

# St. Aidan

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL  
WILLISTON PARK NEW YORK

DECEMBER 24, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—CHRISTMAS



*Merry  
Christmas*



# Respect life. All life is sacred.



## WELCOME TO ST. AIDAN

Our parish is a vibrant and active Catholic community located in Nassau County, Long Island, New York. We are a Roman Catholic parish in the Diocese of Rockville Centre serving the communities of Williston Park, East Williston, Albertson, and parts of Mineola, Roslyn Heights, and Searingtown.

## ST. AIDAN BULLETIN

The bulletin is published on Wednesday morning. Items for publishing should be emailed to [staidanbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:staidanbulletin@gmail.com).

## BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENTS

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## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parish family of the Church of St Aidan, strengthened by the Eucharist and encouraged by the Word of God, welcome all, for we encourage that everyone is a child of God and no one should be excluded. Guided by the Holy Spirit through prayer, we strive as one to build the Body of Christ. We commit ourselves to nurturing lifelong faith formation, fostering lay leadership, promoting social justice, engaging our youth in every aspect of parish life, and offering care and compassionate service to all. We invite everyone to walk with Jesus and experience His healing power and love.

## PARISH GROWTH 2023

1. Pastoral Care of Our Youth
2. Hospitality & Social Events
3. Formation & Education in Faith Matters
4. Spiritual Resources & Direction
5. Information about Groups & Activities

## THE CHURCH IS OPEN 6 AM TO 6 PM

Daily Mass can be viewed on [staidanparish.org](http://staidanparish.org), Facebook and Vimeo. The faithful are required to attend Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation Masses. This obligation does not apply to those who are ill, those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility, or those with serious underlying health conditions. For

the safety of all, the church doors will be closed when school children attend services during the week.

## MEETINGS AT ST. AIDAN

Contact the Rectory for more information.

## PARKING AT ST. AIDAN

The number of parking spaces is limited at St. Aidan. The parking lot at the rear of the Upper School and the one on Dover Street are available on weekends and when school is closed. The Lower School has an area that is designated a children's play area. People with disabilities may park in the three reserved parking spaces in front of the rectory on Willis Ave. This special area is needed for church access by people who use wheelchairs and specially-equipped vehicles. Thank you for being parking considerate.

## BAPTISM

To arrange a baptism contact the rectory office. Forms need to be completed giving information on the parents, child's date and place of birth, as well as the names and religious affiliation of the sponsors. At least one sponsor must be a practicing Catholic. Baptisms are held on the 1st Sunday and 3rd Sunday at 1:30 PM. To hold a private baptism you must make arrangements with a priest or deacon to perform the baptism. Private baptisms are held on Saturday or Sunday when the church is available. First time parents are required to attend a Baptism Class. Classes are held in the church on the second Sunday of the month after the 12 PM Mass. Parents are asked to gather at St. Joseph's statue to the right of the altar.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First and Third Fridays of the month 1:00-3:00 PM in the church.

## RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion unites us more closely to Jesus, and it is also a sign that we are living in communion with His Church, following the teachings that Jesus has handed down to us. If you know of someone homebound who would like to receive Communion from a Eucharistic

Minister, please contact the Rectory.

## CONFESSION

Confessions are available in the church, screen only, on Saturday from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM and 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. You can also make an appointment with a priest by calling the rectory office.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anointing of the sick takes place at 1:00 PM on the 4th Sunday of each month. Please wait for the priest at Our Lady's Shrine.

## MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory office at least 9 months in advance. Pre-Cana and FOCCUS registrations must be arranged. Pre-Cana at St. Aidan consists of a ONE DAY SATURDAY COURSE. The moderator is Deacon Rudy Martin. Email: [Dcrudy@Staidanparish.org](mailto:Dcrudy@Staidanparish.org). Information on the Pre-Cana Course offered by the Diocese of Rockville Center can be found at [www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org) or call 678-5800 ext. 223.

## SCAM LIKELY

If you receive an email or text from Fr. Adrian or any other member of St. Aidan staff requesting gift cards or donations, delete it immediately and block the caller's number or email. It is not from St. Aidan Church or School.

## PARISH EMAIL

To be added to email distributions of the Parish Bulletin please email Bonnie Parente at [bparente@verizon.net](mailto:bparente@verizon.net).

## PLANNED GIFTS FOR YOUR PARISH

Consider your Christian responsibility to be a wise steward of the gifts God has given you. How will your gifts (assets) be passed on to those you love and care for when you die? Planning now will help those we love live peacefully in the future. Call Barbara Kilarjian at the Diocese of Rockville Centre at 516-678-5800 ext. 257 to find out how you can pass on your love to your family.

## LIVESTREAM DAILY MASS

**WEBSITE** STAIDANPARISH.ORG  
**VIMEO** ST. AIDAN, WILLISTON PARK  
**FACEBOOK** CHURCH OF SAINT AIDAN WILLISTON PARK

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Fr. Jacob 7:30 AM  
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM  
  
Fr. Solomon 10:30 AM  
Fr. Adrian 12:00 PM  
Fr. Jacob 1:30 PM  
*NO MASS* 5:30 PM

### CHRISTMAS, RECTORY CLOSED

Robert Koster  
Maureen Healy La-O &  
Anne Arcario  
Claire Cunningham (5th Anniv. Rem.)  
Jason Lee Ameruso & Anthony Ameruso  
Parishioners of St. Aidan  
*RECTORY CLOSED*

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

*NO MASS* 6:30 AM  
Fr. Solomon 9:00 AM  
Fr. Jacob 5:30 PM

### ST. STEPHEN, RECTORY CLOSED

*NO MASS*  
Virginia Mina  
Lvg. Int. for Stephen Viologe

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Fr. Solomon 6:30 AM  
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM  
Fr. Jacob 5:30 PM

### ST. JOHN

Olivia C. Macedo (B'day Rem.)  
John Tully (B'day Rem.)  
Michael Breslin (B'day Rem.)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

Fr. Jacob 6:30 AM  
  
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM  
Fr. Adrian 5:30 PM

### THE HOLY INNOCENTS

John T. Hayes (2nd Anniv. Rem.)  
Joseph & Emma Mohrmann  
Marie Andriano (B'day Rem.)  
Christopher Plaza (3rd Anniv. Rem.)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM  
Fr. Jacob 9:00 AM  
Fr. Jacob 5:30 PM

### FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE

Dorothy Convey  
Paul Leoci (B'day Rem.)  
Arlene Arsenault

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM  
Fr. Francis 5:00 PM

### SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE

Alice T. Keenan (44th Anniv. Rem.)  
Roderick Foy (B'day Rem.)  
Edward J. McCrain  
Craig Hauser  
Nancy Fallier  
Rocco Zangrilli  
Vitto Forace  
Mary Regina DeCelie-Zias  
Raymond Cassidy

Fr. Jacob 7:30 PM

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Fr. Jacob 7:30 AM  
Fr. Francis 9:00 AM  
Fr. Adrian 10:30 AM  
Fr. Francis 12:00 PM

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH NEW YEAR'S EVE, RECTORY CLOSED

Parishioners of St. Aidan  
Bernard Currid (7th Anniv. Rem.)  
Robert Altmann  
Anthony Witt (10th Anniv. Rem.)  
Stephan Safoschnik (1st Anniv. Rem.)  
Mary Kennedy (B'day Rem.)  
Dolores O'Hara (B'day Rem.)  
Jane O'Hara (41st Anniv. Rem.)  
Thomas Poplawski (1st Anniv. Rem.)  
Paul & Anastasia Han  
KerryAnn Kovalski

Fr. Adrian 5:00PM

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**9 AM to 12 PM 1 PM to 4 PM**  
**Saturday & Sunday**  
**9 AM to 12 PM**

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**Mrs. Barbara Graham**

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**Ms. Rosemarie Cavallaro**





## *What's Pastor Thinking*

Crying babies in church are a good reason to give thanks to God! Who has not felt pain for a parent when their baby lets out a piercing scream

in the middle of Mass, or when a toddler throws a tantrum when everyone is silent. Some people get annoyed, but I thank God. You might think I thank God because I don't have children of my own and don't have to listen to that chorus of screams every day. That's not the reason! When I hear a baby cry in church I thank God because it is a sure sign that our church has a future! For with that baby's scream is the hope that there is a loving parent who is doing their best to pass on the faith to their family. And they do that in the same way the faith was passed on to them - by taking their family to church.

