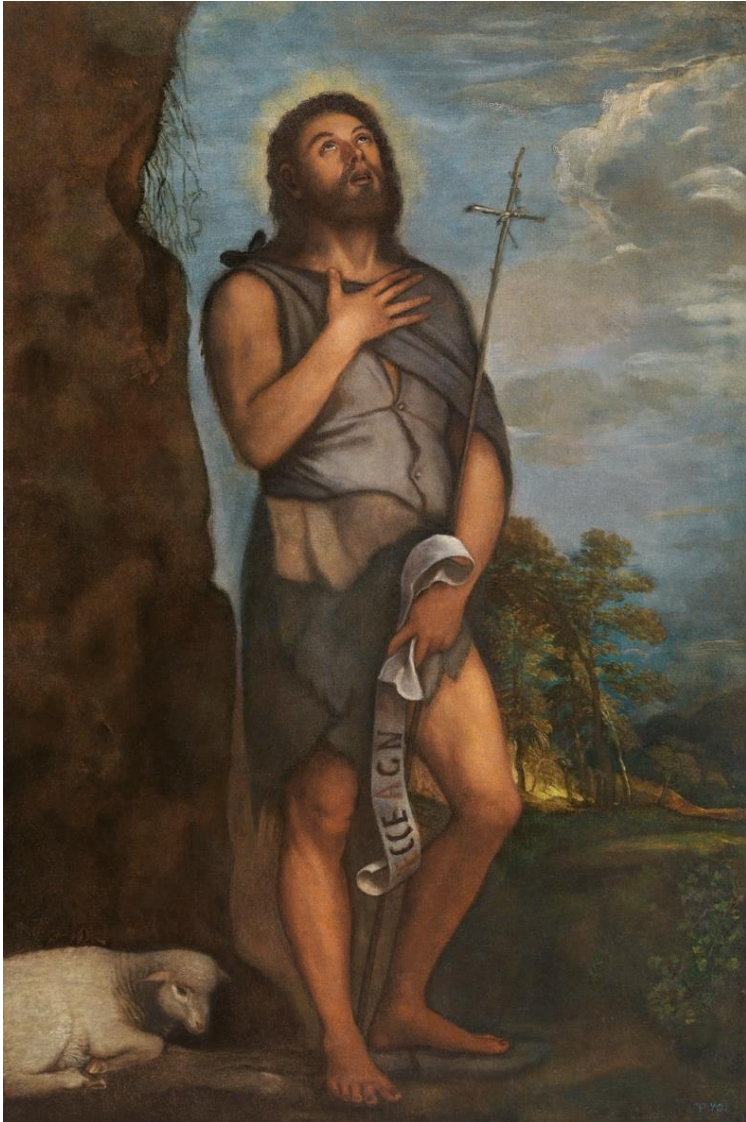


THE ORDER OF HOLY MASS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 2023



St. John the Baptist by Titian (1550-1555)

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 (5PM & 8:30AM)

“Darwall” (Rejoice the Lord is King)
from *Thirty-Six Short Preludes and Postludes* by Healy Willan (1880-1968)

Communion Meditation (11AM)

Matins Responsory
Music by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1625-1694)

I Look from afar: and lo,
I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us, art thou he that should come
to reign over thy people Israel?
High and low, rich and poor, one with
another,

Go ye out to meet him and say:
Hear, o thou Shepherd of Israel,
thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,
Tell us, art thou he that should come?
Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come
to reign over thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost

Introit (8:30 & 11AM)

Gaudéte in Dómino
Graduale Romanum

Today is *Gaudéte Sunday*. Like *Lætare Sunday* during Lent, it is named after the first words chanted at Mass from the Latin introit below. The exceptional use of rose vestments (instead of purple) for both these days signifies our Joy in an otherwise penitential season.

Gaudéte in Dómino semper:
íterum dico, gaudéte:
modéstia vestra nota sit omnibus
homínibus:
Dóminus prope est.
Nihil sollíciti sitis:
sed in omni oratióne petitiónes vestrae
innotéscant apud Deum.

*Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say, rejoice.
Let your forbearance be known to
all men.
The Lord is at hand.
Do not be anxious over anything;
but in all manner of prayer,
let your requests be made unto God.*

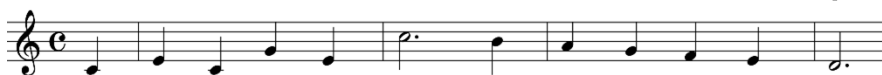
Baptism: Sign of the Cross & Greeting (5PM)

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

Processional Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Worship 564



1. Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
2. The Lord, our Sav - ior, reigns, The God of truth and love.
3. His king-dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n.
4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ the Judge shall come



Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, And tri - umph ev - er - more.
When he had purged our sins, He took his seat a - bove.
The keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n.
And take his ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal home.



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!



Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH, 6 6 6 6 with refrain: John Darwall, 1731–1789; harm. from *The Hymnal* 1940

The Introductory Rites

Sign of the Cross & Greeting (8:30 & 11AM)

Penitential Act (8:30 & 11AM)

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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Collect

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Exsultábit ánima mea in Deo meo

Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54



My soul re-joic - es, my soul re - joic-es in my God.

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my savior.
He looks on his servant in her
nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me
blessed. R.

His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him. R.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel his servant,
remembering his mercy. R.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!

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 © 2017.; 5PM & 8:30AM verses, Tonus Peregrinus and Alvez Barkoskie IV.;

11AM verses, Tonus Peregrinus and John Blow, 1649-1708.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 61:1

cited in Luke 4:18



The Spirit of the Lord is
upon me, because he has
anointed me to bring
glad tidings to the poor.

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

Gospel Proclamation

John 1:6-8, 19-28

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.

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.

