4th Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 20th, 2020

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

ENTRANCE HYMN  THE KING SHALL COME

1. The King shall come when morning dawns And light triumphant breaks;
2. Not, as of old, a little Child, To suffer and to die,
3. The King shall come when morning dawns And earth’s dark night is past;
4. Now let the endless bliss begin, By holy saints foretold,
5. The King shall come when morning dawns And light and beauty brings;

1. Hymn
2. Come
3. Kyrie
4. Alle
5. Kyrie

KYRIE

Kyrie e leison.

Christe e leison.

Kyrie e leison.
LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING   2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16


When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!” Nathan answered the king, “Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you.” But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: “Go, tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?’” ”It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.”

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM   PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

1. 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.

2. “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.

3. “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.
SECOND READING  ROM 16:25-27

Lector: A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

R/. Alleluia, alleluia.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Verse: Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

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.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
APOSTLES’ CREED

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

1. That all members of the Church may work to help bring about the kingdom of peace God promised through Jesus.
Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

2. That legislators may be inspired by the birth of the Prince of Peace, and always vote to uphold and preserve the sanctity of all human life.
Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

3. That those who lack permanent housing may find shelter through those who share God’s love in service to others.
Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

4. That in this present shadow of coronavirus, all civic leaders and school administrators grappling with back-to-school issues this January be guided in their decision-making by the Holy Spirit.
Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. That we in this faith community may keep our hearts open to hear and answer God’s call to share his love and mercy with those most in need.
Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

6. That our deceased friends and relatives may experience the fullness of peace and joy in heaven;
Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

    [8:00 A.M.] for the repose of the soul of Daniel McCarthy.
    Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

    [10:00 A.M.] for the intention of Jessica Petty.
    Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

    [7:00 P.M.] for the parishioners and friends of St. John’s.
    Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN  SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

1. Savior of the nations, come; Show the glory of the Son! Marvel now, O heav’n and earth, That our Lord chose such a birth.
2. Not by human flesh and blood, By the spirit of our God Was the word of God made flesh Wom-an’s off-spring, pure and fresh.
3. Wondrous birth! O wondrous child Of the Virgin un-de-filed! Might-y God and man in one, Ea-ger now his race to run!
4. God Creator is his source, Back to God he runs his course, Down to death and hell de-scends, God’s high throne he re-as-cends.
5. Now your low-ly man-ager bright Hal- lows night with new-born light; Let no night this light sub-due, Let our faith shine ev-er new.

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!

Christmas Flowers Second Collection

Today there will be a second collection for Christmas Flowers. This fund helps us decorate the church with the beautiful poinsettias during the Christmas season. When donating to this fund you also have an opportunity to dedicate your offering in memory or in honor of a loved one. All Christmas flower dedications will be printed in a future parish weekly email. If you wish to dedicate your offering, please place the name(s) in the notes box on your offering or you can email them to our Director of Finance, Dave Heinekamp, at david.heinekamp@stjohnsindy.org. To give directly to this collection visit: https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4408/DirectDonate/67207
**Preface Dialogue**

**Sanctus**

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Saba-oth.

Pleni 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”.

AGNUS DEI

Spiral notation for Agnus Dei

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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.
COMMUNION HYMN  O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

(Dec. 23) 1. O come, O come, Em-man-uel, 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-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-ery.
6. clouds of night, And death’s dark shad-ow put to flight.
7. vi-sions cease, And be for us the King of peace.

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

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

CONCLUDING RITE

FINAL BLESSING

Based on “O” Antiphons, Latin, 9th cent.
Tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, and others
A complete score is available, WLP 7963.
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  People, Look East

1. People, look East. The time is near Of the
2. Furons, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more
5. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ, who

1. crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are
2. seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to
3. nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are
4. light the bowl shall brim. Shining beyond the frosty
5. brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley

1. able, Trim the hearth and set the table. People, look
2. nourish, That in course the flowr may flourish. People, look
3. frozen Now for fledg ing time is chosen. People, look
4. weath er, Bright as sun and moon together. People, look
5. humming With the word, “The Lord is coming.” People, look

1. East, and sing today: Love the Guest is on the way.
2. East, and sing today: Love the Rose is on the way.
3. East, and sing today: Love the Bird is on the way.
4. East, and sing today: Love the Star is on the way.
5. East, and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.
How to give to St. John’s

For those who are unable to meet in person each week, please consider giving to St. John’s Sunday Collection. We invite you to give online through St. John’s Online Tithing Platform provided by Our Sunday Visitor (OSV). It is safe and secure! All parishioners, friends and visitors of St. John’s can give online though this direct donate link: https://osvonlinegiving.com/4408/DirectDonate/56926

You can set up a one-time gift or recurring gifts (weekly, monthly, quarterly, etc).

