

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 24, 2023—Fourth Sunday of Advent



ALL ARE WELCOMED TO OUR PARISH!

We are so pleased that you chose to celebrate with us this weekend. We warmly invite you to active participation in our liturgical celebration. Please feel free to approach one of our Ministers of Hospitality if you are in need of any assistance. No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, your current family or marital situation, your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, sexual orientation, gender, race, or color; no matter what your self-image or self-esteem: YOU are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Ithaca, New York.

ADVENT PRAYER 2023

Gracious God, thank you for this season of anticipation.
Confident in your unfathomable love, we seek forgiveness
and the grace to be ever watchful for, and to boldly proclaim, your kingdom.
Comfort and strengthen us in our earthly struggles so we can joyfully join Mary in saying Yes to you.
We ask this and all our prayers through your son, Jesus Christ, our savior who is to come.
Amen.



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of St. Catherine of Siena Parish
is to inspire, engage, and nurture our community
through worship, witness, and service.*

St. Catherine of Siena Church is a Tompkins County Living Wage Employer

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

309 Siena Drive, Ithaca, New York 14850

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Office Hours: Monday 1–4 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.; and Friday 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

MINISTRY TEAM

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Pastoral Council minutes available at stcathofsiena.org/pastoral-council-minutes

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our parish community! Registration forms are available on our website or through the Parish Office.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Clothing for the Needy

Clean used clothing in good condition accepted 24/7 at the shed adjacent to the parking lot.

Blue Mutual Aid Food Cabinet

We host a blue food cabinet in front of the church, which functions as a small food pantry that is available for all community members. Anyone is invited to donate or take food from the cabinet.

Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard

St. Catherine's, as a member of Area Churches Together (ACT), supports the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard Food Pantry with food donated by parishioners and volunteer hours.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9 and 11:30 a.m.

All Masses available to attend in person or via livestream; also archived and available anytime at www.tinyurl.com/StCatLivestream.

Accommodations: *Gluten-reduced hosts* are available; please go to the presiding priest during Communion.

Personal listening receivers are available in the Atrium.

Daily Mass Schedule

We offer daily Mass on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.; on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9 a.m.; and on the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. We also celebrate Mass at Kendal of Ithaca (2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.); Bridges Cornell Heights (3rd Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.); and Brookdale Senior Living (4th Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.).

Church Hours

The church is open for prayer when the Parish Office is open: Monday 1–4 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.; and Friday 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the church on Wednesday evenings from 7–8 p.m. Please enter through the east door.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 4–4:50 p.m. and by appointment.

Infant Baptisms

We're so happy about the new addition to your family. Parents participate in a preparation program prior to baptism. Please contact the office three months prior to the baptism. Please fill out the Baptism Registration Form on our website.

Marriage

Congratulations on your engagement! As with the other sacraments, prior preparation is necessary. Please contact the office **at least six months** before the wedding. If you do not live in New York State, you must do your preparation in your home state. Please fill out the Marriage Registration Form on our website.

Anointing of the Sick/Visitation

Please contact the office for arrangements for individual anointing or for a visitation to someone who is sick or homebound. For emergencies, please contact Fr. John directly at 607-302-0143. Please alert the Parish Office when family members are in the hospital. If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Corner, please call the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.):

For information on becoming Catholic, or questions about the Catholic faith, contact Fr. John.

Holy Orders:

For information about vocations, contact the Diocesan Office of Vocation Awareness at 585-461-2890 or vocations@dor.org.

The collection numbers for December 17 will be included next week. Thank you for your patience.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory Income – December 10, 2023

	<u>12/10/23</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Sunday Mass Envelope Collection:	\$5,694	\$286,165
Loose Collection:	\$398	\$68,713
Electronic Giving (Sunday Collection):	\$4,424	\$367,690
Holy Days (<i>Immaculate Conception</i>):	\$465	\$7,192
Christmas:	\$0	\$8,920
Easter:	\$0	\$1,546
Collection to Support Schools:	\$0	\$2,560
Collection for Buildings and Grounds:	\$400	\$12,943
Christmas/Easter Flowers:	\$350	\$6,637
Votive Candles:	\$0	\$630
Memorials:	\$0	\$350
Total Collection for This Week:	\$11,731	\$687,419
Average Weekly Budgeted Operating Expenses:	\$14,071	
Surplus (Shortfall) for This Week and Year-to-Date:	(\$2,340)	
<i>Poinsettia Project</i>	\$110	

We anticipate an operating loss for this fiscal year.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: DECEMBER 25–31

All liturgies are available both in person and via livestream. You can reach our livestream feed via the Boxcast link on St. Catherine's website (stcathofsiena.org) or at tinyurl.com/StCatLivestream.

