1st Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 29th, 2020

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church
Indianapolis’ original Catholic Parish and proto-cathedral
INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN  COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

1. Come, thou long-expect-ed Je-sus, Born to set thy peo-ple free!
2. Is-rael’s strength and con-so-la-tion, Hope of all the earth thou art;
3. Born thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, Born a child, and yet a king:
4. By thine own e-ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a-lone;

1. From our fears and sins re-lease us, Let us find our rest in thee.
2. Dear de-sire of ev-ery na-tion, Joy of ev-ery long-ing heart.
3. Born to reign in us for-ev-er, Now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.
4. By thine all-suf-fi-cient mer-it Raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

Text: 87 87; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788.

KYRIE

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING  IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

Lector: A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM  PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us. R.

2. Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong. R.

3. May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name. R.
SECOND READING  1 COR 1:3-9

Lector: A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: The word of the Lord.  All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Verse: Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

THE HOLY GOSPEL  MK 13:33-37

Priest/Deacon: The Lord be with you.
All:  And with your spirit.

Priest/Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.
All:  Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

All:  Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY
I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

1. For all ministers of the Church, may their words and actions reflect the generous love of Christ and lead all to eternal life with him. Let us pray to the Lord. R: Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For those in positions of authority throughout the world, may they help to lift up the poor and the lowly by creating just economic systems. Let us pray to the Lord. R: Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For those bearing the burden of guilt for past actions, may they know the forgiveness of God through the sacrament of reconciliation. Let us pray to the Lord. R: Lord, hear our prayer.

4. For our RCIA catechumens and candidates, may we rejoice with these men and women in the gentle guidance of God that accompanies them on their journey of faith. May they continue to press onward as he reveals his Son to them more and more with every passing day. Let us pray to the Lord. R: Lord, hear our prayer.

5. For each of us, may we, through corporal and spiritual works of mercy, demonstrate our love and care for those in need within our parish and community. Let us pray to the Lord. R: Lord, hear our prayer.

6. For all who have died, may they enjoy the embrace of the loving Father in heaven. Let us pray to the Lord. R: Lord, hear our prayer.

7. For an end to the Pandemic, for all those who are sick and suffering and for all health care workers. Let us pray to the Lord. R: Lord, hear our prayer.

8. For the intentions of our parish prayer list, and at this Mass we pray:

   [8:00 A.M.] for the intention of Courtney Reising as well as for the parishioners and friends of St. John’s. Let us pray to the Lord. R: Lord, hear our prayer.


   [7:00 P.M.] for the repose of the souls of Betty and Bob Ash. Let us pray to the Lord. R: Lord, hear our prayer.
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN  BY ALL THE SAINTS STILL STRIVING

1. By all your saints still striving, For all your saints at rest,
2. All praise, O God, for Joseph, The guardian of your Son,
3. Then let us praise the Father And worship God the Son

1. Your holy Name, O Jesus, Forevermore be blessed.
2. Who saved him from King Herod When safety there was none.
3. And sing to God the Spirit, Eternal Three-in-One,

1. You rose, our King victorious, That they might wear the crown
2. He taught the trade of builder, When they to Nazareth came,
3. Till all the ransomèd numbers Who stand before the throne,

1. And ever shine in splendor Reflected from your throne.
2. And Joseph's love made "Father" To be, for Christ, God's name.
3. Ascribe all pow'r and glory And praise to God alone.

Invitation to Tithe

For those gathered in the Church today, you may drop your tithe in the basket as the ushers come by your pew. To give online, please make your donation at: https://osvonlinegiving.com/4408/DirectDonate/56926 Thank you so much for your generosity!
Preface Dialogue

Holy, Holy

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleini sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Great Amen

Amen, amen, amen.
COMMUNION RITE

OUR FATHER

For the Our Father, please do not hold hands with those outside of your household.

SIGN OF PEACE

For the Sign of Peace, please bow or nod your head and smile to those not of your household, and say “Peace be with you”.

LAMB OF GOD

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For the Our Father, please do not hold hands with those outside of your household.
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Amen.
COMMUNION HYMN  O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

(Dec. 23) 1. O come, O come, Em-man- u-el, And
(Dec. 17) 2. O come, O Wis-dom from on high, Who
(Dec. 18) 3. O come, O come, our Lord of might, Who
(Dec. 19) 4. O come, O Branch of Jes-se’s stem; From
(Dec. 20) 5. O come, O Key of Da-vid, come, And
(Dec. 21) 6. O come, O Day-spring from on high, And
(Dec. 22) 7. O come, De-sire of na-tions, bind In

1. ran-som cap-tive Is-ra-el, That mourns in lone-ly
2. or-ders all things might-i-ly; To us the path of
3. to your tribes on Si-nai’s height In an-cient times did
4. ev’ry foe de-liv-er them That trust your might-y
5. o-pen wide our heav’n-ly home; Make safe the way that
6. cheer us by your draw-ing nigh; Dis-perse the gloom-y
7. one the hearts of hu-man-kind; Make all our sad di-

1. ex-ile here Un-til the Son of God ap-pear.
2. knowl-edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
3. give the Law In cloud and maj-es-ty and awe.
4. pow’r to save, And give them vic-t’ry o’er the grave.
5. sets us free, And close the path to mis-er-y.
6. clouds of night, And death’s dark shadow put to flight.
7. vi-sions cease, And be for us the King of peace.

