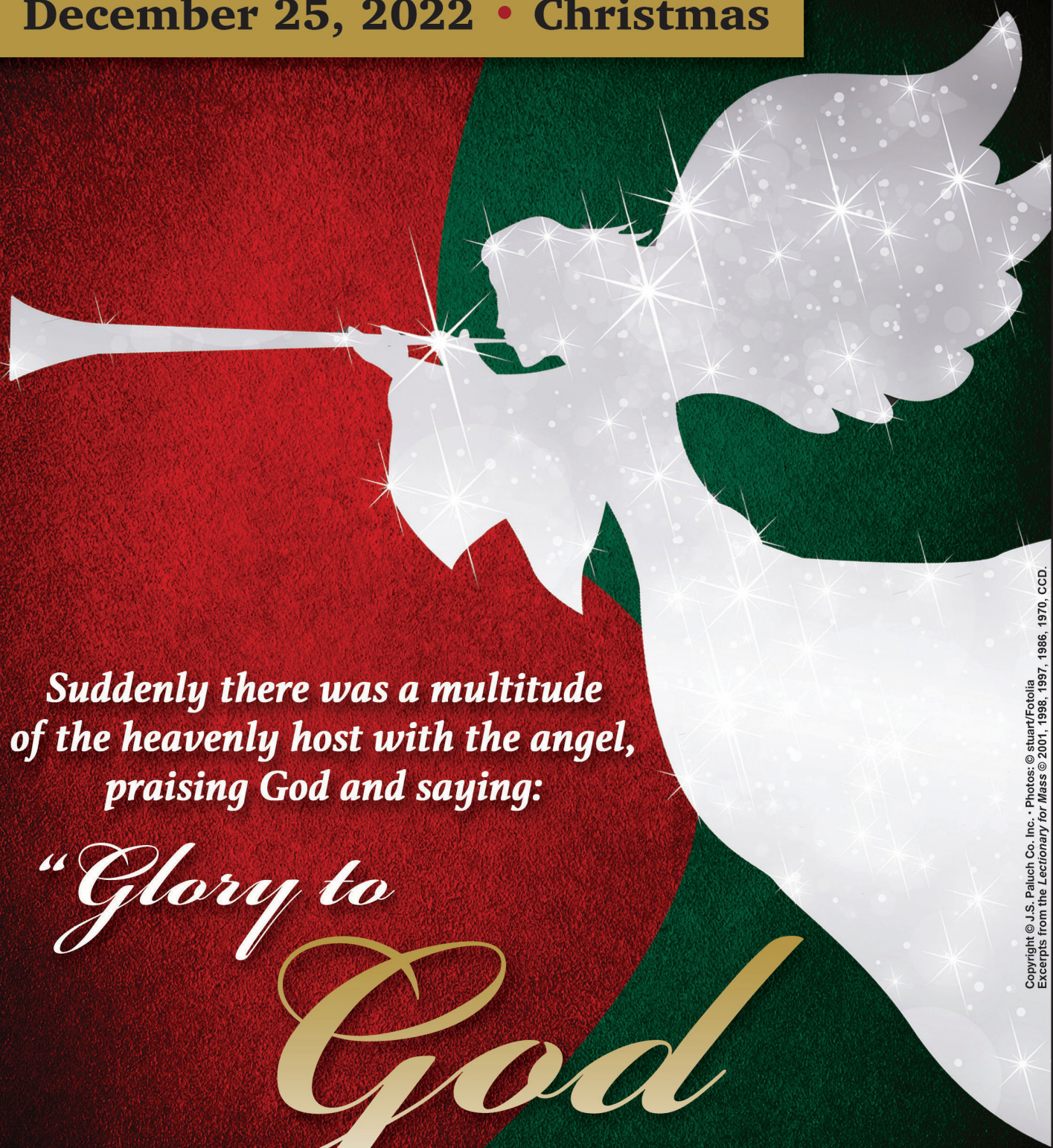


December 25, 2022 • Christmas



*Suddenly there was a multitude
of the heavenly host with the angel,
praising God and saying:*

*“Glory to
God
in the highest.”*

Luke 2:13-14

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Good Shepherd Mission Statement

We, the members of Good Shepherd Parish, are joined together by our faith in Jesus Christ. We are incorporated into the Body of Christ by our Baptism. We are committed to live out our faith by worshipping God and serving each other and all our neighbors. Under the leadership of our Holy Father, our bishops and pastors, we strive to grow in holiness and to provide for the spiritual, emotional and physical well-being of our members of all ages and states of life by maintaining programs and services to meet their needs. We will work for the Kingdom of God on earth and will try to lead all people by word and example to the joy of salvation and eternal life in heaven.