Monday, December 25 – Christmas

Parish Office Closed

10:30 a.m. MASS: *Rawlins & Tutta Colquitt by the Piliero Family*

Tuesday, December 26

Parish Office Closed

9:00 a.m. MASS: *Our Parishioners*
 10:30 a.m. MASS AT BROOKDALE SENIOR LIVING
 6:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.
 6:30 p.m. Peace & Justice Committee

Wednesday, December 27

9:00 a.m. MASS: *Peace in the Holy Land*
 9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, December 28

St. Peter Canisius
 9:00 a.m. Meeting Christ in Prayer
 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 29

9:00 a.m. MASS: *Our Parishioners*
 1:30 p.m. Youth and Family Movie Day

Saturday, December 30

St. John of Kanty
 9:00 a.m. AA
 4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. MASS: *Paul DeMarco by Lynn & Ed Szymanski*

Sunday, December 31

9:00 a.m. MASS: *Bob Soderblom and Dolores Stevens by Family*
 11:30 a.m. MASS: *Our Parishioners*

Daily Readings

Mon., Dec. 25: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Tues., Dec. 26: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8 ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22
Wed., Dec. 27: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8
Thurs., Dec. 28: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Fri., Dec. 29: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Sat., Dec. 30: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
Sun., Dec. 31: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

So far, 100 donors have pledged \$30,187 toward our goal of \$63,000. That's 48 percent of our goal! Please prayerfully consider donating to the CMA.

A vibrant Catholic Community where all are welcomed, challenged, and supported in their life's journey.

Parish Information



MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Christmas Eve, December 24
4 p.m. Family Mass with Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Candlelight Mass with
 Cantor Elsbeth O'Toole
11 p.m. Midnight Mass with Choir

Christmas Day, December 25
10:30 a.m. Mass

*Caroling begins 15 minutes before
each Mass.*

Solemnity of Mary, January 1
 Masses at **9 a.m.** and **12:15 p.m.**





THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Monday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary, a holy day of obligation. When this feast falls on a Monday, like this year, the obligation is removed, but all are still warmly invited to attend Mass that day. We will celebrate Mass at **9 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.**

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

Bible Study led by Elizabeth Johnston continues with the Gospel According to Mark on Sundays: **January 7 and 21, February 4 and 18, and March 3 and 17, from 10:15–11:15 a.m.** (between the Masses) in the Pastoral Care Room. All are

welcome at any time. Please bring your Bible.

SIGN UP FOR ADORATION

During this year of Eucharistic Revival, we are planning for more opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration. We will have Adoration from **9:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. every Wednesday**. Please sign up for an hour of Adoration on the signup sheet on our website (stcathofsiena.org) or through the Parish Office.

ST. CATHERINE'S BOOK CLUB

St. Catherine's Book Club will meet on **Thursday, January 4, at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center to discuss *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich. All are welcome to join us for good conversation and tasty treats!

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold in prayer those who are sick:

Michael Gifford, June Haynor, Caryl Funke, Paul Bates, Michael Luzzi, Chloe Wetzel, Kathy Teeter, Ramona Forney, Donna Dutton, Emily O'Mara, Cindy Horner, Ruth Horner, Joan Dalbano, Stephanie Hawkins, Beth Hawkins, Burt Allen, Danny Palardy, Lee Miller, Ruthe Bruen, Dale Bathe, Jack Colangelo, Kathy Boice, Julian Kuczma, James Bilinski, Elizabeth Colangelo, Ron Ross, Dee Lored, Cara Wynn, David Sirois, Lonnie Slape, Andrea Caraccilo, and Mary Mulvanerton.

POINSETTIA PROJECT THANK YOU!

