ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH DENTON

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” - Mk 1:7-8

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Parish Contact Info

Our mission is to be a God-centered Catholic community of Faith which teaches, evangelizes, and ministers to the needs of God's people.

940-387-6223 Parish Office
940- 464-7808 Fax
If a patient or the family wishes a pastoral visit, please call Fr. George on his cell phone 940-268-6760 or the parish office 940-387-6223.

Parish Office Hours:
Monday -Thursday **8:30 am-4:30 pm**; Friday **8:30 am-12:30 pm**.

Religious Education Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday **9:00 am - 4:00 pm**; Friday **9 am - 12:30 pm**.

Immaculate Conception Catholic School:
2301 N. Bonnie Brae Street, 940- 381-1155 or 940- 381-1539

Baptism: Preparation Class & Baptism registration forms are required, prior to scheduling a Baptism. Prep Class is held on the **2nd Thursday** of every month. Go to www.stmarkdenton.org or contact Elsa Vasquez at 940-387-6223 or evasquez@stmarkdenton.org. If the child is seven years or older, please contact the Religious Education office.

Weddings: A nine-month marriage preparation is required. Please contact Deacon Joe Standridge, 940-220-7160 jstandridge@stmarkdenton.org for information. **Con-Validation/Sanation:** For civil marriages to be recognized by the Catholic Church, please contact Deacon Joe.

Annulments: For questions, or to request an annulment, please contact Deacon Vic Norton at 817-823-9768, vnorton@stmarkdenton.org.

Facilities: If you wish to schedule a meeting/activity at St. Mark, please email request (date/time and type of equipment if needed) to Elsa Vasquez at evasquez@stmarkdenton.org. Reservations need to be emailed two weeks in advance.

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday at noon, ten (10) days prior to bulletin release date. Please submit announcements with image or logo (if available) to pub.admin@stmarkdenton.org. Announcements may be edited.

Adult Safe Environment Awareness Sessions Requirements

Safe Environment Certification for Adult Volunteers is required prior to serving in Ministry and must be renewed every two years. Initial or Renewal Safe Environment Certification currently requires attendance at a live and in person ("face-to-face") Safe Environment Awareness Session ("Protecting God's Children For Adults") and requires a Virtus profile. See available awareness sessions: https://fwdioc.org/training-sessions. Please contact Dan Heredia with any questions at 940-222-8072 or at dheredia@stmarkdenton.org. Youth Safe Environment (Teen Leader Training) requires in person training. Please contact the youth ministers. Called to Protect session is a prerequisite to apply for Teen Leader Training.

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Attention all Ministry Leaders: All Volunteers must complete Safe Environment Program. All Leaders must check with Safe Environment Coordinator, Dan Heredia, before activating volunteers.

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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY 1/9/2021
(1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-6a,9b/Jn 3:22-30)
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Reconciliation
5:00 pm - Mass - (Alcantara Mendes †)
7:00 pm - Spanish Mass

SUNDAY 1/10/2021 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
(Is 42:1-4,6-7/Ps 29:1-2,3-4,9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11)
7:00 am - Mass - (Annette B. Davis S.I.)
9:00 am - Mass - (Vic and Jan Norton S.I.)
11:30 am - Mass - (Dottie and Don Brown S.I.)
2:00 pm - Mass exclusively for people over the age of 60
4:00 pm - Mass - (For the Parish)

MONDAY 1/11/2021
(Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1,2b,6,7c,9/Mk 1:14-20)

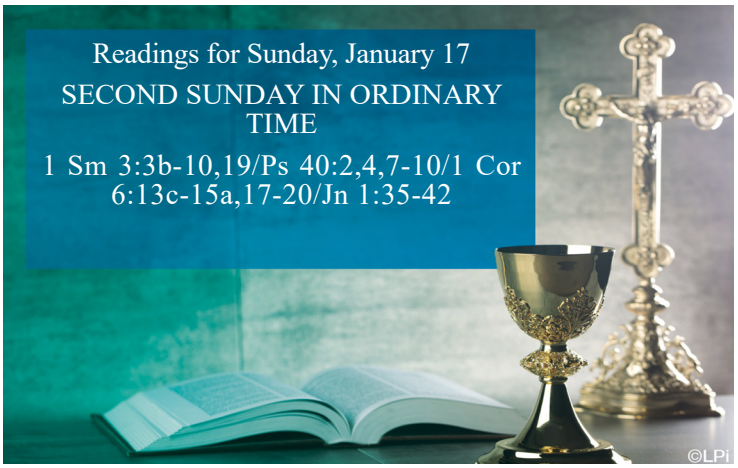
TUESDAY 1/12/2021
(Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab,5-9/Mk 1:21-28)
7:30 am - Mass - (Mark Schmitz †)