All daily Masses and
Communion Services are
held in the main church
at Good Shepherd.

Sat	5:00 pm	Mass
Sun	8:00 am	Mass at SMM
	10:30 am	Mass
	12:30 pm	Spanish Mass
Mon	9:00 am	Communion Service
Tue	9:00 am	Communion Service
Wed	9:00 am	Mass
Thu	9:00 am	Mass
Fri	9:00 am	Mass

Holy Day Masses at Good Shepherd
10:00 am & 7:00 pm
Subject to change. Please check Upcoming Events/Page 1

Sacraments

Baptism: Please contact the Church Office to determine how to begin the process of planning a baptism.

First Communion: Please contact our DRE, Patty Davidson at the Church Office, for more information.

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday or by appointment.

Confirmation: Please contact our DRE, Patty Davidson, at the Church Office for more information.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:
Contact: Deacon Philip Johnson (931) 924-4511.

Matrimony: Please contact the Parish Office at least six months before the proposed date.

Visit from Priest: Please contact the Parish Office if you would like a visit by Fr. Anthony.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Church Office or 931-636-2742 immediately upon admission so that the priest may be notified.



Bulletin Deadline
News for this bulletin must
be submitted in writing at
least ten days in advance
of the date you
wish it to appear.



Welcome: Our warmest welcome to all who worship with our parish family, whether long-time resident or newly arrived in the parish. If you are interested in registering in our parish, please fill out this form or Registration Forms are available at the back of the church. Please place it in the collection basket or mail it to the church office.

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Moving ☐ Send Envelopes ☐ New Phone # ☐



COLLECTIONS

♦ The second collection this week will be for Those In Need.

♦ No second collection next week.

Consider online giving!

www.goodshepherdtn.com/give

Thank You!



Christmas Day (December 25) TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old joke asks, "What time is Midnight Mass?" The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of "midnight" predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as "The Shepherds' Mass," and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus' birth to focus on the key to the day's celebration: John the Evangelist's majestic theology of Christ's identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you're officially late!

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Upcoming Events



Christmas Vigil – December 24
5:00 pm Mass - St. Margaret Mary
No 5:00 pm Mass at Good Shepherd

Mass During Christmas Night
10:00 pm at Good Shepherd.

Christmas Day - December 25
No 8:00 am Mass at SMM
10:30 am Mass at Good Shepherd
12:30 pm Spanish Mass at GS

Dec 31, 2022 - Jan. 1, 2023
Regular Mass Schedule



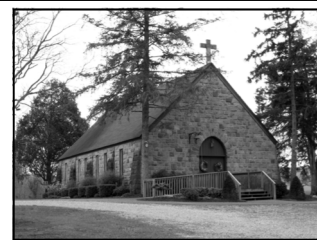
BASKETS FOR MARDI GRAS

If anyone has medium or large baskets that can be used to create gift baskets for the Mardi Gras Silent Auction, please bring them to Church and leave in the vestibule. A member of our committee will pick them up.

Thank you!



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St. Margaret Mary News
Mass is celebrated at
St. Margaret Mary
each Sunday at 8:00 am.
A community Rosary begins
each Sunday at 7:30 am.
All are welcome.

*May the
Miracle of
Christmas
fill your heart
with joy*

PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is confidential healing after abortion, please visit the website below:
<https://hopeafterabortion.com/>
or contact Denise Sanson at 931-307-1960 for more information.