If you go into a church that does not have a crying baby, that church is in trouble. It has no future!

Today we gaze with Mary and Joseph at the mystery of the baby born in Bethlehem and the plan God has for the future of the world. Shepherds also came to gaze. They actually left their flocks behind! That's highly unusual for shepherds to leave their flocks unattended. So, what was it about this king in diapers that caused them to go to the manger?

Well, we could ask the same question of ourselves: what drew us into church today? What caused us to leave our family time, interrupt our busy lives, and

come to St. Aidan? Is it because it's a tradition?

Because that's what we do at Christmas? Hardly, for Christmas is bigger than tradition. It's about finding faith in a God who will never give up on us. Faith leads us to find in the very humanness of the babe in the manger, the mystery of God with us.

EMMANUEL. Mary and Joseph got no Hallmark baby, but a crying infant who kept them up nights for weeks. In choosing to make His entrance in such an ordinary way, God showed us that flesh and blood, dirt and sky, life and death were good enough for Him. This is the true message of Christmas — God loves us so much that he became like one of us. The world has a future! We have a future! That's something worth passing on.

Once again during this Christmas season of 2023, God, through Jesus, reaches out to the core of our very soul, saying: *I came to save YOU, no matter how lowly you may be; and don't you even think that you have to reach up to me, I already came down to you. Just accept my gift of love and salvation.* Let us embrace once again God's great gift of Jesus, in which He proves His love for us once and for all. And let's do all we can to pass this it to others. Make this a very Merry Christmas! And pray for the peace of Jerusalem, Bethlehem and the world. May peace be found in our families and in our nation. Remember and believe, God will never give up on us!



To all St. Aidan Parishioners

May you have the gift of faith  
the blessing of hope  
and the peace of His love  
today and always

From  
Fathers Adrian, Solomon & Jacob  
Deacons Rudy & Jerry and all our St. Aidan Staff

**THOSE WHO ASKED US TO PRAY  
FOR THEM INCLUDE**

Fearghal McHugh  
Christopher Dand  
Eileen Mary Ebert  
Fran Lesser  
Lisa Sorgi  
Alex Grinacoff  
Mason Guadagno  
Colleen Cassidy  
Dianne Karl  
Cindy Albini  
Sr. Mary Ann Ambrose  
Jinny Gallagher  
Joshua Lowenthal  
Mafalda Leddy  
Joseph & Diane LaBianca  
Colleen Edwards  
Rolanda John  
Jean Lopardo  
Gloria Maughn  
Betty Gaffney  
Christine Hogg  
Rosa Barroca  
Doreen Downes  
Tecky Johnides  
Irene McCann  
Sharon Leonard  
Ryan Latronica  
Bill Aprigliano  
Matthew Huhn  
John Sweeney  
Frank Sbeglia  
William Dwyer  
Stefanie Lowenthal  
Bryan O'Malley  
Charles Stanton, Sr.

*To add or remove a name, please  
call the rectory*

**FOURTH CANDLE OF ADVENT**

In Loving Memory of  
MARIO AND KATHLEEN DONATO  
Donated by  
DR. LISA DONATO

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Donors 347  
Payments \$112,982

*Thank you for supporting St. Aidan.  
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you have changed your address*

**WEDDING BELLS**

*If a parishioner is getting married  
in another parish and would like  
their wedding listed here, please  
call the rectory office.*

JANUARY 13, 2024

3:00 PM

Hailey Evelyn Dorn

St. Mary

Paul Paolo Samaritano

St. Aidan

FEBRUARY 17, 2024

1:00 PM

Janine Marie Miller

St. Aidan

Michael Joseph Dileo

St. Rocco

**ALTAR SERVERS FOR DECEMBER**



**12/23 ADVENT 4**  
5:00 L & S Cloghessy  
J Simoes  
7:30 Cordoba  
N Kolasny  
C Lane

**12/24 ADVENT 4**  
7:30 OPEN  
9:00 T Fortunato  
A Swenson  
L Moloney  
10:30 J & A Boyd  
12:00 M Uttaro  
A & M  
McCarthy

**12/24 CHRISTMAS  
EVE**  
4:00 C C. Campbell  
T Fortunato  
L Herr  
4:00 K J & A Boyd  
W Walker  
5:30 D & R Syers,  
W Friedrich  
8:00 G C & J Pizzardi  
12:00 M Uttaro  
D & D Lee

**12/25 CHRISTMAS  
DAY**

7:30 OPEN  
9:00 R & L Suero  
M Milone  
10:30 A Cifelli  
D Werther  
J Iannotti  
12:00 L Abrusci  
1:30 J Whalen

**12/30 HOLY FAMILY**

5:00 J G & A  
J Cosgrove  
7:30 L & G Breglio  
C Cooke

**12/31 HOLY FAMILY**

7:30 G C & J Pizzardi  
9:00 S & A Jennings  
Nishiky  
10:30 M & T Molloy,  
T Fortunato  
12:00 F & C Campbell  
J Wenzel  
5:00 A Bertrand  
R Klein  
K Blenderman

### **BULLETIN PUBLISHING DATES**

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The bulletin for 12/31 was published on Wednesday 12/20

The bulletin for 1/07 will be published on Wednesday 1/03

### **HAVE YOU REMEMBERED ST. AIDAN CHURCH & SCHOOL IN YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLAN?**

Your parish means so much to you, from the friendships you've made to the faith enrichment you've received. As a faithful parishioner you have assisted in the Lord's work by helping to build our faith community. Your stewardship over the years is commendable and much appreciated. Kindly remember St. Aidan in your Will or Estate Plan?

### **CHRISTMAS WAFERS AVAILABLE IN THE RECTORY OFFICE (\$1)**

Christmas wafer is a popular, family-centered Christmas tradition enjoyed by families from Eastern Europe. Each wafer is rectangular in shape with a Christmas image pressed into them, such as the Nativity, the Star of Bethlehem, or the Holy Family. The tradition is observed by families with a Polish, Slovak or Lithuanian background. The word "Bethlehem" means "House of Bread." The breaking of bread has long been a sign of charity, unity, and friendship in many cultures. The Christmas Wafer reminds us of this symbol of communion common to humanity, as well as in a fuller way the Eucharistic meal that Catholics participate in at each Mass. Just as Christians share in the Eucharist as one family in Christ, the Christmas wafer allows for one's family to come together and share the love they have for one another.

Just before the Christmas Eve meal the entire family will gather around the table with the Christmas wafer. Generally the eldest member of the family, usually the father or mother, will

begin the ritual by breaking off a piece of the wafer and passing it to another family member while giving a blessing. This blessing can simply consist of what you desire for your loved one in the



upcoming year - whether it be good health, growth in God's grace, or happiness. It can also be a request for forgiveness and a desire for reconciliation. The Christmas wafer is then passed from person to person around the table until all have had a piece and all have been given blessings. Each person then consumes their piece of the wafer in a special display of love and solidarity between the whole family. The purpose of this act is primarily to celebrate the Christmas spirit: peace, love, joy, and goodwill.