WEDNESDAY 1/13/2021 *Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*
(Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-4,6-9/Mk 1:29-39)
6:30 pm - Rosary
7:00 pm - Mass - (Annette Davis †)
7:30 - 8:30 pm - Adoration and Reconciliation

THURSDAY 1/14/2021
(Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c,8-11/Mk 1:40-45)
7:30 am - Mass - (Ellison Family S.I.)

FRIDAY 1/15/2021
(Heb 4:1-5,11/Ps 78:3,4bc,6c-8/Mk 2:1-12)
7:30 am - Mass - (Teresita M. Liangco S.I.)

SATURDAY 1/16/2021
(Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8-10,15/Mk 2:13-17)
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Reconciliation
5:00 pm - Mass - (For the Parish)
7:00 pm - Spanish Mass



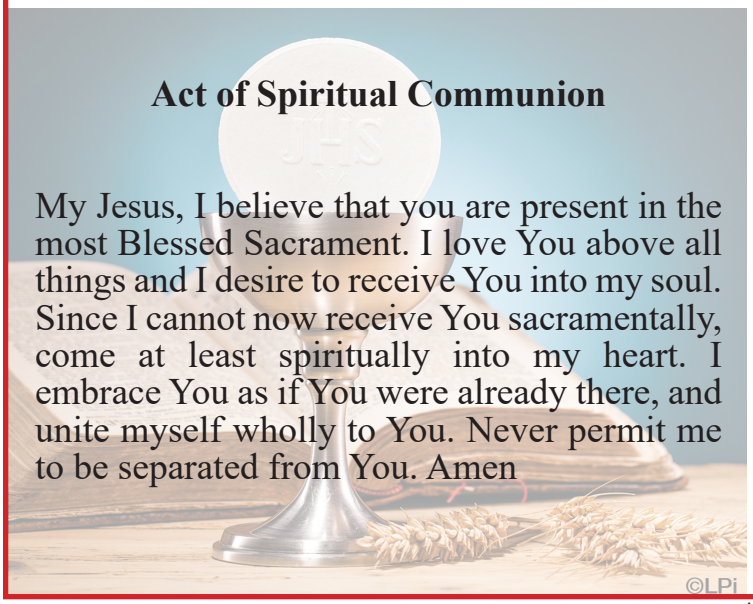
Parish News

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship, and we hope that you will return to pray with us often. If you have moved into the area, we invite you to become a member. Please call the parish office at 940-387-6223 or visit our website at stmarkdenton.org. May His Spirit grow in you!
Come as a guest, leave as a friend!

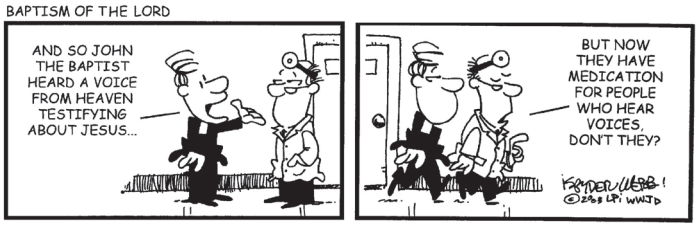
Please consider supporting our Bread of Life Ministry by providing personal care items, infant items, cleaning products, and non-perishable food items for Denton County's Friends of the Family. ADDITIONALLY, our friends at The Freedom Pantry, an important distribution point for Bread of Life, providing approximately 1300 meals monthly, are in need of resealable food baggies, primarily quart and gallon size. Please consider picking up an extra box or two the next time you go shopping. Place your donations in the Bread of Life drop box in the Narthex. Thank you for your help and continued support of our friends in need. Together we can help "Feed the Hungry"!

Please continue to check our website www.stmarkdenton.org for the latest information on RE classes, ministries and last minute changes to Mass schedules. We will post/share information as soon as we receive it.

Please contact the Ministry leader to find out if they are meeting online, and for new on campus meeting guidelines.



