

# THE ORDER OF HOLY MASS

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2023



*St. John the Baptist in Prison by Guercino (1591-1666)*

“To prepare the way means to pray well; it means thinking humbly of oneself. We should take our lesson from John the Baptist. He is thought to be the Christ; he declares he is not what they think. He does not take advantage of their mistake to further his own glory.

If he had said, ‘I am the Christ,’ you can imagine how readily he would have been believed, since they believed he was the Christ even before he spoke. But he did not say it; he acknowledged what he was. He pointed out clearly who he was; he humbled himself.”

— St. Augustine

# Welcome to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

*St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church nourishes parishioners in their relationship with Jesus Christ through reverent liturgy, intentional discipleship, and service to others.*

## Prelude

"Comfort, Comfort, O My People"  
from *Sixty-Six Chorale Improvisations* by Sigfried Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

## Baptism: Sign of the Cross & Greeting (11AM)

When the bell rings, please face the back of the church

## Introitus

*Populus Sion*

5PM: Meinrad Tone VII

8:30 & 11AM: *Graduale Romanum*

Populus Sion, ecce Dóminus véniet  
ad salvándas gentes:  
et audíam fáciét Dóminus  
glóriam vocis suae,  
in laetítia cordis vestri.

*O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will  
come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make  
the glory of his voice heard  
in the joy of your heart.*

## Processional Hymn

*On Jordan's Bank*

Worship 392



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -  
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make  
3. For you are our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our  
4. To heal the sick stretch out your hand, And  
5. All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, Whose



noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,  
straight the way for God with - in; And let each heart pre -  
ref - uge and our great re - ward; With - out your grace we  
bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; Shine forth and let your  
ad - vent has our free - dom won, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
pare a home Where such a might - y guest may come.  
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
light re - store Earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
we a - dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

# The Introductory Rites

Sign of the Cross & Greeting (5PM & 8:30AM)

Penitential Act (5PM & 8:30AM)

Mass XVIII 'Deus Genitor Alme'

IV

*Cantor, then all:*

*Cantor, then all:*

**K** Y- ri- e \* e- lé- i-son. *bis* Chríste e- lé- i-son. *bis*

*Cantor, then all:*

*Choir only*

Ký- ri- e e- lé- i-son. *bis* Ký- ri- e \* e- lé- i-son.

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

Text: John Schiavone. Music: Mass XVIII "Deus Genitor," and Meinrad Tone 4  
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## The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

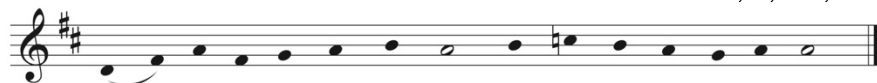
Comfort, give comfort to my people,  
says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and  
proclaim to her  
that her service is at an end,  
her guilt is expiated;  
indeed, she has received from the hand  
of the LORD  
double for all her sins.

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.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Osténde nobis, Dómine*  
Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14



Lord, let us see your kind-ness, and grant us your sal-va-tion.

I will hear what the LORD God speaks;  
he speaks of peace for his people  
and his faithful.

His salvation is near for those who  
fear him,  
and his glory will dwell in our  
land. R.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth,  
and justice look down from  
heaven. R.

Also the LORD will bestow his bounty,  
and our earth shall yield its increase.  
Justice will march before him,  
and guide his steps on the way. R.

Merciful love and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have kissed.

Text: *The Revised Grail Psalms*, © 2010, Conception Abbey and The Grail, admin. by GIA Publications, Inc.;  
Refrain, *Lectionary for Mass*, © 1969, 1981, 1997, ICEL.  
Music: Refrain, Alvez T. Barkoskie IV, © 2023.; verses, Alvez Barkoskie IV, © 2012.

## Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-14

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.

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3:4, 6



**A** l-le-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia.

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

Music: Refrain, *Graduale Simplex*, mode I; 5PM verse, Tonus Peregrinus; 8:30AM verse, Alvez Barkoskie IV;  
11AM verse, John Blow, 1649-1708.

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.”

## **Homily, Nicene Creed, & Universal Prayer**

### **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

The faithful express their participation by bringing forth bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist and other gifts for the needs of the Church and poor.

#### **Offertory Anthem**

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

Music arranged by Alvez Barkoskie IV

Prepare the royal highway;  
The King of kings is near!  
Let every hill and valley a level  
road appear!

Then greet the King of glory,  
Foretold in sacred story:  
Hosanna to the Lord,  
for he fulfills God's Word.