### **ARE YOU SEARCHING?**

Are you searching for a faith to follow? Do you know someone who may be interested in learning more about what the Catholic Church believes and teaches? Were you baptized as an infant but not raised in the faith or raised in another Christian faith? Whatever your situation, wherever you are in your faith journey, OCIA (formally RCIA) is here for YOU. OCIA stands for Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is a process by which adults can inquire about the Catholic Church. There is never any pressure put on any inquirer to become a Catholic. If an inquirer or seeker decides to move closer toward becoming a Catholic, he/she receives instruction in a small setting guided by a team of dedicated parishioners. The inquirer decides if he/she wants to move forward one step at a time. The whole parish family supports this process through prayer and witness. Those who choose to become Catholic are welcomed into the Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. If you would like to learn more, please call 516-746-6585 x406 or email [esmith@staidanparish.org](mailto:esmith@staidanparish.org).

### **ADULT CONFIRMATION**

An adult Confirmation class will begin in late January 2024 for Adult Catholics (18+) who have not been confirmed and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Adult Confirmation will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, which this year is May 19th. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 516-746-6585 x406 or [esmith@staidanparish.org](mailto:esmith@staidanparish.org).

### **THE COME AND SEE SPIRITUAL GROUP**

Invites you to a book discussion on Our One Great Act of Fidelity, Waiting for Christ in the Eucharist By Ronald Rolheiser. We will meet to discuss and reflect on a few chapters every other week, beginning after the Christmas holidays. What a wonderful way to prepare for the Eucharistic Revival that the Church is preparing for later in 2024. The meetings will be on Tuesdays at 10 AM and 7 PM in the convent building on Pembroke St, Williston Park. We will begin on January 16, 2024. In preparation, please read



the Preface and Part One. The full schedule will be given out at the first meeting. The book is available on Amazon for about \$10. If you are planning on coming, or if you have any questions, please leave your name and contact information with the Rectory Office at 516 746-6585 Ext 1. Facilitated by Jane Gelderman.

#### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

First and Third Fridays of the month 1:00-3:00 PM in the church. January 5 & 19. February 2 & 16.

#### **ANOIDTING OF THE SICK**

Anointing of the sick takes place at 1:00 PM on the 4th Sunday of each month. Please wait for the priest at Our Lady's Shrine. December 24, January 28, February 25.

#### **FRIDAY CHARISMATIC PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

Join us every Friday from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Healing Mass first Friday of the month. January 5, February 2, March 1.

#### **THE HOLY ROSARY.**

The Rosary is said immediately after the 6:30 and 9 o'clock Masses daily. Please join to honor Mary, our mother.

#### **THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

We are a faith filled group who volunteer, share and pray, all in honor of the Blessed Mother. We welcome and encourage new members.

The Corporate Mass of the Rosary Altar Society will be on Jan 7, 2024 at 9am. This Mass will be offered for the Living and Deceased members of the Rosary Society. There will not be a meeting in January. Please continue to pray every day for world peace.

#### **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS**

Please join the parish on the First Saturday devotion to the Blessed Mother. Prayers will begin at 8:45am followed by Mass and the recitation of the Rosary. The next First Saturday is January 6, 2024.

## **CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR**

#### **CONFESSION**

Saturday, December 23  
12:30 – 1:30 PM  
4:00 – 5:00 PM

#### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Sunday, January 7  
3:00 PM Church

#### **MASS TIMES**

Saturday, December 23  
9:00 AM  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
5:00 PM  
7:30 PM

Sunday, December 24  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
7:30 AM  
9:00 AM  
10:30 AM  
12:00 PM

Sunday, December 24  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
4:00 PM Church  
4:00 PM Kirwin  
5:30 PM Church  
8:00 PM Church  
Midnight Church

Monday, December 25  
CHRISTMAS DAY  
7:30 AM  
9:00 AM  
10:30 AM  
12 NOON  
1:30 PM  
No Evening Mass

Saturday, December 30  
9:00 AM  
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH  
5:00 PM  
7:30 PM

Sunday, December 31  
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH  
7:30 AM  
9:00 AM  
10:30 AM  
12:00 PM  
NEW YEAR'S EVE  
5:00 PM

Monday, January 1  
NEW YEAR'S DAY  
MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD  
6:30 AM  
9:00 AM  
12:00 PM  
5:30 PM



### **PRAY AS THE BLESSED MOTHER ASKED IN FATIMA**

In 1917 Mary appeared to the three children in Fatima six times! On her very first apparition she asked that the Rosary be said everyday for Peace and at that time it was also to convert Russia. At this time in 2023 her requests still stand. Mary is calling us to pray for Peace in this world, for Israel, the Palestinian People and Russia and for all the world to return to God. So come and join the Mary Queen of Peace Prayer Group to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Come once or every week or just drop in when you can. Wednesdays @ 7 PM in the Convent Yellow Room. We pray for our families, our priests, the church and for peace in the world. To Jesus through Mary. Everyone is welcome! For more info call Gloria, 516-859-6593.

### **MONDAY NOVENA**

Please join us every Monday morning after the 9:00 AM Mass for a Novena to the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. Rosary to follow.

### **LEGION OF MARY CAUSE OF OUR JOY PRAESIDIUM**

Meetings in the Convent Ivory Room every Wednesday throughout the year at 7pm or call Lisa at 516.857.7664 for details on getting connected via zoom. All are welcome. Can't make weekly meetings? Become an auxiliary member. Call Ellen at 516.567.9816 for details.

Home Visitation Program of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The Legion of Mary will bring the Pilgrim Statue to your home if you call Joe at 917.576.6589.

Wouldn't you like to have her statue in your home?

Do you know a home bound person who would appreciate a visit or call? Contact Eileen at 516.816.9504 to schedule a convenient time. Follow us online at [staidanlom.com](http://staidanlom.com)

### **THE UNITED HEARTS OF JESUS & MARY PRAYER GROUP**

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration, Mass and consecration to Jesus and Mary. For more information, please contact Tecky at (516) 655-9755. The next gathering is Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the church and then on the last Thursday of the month.

### **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS COURT #1577**

New members are always welcome! We meet at 7:30pm in Monsignor Kirwin Hall. Please email [cdastaidan.1577@gmail.com](mailto:cdastaidan.1577@gmail.com) with any questions! Tuesday, January 9th, Tuesday, February 13th, Tuesday, March 12th, Tuesday, April 9th, Tuesday, May 14th, Tuesday, June 11th

### **ST. AIDAN RESPECT LIFE GROUP**

Our group operates under the Diocesan Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics. This office enunciates and promotes the principle that human life, at all stages from conception to natural death, is a gift from God, worthy of respect and protection. This ministry encompasses prayer, education, advocacy, and care & services. More information about the office can be found at the Diocesan web site at [www.drvcilife.org](http://www.drvcilife.org). The group is meeting with the purpose of promoting pro-life activities through prayer, educational opportunities, and raising funds for pro-life efforts and new mothers. Please contact Anne Marie Egan if you are interested in joining. [elamjoe@aol.com](mailto:elamjoe@aol.com) 516-873-8320.

### **HGL INTERCESSORY PRAYER COMMUNITY**

HGL Intercessory Prayer Community meets at 7pm on Monday in the Convent yellow room. All are welcome to journey with us into a deeper relationship with Jesus, interceding for our Church, our clergy, our families and our nation. Learn more about us at [HISGLOBALOVE.org](http://HISGLOBALOVE.org).