The **Grief Share Ministry** begins in early to **mid-April** here at St. Mark, and it is for those who would like or need help in adjusting to the loss of a loved one. Grief Share participants will meet every Thursday evening **7:00 - 9:00 pm** for 13 weeks. This ministry includes video presentations, a workbook and Group discussions with others who are mourning a loss. For more information, contact Terry Hitch at 817-296-6283 or confidence47orion@gmail.com.



Contributions

December 2020 Contribution Update
OFFERTORY (Stewardship)

Week #1	$	28,545
Week #2	$	16,942
Week #3	$	25,209
Week #4 & Christmas	$	56,306
Faith Direct	$	98,282
Total	$	225,284

Fiscal Year to Date (07/01/2020-6/30/2021)		
Total Contributed - Stewardship	$	1,029,348
Budget - Projected Parish Need	$	936,000
Over/(Under) Budget	$	93,348

Registered Families - as of December 16, 2020		2,695
Building Collection (cumulative from 1/1/2020)	$	122,572

END OF YEAR STATEMENTS

The **2020** Contribution Statements will be mailed **January 31, 2021**. If you have had a change of address during **2020** or have questions regarding your contributions, please contact Kim Harbert at kharbert@stmarkdenton.org or 940-220-7380; or Terri Manis at 940-222-6678 or tmanis@stmarkdenton.org.

Thank you for your generosity!

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Adult
Baptism of the Lord

Authored By: David Gregson

The Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Sunday after Solemnity of the Epiphany, with which it is closely associated. We usually associate the Epiphany only with the coming of the Wise Men to Bethlehem. But Epiphany originally celebrated more than that. It is one of the oldest feasts in the Church, older than Christmas.

As it was originally observed in the Eastern Church, it celebrated many different epiphanies, or manifestations, of Christ to the world, including His Nativity. At His Birth, Christ was manifested as our Savior. The Angels said to the shepherds, "To you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Lk 2:11) At His Baptism, He was manifested as God's Son by the Voice from heaven, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Mt 3:17) And at the Wedding at Cana, where He performed His first miracle, He manifested His power. Add to these the coming of the Wise Men, when Christ was manifested as our King to the Gentiles, and we have a whole series of epiphanies, all showing Christ in different ways, all celebrated originally in the one Feast of the Epiphany.

But it wasn't long before the Birth of Christ, being primary, was given a feast of its own. It was then, at least in the West, that the focus of Epiphany shifted to the coming of the Wise Men. And the other manifestations were celebrated later in the Season of Epiphany.

On the Sunday after Epiphany, we remember the next manifestation of our Lord after the coming of the Wise Men. After thirty years of quiet obscurity, in a small town in Galilee, He again showed Himself publicly. He came to John, at the River Jordan and was publicly baptized by him.

"In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan." (Mk 1:9) And there the Holy Spirit descended on Him, and the Father's Voice from heaven identified Him as His beloved Son, with whom He was well pleased.

The Baptism of Christ is not explained in Scripture. We know it is connected in some way with our own baptism, because John told the multitude, "I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (Mk 1:8) If John baptized with water only, Christ would baptize with the Holy Spirit. But if Christ Himself would baptize, with a baptism far greater than John's, why did He have to be baptized by John at all?

John's baptism was a sign of repentance, a symbolic act by which the person baptized renounced his sins. But John knew Jesus had no sins to renounce or repent of. And so he said, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" (Mt 3:14) But Christ insisted. He said, "Thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." (Mt 3:15) And so the question of why Christ had to be baptized can be put in these terms. How did Christ's being baptized fulfill all righteousness?

Baptism didn't begin with John the Baptist. It was originally a Jewish rite, which symbolized a washing from unrighteousness through the renunciation of sin. It was used until John's day for the cleansing of Gentiles who were converting to Judaism. John's baptism was revolutionary, in that he offered it to Jews -- meaning that they, no less than the Gentiles, needed to be cleansed of their sins. They were no better than the Gentiles in conforming their lives to the will of God. And this was a preparation for the teaching of Christ, that all mankind, Jew and Gentile alike, needs to come to Him for cleansing.

In light of all this, why was it necessary for Christ Himself to undergo a rite that symbolized repentance from sin? He had no sins to renounce or repent of. In being baptized, Christ renounced not His own sins, but the sins of mankind.

