

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 6th, 2020

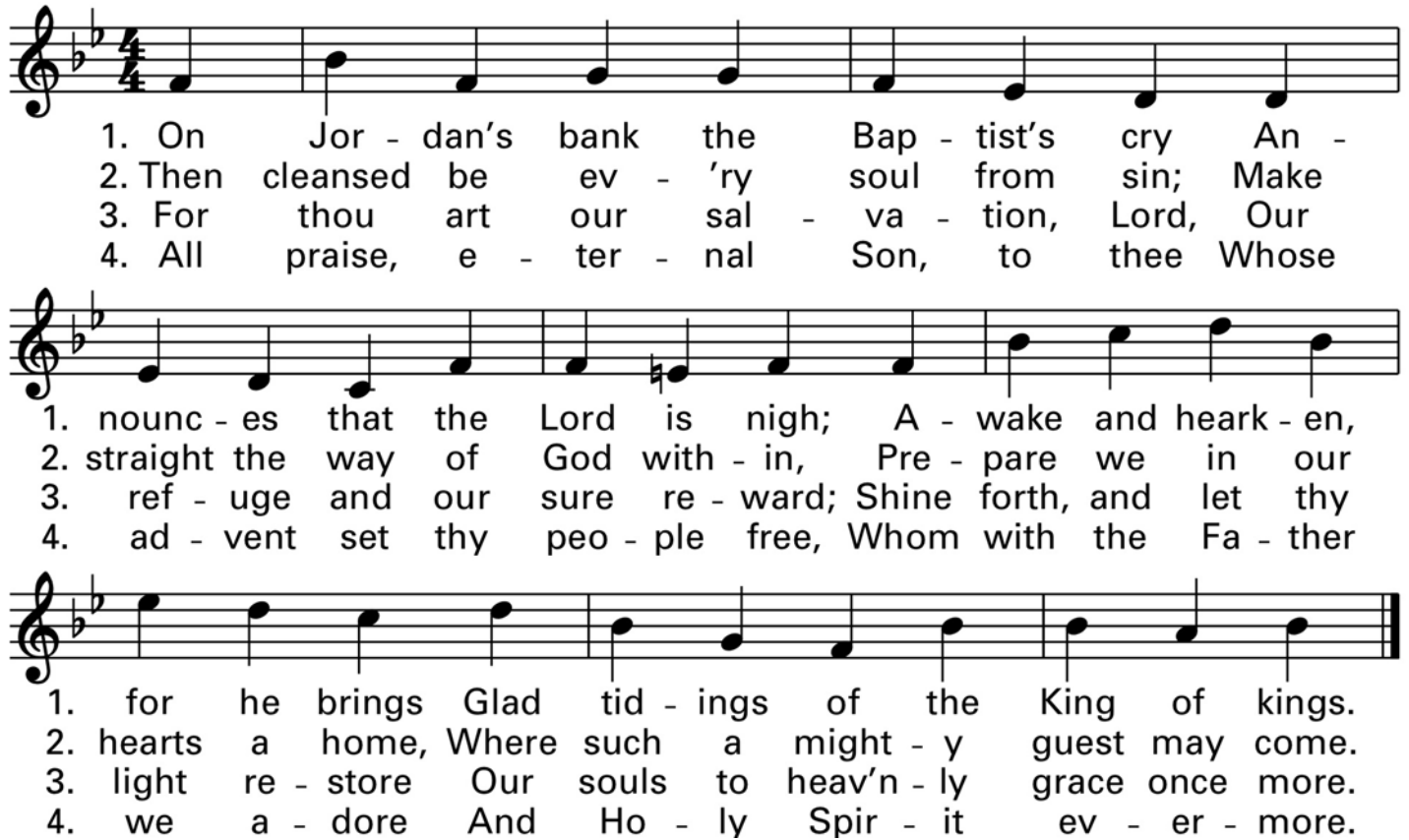


Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Indianapolis' original Catholic Parish and proto-cathedral