### **SPIRITUALITY FOR SINGLES**

January 2024 Singles Gathering on Saturday, Jan 6, 2024, 8:30PM at St. Aidan Parish, 510 Willis Ave., Williston Park, NY, 11596. To kick off the new year, this January Gathering - by popular demand - will feature our long awaited Game Night. We will have an array of board games on hand for people to play and enjoy, and of course the usual pizza and snacks. Ages 40+; \$10.00 donation - snacks, pizza and beverages will be served. Contact: Ray (516) 561-6994 or [spiritualityforsingles@gmail.com](mailto:spiritualityforsingles@gmail.com)

### **WIDOWS / WIDOWERS SOCIAL GROUP**

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1 PM - 3 PM in St. Joseph's Church, Franklin Ave. & Fifth Street, Garden City. Non-denominational. All are Welcome! REFRESHMENTS SERVED, \$3 PER MEETING. For additional information, feel free to call Diana (516) 481-9280

### **DIVORCED OR SEPARATED CATHOLICS OF LONG ISLAND**

Including widows, widowers and singles. A social organization for single persons. St. Frances Club, 1869 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793. (Parking in the rear of building). Non-denominational. ALL ARE WELCOME. Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues \$30. Refreshments following the meeting. For further information, please call also to verify there will be a meeting -Vito 516-516-503-5415 or Janet 516-579-4016





# 10:30 FAMILY MASS

A Sunday Mass at St. Aidan for families with children

12/31

Feast of the Holy family. What gift will you give to them? Saying prayers, doing acts of kindness? Put a gift into the crèche for the Holy Family

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

"That Christians inspired by the Word of God May Serve the Poor & Suffering!" – Pope Francis.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS!

Thank you to everyone for making Christmas so special for those in need! Your generosity, kindness and thoughtfulness went above and beyond. Our families were so happy to receive help at Christmas this year and more importantly were overwhelmed with the kindness extended to them. May God bless each of you with peace, happiness and health in the New Year!

- Food items needed: CANS OF PROGRESSO SOUP, SIZE 5 DIAPERS, BABY WIPES, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, DISHWASHING LIQUID, SPONGES, TISSUES, INDIVIDUAL BAGS OF SNACKS AND COOKIES. Please bring all non-perishable food/ personal hygiene items to the Parish Social Ministry office or to our new food box which is located near the St. Vincent de Paul clothing box. Please do not leave anything in the food box which requires refrigeration or any frozen food items.
- Blood Drive – Our winter blood drive will be taking place on Sunday, January 21st from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm in Msgr. Kirwin Hall.. See flyer in bulletin for more information.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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## EPIPHANY SUNDAY

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- **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** – Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 9:45 am in the Dorothy Day room of the Finamore Center to knit or crochet prayer shawls or lap blankets for our sick and homebound parishioners. If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving one of these blessed shawls, please contact our office. New members are always welcome. You need not know how to knit or crochet. We have talented parishioners who can teach you. The meetings for January will take place on Monday, January 8th and January 22nd. . Please use the side entrance to the upper school building located on Dover Street (the entrance is across the street from the Bishop's office. If you have any question please call Parish Social Ministry 746-6585, ext. 410.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Social Ministry office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00-3:00 pm.

#### **PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY GANG**

For the months of November & December, the PB&J Gang made 146 wash-up kits which they donated to those in need. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

#### **WINTER COAT AND JACKET COLLECTION**

Spread the warmth. It is that time again. We are collecting new and gently used coats for men, women, and children. Please donate a coat or a jacket to help the soup kitchen. There is a 'WINTER COAT DRIVE' box on Dover Street, beside the Social Ministry entrance, near the St. Vincent de Paul Box. If you have any questions, please call Tecky at (516) 655-9755. Coats and jackets will be collected until March.

#### **ST. AIDAN'S PRE-CANA PROGRAM**

St. Aidan's Foccus & Pre-Caná program consists of a FOCCUS Pre-Marriage Inventory and a ONE DAY parish program that is held on Saturday from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM. FOCCUS stands for Facilitating Open Couple Communication Understanding and Study. The FOCCUS and Pre-Caná Class Fee is a total of \$125.00 payable to: Church of St. Aidan

- Winter 2024 Classes. Opening Mass: Sun March 10, 2024 at 12 Noon – 2:15pm. Pre Caná Class: Sat: March 16, 2024 from 8:30am – 4:45pm. Closing Mass: Sat March 16, 2024 at 5:00pm – 6:00pm
- Spring 2024 Classes. Opening Mass: Sun June 2, 2024 at 12 Noon – 2:15pm. Pre Caná Class: Sat: June 8, 2024 from 8:30am – 4:45pm. Closing Mass: Sat June 8, 2024 at 5:00pm – 6:00pm

- Fall 2024 Classes. Opening Mass: Sun November 3, 2024 at 12 Noon – 2:15pm. Pre Caná Class: Sat: November 9, 2024 from 8:30am – 4:45pm. Closing Mass: Sat November 9, 2024 at 5:00pm – 6:00pm  
To Register call St Aidan Parish Rectory Office (516) 746-6585. The St. Aidan Moderator is Deacon Rudy Martin: Email: Dcrudy@Staidanparish.org. if you cannot make any of these dates you can attend a course facilitated by the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Contact 678-5800 ext. 223 or go on-line to register at [www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org). Click on "Marriage. Scroll down to find Marriage Preparation and FOCCUS on line registration.

#### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY. Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Kevin & Regina Hickson at 516-554-3835 or <https://www.menyli.org/>.

#### **ENGAGED ENCOUNTER**

Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement? Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCaná program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Visit [longisland.engagedencounter.com](http://longisland.engagedencounter.com) for information and registration.

#### **BECAUSE NO MARRIAGE IS BEYOND HOPE...**

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The Columbiettes, from Corpus Christi Council 2502, invite you to join our group. We are Catholic women, 18 years and over. We meet at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 186 Jericho Turnpike, Mineola, NY. RSVP to Ruth Ann at 516-317-6356

### THE WILLISTON PARK SENIORS

The Williston Park Seniors have openings for a trip to Woodloch Pines on Monday April 29th to Friday May 3, 2024. If interested please contact Rae Caramanica at 516 946-3744 .

### ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Are you the son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, great grandson or granddaughter of a Veteran who served in the Military or is presently serving? American Legion Auxiliary Unit 144 has scholarship applications available. Applications can be picked up at the Williston Park Library or please contact Dianne Karl. For the website to download the applications. Email dianneli @optimum.net or call 516-778-0006. Please call if you have any questions. Note: Our unit has had scholarship winners for the past 10 years.

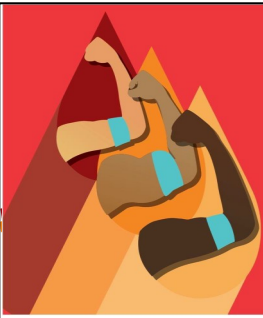
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6. Public schools may not require students to sing Christmas songs whose messages conflict with the students' own religious or nonreligious beliefs.
7. Public school students may not be prohibited from distributing literature to fellow students concerning the Christmas holiday or invitations to church Christmas events on the same terms that they would be allowed to distribute other literature that is not related to schoolwork.
8. Private citizens or groups may display creches or other Christmas symbols in public parks subject to the same reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions that would apply to other similar displays.
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light displays, and may include crèches in their displays at least so long as the purpose for including the creche is not to promote its religious content and it is placed in context with other symbols of the Holiday season as part of an effort to celebrate the public Christmas holiday through its traditional symbols.

10. Neither public nor private employers may prevent employees from decorating their offices for Christmas, playing Christmas music, or wearing clothing related to Christmas merely because of their religious content so long as these activities are not used to harass or intimidate others.

11. Public or private employees whose sincerely held religious beliefs require that they not work on Christmas must be reasonably accommodated by their employers unless granting the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the employer.

12. Government recognition of Christmas as a public holiday and granting government employees a paid holiday for Christmas does not violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

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From the Board of Directors and founding members of Catholics for Freedom of Religion to Americans of all faiths, we send our wishes that your Christmas will be filled with joy, gladness and hope at the birth of our Savior, Christ the King. We pray together with you for strength and guidance for all Americans to understand and guard the religious freedom that protects our rights to choose our faith, to worship openly and fearlessly, to share our faith freely and to make the choice for life. Venite adoremus Dominum.