As John himself said, Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Our sins are taken away when God forgives us for them. And one condition for God to forgive us our sins is that we atone for them, or pay for them. Christ atoned for our sins by His death on the Cross. But there is another condition for our sins to be forgiven. We have to repent of them.

If we offend our neighbor, we can't make it right if we're not sorry for offending him. Because if we're not sorry, the likelihood is that we'll do it again. If I stole money from you, I might try to atone for it by returning the money I stole. But would that make things right between us, if I didn't make it plain I intended never to steal from you again? Returning what I stole would be a form of making atonement. But in addition, I would have to repent of my sin -- be really sorry for it. Then you might forgive me. The same is true for our offenses against God. Being forgiven for our sins requires not only that we atone for them, but also that we repent of them.

Now consider that we can't really atone for our own sins. Nothing we do for God would be enough to pay for our sins against Him. We need a Savior to do it for us. In the same way, we can't fully repent of our sins against God. We're too immersed in our sins to be truly sorry for them. We need a Savior to do it for us. In order to be forgiven for our sins, we have not only to atone for our sins, but repent of them, and we can't do either except through our Savior.

Just as our Lord, though Himself sinless, would atone for our sins on Calvary, so He, even though sinless, repented of our sins in the Jordan River. In both cases, He acted not on His own behalf, but on behalf of all mankind. He represented us before God, at the beginning of His ministry, in His Baptism, just as He would represent us before God at the end of His ministry in His Crucifixion. In our place, He repented of our sins, just as in our place, He atoned for them.

When we are baptized, we are called upon, either personally, or through our sponsors, to renounce the world, the flesh, and the devil. In other words, we renounce sin in all its forms. Yet we could never renounce or repent of our sins apart from the repentance of Christ. There is nothing we can do, to free ourselves from sin and its consequences, except in and through Christ. What we do ourselves, apart from Christ, has no value at all for our salvation. But what we do with Christ, through Him, and in Him, has great value, because it shares in His holiness and perfection.

His Baptism was a great river of repentance, which flows over us when we are baptized. His repentance becomes our repentance, as we allow ourselves to be immersed in it. Then the Spirit of God descends on us, as He did on Christ. And the Father's Voice can be heard by the ear of faith, saying to us, as He did to Christ, "You are my beloved son with whom I am well pleased."

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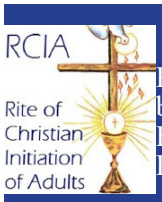
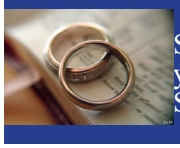
https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/baptism-of-the-lord-14232



RCIA meetings have begun. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is for those adults who have never been baptized, or who have been baptized in another faith or baptized as Catholic but never received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Please contact Deacon Joe Standridge with any questions or to join in the meetings. Deacon Joe's number is 940-220-7160 and his email is jstandridge@stmarkdenton.org.



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Gathering Hymn: On Jordan's Bank

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

2. Then cleansed be ev'ry heart from sin;
Make straight the way of God within,
And let each heart prepare a home
Where such a mighty guest may come.

3. For you are our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge, and our great reward;
Without your grace we waste away
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

Text: Jordanis oras praevia; Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806-1876, alt.

Responsorial PSALM:

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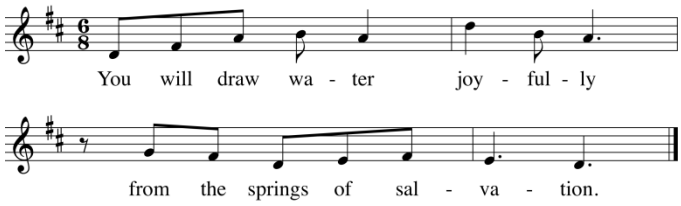
RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6*



God indeed is my savior;
I am confident and unafraid.
My strength and my courage is the LORD,
and he has been my savior.
With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation. ℟.

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;
among the nations make known his deeds,
proclaim how exalted is his name. ℟.

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement;
let this be known throughout all the earth.
Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,
for great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel! ℟.

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Offertory: Sweet Refreshment

Refrain

Cantor: Come to the water.
All: Come to the water.
Cantor: Drink of it freely.
All: Drink of it freely.
Cantor: Taste God's own Spirit.
All: Taste God's own Spirit,
Cantor: Sweet refreshment.
All: Sweet refreshment.