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN ON JORDAN'S BANK

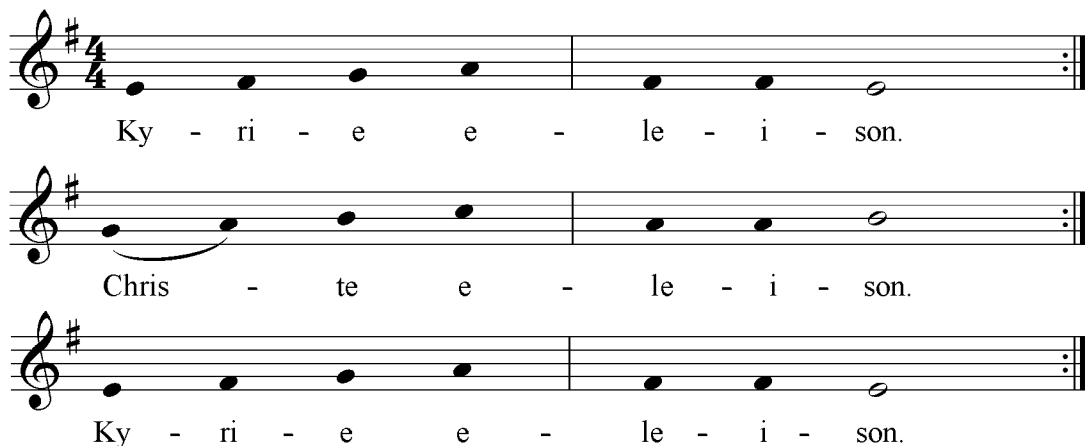


1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry soul from sin; Make
3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our
4. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee Whose

1. nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
2. straight the way of God with - in, Pre - pare we in our
3. ref - uge and our sure re - ward; Shine forth, and let thy
4. ad - vent set thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther

1. for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2. hearts a home, Where such a might - y guest may come.
3. light re - store Our souls to heav'n - ly grace once more.
4. we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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 40:1-5, 9-11

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

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14



1. I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land. **R.**
2. Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven. **R.**
3. The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him,
and prepare the way of his steps. **R.**

SECOND READING 2 PT 3:8-14

Lector: A reading from the second letter of Saint Peter.

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Verse: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL MK 1:1-8

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.

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert:
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”*

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he 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.”

Priest/Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

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. For Pope Francis, Archbishop Charles, and all Church leaders, may the Lord continue to bless them with fortitude and growth in holiness.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

2. For world leaders, may the Holy Spirit give them the graces necessary for governing with prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

3. For those oppressed by any evil in the world, may Christ bring justice and healing to their circumstances.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

4. For our sister parish, St Nicholas in Haiti and for all those who suffer from poverty, famine, and disease; help them to shoulder the burden of suffering and find peace in God's saving love.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. For our RCIA catechumens and candidates, may they find in our community compelling signs of unity and generous love.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

6. For each of us, may the Holy Spirit continue to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

7. For our beloved dead, may they be granted a share in the heavenly reward of Christ's eternal salvation.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All: 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. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

[10:30 A.M.] for the repose of the soul of Beverly Freije.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All: 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. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN SING OF MARY



1. Sing of Mar - y meek and low - ly, Vir - gin - moth - er
3. *Sing of Jo - seph, strong and gen - tle, No - bly born of



pure and mild, Sing of God's own Son most ho - ly,
Da - vid's house; Just and up - right man of la - bor,



Who be - came her lit - tle child. Fair - est child of
Whom God chose as Mar - y's spouse; Cho - sen, too, as



fair - est moth - er, God the Lord who came to earth,
Je - sus' guard - ian, Guid - ing him since in - fan - cy.



Word made flesh, our ver - y broth - er,
Ho - ly Child of ho - ly par - ents,

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!