## LITURGY COLUMN

Merry Christmas, and like the song says, may your every wish come true. But perhaps it would be better to say Happy Birthday, because that is what we are really celebrating today, the birthday of Jesus Christ. That's why we have bumper stickers that say "Keep CHRIST in CHRISTmas". And while we receive and give gifts, let us remember that on that first Christmas over two thousand years ago, it was God Who gave us all a great gift. The Son of God, the second member of the Trinity came down to earth as a poor, humble, helpless Baby. Born into poverty, into a working class family, not in a hospital, or even in a nice clean bed, but in a manger, a feed trough for animals. And

who was there to welcome Him? Yes, a choir of angels, which must have been pretty spectacular for the few who saw and heard them. That being, of course, a few shepherds, who at that time were considered sort of second-class citizens, poorly paid and perhaps not fully trustworthy. But biblically, shepherds were important. The first murder victim was a shepherd, Abel, the son of Adam and Eve, slain by his brother, Cain. The greatest king of Israel, David, was a shepherd before he became king. The Old Testament regularly refers to God speaking to His people and referring to Himself as the Good Shepherd, the One Who truly cares for His helpless sheep. And, as the New Testament tells us, this Baby in the manger is the Son of God, that Good Shepherd, as well as the prophetically foretold descendant of the ex-shepherd, that great king David. After the Baby in the manger grew up, He, just like His Father, would constantly refer to Himself as the Good Shepherd, the one Shepherd Who could be trusted to truly care for His sheep, especially those who most needed care.

And what was the full nature of this Good Shepherd, this gift from God? He was the fulfillment of all the promises made by God to His people throughout all of the Old Testament. This Baby would be the eternal reconciliation of humanity and God for the sin of Adam and Eve and its repercussions throughout time. He would be the eternal King of God's people on earth. God continually promised good things to His chosen people. With the birth of Christ, He delivered all of them. Not only that, but He would no longer need to constantly admonish them, because His Son would provide complete forgiveness of all sins, past, present, and future. The entire relationship between God and humanity changed forever because of that first Christmas.

Of course, nobody knew any of this on that first Christmas. But thirty years later, after the Baby had grown up, the world would start to take notice. First, the chosen people of the Old Testament, and soon even the Gentiles would begin to learn of God's gift of His Son. He went about doing good, healing the sick, curing the lame, even raising the dead. He lived the life of the Good Shepherd as He fulfilled the prophecies of Isaiah and the others who foretold His coming. He did what they said He would, God again delivered on His promises. And after only three short years, He would give us His greatest gift. The Good Shepherd would not only care for His sheep, He would lay down His life for them. But the night before He did that, He gave us His greatest gift, one again foreseen in the Old Testament. For just as God fed His people with daily bread from Heaven in the form of manna in the desert of Sinai, Jesus gave us the perfect and eternal bread, His Body and Blood in the form of bread in the Eucharist, to feed His sheep forever.



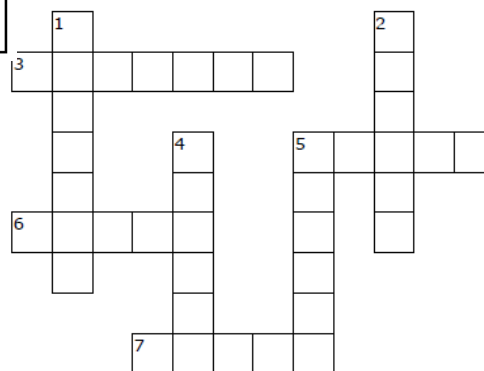
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The Angel  
Gabriel  
Appears to  
Mary

Luke  
1:26-38

ELIZABETH	JESUS	JOSEPH	BORN	AFRAID
SON	KINGDOM	DAVID	GABRIEL	BIRTH
MARY	TOWN	ANGEL	THRONE	VIRGIN



#### ACROSS

3. To be joined together as husband and wife
5. A heavenly being; a messenger for God
6. The son who was born to Mary
7. A very young person especially between infancy and youth

#### DOWN

1. The name of the angel who appeared to Mary
2. A young unmarried woman; a maiden
4. The man to whom Mary was engaged to marry
5. To be filled with fear

JOSEPH	MARRIED	AFRAID	VIRGIN
GABRIEL	CHILD	ANGEL	JESUS



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**ONGOING COMMUNICATION:** Please visit our webpages at [staidanparish.org/ff](http://staidanparish.org/ff) for updates throughout the school year.

**OFFICE HOURS:** The office is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 2PM to 7PM, Thursdays by appointment only, and closed on Fridays.

**TRANSFERRING FAMILIES:** Parents should call the Faith Formation Office at (516) 746-6585 x405 as soon as possible. Baptismal certificates are required for all transferring students. Transfer students grade 2 and up must also submit a Letter of Transfer from the previous Religious Education program attended.

**HELP US PASS ON THE FAITH IN 2023-2024:** Thank you to all who volunteered to assist in the Faith Formation program. We have a great need for substitute catechists throughout the program.. Lesson plans and materials are provided for substitute catechists. Please contact the office for more information at x405. We need your help.

**MULTISENSORY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** The Multisensory Program serves children who would benefit from a smaller class setting. This program meets on Thursdays. If you or someone you know has a child who may benefit from this type of program, please contact the Director at (516)746-6585x406 or [esmith@staidanparish.org](mailto:esmith@staidanparish.org). We are always looking for more adult catechists and volunteers.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:** The Multisensory program is always looking for a few dedicated high school teens or local college students to make a commitment to assist in the program during the school year. No experience is necessary. If you want to learn more, please call (516)746-6585 x406 or email [esmith@staidanparish.org](mailto:esmith@staidanparish.org) for more information. Teens must be available on Thursday afternoons. This is a great opportunity for any teen who may be considering a career in Nursing, Teaching, Counseling, Psychology, Social Work, Occupational, Speech, or Physical Therapies. Service documentation, college recommendation letters, and scholarship letters are provided. Please consider joining us for the 2023 -2024 school year.

**GRADE 5 MASS:** On Sunday, January 7th, all grade 5 students and their families are invited to attend the 10:30AM Family Mass. The special topic will be All About the Mass. Please make every effort to join us!

**GRADE 7:** All Grade 7 Confirmation 2025 candidates are asked to attend Mass with their parents on Sunday, Jan. 21st at 9AM OR Saturday, Jan. 27th at 5PM. Candidates will submit the Interview with their Sponsor paper. Instructions have been sent via email that was provided at registration. THERE ARE NO GRADE 7 CLASSES ON JAN. 22ND AND JAN. 24TH.

**GRADE 8:** All Grade 8 Confirmation 2024 candidates are asked to attend Mass with their parents on Sunday,

Jan. 28th at 9AM OR Saturday, Feb. 3rd at 5PM. Candidates will present their Confirmation Registration Form, validated Confirmation Sponsor form, and a Brief report on the Saint they have chosen. Forms and directions have been sent via email provided at registration. THERE ARE NO GRADE 8 CLASS ON JAN. 29TH OR JAN. 31ST.

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND. THE FAITH FORMATION WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 21ST THROUGH DECEMBER 26TH.**

The Faith Formation Office wishes all a Blessed Christmas! Carolyn, Maryann, and Elaine

**OCIA:** If you or someone you know has ever been curious about what the Catholic Church believes and teaches; our parish is here for you! Whether you grew up in a different religion or not raised in any religion, there is a great way to get your curiosity satisfied and your questions answered. Please call (516)746-6585 x406 or email [esmith@staidanparish.org](mailto:esmith@staidanparish.org).

**ADULT CONFIRMATION:** Spread the word! An adult Confirmation class will begin in January 2024 for any Adult Catholics (18+), who have not been confirmed and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Adult Confirmation will be celebrated in May. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 516-746-6585 x406 or email [esmith@staidanparish.org](mailto:esmith@staidanparish.org).

