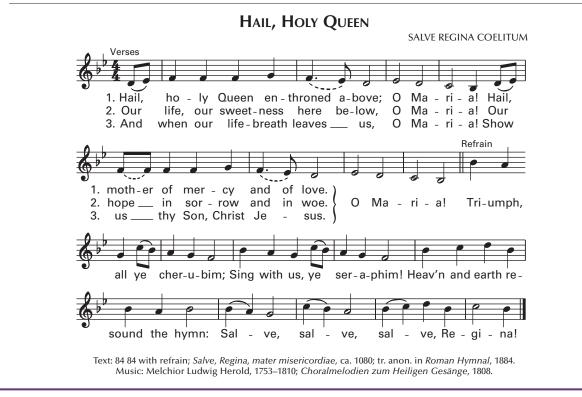
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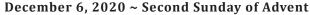


MARY'S SONG



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Verse 1) Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to You. Make us Your own, Your holy people, Light for the world to see. Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.

Mass Worship Aid

Christ, Be Our Light

Bernadette Farrell

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Verse 2)

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today. Verse 3) Longing for food, many are hungry Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us Your bread, broken for others, Shared until all are fed. Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.

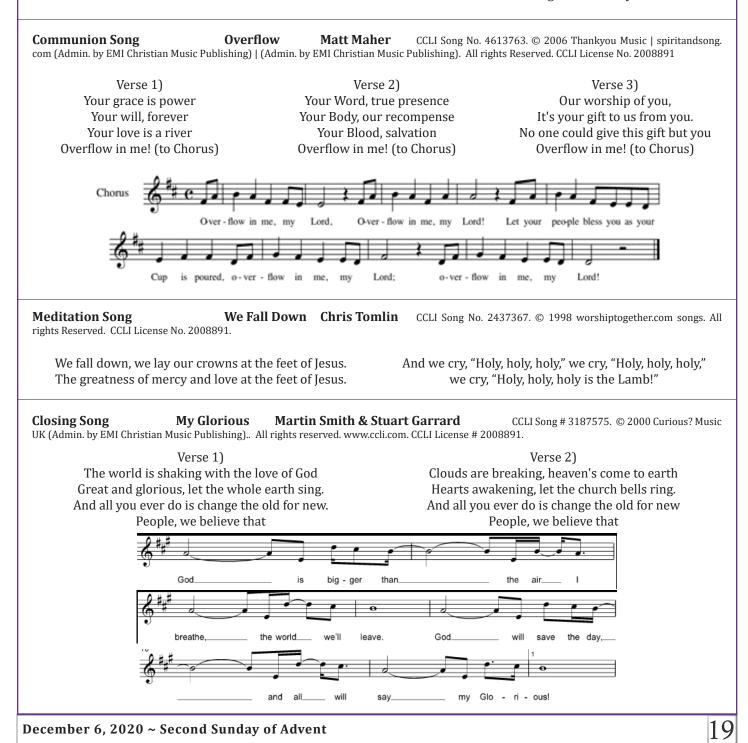
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Verse 4)

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us Your building, sheltering others, Walls made of living stone. Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today. Verse 5) Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today. Many the gift, many the people, Many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, Making Your kingdom come. Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.





DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

November 20, 2020

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King and Advent approaches, please accept my pastoral greetings and concern for you, the good Faithful in the Diocese of Venice. My prayer is that the preparation for the Lord's coming in the Advent Season will enliven our hope in the promises of Christ.

Allow me to update you regarding Masses as the Covid-19 Pandemic continues to impact the Diocese and all of us. In my October 9, 2020 letter, it was said that the General Dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass would remain in effect until November 28, 2020, and perhaps longer. Considering the present circumstances of the virus spread, the General Dispensation is extended into the New Year and I will advise regarding its conclusion at a future date.

There are some optimistic signs and there are increasing numbers of the Faithful returning to Church for Sunday Mass. Also, there is greater weekday attendance. Please continue to make every reasonable effort to return to in-person worship if you are able. With gratitude, I acknowledge all who have returned and commend those who continue to join the live streaming of Mass due to vulnerabilities and those who care for them. Further, let us all keep in prayer our brothers and sisters who have had the virus and their families.

As Christmas and the New Year approach, it is crucial to maintain vigilance regarding safety precautions in Parishes. This will necessitate scaling back special Feast Day celebrations and holiday related events. Unfortunately, it cannot be as it was in the past. Particularly, I underscore the need for the wearing of masks, maintaining appropriate distances, as well as cleaning and sanitizing measures. Parishes have been encouraged to schedule more Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day than is customary. Having additional Masses, perhaps at different times or in different locations (Parish hall or gymnasium), will safely accommodate the potential numbers of Faithful who may attend Mass for Christmas.