Hispanic Community News
Comunidad Hispana
Misa Español

Domingo 1 de Enero, 12:30 pm



Limosna: 4 de Diciembre \$ \$476.00

**Saturday, December 24**

10:00 pm ... † Mary Guerin
By Stephen & Carlene Guerin

Sunday, December 25

8:00 am ... People of the Parish

10:30 am... People of the Parish

12:30 pm ... People of the Parish

Monday, December 26

9:00 am ... Communion Service

Tuesday, December 27

9:00 am ... Communion Service

Wednesday, December 28

9:00 am ... People of the Parish

Thursday, December 29

9:00 am ... People of the Parish

Friday, December 30

9:00 am ... People of the Parish

Saturday, December 31

5:00 pm ... Matthew & Bianca
Graviss
by Maureen & Larry Graviss

Sunday, January 1, 2023

8:00 am ... People of the Parish

10:30 am... † Graham Milburn
By Larry & Maureen Graviss

12:30 pm ... People of the Parish

**Pray Daily for our Priests,
Seminarians, and Religious**

Dec 25 Seminarians of the Diocese

Dec 26 Fr. Shinto Padinjaredathu, CMI

Dec 27 Fr. James Panackal

Dec 28 Fr. Abraham Panthalanickal

Dec 29 Fr. George Panthananickal, CMI

Dec 30 Fr. David Perkin

Dec 31 Fr. Hung Pham

GOOD SAMARITAN

Please Help Those in Need

This month's collection will be
on December 24/25, 2022

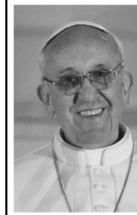
Personal Care items.

There is a great need for all items
such as shampoo, deodorant for
men & women, toothpaste,
toothbrushes, razors, etc.

Would be greatly appreciated.

*Personal Care items cannot be
purchased with food stamps and
our clients are very thankful to
receive them.*

Volunteers needed!
Good Samaritan—931-967-9336
Thank you!!



**Pope Francis'
December
Intentions**

For volunteer not-for-profit organizations

We pray that volunteer
non-profit organizations committed to
human development find people
dedicated to the common good and
ceaselessly seek out new paths to
international cooperation.

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

**Prayer at the Manger:
With the Shepherds**



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**Your Good
News was sung
by angels
to these lowly
ones in the
night.
Look on us in
our lowliness.**

**Let us rejoice in the glad tidings of
Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

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Please pray for the sick and those with special needs

Parishioners

Gregg Rabb	Mary Rich	Laura Smith	Norma Cole	Lois Bruner
Scott Bennett	Debrah Schmitt	Joe Gipson	Susie Pfister	Mike Foster
Martin Bennett	Jo Ann Dotson	Kevin Frye	Mercy Hall	David Marlow
Joe Ferraro	Roy Smith, Jr	Carroll Family	Sam Ashby	Catherine Hamner
Mike Boyea	James Hannaway	Patricia Shields	Susan Brown	Matt Combs
Gloria Hawk	Mary Willis	Betty Smith	Kelly Wilson	Marlene Brooks
James & Marilyn Davidheiser	Rhonda Ricohermoso	Tim Ricohermoso	Katie Pew	
Leslie Skelton	Bonnie Solomon	Jessica Balcazar	Zuniga Family	Marie Bowman
Mary Frances Blair	Pat Sherrill			

Family and Friends

Rick Howard	Jesse Flores	Joyce Adams	Nelson Espiritu	Marta Escobar Romero
Garry Davidson	Benjamin Smith	Liz & Jerry Rice	Lynne Ayers	Sandy D. Gabrielle Tyler
Linda Flores	Lola Thorne	Janet Holden	Kenny Fullerton	Gary Hurt Henry Whitaker
Stephanie Sassoon	Jean & Todd Brockway	Maria & David Nunley	Allen Pahmeyer	
Marjorie Bruner	Rafael Alfaro	John Rampy	Jeff Taylor	Mary McGrew Meghan Payne
Mike Brown	Cathy Gennaro	Jacqueline Uwamwiza	Laurie Allen	Lisa Shoebridge
Katie & Jim Hill	Richard Lambert	Judy Laredo	Henry Whitaker	James Stephens
Mary Faith Henderson				

**Please note: All names will be automatically removed from
the sick list after 3 months, unless the church office is notified.
To Add or Remove names from the list, please call or e-mail
the church office. 931-967-0961 gsoffice1@bellsouth.net**