God's people, see him coming:  
Your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before him!  
Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God's promise will not fail you!  
No more shall doubt assail you!  
Hosanna to the Lord,  
for he fulfills God's Word.

crooked,  
make the rougher places plain;  
Let your hearts be true and humble,  
as befits his holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord  
now o'er earth is shed abroad.  
And all flesh shall see the token  
that the word is never broken.

His is no earthly kingdom;  
It comes from heaven above.  
His rule is peace and freedom  
and justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding  
for kindness so abounding:  
Hosanna to the Lord,  
for he fulfills God's Word.

Make ye straight what long was

## Invitation to Prayer & Prayer Over the Offerings

### Preface Dialogue & Preface

#### Sanctus

Mass XVIII 'Deus Genitor Alme'

**S** *Cantor:* An-ctus, \* *All:* San-ctus, San-ctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá-ba-oth.

Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et ter-ra gló-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.

Be-ne-dí-ctus qui ve-nit in nó-mine Dó-mi-ni. Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.

*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.*

#### Eucharistic Prayer

##### Mystérium Fidei

cf. Mass XVIII 'Deus Genitor Alme'

**M** *Cantor:* Ortem tu-am annunti- ámus, Dómi-ne \* *All:* et tu-am

re-surrecti- ónem confi-témur donec vé-ni- as.

*We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.*

#### Conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer

Roman Missal

Through him, and with him,  
and in him, O God, almighty Father,  
all glory and honor is yours,  
for ever and ever.

**A**  -men.

11AM: Choral Expansion from "Credo" from *Mass for Five Voices*  
by William Byrd (1543-1623)

# The Communion Rite


Lord's Prayer

*Roman Missal*

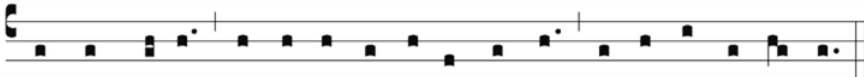
Agnus Dei

*Mass XVIII: Deus Genitor Alme*

*Cantor (first time):* *bis (twice)*



**A** - gnus De-i, \*qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis.



A-gnus De-i, \*qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us / grant us peace.*

8:30AM: Choral Expansion by Alberta Barea

11AM: Choral Setting from *Missa Dominicalis* by Tomas Luis da Victoria (1540-1611)

**Invitation to Communion**

**Distribution to Communion**

Only baptized, practicing Catholics in a state of grace are permitted to receive communion. We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions that separate us.

**Communio**

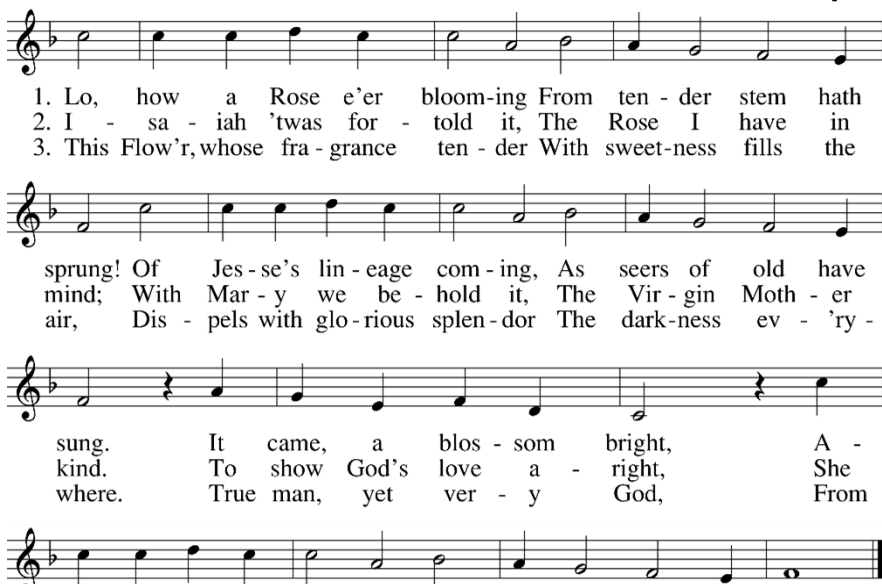
*Dominus dabit  
Graduale Romanum*

Jerúsalem surge, et sta in excélso:  
et vide jucunditátem,  
quæ véniet tibi a Deo tuo.

*Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high;  
and behold the joy  
that shall come to you from your God.*

## Communion Hymn

*Lo, How a Rose*  
Worship 438



1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem hath  
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas for - told it, The Rose I have in  
 3. This Flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the  
 sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, As seers of old have  
 mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The Vir - gin Moth - er  
 air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry -  
 sung. It came, a blos - som bright, A -  
 kind. To show God's love a - right, She  
 where. True man, yet ver - y God, From  
 mid the cold of win - ter, When half spent was the night.  
 bore to us a Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.  
 sin and death he saves us, And light - ens ev - 'ry load.