Thanks to a big team effort, we had the pleasure and privilege of ministering to over 100 people in our community who needed Christmas cheer for one reason or another. There were a lot of people involved in this project, and we are grateful to each one! They included:

- Those who delivered the poinsettias, giving personal and prayerful attention to the recipients.
- Those who gave financially to make the project possible.
- Faith formation youth who handmade beautiful cards, and those who donated extra cards, to go with the plants.
- Volunteers and staff who helped make lists of recipients.

Statistics for the project (approximate due to early bulletin printing): 109 poinsettias delivered, \$895 in cash donations received, and \$895 in expenses (plants and prayer cards). Thank you again!

EXODUS 90 BEGINS SOON

The Exodus 90 program for Catholic men is designed to help you break out of the spiritual doldrums and grow closer to the Lord. The program comprises a 90-day period of prayer, asceticism, and fraternity. All these elements taken together lead to the freedom to say *no* to those things that enslave us and to say *yes* to God, your family, and your community. To learn more, contact Rick Burgess (cbprincipal@gmail.com), Zach Clark (zacabe3@gmail.com), or Zach Huber (zhuber21@gmail.com). We plan to begin the next session of the program on **January 1**. There will be one group based solely in Ithaca that meets in person and one that includes men from both Ithaca and around the region and meets via Zoom. Join us!

REFLECTION TABLE

In the lobby, there is an "Advent/Christmas Reflection" table. We invite you to join us in a private reflection throughout December. Please answer the questions and/or write your prayer intentions on the pieces of paper, fold them, and leave them in the glass vases so our community can support each other through prayer. Your intentions will be offered up with our collective voices.

WINTER WEATHER PROCEDURES

Just a reminder that if the Ithaca City School District closes due to inclement weather, the Parish Office will also be closed and there will be no daily Mass. You can check school closings on the district's website: ithacacityschools.org.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Please mark your calendars for our annual Trivia Night, coming up on **Saturday, January 27, at 7 p.m.** Trivia Night is open to anyone 16 and older. You can register as a team, or we can put together teams of people who register on their own. You are welcome to bring snacks for your table. The cost is \$10 per person (paid at the door); members of the winning teams win a \$25, \$15, or \$5 gift card. Come enjoy fellowship, fun, and dad jokes while testing your knowledge of useless information! Please watch the bulletin and our website for information about how to register.

SAVE THE DATE FOR BEYOND THE PLATE!

Beyond the Plate is a five-course gourmet dinner fundraiser featuring local expert chefs donating their time and artistry, with selected wine pairings, in support of the Ithaca MobilePack for Feed My Starving Children. The event will take place on **Sunday, February 4, from 5-9 p.m.** in Mahler Hall. Chefs include Jay Dietershagen, Crossroads Bar & Grille; Sam

Epps, Gola Osteria; Jen Irwin & Stan Walton, formerly of Just a Taste, now with a new restaurant project, "here.", on Seneca Lake; Greg Norkus, Mercato Bar & Kitchen; and Serendipity Catering & Bar. Wine pairings by Karl Kernan, Tripphammer Wine & Spirits. Ann Marie Eckert will be our emcee for the evening! Tickets are \$120 each, on sale January 8, at stcathofsiena.org. Sponsorships (at varying levels) are available—please contact Judy Malys at 607-275-6767 or Lisa LiVigne at 607-342-5978 or lmliVigne@hotmail.com for more information.



APPRECIATION

Please take some time to extend a moment of appreciation to the parish staff, many volunteers, and especially to our liturgical, music, hospitality, and pastoral care ministers this time of year. We appreciate how much they do "behind the scenes" to make our Advent and Christmas season celebrations special and inspiring! Thank you all!

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE

Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua announces their 2024 retreat and special events schedule:

January 10: "A Time for Every Purpose": Time Management Workshop with Dr. Mike Wischnowski

January 19-21: Men's Retreat

February 2-4: Men's Retreat

February 16-18: Couples' Retreat

February 22: Migration and Migrant Ministry with Fr. Jesus Flores

February 29: Food Insecurity

March 4: Care for Creation with Patrick Lynch

March 5: "Practicing Lent One Day at a Time" with the Not-So-Typical Church Ladies

March 18: Grace Adams for Catholic Ethical Purchasing Alliance

April 5-6: "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God" (spiritual and scientific signs of the solar eclipse)

