3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 13th, 2020

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

ENTRANCE HYMN  THE KING OF GLORY

Refrain

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

Verses

1. Who is the King of glory; how shall we call him?
2. In all of Galilee, in city or village,
3. Sing then of David’s Son, our Savior and brother;
4. He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation,
5. He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen,

1. He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages.
2. He goes among his people curing their illness.
3. In all of Galilee was never another.
4. He took upon himself the sins of the nation.
5. And he will share with us his heavenly vision.

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.
LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING   IS 61:1-2A, 10-11

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

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM   LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: R.

2. The Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation. R.

3. He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy. R.
SECOND READING  1 THES 5:16-24

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

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Verse: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.
THE HOLY GOSPEL  JN 1:6-8, 19-28

Priest/Deacon: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
Priest/Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

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. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, “Who are you?” He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, “I am not the Christ.” So they asked him, “What are you then? Are you Elijah?” And he said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” He answered, “No.” So they said to him, “Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?” He said: “I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘make straight the way of the Lord,’” as Isaiah the prophet said.” Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.” This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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 the Church, may we grow in holiness always rejoicing in God, and proclaiming the good news of salvation with joy.
Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

2. For all governments around the world, may they find paths of peace and justice for all those who are oppressed and victimized by war and violence.
Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

3. For all those who find this Advent season burdensome or painful, especially the poor, the sick, and the grieving among us.
Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

4. For all who feel alienated from God and his Church, may their hearts be opened and respond to Christ’s message of love and healing.
Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. For all of us, may our Holy Mother Mary show us the way to love all people by challenging the evils of racism and all forms of discrimination.
Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

6. For all who have died, may they soon rejoice in the company of God’s beloved in his heavenly kingdom.
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 intention of Carol Guzman as well as for the parishioners and friends of St John's.
Let us pray to the Lord…

[10:30 A.M.] for the intention of Tiffany Neuhoff’s birthday.
Let us pray to the Lord…

[7:00 P.M.] for the intention of Courtney Reising.
Let us pray to the Lord…
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN  BY ALL YOUR 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, For evermore 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 ransomed number 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
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 PREFACE DIALOGUE

HOLY, HOLY

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

GREAT 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

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 - 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 - naï’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 shad - ow 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.

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

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!

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**Recessional Hymn  We Sing With Holy Mary**

1. O God, your Church is singing In praise to you, Most High.
2. We sing with holy Mary In spirit, heart, and voice.

1. Our thankful blessings ringing; You, Lord, we magnify.
2. Your Word incarnate bearing, In you our souls rejoice!

1. The whole creation gathers With Mary full of grace,
2. You chose her for your mother and named her “fa-vored one”

1. With prophets, saints, and martyrs Who see you face to face.
2. For Christ, our Lord and brother, Your own beloved Son.

1. She crowns their song undying A-round the Lamb enthroned,
2. Grace us to live her story: To serve you as we ought;

1. The Bride and Spirit crying, “Lord Jesus, quick-ly come!”
2. To sing, in endless glory, Our own Mag-nif-i-cat!

Alan J. Hommerding
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Gustav Holst, 1874–1934
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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'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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John Linnell (1792–1882)

St. John the Baptist
SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA: A STUDY IN PERSEVERANCE
Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.

LECTIO: PRAYER—AN INTIMATE DIALOGUE
St. John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church, had a deep desire to help others grow in prayer. In honor of this mystical saint, join Dr. Gray as he dives into the simplicity and mystery of prayer.

THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS BY FR. LARRY RICHARDS
In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift—the gift of his Son to the world.

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After Mass Today

**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!**

**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. More info available online: [http://www.stjohnsindy.org/village](http://www.stjohnsindy.org/village)

**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)