**The Second collection this weekend is for the
Retirement Fund for the Religious and Priest Medical Fund**

Offertory Hymn (8:30 & 11AM)

Come, O Long-Expected Jesus
Worship 394



1. Come, O long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set your
2. Born your peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child, and



peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us:
yet a king; Born to reign in us for - ev - er,



Christ, in you our rest shall be. Is - rael's strength and
Now your grac - ious king - dom bring. By your own e -



con - so - la - tion, Hope to all the earth im - part;
ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion,
By your all - suf - fi - cient mer - it



En - ter ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
Raise us to your glo - rious throne.

Text: Haggai 2:7; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Tune: JEFFERSON, 8 7 8 7 D; William Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1855; acc. by Theophane Hytrek, OSF, 1915–1992

Offertory Anthem (5PM & 8:30AM)

Magnificat
from *Evening Service in C minor*
Music by George Dyson (1883-1964)

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me and holy is his name and his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm. He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things and the

rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath helped his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end, Amen.

Offertory Anthem (11AM)

O Radix Jesse

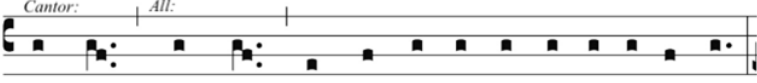
Music by Luc Jakobs (b. 1956)

O Radix Jesse qui stas in signum
populorum
super quem continebunt reges os suum
quem gentes deprecabuntur:
veni ad liberandum nos iam noli tardare.

O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign
among the peoples;
before you kings will be silenced
to you nations will make their prayer:
Come and deliver us, and delay no
longer.

Sanctus

Mass XVIII 'Deus Genitor Alme'

S  An-ctus, * 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 nómine Dó-mi-ni. Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.

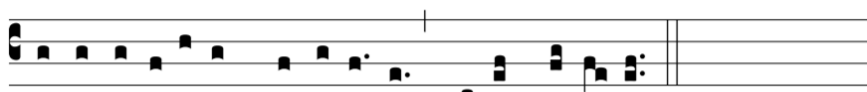
*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Eucharistic Prayer

Mystérium Fidei

cf. Mass XVIII 'Deus Genitor Alme'

M  Ortem tu-am annunti- ámus, Dómi-ne * 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



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

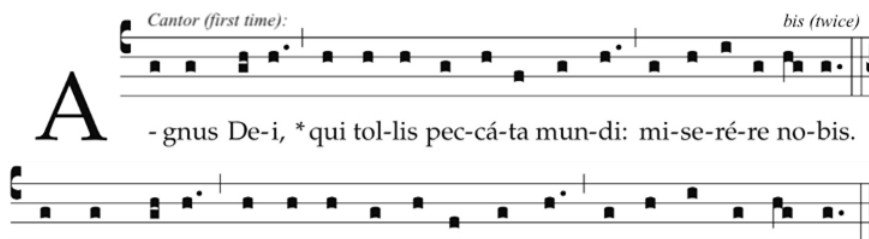
Mass XVIII: Deus Genitor Alme

Cantor (first time):

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

bis (twice)

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

Dicite: Pusillánimes


Graduale Romanum

Dicite: Pusillánimes confortámini,
et nolíte timére:
ecce Deus noster véniet,
et salvábit nos.

*Say: Take courage, you who are
fainthearted,
and do not fear;
behold, our God will come
and he will save us.*

Communion Hymn

Creator of the Stars of Night
Worship 405



1. Cre a - tor of the stars of night,
2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse
3. When this old world drew on toward night,
4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
6. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,

Your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
Should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
You came; but not in splen - dor bright,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
Re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
And God the Spi - rit, Three in One,

O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
You came, O Sa - vior, to set free
Not as a mon - arch, but the child
All things on earth with one ac - cord,
De - fend us while we dwell be - low
Praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be

We pray you hear us when we call.
Your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
Of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
From all as - saults of our dread foe.
From age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

Text: *Conditor alme siderum*, Latin 9th. C., revised 1632; tr. *The Hymnal* 1982, alt. © 1985, The Church Pension Fund
Tune: CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM, LM; Mode IV, Sarum 9th C.

Communion Meditation (5PM & 8:30AM)

Alma Redemptoris Mater
Music by Ciro Grassi (1868-1952)

See pages 10-11 for text and translation

Communion Meditation (11AM)

Rejoice in the Lord Always
Music by Henry Purcell (c. 1659-1695)

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.
Let your moderation be known unto all men.
The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing;
but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known unto God.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Marian Hymn (11AM)

Alma Redemptóris Mater
Simple Tone, Mode V

Cantor: *All:*

V

A L-ma * Redemptó-ris Ma-ter, quæ pérvī- 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-

ránte, 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

Hark! the Glad Sound!



1. Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, The
2. He comes, the pris - 'ners to re - lease In
3. He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, The
4. Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy



Sa - vior prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
Sa - tan's bond - age held; The gates of brass be -
bleed - ing soul to cure; And with the trea - sures
wel - come shall pro - claim; And heav'ns e - ter - nal



pare a throne, And ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring With thy be - lov - ed Name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Tune: RICHMOND, CM, mel. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820; adapt. Samuel Webbe, Jr., 1770-1843; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Postlude

Wachet auf, ruft unds die Stimme

Arranged by Johann Walther (1496-1570)

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent at St. Francis of Assisi
December 23-24**

Saturday Anticipatory Mass
5:00PM

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



**Christmas at St. Francis of Assisi
December 24-25**

Christmas Vigil & Midnight

There will be 45 minutes of choral works, instrumental music, and
Christmas carols before each Mass

4PM & 12AM

Christmas Day

There will be 45 minutes of choral works, instrumental music, and
Christmas carols before Mass

10AM



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