April 12-14: Women's Retreat

April 16: "Light and Life: The Easter Workings of God" with Fr. Bob Kennedy

May 3-5: Women's Retreat

May 7: "A Morning Marian Pilgrimage" with Christine DiNova

May 20: Social Justice Day with Holly Rockwell, Social Justice Coordinator with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester

June 11: "Jesus and Buddha: Nourishing Christian Meditation through Interfaith Dialogue and Prayer with Fr. George Smith, CSB

July 14-19: Six-Day Silent Directed Retreat

August 23-25: Couples' Retreat

September 13-15: Women's Retreat

September 20-22: Men's Retreat

September 27-29: Women's Retreat

October 25-27: Men's Retreat

November 1-2: Tolkien Retreat with Holly Ordway

November 8-10: Open Retreat in Spanish

November 15-17: Open Retreat in English

For more information, see notredameretreat.org.



FR. JOHN'S HOMILY FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As we approach the time that God has chosen to reveal himself in creation, he inspires in us an awareness that seeks a dwelling place. In the first reading, we see that King David has a sense of this. In a limited way, he recognizes that something is missing. Sitting in the beauty and comfort of his palace built of cedar, he feels that he should have provided a "place" for God to dwell in. He is thinking of building a temple—so he speaks about this with Nathan the prophet. In answer to this desire of David's heart, God reveals that he has a much greater plan, one established at the beginning of creation, not that David should build him a house, but he will build David a "house"—that is, a line of descendants—which will last forever. "Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever." God desires to dwell, not merely in a physical building, but within the hearts of his people, and this great project will be accomplished through the power of God rather than through the efforts of man.

In the Gospel the angel Gabriel comes to Mary, announcing to her that the promise made centuries ago to King David will be fulfilled in her Son: "[T]he 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." Through Mary, God will indeed have a dwelling place among his people. Mary, with complete trust, says "yes" to this humanly impossible request. Through her perfect "yes," God becomes physically present—incarnate—in her womb. She herself becomes a true "house" for the Lord. What was foretold to David is fulfilled in Christ through Mary.

God wills to dwell in us! In the second reading St. Paul speaks of this great mystery, a "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." This is the mystery revealed on Christmas Day by "the only wise God, through Jesus Christ." To him be glory forever and ever!

God wills to dwell in us in a most profound way! He reveals this to us so that we too may believe and obey, in "obedience of faith"—as Mary did—and become a true dwelling place for God. What is important here is whether we are saying "yes" to following God's will or merely living according to our own will. Mary's question to the angel was not out of selfishness or doubt, but to make sure that his amazing announcement was really from God. When we say "yes" to God, we create a "space" where God can act. Our "yes" does not accomplish, by itself, any miracle, but it gives God room to do great things in us, for us, and through us. "Nothing will be impossible for God!"

Today is Christmas Eve. This evening we will welcome the Light of the World who will appear in the darkness of our world. Let us welcome him with joy of heart and with joyful song, humbly offering him, like Mary, our hearts to be his dwelling place.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Christmas flowers for St. Catherine of Siena Parish are supplied through generous donations given by parishioners to honor or remember loved ones.



In Honor of:

Dienne Duvé Fisher *by Denise Duvé*
Virgen of Guadalupe *by Gloria Ivette Paez*
Sonja Gordon *by Chris Irving*
June Haynor *by Parish Staff*

Our Children, Their Partners, and Our Granddaughter, and the Staff and Volunteers
at St. Catherine's *by Chris & Clara Barrett*

All the Wonderful People Who Have Helped Us Weather the Storms of the Past Year *by Michael & Jeanne Luzzi*
First Responders and the Blessings of Family *by Bonita & Mike Lindberg*

In Memory of:

George K. Duvé Jr., M. Denise Duvé, and Kirk Duvé *by Diane Duvé*
Deceased Members of the Crosley, Hillard, Miller, Murphy, Miklus, and Soderbloom Families *by Mary Crosley*
Earl & Gloria Leclere, Joseph & Grace Doyle, Our Grandparents, and Our Godparents *by Jeff & Jane Doyle*
Rebecca Ryan *by Gilday Ryan*
Rebecca Ryan *by Mom & Dad*
Ralph & Katherine Ryan, Catherine Ryan, Mike & Ann Kerwin, Joe & Emily Mullen,
and Sheila Henry *by the Ryan Family*
George & Cindy Bugglin and Fran & Joe McKenna *by Maureen McKenna*
Baby Elizabeth Jane *by Jenny McGuire*
David, Phyllis, and Hank Hyatt; Mom, Bob, Bobby, Ronald, and Diane Janeck;
and Matthew Russell Bewick and David Carroll *by Sue Hyatt*
Deceased Members of the Bovi Family *by Michael Bovi*
Josefine Gilbertson and Tom Irving *by Sonja Gordon*
Deceased Members of the LiVigne and McDonald Families *by Lisa & Tom LiVigne*
Deceased Members of the Pochily, Tull, and O'Neill Families *by Bob and Marnee Pochily*
Patrick & Sheila Feeny and Don & Margi Berens *by Mary Berens & Paul Feeny*
Jeanette Shady & George Ridenour; Nan & Layel Ridenour; Frances & Steve Shady;
Bob Shady; and Wayne Pruitt *by Sarah Ridenour*
Mr. & Mrs. Orazio Melita and Mr. & Mrs. Francis Kehoe *by Phillip & Sarah Kehoe*
The Brink Family, the Howland Family, the Albro Family, and the Dollaway Family *by Jill & Steve Dollaway*
Donald W. Davis, James Muir, and Jean Muir *by Cheryl & Jerry Robinson*
Phyllis Galliher *by Tori & John Wishart*
Deceased Members of the Martin and Herold Families *by Mary Martin*
The Gravani and Hund Families *by Eileen and Bob Gravani*
Deceased Members of the Menzenski and Hanna Families *by Gregory Menzenski*
Steven Higgins *by Filomena Hall*
The Solomon, Hillick, Haynor, and Johnson Families *by June, Tammy, and Cali Michele*

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In Memory of:

Alma & Thomas Bailey, Edward R. Smith, Vivian Laube, Heidi & Fran Kallfelz,
and Jerome Srb *by Mary Lou Bailey-Smith*

Deceased Members of the Barrett and Severiens Families and Kathy Aquilina *by Chris & Clara Barrett*
Irene Marceau and Emmy Vogt *by Carla Marceau*

Neil Judge and Charlotte, Maron, and Ronald Bonassar *by the Bonassar Family*
John F. Cummings, Francis A. Kallfelz, and Heidi G. Kallfelz *by Mary Ellen Cummings*
Phil Erickson, Ray & Delia Kellmurray, Ray & Paulette Kellmurray, Elaine Kellmurray,
and John & Delia Rodarte *by Cheryl Kellmurray Erickson*

Hyatt and Szymanski Families and Paul DeMarco *by Lynn & Ed Szymanski*
Murray, Randall, and Bates Families *by Paul & Connie Bates*

Edward Steh *by the Steh Family*

Grandpa Nick Nicolais and Grandma Kay Lindberg *by Bonita & Mike Lindberg*



MUSIC, READINGS, AND PRAYERS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Our cantors are: Jane Doyle (5 p.m.) and Juan/Michelle Arroyo (11:30 a.m.).

Prelude: *Creator of the Stars of Night*, verse 6 (Breaking Bread #68)

1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3. When this old world drew on toward night,
 4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 6. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,

Your peo - ple's ev - er last - ing light,
 Should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 You came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 Re - deem us for e - ter - nal day,
 And God the Spir - it, Three in One,

O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 You came, O Sav - ior, to set free
 Not as a mon - arch, but the child
 All things on earth with one ac - cord,
 De - fend us while we dwell be - low
 Praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be

We pray you hear us when we call.
 Your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.
 Of Mar - y, blame - less moth - er mild.
 Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
 From all as - saults of our dread foe.
 From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: *Creator alme siderum*, Latin 9th C., revised 1632; tr. *The Hymnal* 1982, alt., © 1985, The Church Pension Fund. Tune: CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM, LM, Mode IV, Sarum, 9th C.; acc. by Gerard Farrell, OSB, 1919-2009. All rights reserved. Used with permission of OneLicense #A-728114.

Processional Hymn: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (Gather #395)

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
 2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
 4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,
 5. O come, O Key of Da - vid, come,

And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 Who or - der all things i - ly;
 Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height
 From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
 And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;

That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 To us an - cient path of once knowl - edge show,
 In the times of yore the Law
 That trust your might - y power to save,
 Make safe the way that leads on high,

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And teach us in her ways to go.
 In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 And close the path to mis - er - y.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
 Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

6. O come, O Dayspring from on high,
 And cheer us by your drawing nigh;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadow put to flight.