Text: Isaiah 11:1; *Es ist ein 'Ros' entsprungen*; Speyer Gesangbuch, 1599; tr. sts. 1, 2 by Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, alt.; st. 3, Friedrich Layritz, 1808–1859; tr. by Harriet Reynolds Kräuth, 1845–1925, alt.

Tune: ES IST EIN 'ROS' ENSTSPRUNGEN, 7 6 7 6 6 7 6; *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1599; harm. by Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

## Communion Meditation (5PM)

*Ave María*  
Plainchant, Mode I

Ave María, grátia plena,  
 Dóminus tecum,  
 benedícta tu in muliéribus,  
 et benedíctus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.  
 Sancta María, Mater Dei,  
 ora pro nobis peccatóribus,  
 nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.  
 Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,  
 the Lord is with thee,  
 blessed art thou among women,  
 and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
 Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
 pray for us sinners,  
 now and at the hour of our death.  
 Amen.*

## Communion Meditation (8:30AM)

*Alma Redemptóris Mater*  
Solemn Tone, Mode V

See page 9 for text and translation



## Communion Meditation (11AM)

Peace be to you and grace from him  
who freed us from our sins,  
Who loved us all and shed his blood  
that we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord,  
the Lord, Almighty God,  
Who was and is and is to come;  
sing holy, holy, Lord!

*E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*  
Music by Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Rejoice in heaven,  
all ye that dwell therein,  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
For Christ is coming,  
is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,  
and night shall be no more;  
they need no light nor lamp nor sun,  
for Christ will be their all.

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## Prayer after Communion

### Marian Hymn (5PM & 11AM)

*Alma Redemptoris Mater*

*Cantor:* *All:*

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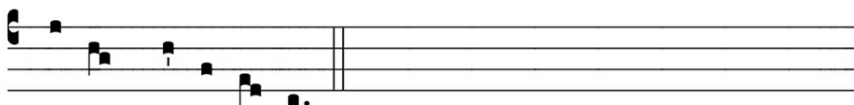
**A** L-ma \* Redemptó-ris Ma-ter, quæ pèrvi- a cæ-li

porta manes, Et stella ma-ris, succúrre cadénti súrge-

re qui cu-rat pópu-lo: Tu quæ genu- ísti, na-tú-ra mi-

rante, tu- um sanctum Ge-ni-tó-rem: Virgo pri- us ac po-

sté-ri- us, Gabri- é-lis ab o-re sumens illud Ave, pecca-



tó-rum mi-se-ré- re.

*Mother of the Redeemer, who art ever of heaven The open gate, and the star of the sea, aid a fallen people, Which is trying to rise again; thou who didst give birth, While Nature marveled how, to thy Holy Creator, Virgin both before and after, from Gabriel's mouth Accepting the All hail, be merciful towards sinners.*

Text: Attr. to Hermannus Contractus, 1013-1054; trans. John Henry Newman, 1801-1890  
Music: Simple Tone, Mode V.

## The Concluding Rites

### Final Blessing & Dismissal

#### Hymn

*Comfort, Comfort Thee My People*



1. Com - fort, com - fort O my peo - ple, Speak of peace, now
2. Hark, the voice of one who's cry - ing In the des - ert
3. O make straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er



says our God; Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,  
far and near, Bid - ding all to full re - pent - ance  
plac - es plain; Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



Mourn - ing 'neath their sor rows' load. Speak un - to Je -  
Since the king - dom now is here. O, that warn - ing  
As be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them; Tell of all the  
cry o bey! Now pre - pare for God a - way; Let the val - leys  
of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad; And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er, And that war - fare now is o - ver.  
rise to meet him And the hills bow down to greet him.  
see the to - ken That his word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Isaiah 40:1-8; *Tröset, tröset, meine Lieben*; Joann Olearius, 1611-1684; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.  
Tune: GENEVA 42, 87 87 77 88; *Genevan Psalter*; 1551; harm adapt. from Claude Goudimel, 1505-1572



## **The Fourth Sunday of Advent at St. Francis of Assisi**

Saturday Vigil Mass  
5:00PM

Sunday Morning Masses  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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## **Christmas at St. Francis of Assisi**

Christmas Eve & Night

There will be 40 minutes of choral works, instrumental music, and  
Christmas carols before each Mass

4PM & 12AM

Christmas Day

There will be 40 minutes of choral works, instrumental music, and  
Christmas carols before Mass

10AM



*John the Baptist Preaching Before Herod Antipas*  
by Pieter Fransz de Grebber (c. 1640)



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