3. In the waters of Jordan,
your Son was baptized; with Spirit anointed,
that we might be raised to new life.

4. Living waters, eternal,
quench ev'ry thirst, cleanse ev'ry soul.
You are the fountain of life.

1. At the dawn of creation,
your Spirit, O God, moved on the waters.
You breathed and the waters were life.

2. When your people were captive,
you led them, O God, led them from bondage.
You led them through waters to life.

Text: Based on Blessing of Water, Easter Vigil; adapt. by Bob Moore, b.1962, © 1999, GIA Publications, Inc.

Communion Hymn: This is Jesus

(please see other page)

Communion Hymn: Behold the Lamb of God

1. Those who were in the dark
are thankful for the sunlight;
we who live, we who die
are grateful for his gift, thankful for his love.Refrain

Behold, behold the Lamb of God.
All who eat, all who drink shall live;
and all, all who dwell in God
shall come to know his glory.

1.
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Closing Hymn: Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Text: Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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This Is Jesus

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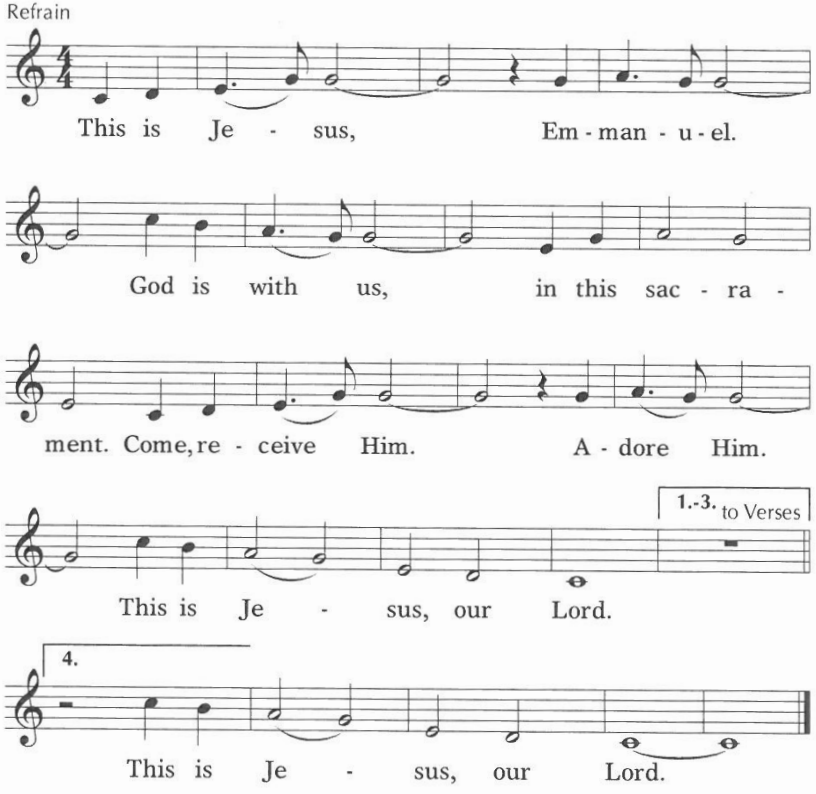

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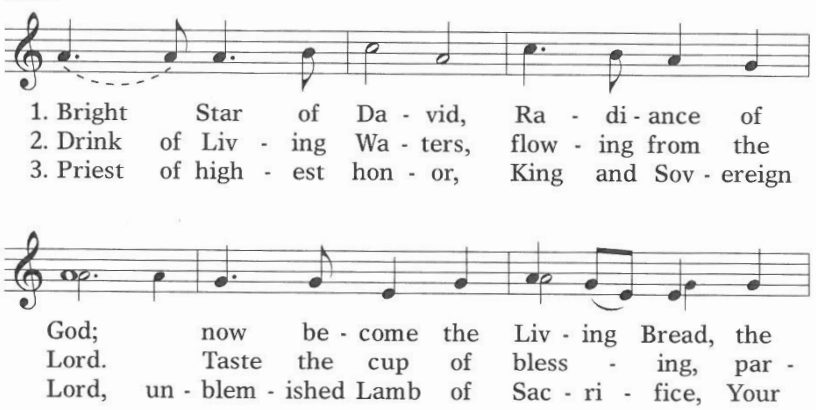