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
 In one the hearts of humankind;
 O bid our sad divisions cease,
 And be for us our King of Peace.

Text: *Veni, veni Emmanuel*; Latin 9th C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Tune: VENI EMMANUEL, LM with refrain; Mode I; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; acc. by Richard Proulx, 1937-201 All rights reserved. Used with permission of OneLicense #A-728114.

Greeting

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act—*Mass of Quiet Waiting*

Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son; Lord have mer-cy. Chri-ste e-le-i-son; Christ have mer-cy.

Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son; Lord have mer-cy. Lord have mer-cy.

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Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: 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

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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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Refrain



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Second Reading: 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation – Mass of Quiet Waiting



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Gospel Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, O 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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Profession of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Universal Prayer**People's Response: Lord, hear our prayer.****Liturgy of the Eucharist****Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts****Offertory Hymn: No Wind at the Window** (Gather #876)

1. No wind at the win - dow, No knock on the
 2. "O Mar - y, O Mar - y, Don't hide from my
 3. "This child must be born that The king - dom might
 4. No pay - ment was prom - ised, No prom - is - es

door; No light from the lamp - stand, No
 face; Be glad that you're fa - vored And
 come; Sal - va - tion for man - y, De -
 made; No wed - ding was dat - ed, No

foot on the floor; No dream born of
 filled with God's grace; The time for re -
 struc - tion for some; Both end and be -
 blue - print dis - played. Yet Mar - y, con -

tired - ness, No ghost raised by fear; Just an
 deem - ing The world has be - gun; And
 gin - ning, Both mes - sage and sign; Both
 sent - ing To what none could guess, Re -

an - gel and a wom - an And a voice in her ear.
 you are re - quest - ed To moth - er God's son.
 vic - tor and vic - tim, Both yours and di - vine."
 plied with con - vic - tion, "Tell God I say yes."

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Invitation to Prayer**Priest:** Pray ... that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.**People:** May the Lord accept sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**Preface Dialogue****Priest:** The Lord be with you.**People:** And with your spirit.**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.**People:** We lift them up to the Lord.**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**People:** It is right and just.**Priest:** ... we acclaim:**Holy, Holy, Holy – Mass of Quiet Waiting**

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lo - rd, God of Hosts. Hea - ven and earth are
 fu - ll of your Glo - ry; Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bles - sed is He who comes in the name
 of the - Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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Priest: The mystery of faith.**Memorial Acclamation – Mass of Quiet Waiting**

ALL:
 The my - ste - ry of faith: Save us, Sa - vior of the world, for
 by your cross and res - sur - re - ction you have set us free.

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Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.**Great Amen – Mass of Quiet Waiting**

A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.

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Priest: ... we dare to say:**The Lord's Prayer****People:** 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.**Priest:** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.**People:** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Sign of Peace

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles, peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

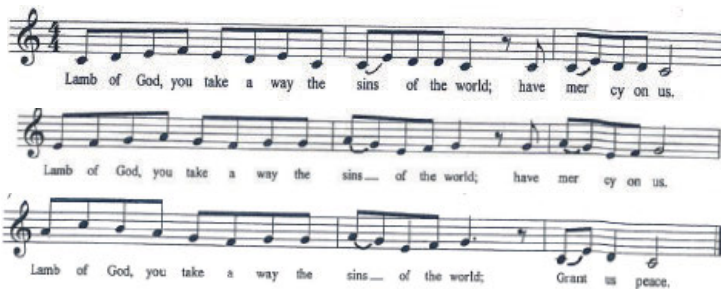
People: Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Lamb of God—Mass of Quiet Waiting



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Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: 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

(for those joining us virtually)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Jesus; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot physically receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I join myself spiritually to You and your Church.

Communion Hymn—Maranatha (Breaking Bread #67)

Refrain:

Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus.
Give your people hope.
Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus,
And lead your people home.