**SUPPORT FAMILY MASS:** Family Mass is looking for more adults to assist in supervising the young people who volunteer each week. It takes very little time and/or training. Supervising adult volunteers can sign

up for whatever Sunday dates work best with their schedules. If you can help, please contact [esmith@staidanparish.org](mailto:esmith@staidanparish.org).

### CONNECTING CHURCH AND HOME:

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The liturgical color is purple. Today's Gospel, Luke 1:26-38, is the beautiful story of the Annunciation of the Blessed Mother. Because Christmas Eve is also the Fourth Sunday of Advent this year, this gospel is the perfect one to usher in the Christmas story. Mary was visited by the angel, whose message completely changed her life forever. When Mary was told she would bring a son into this world, she was naturally confused and questioned it. At that point in her life, she was engaged or betrothed to Joseph, whose lineage was of the House of David. Engaged in those days was very different than today. There were serious consequences for a woman who become pregnant before the marriage. The penalty was deadly. Mary understandably expressed her confusion to the angel that she was a virgin. After his explanation, Mary, who was probably in her late teens, completely said YES to God's plan. Even though having a child seemed impossible to her, she relied on her faith and hope in God and gave consent. At that moment, God's plan for salvation was activated. To comfort Mary and show her how everything is possible for God, the angel also spoke to her regarding her elderly cousin, Elizabeth who was in her 6th month of pregnancy. That too was impossible. All the foretelling in the Old Testament had come to life. For Mary, this was just the beginning of God fulfilling His promises in dynamic ways. The Annunciation shows us Mary's trust, faithfulness, obedience, humility, and discipleship.

She is our perfect role model. In her motherly role, she is the one we can go to for protection, guidance, and overall assistance. God's salvation has been given to humanity through her unconditional YES!

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "Mary's Yes changed the world. Because she said yes, she became a mother, both Mother of Christ and the Mother of the Church." (CCC, 963-75) Children are so excited with the stories that set our focus on the Birth of Jesus.

What is very evident to them is how different everything was way back when??? They find it challenging to think of a world that compared to today's time, had so little. Yet, children can become easily attracted to the simplicity of the Christmas story. This is the perfect time of the year to point out how Mary had confidence in God's plan for her even when she didn't understand. That confidence came from prayer and study. Taking some time to go into a little detail about the birth of Jesus is a great conversation to have when putting up the creche. (If your family doesn't have a creche, it is a great thing to get.) The creche is not a Christmas decoration, but rather, the creche is Christmas visually for us.

This week, younger children will enjoy making Hope Cards. The cards should say, "Nothing is impossible for God." Ask children to decorate these cards to announce the wonderful birth of Jesus. Send some of these cards to family, friends, hospitals, or other places where people are in need of Hope. Have a conversation about how each family member can say Yes to God this

## St. Aidan's Family Mass

Children's Worship Materials are in the "Children's Corner" in the Church Lobby. All are welcome! Invite a friend!

**CHRIST IS BORN!  
GLORIFY HIM**

*Wishing you a Blessed Christmas!*



Coming Up:

Grade Level Mass for Grade 5 on January 7<sup>th</sup>.



We welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Please email us at:

[Faith.Formation@staidanparish.org](mailto:Faith.Formation@staidanparish.org).



week and offer it as a gift to Baby Jesus. School-age children may enjoy writing a different kind of Christmas list. Instead of writing what gifts they would like to receive, this list would be a list of gifts that others in the community and the world need. Post the list for all in the family to see and select a couple of ideas to implement during the whole Christmas season such as helping to provide food for those who are hungry in our community. Cut out some angels, decorate them, and write the name of someone who brings God's love either to individual family members or to your family. Add these angels to your Christmas tree and pray for these special people every day of the Christmas season.

This year because Christmas is on a Monday and Easter is so early, the Church's Christmas season is shorter than usual. Therefore, make the most of every day of celebration by keeping a family focus on Jesus, the true reason for this season.

Family Mass wishes a Blessed Christmas to All!



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. AIDAN SCHOOL



**The students and staff at SAS  
had a week of festive and  
spirited celebrations during the  
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Christmas Spirit Week.  
A great time was had by all!**



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All registration information can be found on our website at <https://staidanschool.org/registration>

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Christmas 2023

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Merry Christmas to you and your families!

In recent years at Christmas, I have meditated on the relationship between the Nativity of the Prince of Peace and the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

I have been especially inspired by Pope Francis' analysis of the Parable of the Good Samaritan in the second chapter of his 2020 encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*. It is powerful and provocative, and I would recommend it for your mental prayer.

The short phrase in the Christmas Gospel narrative in the second chapter of the Gospel of Luke reads: "She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

"No room for them in the inn." No Good Samaritan stepped up to help the Holy Family. They were ignored and treated perfunctorily and impatiently. Some passed them by. Some pretended not to notice their plight.

Remember too that in the Parable of the Good Samaritan an "inn" is also mentioned. Luke 10 reads: "But a Good Samaritan while traveling came near him, and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn and took care of him."

The inn that the Holy Family approaches on the way to Bethlehem is a sign of rejection and indifference.

The inn in the Parable of the Good Samaritan is a sign of the Good Samaritan's compassion and commitment to go the extra mile and to make sure that the wounded man is taken care of until he is completely healed.

Contemporary literary criticism might very well emphasize that the use of "inn" by the Gospel writer in both the Nativity in Luke 2 and the Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10 is not by accident.



In a sense, the phrase “there was no room at the inn” in the Nativity foreshadows and connects with the phrase in the Parable of the Good Samaritan describing the callous indifference of both the priest and the Levite toward the wounded man on the side of the road: “[H]e passed by on the other side.”

As Pope Francis says in *Fratelli Tutti*: “Each day we have to decide whether to be Good Samaritans or indifferent bystanders.”<sup>1</sup>

Our Lady, St. Joseph and the unborn Christ Child experienced the reality of people who decided to be indifferent bystanders.

The Christmas Gospel narrative from Luke 2 poses a question which is posed again later in the Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10.

Will we be Good Samaritans?

Or will we be indifferent bystanders?

As the Holy Father reminds us, we make that choice every day.

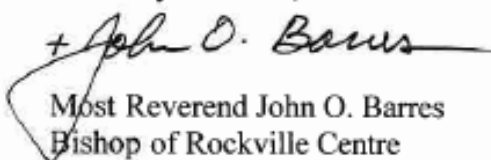
May our prayer, silent contemplation and creative family catechesis of the Nativity scene help us to be instruments of a Nativity Mystery. May the Good Samaritan Gospel revolution of humility, charity, mercy, tenderness and peace unite us in solidarity with the sick, the poor and the suffering, especially in the Middle East, Ukraine and all war-ravaged areas of the world.

May our commitment to “holiness and mission” bless our contemplative Synodal listening and our Eucharistic Revival and Evangelization.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families!

May the Light and Love of the Christ Child animate and guide our global Catholic Missionary Spirit on this Christmas night and throughout the New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,

  
Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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<sup>1</sup> Francis, encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, October 4, 2020: AAS 112 (11) 969-1074, at no. 70.



# CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS 2023

## RECTORY OUTDOOR MEMORIAL DECORATION

FRONT OF RECTORY LIGHTS,  
WREATHS, WHITE BRANCHES  
IN THANKSGIVING FOR  
GOD'S BLESSINGS

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## CHURCH ENTRANCE MEMORIAL WREATH

LEFT  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
THOMAS & ANTONIA  
JOHNSON  
LOVE  
THE CONNOLLY  
& SAKETOS FAMILIES

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## OUTDOOR MEMORIAL WREATHS

UPPER SCHOOL  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
ANGELA MURPHY  
DONATED BY  
TOM MURPHY & FAMILY

LOWER SCHOOL  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
OUR PARENTS AGNES &  
ANTHONY KIMKOWSKI  
& MARY & THEODORE MOSS  
DONATED BY  
MARGARET & ROBERT MOSS

FINAMORE PARISH CENTER  
YOU WILL ALWAYS BE MY  
SANTA, LOVE CAROLYN  
DONATED BY  
CAROLYN STALTERS

GYMNASIUM  
IN MEMORY OF  
JOSEPH K. JOSEPH  
JACOB C. KOSHY  
DONATED BY  
BEN & JINCY JOSEPH

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## VESTIBULE MEMORIAL WREATHS

LEFT  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
EDGAR N. TILLEY  
& PATRICIA & PETER TENNIS  
DONATED BY  
PATRICIA & THOMAS TILLEY

RIGHT  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
JAMES P. TENNIS,  
VIRGINIA TENNIS STARKES  
& BARBARA BIALOBRZESKI  
PAGELS  
DONATED BY  
PATRICIA & THOMAS TILLEY

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## REAR OF CHURCH WREATH MEMORIALS

LEFT  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
ROSE & PASQUALE SALVA  
HARRIETTE & JOSEPH  
PARENDO  
DONATED BY  
THEIR FAMILY

RIGHT  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
WE LOVE YOU  
MOM & DAD  
DONATED BY  
NANCY & JERRY  
ABATEMARCO

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## EVERGREEN ROPING INSIDE CHURCH

IN HONOR OF  
ALL USA TROOPS  
DONATED BY  
ABBALLE  
PLUMBING SUPPLY

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## CHRISTMAS TREES FOYER

LEFT  
ANTONIO F. MARTINS  
DONATED BY  
THE LOBATO FAMILY

RIGHT  
JOAO LOBATO SR.  
DONATED BY  
THE LOBATO FAMILY

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## TABERNACLE TREES

LEFT  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
STEPHEN A. TSCHERN  
DONATED BY  
EMMA & ALBERT TSCHERN

RIGHT  
IN MEMORY OF  
MARJORIE V. EMKEN  
DONATED BY  
FREDERICK J. EMKEN

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## SANCTUARY TREES

LEFT  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MY DEAR SISTER,  
DIANE DELGROSSO  
COPPOLO  
& MSGR. JAMES M.  
MCDONALD  
DONATED BY  
JAMES DELGROSSO

RIGHT  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
STEPHEN A. TSCHERN  
DONATED BY  
EMMA & ALBERT TSCHERN

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SANCTUARY BANNERS  
FOR THE CHRISTMAS  
SEASON

IN MEMORY OF  
MARY LOU GRADY  
DONATED BY  
THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

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WREATH MEMORIAL  
CHOIR LOFT

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
TIMMY WRESCH JR.  
DONATED BY  
HELENA & TIM WRESCH  
& FAMILY

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WREATH MEMORIALS  
WEST COLUMNS

IN MEMORY OF  
THE DALY, LOUGHRAN  
& NAPPI FAMILIES  
DONATED BY  
MAUREEN & RALPH NAPPI

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MARY & PATRICK HOGAN  
DONATED BY  
THERESA SULLIVAN

MERRY CHRISTMAS IN  
HEAVEN  
MOM, DAD, NANI & KEVIN  
TILL WE MEET AGAIN.  
LOVE YOU ALL!  
DONATED BY  
VERONICA SHANAHAN

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MARANA GAVAGAN  
DONATED BY  
THE GAVAGAN FAMILY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
THE DECEASED MEMBERS  
OF THE CROAL & LORUSSO  
FAMILIES  
DONATED BY  
THE LORUSSO FAMILY

WREATH MEMORIALS  
EAST COLUMNS

IN MEMORY OF  
THE DALY, LOUGHRAN  
& NAPPI FAMILIES  
DONATED BY  
MAUREEN & RALPH NAPPI

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MAUREEN HOGAN  
DONATED BY  
THERESA SULLIVAN

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WINDOW DECORATIONS

WINDOW 1  
ST. JOSEPH TRANSEPT  
SAINT MATTHEW  
IN MEMORY OF  
THERESE & RALPH SPOSATO  
& PEGGY & TOM JOYCE  
DONATED BY  
JOAN & TIM JOYCE

WINDOW 2  
ST. JOSEPH TRANSEPT  
SERMON ON THE MOUNT  
THE PISCATELLA FAMILY

WINDOW 3  
ST. JOSEPH TRANSEPT  
SAINT MARK  
THE KAMMER, COLAVITO  
& BLATZ FAMILIES

WINDOW 4  
ST. JOSEPH TRANSEPT  
SAINT LUKE  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
EDWARD WILLIAM BLATZ, JR.

WINDOW 5  
ST. JOSEPH TRANSEPT  
CHRIST BLESSING LITTLE  
CHILDREN  
CATHERINE & TONY SOMMA  
& FAMILY

WINDOW 6  
ST. JOSEPH TRANSEPT  
SAINT JOHN  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
FRANK FLANAGAN  
FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS  
MAUREEN FLANAGAN  
& PEGGY JORGENSEN

WINDOW 7  
NAVE EAST  
CALL OF THE APOSTLES  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MARY MATTEO  
& KATHLEEN HAGAN  
DONATED BY  
THE TERRY FAMILY

WINDOW 8  
NAVE EAST  
THE TRANSFIGURATION  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
CATERINA & ANGELO  
GIOVINO  
DONATED BY  
THE TERRY FAMILY

WINDOW 9  
NAVE EAST  
THE RAISING OF LAZARUS  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
HELEN F. FORMAN  
DONATED BY  
THE TERRY FAMILY

WINDOW 10  
NAVE EAST  
LAST SUPPER  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
JOAN & HAROLD TERRY  
DONATED BY  
THE TERRY FAMILY

WINDOW 11  
NAVE EAST  
THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN  
IN MEMORY, WITH LOVE,  
FOR DECEASED MEMBERS  
OF BOROWSKI & CONNORS  
FAMILIES  
DONATED BY  
LYNN & MIKE BOROWSKI



WINDOW 12  
NAVE EAST  
THE CRUCIFIXION  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MARIA JULIA OLIVEIRA  
DONATED BY  
THE AZEVEDO FAMILY

WINDOW 13  
NAVE EAST  
THE RESURRECTION  
LIVING & DECEASED  
MEMBERS OF  
THE DONOVAN & DOWNES  
FAMILIES  
DONATED BY  
WILLIAM & DOREEN  
DOWNES

WINDOW 14  
NAVE WEST  
THE CORONATION  
MERRY CHRISTMAS IN  
HEAVEN  
BOB & DAN KOPETIC  
FROM YOUR LOVING FAMILY  
DONATED BY  
KATHY KOPETIC

WINDOW 15  
NAVE WEST  
THE ASSUMPTION  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
KEVIN GALWAY

WINDOW 16  
NAVE WEST  
THE MARRIAGE AT CANA  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
AGNES YANDOLI,  
VERONICA PORTARO  
& JEANNE AMODIO  
DONATED BY  
CAROLYN MUELLER

WINDOW 17  
NAVE WEST  
THE FINDING IN THE TEMPLE  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
NORA & DAN MURPHY  
& TRE MURPHY

WINDOW 18  
NAVE WEST  
THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
ANTOINETTE & MARIO  
STEFANIA  
& HENRY CAPOZZI

WINDOW 19  
NAVE WEST  
THE NATIVITY  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
PAUL KANE  
LOVE KATHY  
DONATED BY KATHY KANE

WINDOW 20  
NAVE WEST  
THE ANNUNCIATION  
JACK CLANCY  
ALWAYS REMEMBERED  
WITH LOVE FROM  
NOREEN CLANCY & FAMILY

WINDOW 21  
OUR LADY'S TRANSEPT  
SAINT CABRINI MOTHER  
SETON KATERI TEKAKIWITHA  
STEVEN DANIEL CLANCY  
DEARLY LOVED, DEEPLY  
MISSED,  
ALWAYS REMEMBERED  
DONATED WITH LOVE BY  
THE CLANCY FAMILY