Second Sunday Extraordinary Needs Collection

Today there will be a second collection for the Extraordinary Needs of our parish. The new Extraordinary Needs project for the parish is to **renovate the Mary & Joseph statues** that flank the Sanctuary of the Church. The paint on both statues is peeling and we hope to raise a total of \$10,000 between now and Lent so that they can be renovated during Lent and ready for the Easter 2021 celebrations. Thanks for your generosity. To give directly online: <https://osvonlinegiving.com/4408/DirectDonate/56964>

PREFACE DIALOGUE

HOLY, HOLY

San - ctus, San - ctus, San - ctus, Dó - mi - nus De - us Sà - ba - oth.
Ple - ni sunt cæ - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a.
Ho - sán - na in ex - cél - sis. Be - ne - dic - tus qui ve - nit in
nó - mi - ne Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cél - sis.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res - ur - rec - tion
un - til you come _____ a - gain.

GREAT AMEN

A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

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



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 - 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 shad - ow put _____ to flight.
 7. vi - sions cease, And be for us the King _____ of peace.



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

Chant, Mode I
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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 THE KING SHALL COME



1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle Child, To
3. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
4. Now let the end - less bliss be - gin, By
5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And



1. light tri - um - phant breaks; When beau - ty gilds the
2. suf - fer and to die, But crowned with glo - ry
3. earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
4. ho - ly saints fore - told, When right shall tri - umph
5. light and beau - ty brings; Hail, Christ the Lord, your



1. east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
2. like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
3. of that morn, Whose day shall ev - er last.
4. o - ver wrong, And truth shall be ex - tolled.
5. peo - ple pray; Come quick - ly, King of kings.

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 through 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
126 West Georgia Street
Indianapolis, IN 46225

Thank you so much for your generosity!

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.

See more info: <https://www.osvhub.com/stjohnsindy/forms/candles>

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Holy Land Gifts

After Mass today, a representative of the **Holy Land Family** will be selling hand-carved religious artwork made from olive wood and mosaics to help the Christian families in the Holy Land who rely on the selling of their religious work to make a living. These families' livelihoods have been adversely affected due to the political conflict in the region. **The Christian population in Bethlehem** is decreasing and with the support to help these families continue their work they will be able to maintain their employment so that they stay in their homeland. We invite you to come and browse after each Mass.

MASS NOTES FOR REFLECTION



Sand Mountains in the Negev, Israel



December 12

unite our NATION™

Join us for a peaceful,
prayerful procession
to unify our nation



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

8AM - Mass at St. John's

9AM - Procession & Rosary Rally

*Procession will begin on Georgia Street next to St. John Catholic Church (126 W Georgia St, Indianapolis). Registration is required for this event due to COVID event restrictions. Please register at the link below.

REGISTER FOR EVENT/MORE INFO:
www.stjohnsindy.org/procession

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>** or reach out to Nick Meyer with questions: ncmeyer@gmail.com

Beloved Daughters Tuesday Evenings

The Beloved Daughter's series continues this week. **Instead of meeting as a group this week, the group is encouraged to attend or stream the Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass at 7pm on Tuesday, December 8**. The group will gather again next Tuesday, December 15 starting at 6:30pm with Adoration. In person and Virtual Option via Zoom are also available. **All women are welcome, learn more online at: <http://www.stjohnsindy.org/beloved-daughters.html>** or reach out to Stephanie Meyer with questions: stephlynnmeyer@gmail.com

Young Adult Social – Newfields Winterlights on December 9

Young Adults, come join us for an outdoor social outing to Newfields to see Winterlights this coming Wednesday, December 9 at 8:30pm. We have reserved 50 spots for this event. **Cost is \$20 per person**. Please register online to reserve one of the 50 spots. Volunteers will also be available after the 10:30am and 7pm Mass today to register young adults for this event. **More info can be found online at: <http://www.stjohnsindy.org/newfields.html>**

Before We Adore: Merry Quizmas on December 10

Young Adults – Join in this Thursday, December 10 for our next **Before We Adore: Merry Quizmas**. **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! For more information visit: <http://www.stjohnsindy.org/before-we-adore.html>**

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). Each card has a needed item for that particular ministry. **Thanks so much for your generosity this Advent Season!**