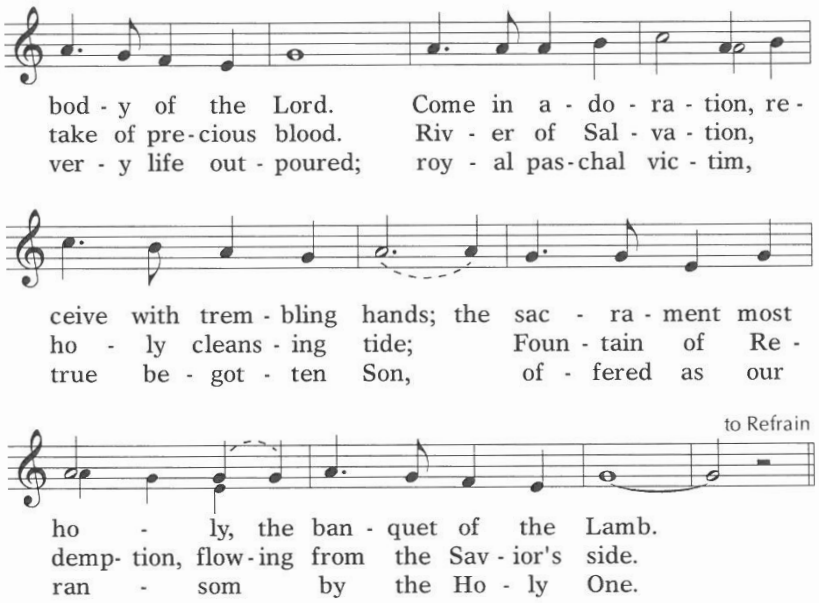

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Gathering: Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Gloria in excelsis Deo Gloria in excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King

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Reading 1: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Psalm: **The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.
Give to the LORD, you sons of God,
give to the LORD glory and praise,
Give to the LORD the glory due his name;
adore the LORD in holy attire.
R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.
The voice of the LORD is over the waters,
the LORD, over vast waters.
The voice of the LORD is mighty;
the voice of the LORD is majestic.
R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.
The God of glory thunders,
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
The LORD is enthroned above the flood;
the LORD is enthroned as king forever.
R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Reading 2: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel Acclamation:

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:
Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

Offertory: Lord, I Need You

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

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Communion: Behold The Lamb Of God

You are my Lord
It's You I adore
Nothing on earth
Could ever take Your place
Your might humbles ev'ry heart
The highest of heavens bow
For nothing on earth
Could ever take Your place

And now we see Your sacrifice
The greatest gift our greatest prize
Behold the Lamb of God
Behold the Lamb of God
Who takes away the sins of the world

We will not forget
We will stay awake
We will not abandon
The promise that You made

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Meditation: The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far
To seek for a king was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went

This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay

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Closing: We Belong To You

We belong to You O Lord of our longing
We belong to You
In our daily living dying and rising
We belong to You

In the waters of Your mercy
When the old becomes the new
Souls united in the myst'ry
We belong to You

Filled with gifts and filled with goodness
Spirit breathing life into
All who seek to find their purpose
We belong to You

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ICC School News

Immaculate Conception Catholic School Meet our Staff!

We welcome Susan and Anna Raabe!! Yes, this is a mom-daughter combo that serving Our Lady's School this year! And they are certainly bundles of energy! Susan actually created our first ICCS WEBSITE more than 20 years ago! In addition to being part of a great family, Susan has been a servant leader her entire life. And ICCS fits right into that vision! "It is such a blessing to work with a group of people in our community that are dedicated to Christ and to the development of the whole child," Susan shares. With a B. A. in Geography, Environment Planning and Design, Susan's journey has been multi-faceted and endless. You'll see her doing everything from teaching the students how to plant cabbage, to administrative work, 4-H, speech, and so much more!

Anna has some great gifts in her own right! Her experience entails library management at Christendom College in Virginia to working in many faith-based capacities such as Vacation Bible School, to also being a servant leader as the right-hand helper to her mom in so many areas over the years. "I really love being able to teach children through the light of faith," she says about her vision here at ICCS. She hopes that vision will continue as her ultimate goal is to be a catechist and spread the faith to as many people as she can. We are so glad you are here!

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