WINDOW 22  
OUR LADY'S TRANSEPT  
AMERICAN MARTYRS /  
JESUIT FATHERS  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
DECEASED MEMBERS OF  
THE SULLIVAN & KAIDER  
FAMILIES  
DONATED BY  
PATRICIA & MICHAEL  
SULLIVAN

WINDOW 23  
OUR LADY'S TRANSEPT  
ST PIUS X / ST MARIA  
GORETTI /  
ST DOMINIC SAVIO  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
DEACON FRANK LOVE  
FROM  
HIS LOVING FAMILY

WINDOW 24  
OUR LADY'S TRANSEPT  
OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
FOR HARRY ENTENMANN  
FROM YOUR FAMILY  
DONATED BY  
EVELYN ENTENMANN

WINDOW 25  
OUR LADY'S TRANSEPT  
ST DOMINIC RECEIVES THE  
ROSARY  
FOR SUSAN & JOHN  
MCDEVITT  
FROM YOUR FAMILY  
DONATED BY  
EVELYN ENTENMANN

WINDOW 26  
OUR LADY'S TRANSEPT  
OUR LADY OF FATIMA  
IN MEMORY OF  
THE ROBINSON & TOMEI  
FAMILIES  
DONATED BY  
JOHN & ANGELA ROBINSON

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POINSETTIA MEMORIALS  
OUR LADY'S SHRINE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
ANTHONY & ELEANOR  
& PETER VANATTA  
DONATED BY  
THE VANATTA FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF  
BOB HESSE  
FROM  
RITA HESSE & FAMILY



CARLOS LOPES PEREIRA  
DONATED BY  
THE LOBATO FAMILY

JOAQUIM & MARIA MARTINS  
DONATED BY  
THE LOBATO FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF  
ROSE REPKE  
FROM  
JAQUE & JOHN REPKE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MARY LOU HAP MAGEE  
GRADY, WHO DID  
EVERYTHING WITH LOVE  
DONATED BY  
BETH ANN, ALAN GRADY  
& FAMILY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
JOSEPH WENGLER  
& MICHAEL WENGLER  
DONATED BY  
THE WENGLER FAMILY

THE VACHRIS  
& MANGIACAPRE FAMILY

PARISHIONERS OF ST. AIDAN

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
STEVEN MICHITSCH  
DONATED BY  
THE MICHITSCH FAMILY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
ANN, FRANK  
& JEANINE UTTARO  
DONATED BY  
MICHAEL URTARO

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POINSETTIA MEMORIALS  
ST. JOSEPH'S SHRINE

DOROTEIA MACEDO  
DONATED BY  
THE LOBATO FAMILY

JOAO & OLIVIA MACEDO  
DONATED BY  
THE LOBATO FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF  
JACK & MARIA MARTINS  
DONATED BY  
EDWARD & PATRICIA OLSON

THE CLARKE & MARTIN  
FAMILIES  
DONATED BY  
JOHN F. CLARKE

THE BREGLIO FAMILY  
DONATED BY  
KEN & JUNE BREGLIO

PARISHIONERS OF ST.  
AIDAN'S

IN MEMORY OF  
FRED L. JAKOB, MICHAEL  
FINLEY  
& WILLIAM NIELSEN  
DONATED BY  
DORIS M. JAKOB

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
ROBERT J. EILBACHER  
DONATED BY  
THE EILBACHER FAMILY

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POINSETTIA MEMORIALS  
SACRED HEART SHRINE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
CATHERINE WALSH  
DONATED BY  
THE WALSH FAMILY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MAE & FRANK GUNN  
DONATED BY  
PATRICIA GUNN

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
STEPHEN A. TSCHERN  
DONATED BY  
EMMA & ALBERT TSCHERN

IN MEMORY OF  
EDWIN & CATHERINE OLSON  
DONATED BY  
EDWARD & PATRICIA OLSON

POINSETTIA MEMORIALS  
ST. THERESA STATUE

IN MEMORY OF ROSE REPKE  
FROM JAQUE & JOHN REPKE

IN MEMORY OF  
THERESIA BRECH  
DONATED BY  
THE BRECH FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF  
MARYANN T. CILIA  
RITA & JOSEPH VISCARDI  
DONATED BY  
KAREN & JOHN VISCARDI

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POINSETTIA MEMORIALS  
ST. ANTHONY STATUE

ANDY, WE LOVE AND MISS  
YOU EVERYDAY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
THE MCCARREN, TOBL  
& YERKS FAMILIES

IN MEMORY OF  
GABRIEL A. SANTUCCI  
DONATED BY  
HIS LOVING FAMILY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
FELICIA AND HENRY BRAITO  
DONATED BY  
MICHAEL & NORA BRAITO

THE BREGLIO FAMILY  
DONATED BY  
KEN & JUNE BREGLIO

PARISHIONERS OF  
ST. AIDAN

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
DONALD & ELAINE MILLER  
DONATED BY  
MICHAEL UTTARO

THANK YOU ALL  
FOR SUPPORTING  
ST. AIDAN CHURCH



## O Come Divine Messiah!

"VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE"

FRENCH CAROL

O come, divine Messiah!  
The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph  
And sadness flee away  
Dear Savior, haste  
Come, come to earth  
Dispel the night and show your face  
And bid us hail the dawn of grace  
O come, divine Messiah!  
The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph  
And sadness flee away

O Christ, whom nations sigh for  
Whom priest and prophet long foretold  
Come break the captive fetters  
Redeem the long-lost fold  
Dear Savior, haste  
Come, come to earth  
Dispel the night and show your face  
And bid us hail the dawn of grace  
O come, divine Messiah!  
The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph  
And sadness flee away

## Responsorial Psalm

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me according to your word.

### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Lo How a Rose E'er blooming

"ES IST EIN ROSE"

MICHAEL PRAETORIUS



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

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



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

## Magnificat: My Soul Rejoices

LUKE 1:46-55

OWEN ALSTOTT

My soul rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
My spirit finds its joy in God, the living God.  
My soul proclaims your mighty deeds.  
My spirit sings the greatness of your name.

My soul rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
My spirit finds its joy in God, the living God.  
Your mercy flows throughout the land  
and ev'ry generation knows your love.

My soul rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
My spirit finds its joy in God, the living God.  
You cast the mighty from their thrones  
and raise the poor and lowly to new life.

My soul rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
My spirit finds its joy in God, the living God.  
You fill the hungry with good things.  
With empty hands you send the rich away.

My soul rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
My spirit finds its joy in God, the living God.  
Just as you promised Abraham,  
you come to free your people, Israel.

## Immaculate Mary

LOURDES HYMN

GRENOBLE

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing;  
You reign now in splendor with Jesus, our King.  
Ave, ave, ave, María! Ave, ave, María!

In heaven the blessed your glory proclaim;  
On earth we, your children, invoke your sweet name.  
Ave, ave, ave, María! Ave, ave, María!

We pray for the Church, our true mother on earth;  
And beg you to watch o'er the land of our birth.  
Ave, ave, ave, María! Ave, ave, María!





**DECEMBER 24TH—  
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**GLORIA**

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.

**Reading 1 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12**

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."

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 89**

R. 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.

**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.

**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.

## DECEMBER 25TH—CHRISTMAS

### GLORIA

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.

### Reading I Is 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for flames. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 96

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.  
Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Announce his salvation, day after day.

Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and what fills it resound; let the plains be joyful and all that is in them! Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes; for he comes to rule the earth. He shall rule the world with justice and the peoples with his constancy.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

### Reading II Ti 2:11-14

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

### Gospel Lk 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in

the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

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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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