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

or: Re-joice! Re-joice! O Is-ra-el, To you shall come Em-man-u-el.

CONCLUDING RITE

FINAL BLESSING
St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Before you leave church today
Please, place this stick-it note on the pew where you sat so volunteers can clean there before the next Mass. Thank you!

Recessional Hymn

1. Behold, O Zion, God will come To
2. O Israel’s Shepherd, hear our prayer. You
3. You brought a vine from Egypt’s land, Re-
4. The hills were sheltered in its shade, Its
5. Why have you broken down its walls That
6. O bring us back, O Lord of hosts. From
7. To God the Father, God the Son, And

1. save the nations of the earth. Your hearts will quick-en
2. guided Joseph like a flock. In all your splen-dor
3. moved the nations by your hand. You blessed your vine with
4. boughs like might-y ce-dars stood; It stretched its branch-es
5. pass-ers by its treas-ures loot, The wild boar rav-ag-
6. heav’n be-hold and tend your vine. Re-gard the stock your
7. God the Spir-it prais-es be, Who was be-fore the

1. at the sound Of his ma-jes-tic, glo-rious voice.
2. show your-self, Who rides a-bove the heav’n-ly host.
3. am-ple room, It took deep root and filled the land.
4. to the sea, And to the riv-er went its shoots.
5. es its roots, And for-est beasts de-vour its fruit?
6. hand has set And plant-ed af-ter your de-sign.
7. world be-gan, Is now and in e-ter-ni-ty.

Christoph Tietze
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Musicalisches Hand-Buch, Hamburg, 1690
Melody adapt. William H. Havergal, 1793–1879
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If you are able to attend Mass at St. John's, you may light a candle for a particular prayer intention you have and call upon a saint’s intercession. Large candles are $5 each and small candles are $1 each.

If you are unable to attend Mass today, let Father Nagel light a candle for you inside St. John's! While you might not be present in the church to light candles - you can still have a candle lit and prayer intentions offered. Candles can be lit at any of the side chapels at St. John's (St. Mary, St. Joseph, Sacred Heart, St. Patrick, St. Anne and the Pieta Chapel of the Sorrowful Mother). You can have your candle lit for one week, one month or one year as well as offer a particular prayer intention. You can purchase your candle online or fill out the form online and mail your payment into St. John’s.

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- daily Advent reflections by Dr. Tim Gray;
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- Brother Francis Advent reflections for kids; and
- finally, a weekly action item to help you put the Advent message into practice.

Thank you for journeying with us this Advent! We hope that *The Road to Bethlehem* leads you further into communion with God’s greatest gift to us: Jesus Christ.

Happy Advent!
After Mass Today

Haiti Fundraiser: Drive-Through Take Home Meal *(Tickets Sold after Mass Today)*
All are welcome to join in for our annual Haiti Fundraiser that supports our Haiti Mission and sister parish of St. Nicolas in Mole, Haiti. Due to Governor Holcomb’s recent announcement concerning the limit of people who can gather indoors, this will be a drive-through take home meal on Friday, December 4 from 5-8pm at the downtown Knights of Columbus. The meal will be German themed and catered by Liter House. Tickets are $10 per adults and $5 per child. Tickets can be purchased after Mass today or online at: [www.stjohnsindy.org/haiti](http://www.stjohnsindy.org/haiti).

Advent Giving Tree
St. John’s Advent Giving Tree is available in the St. Anne Chapel throughout all of Advent. Pick a card up off of the tree or in the basket provided. Each card has a needed item for that particular ministry. The ministries supported include the following:

- **St. John’s Garden Door Ministry** that serves the homeless in Downtown Indianapolis
- **St. John’s Haiti Ministry** that supports our sister parish of St. Nicolas in Mole, Haiti
- **Pro-Life Ministry** that supports a pregnant mother and her family in need through the Gabriel Project
- **St. Vincent de Paul** that supports those in need locally in Indianapolis

Thanks so much for your generosity this Advent Season!

Before We Adore: Merry Quizmas
Young Adults – save the date for our next *Before We Adore: Merry Quizmas on Thursday, December 10*. Doors will open at 6:30pm and Christmas Trivia will begin at 7pm. Both in person and virtual options are available for this event. No pre-registration needed. We will end the night with a Holy Hour of Adoration from 8-9pm. All young adults are welcome!