Verse 1:

O Lord of light, fill the night.
Many have lost their way.
O Rising Dawn, shine upon,
Darkness shall be no more. *(Refrain)*

Verse 2:

O King of Kings, love you bring.
The world is made anew.
O Prince of Peace, make us free,
Justice for humankind. *(Refrain)*

Verse 3:

O Comforter, rescue us.
Destroy our sinfulness.
O Counselor, mighty Lord,
Teach us what we must know. *(Refrain)*

Verse 4:

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Promised so long ago.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
God is with us at last. *(Refrain)*

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Prayer after Communion

Priest: Let us pray. ... Through Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Concluding Rites

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Priest: Go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn—Soon and Very Soon (Gather #865)

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King.

No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King.

No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King.

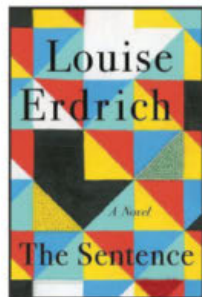
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King.

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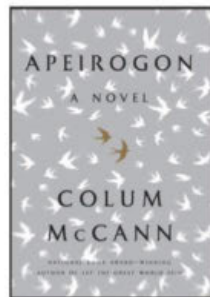
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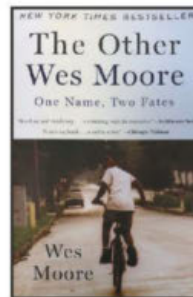
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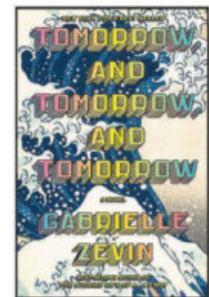
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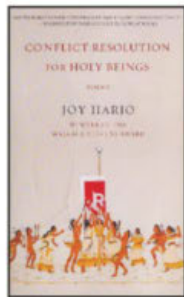
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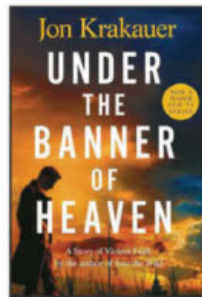
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Wes Moore



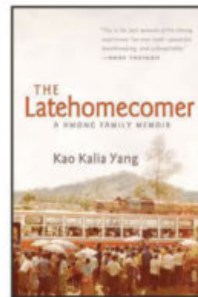
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Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow
Gabrielle Zevin



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for Holy Beings
Joy Harjo



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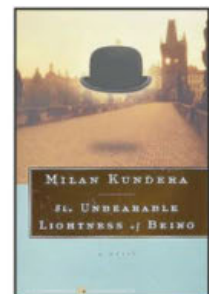
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Hello Beautiful
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The Space Between Us
Thrity Umrigar



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Dracula
Bram Stoker



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The Unbearable
Lightness of Being
Milan Kundera

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS: DECEMBER 30/31	
5:00 P.M.	
Sacristan	Robin Tobin
Commentator	Bonita Lindberg
Lector 1	Chris Bates
Lector 2	Jeff Doyle
Ministers of Communion	Host: Eileen Gravani (east), Bob Talda (west), Bob Gravani (center) Cup: *** (west), Mary Hutchens (center west), John Bradac (east), Sue Hyatt (center east)
Ministers of Hospitality	Main: John Sipple, Mike Field East: Bob Pochily West: Thomas Every
Altar Servers	Book: *** Cross: ***
Holy Cleaner	Tom Dunn
9:00 A.M.	
Sacristan	Karen Webb
Commentator	***
Lector 1	Cecelia Linscott
Lector 2	Art DeGaetano
Ministers of Communion	Host: Debbie Cherney (east), Bill Perkins (west), Jonathan Lunine (center) Cup: Gregory Menzenski (west) (sub req'd), Mary Crosley (center west), Stephen Jesch (east), Colleen Perkins (center east)
Ministers of Hospitality	Main: Chris Irving, Colleen Barnes East: Jennifer McGuire West: Mary Lee Noden
Altar Servers	Book: Noelle Cowder Cross: Lilly Cowder
Holy Cleaner	Poppy McLeod (sub req'd)
11:30 A.M.	
Sacristan	Catherine Raghunandan
Commentator	***
Lector 1	***
Lector 2	***
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Ministers of Hospitality	Main: Kevin Mahaney, *** East: Steve Shaw West: ***
Altar Servers	Book: Vasili Shuster Cross: Lawrence Shuster
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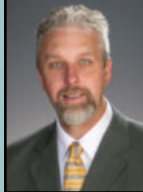
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