At this challenging time, let us be united in prayer as we journey through the Advent Season in preparation for the Birth of Our Lord and Savior. Be assured of my prayers for you and your family!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank/J. Dewane Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

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SOCIAL GROUPS

Boy Scout Troop 226 – St. John the Evangelist. Prepare boys to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Meets on Mondays at 6:45 p.m. in the Alexandria Room. *scoutmaster@troop-226.com*

Cub Scout Pack 226 – Chartered at St. John the Evangelist. Provide families with an opportunity to raise their young boys in the way of Jesus and through the formative values of Scouting. Meets on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Contact Melissa Wychocki: *mwychocki@gmail. com.*

Habitat for Humanity. Jury Paulson: jpaulson@habitatcollier.org

Mahjongg. Wednesday Play. Lanelle Bishop: 239.352.1860

PRAYER GROUPS

Pray the Rosary & the Chaplet of Divine Mercy – Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy are recited every day starting 50 minutes before Mass begins, Monday through Saturday. Summer Schedule at 7:40 a.m., Winter Schedule at 7:10 a.m. *Maria Desa: 239-529-7611 or Carol Swank 757.559.4761*

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group - Rosemary Erickson: 239.250.0432

Divine Will Prayer Group - Gorana Saner: 239.293.1765

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina – Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday morning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Library. *Kathleen Dunne: kadunne61@aol.com, 901.574.2947*

Liturgy of the Hours Call the Office: 239.566.8740 SUPPORT GROUPS

AA Robert: 239.287.2442

Adult Children of Alcoholics Tom Mooney, 239.287.0195

Al-Anon For meeting locations and times, call 239.263.5907 or

visit www.NaplesAl-Anon.org

Food Addiction Support Group Maryann Scandiffio, 239.784.2682

Sunset Coast NA 239.451.3275

Gambler's Anonymous 855.222.5542

Recovering Couples Anonymous Britta: 239.348.5031 or

Roger: 239.250.6888

Cpl. Derek Perez - US Marine Corps

PRAYER FOR THE **M**ILITARY

Please pray for our loved ones who are serving in the military: Adam Decker Austin Spagnola Nick Detloff Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino - USAF, Sgt. Douglas Hennessy Turkev Marine Colonel Brian Howlett Lt. Stephen English - US Army, Alaska Lt. Col. Scott Huber - USAF Capt. Connor Tourek - USMC PV2 Alexander McMickle - Ft. Eustis, VA Lt. Brendan Tourek - USN Hunter Scalzo - Army Ranger with 1st Capt. Gregory Sacenti - US Army Daniel Petito - US Army Division & 75th Infantry Brendan Lynch - US Army, Djibouti, Col. Brian Murphy East Africa Lt. Col. Jill Murphy Sgt. Larry Oldenburg - US Army

We remember those who have died recently. May they rest in eternal peace. Nicole Glowaz, Lynne McCann, and Anna Maffeo

PRAYER LIST

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Sandy Frania Chris Frary Debbie Fritts Bill Fuller Patty Gahan Jeff Gatt Marie Gleason Madison Godinho George Gonser Jr. Florence Gordon Phyllis Gryskiewicz Donna Hammond The Harrison Family Keri Hemrick Rosie Heyen Amy Hilliard Ashleigh Hodges The Hoffman Family Mary Ann Holt Edward Hommel Marie Hotle Jadon Joel W. Janopoulos Ophelia Iov D. K. Yvonne Keenan Theresa Keller Elyse Kristinik Laurel Krone Adam Krulasik Patty Skubick Rene Lacoste Lorraine Leclero Robin Lee Carrie Lehmann Laurie Lind Teresa Lozano Pat Lozon

Iean Lydon Margie Lynch M.M. Joan Maier LaMar Malone Robin Malone Diane Maloney Margaret Maria and Family Barb Marsh Deborah Marsh Jackie Mascolo Donna Masse Angelo Mastrorillo Cheri Maxson Kevin McGill Jack McGrory Paul McIntyre Alley McKee Cynthia McLemore Rebecca McManus Josephine Medovich Carlos Mendelzon Cyntia Mendelzon Eileen Miner John Montana Lorrie Morrison Tom Morse Tim Moskalik John Nickerson lack Noonan Judy Novello Emma O'Rourke Ioan M. Oliver Iane Orazietti Louis A. Orehek

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December 6, 2020 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION

Saint John the Evangelist has reopened for Mass. Mass times are:

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Administrative Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Fr. Tom Zalewski, Pastor

Fr. Paul D'Angelo, Associate

Fr. Arun Paul, Associate

Deacon Hal Brenner

Deacon Frank Paniccia, Senior Status

Altar Servers:

Kathy Bailie

servers@sjecc.com

Arts & Liturgical Environment:

Kay Sanfelippo

ksanfelippo@comcast.net

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saint John the Evangelist is blessed to be able to provide the opportunity to receive the healing sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in the Church Sacristy (line forms in the Narthex) on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.

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Youth Lector: Call the Office 239.566.8740

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> Sacristan Lan Tran: *lan@sjecc.com*

Director of Parish Mission Jean-Paul Boucher: *jp@sjecc.com*

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Memorial Garden Karen Beebe: karen@sjecc.com

Bookkeeper Karen Beebe: *karen@sjecc.com*

Divine Gift Boutique Holly Violaris: holly@sjecc.com **Facilities** 239.566.8740

Education Staff

Director of Religious Education Natalie Campbell: *natalie@sjecc.com*

For Our Records

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, etc. in your family, please notify the front office at 239.566.8740 or email: *info@sjecc.com*. Thank you!



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