Good Shepherd*Lectors*

12/24/22 10:00 pm Brian Slaughter
 12/25/22 10:30 am Mike Wiedemer
 12/31/22 5:00 pm Kelly Doyle
 01/01/23 10:30 am TBD

St. Margaret Mary*Lectors*

12/24/22 5:00 pm Chuck Lewis
 01/01/23 8:00 am Betty Rabozzi
 01/08/23 8:00 am Mike Gallagher
 NO 8:00 AM MASS ON DECEMBER 25

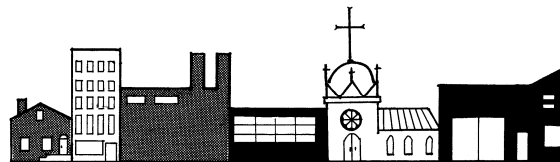
*Hospitality Ministers*

12/24/22 10:00 pm John & Marie Robey
 12/25/22 10:30 am TBD
 12/31/22 5:00 pm Steve & Carlene Guerin
 01/01/23 10:30 am TBD



**Life Choices
 Pregnancy
 Support Center
 in Winchester
 needs
 volunteers!**

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**OUR FASCINATING FAITH
 Christmas Time**

The feasts that make up Christmas Time all illuminate in their own way the fundamental mystery of the Incarnation that stands at the heart of this sacred season. Each celebration sheds its own distinct light on our conviction that, in the birth of Jesus, earth and heaven have been wedded together for the sake of our salvation. The feasts of the Holy Family, Mary the Mother of God, Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord all have their own particular histories. But they have been joined together in a single seasonal flow that invites us to trace the unfolding meanings of the Incarnation from myriad perspectives. As we follow the successive meanings of Jesus' birth, his participation in family life, the meaning of Mary's motherhood, the significance of the Magi's visit, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, we are invited to explore in deeper and deeper fashion the staggering truth that Jesus has shared completely in our human experience, has truly become one with us, fully human while remaining fully divine.

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**Stewardship of Treasure
 Good Shepherd and St. Margaret Mary Collections
 December 3 - 4, 2022**

Good Shepherd Regular	\$3,286.00
Loose	\$ 611.00
Good Shepherd Total	\$3,897.00
Spanish Collection	\$ 476.00

St. Margaret Mary Regular	\$245.00
Loose	\$108.00
St. Margaret Mary Total	\$353.00



**COMMUNION
 FOR THE
 SICK OR
 HOMEBOUND**

**If you know of anyone who is
 sick or homebound and needs
 communion, please contact
 Mike Wiedemer at 308-1923
 or our parish emergency
 contact at 931-636-2742**

The Confiteor

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

And, striking their breast, they say:

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

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.

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,

(Bow) and by the Holy Spirit **was incarnate** of the Virgin Mary, and became man. (End Bow)

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.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Agnus Dei

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

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

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
Friday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Readings for The Nativity of the Lord

First ReadingIs 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings,
announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion,
“Your God is King!”

Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry, together they shout for joy, for they see directly, before their eyes, the
LORD restoring Zion.

Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem! For the LORD comforts his people, he redeems
Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations;
all the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God.

*The Word of the Lord**Thanks be to God***Responsorial Psalm**Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6.

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

**Second Reading**Heb 1:1-6

Brothers and sisters:

In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets;
in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things
and through whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence of his glory,
the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word.

When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on
high, as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.
For to which of the angels did God ever say: *You are my son; this day I have begotten you?*

Or again:

I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me?

And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says: *Let all the angels of God worship him.*

*The Word of the Lord**Thanks be to God***Gospel**Jn 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.

All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be.

What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race;
the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might
believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world
came to be through him, but the world did not know him.

He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his
name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision
but of God.

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the
Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

John testified to him and cried out, saying, “This was he of whom I said,
‘The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’”

From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through
Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

*The Gospel of the Lord**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

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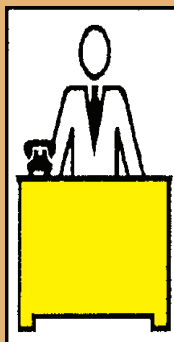
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