For parishioners, friends or visitors who aren't comfortable with online tithing you may send in your envelope or gift by mail to St. John’s. Please make a note that it is for the Sunday Collection. Gifts can be mailed to:

St. John Catholic Church
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Indianapolis, IN 46225

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Light a Candle inside St. John's

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! 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.

See more info: https://www.osvhub.com/stjohnsindy/forms/candles
The Annunciation

Filippo Lippi (ca. 1406-1469)
CHRISTMAS IN ROME: A CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY
Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus in Bethlehem.

THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY: THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS
Christmas is so much more than a humdrum story we've heard since childhood. Join top scholars, speakers, and authors as they explain the gravity of Christ's miraculous birth.

THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS BY FULTON SHEEN
This presentation combines recordings of Fulton Sheen's timeless reflections on the meaning of Christmas, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!

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**Upcoming Opportunities at St. John’s**

**Christkindl Village Giveaway – Share Your Favorite Experience!**
Do you have a favorite photo from past a past Christkindl? A favorite story? Favorite video? How has Christkindl made a difference in your life? In the life of your family? Do you have a favorite part of the village? **Please share with St. John’s Indy on social media - we want to hear!** For the top 10 stories and experiences of Christkindl we will have giveaway options that include a $100 gift card to St. Elmo’s or Indianapolis Zoo Tickets or an Amazon Dot. There will be **10 winners total** chosen from a St. John’s Christkindl Leadership Panel. **Deadline to enter is Monday, December 21 at midnight.** More info available online: [http://www.stjohnsindy.org/village](http://www.stjohnsindy.org/village) See and read stories already shared on social media by searching #ChristkindlVillage2020 on Facebook or Instagram.

**Christmas Mass Information**
**Our Christmas Schedule is as follows:** Christmas Eve at 4pm & 6:30pm, Christmas Midnight Mass at 12am, and Christmas Day Mass at 9:30am. **You may notice that we have added one more Christmas Eve Mass.** For those wishing to join in person inside the church, we can hold roughly 350 people with social distancing in place. We will not be taking signups and the church will be open on a first come, first serve basis to be seated. If you are currently living life with other families, please plan to sit together so that we can maximize the space that is available in the church.

Additionally, each of these Masses will be livestreamed. We invite those who may not be able to join in person to live stream from their vehicle and then at Communion time those who have been live streaming can come to the front doors of the church to receive the Holy Eucharist and return to their vehicle for the end of Mass on the livestream. More information on this livestreaming option can be found online at: [http://www.stjohnsindy.org/christmas-schedule.html](http://www.stjohnsindy.org/christmas-schedule.html)

**Esto Vir – Wednesday Mornings at 6am**
The Esto Vir Men’s Series continues this week from **6am-7:15am on Wednesday morning in the Pan Am Parish Hall or online via Zoom.** Journey with other men this Advent by walking with St. Joseph. All men are welcome, learn more online at: [http://www.stjohnsindy.org/esto-vir.html](http://www.stjohnsindy.org/esto-vir.html) or reach out to Nick Meyer with questions: ncmeyer@gmail.com

**Beloved Daughters – Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm**
The Beloved Daughter’s series continues this week on **Tuesday evening at 6:30pm with Adoration and then small groups at 7pm in the Pan Am Parish Hall or online via Zoom.** All are welcome to journey together with Mary this Advent. Learn more at: [http://www.stjohnsindy.org/beloved-daughters.html](http://www.stjohnsindy.org/beloved-daughters.html) or reach out to Stephanie Meyer with questions: stephlynnmeyer@gmail.com

**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 to support one of our ministries this Advent (St. John’s Garden Door Ministry, Haiti Ministry, Pro Life Ministry and St. Vincent de Paul). **Thanks so much for your generosity!**