



St. William Catholic Community

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Rev. Monsignor Christopher J. Schreck, *Pastor*

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the community of St. William's Parish, St. Simons Island, led by the power of the Holy Spirit, are committed to serving God and our brothers and sisters in Christ by living the message of the Gospel. We believe we are called to share our time, talents and our material gifts as an outward sign of the Treasure we hold in Jesus."

Mass Schedule

Weekdays: Monday - Saturday at 8:15 a.m., Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday Vigil at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday from 9 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. in chapel.

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 4:30 - 5:15 p. m. or by appointment.

Rosary

Monday - Saturday at 7:50 a.m. & after Mass.
 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

The Grotto Religious Goods Shop

Open after weekend Masses. Call the office during the week.

Baptism

Parents are to be registered and attend preparation class.
(By appointment - Call DRE at 638-2651)

Marriage

Arrangements should be made six months in advance.

Creed Classes - Sundays, 9 - 10:15am.

Children's Liturgy - Sundays during 10:30am Mass.

Youth Group - Sundays at 5p.m.

RCIA - Sundays at 11:30am, September thru Easter.

Parish Administrator

Stacey Bristol - (Office) 638-2647
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Director of Religious Education

Nancy Power - 638-2651

Music Minister

Kate Hamer - 634-5040

Parish Engineer

Jim Spaeder - 399-7145

Parish Council

Burt Davitte - 269-0756, 638-6000

Finance Committee

Fred Zeh (Cell) 770-401-0570
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Sacristan & Grotto Religious Goods

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 Barbara Pelletier - 638-2957

Adoration

Maureen Bowen - 912-222-6775

Altar Servers

Mike Cherne - 223-9048

Bereavement

Laura Nies - 912-638-1991

Bloomers

Therese Raimondo - 230-7313

Coffee and Doughnuts

Lauren Bailey - 912-222-7755

Council of Catholic Women

Joyce Callahan - 770-653-9509

Divine Mercy

First Saturday Devotion

Norma McIntyre - 279-0526

Helping Hugs, Inc. (Haiti Mission)

Robert "Bob" Hochwald - 638-3143

Manna House

Primetimers

Spiritual Direction

Janice Capano - 770-500-5468

Martial Arts - Jim Keane - 638-0763

Men's Group, Adult Ed

Tom McIntyre - 279-0526, 996-8752

Outreach Ministries

Bill Horn - 638-4538

St. Vincent de Paul Society - 262-6027

Maureen Horn - 638-4538

Secular Franciscan Order

Larry Lynch - 638-0148

Tuesday Women's Discussion

Valerie Kehoe - 912-638-3919

Head Usher

Ron Casler - 912-434-9635



MASS INTENTIONS
Liturgy of the Hours Week I

SAT., DEC. 12	8:15AM	+RORY O'NEIL
	5:30PM	PARISHIONERS
SUN., DEC. 13	8:00AM	+WILLIAM R. CODUS
	10:30AM	+BILL KEMPTON
MON., DEC., 14	8:15AM	+DUKE SMITH
TUES., DEC. 15	8:15AM	(L)THE CALDERONE SISTERS
	6:00PM	POOR SOULS
WED., DEC. 16	8:15AM	(L)TAMMY & NICK CALDERONE
THURS., DEC. 17	8:15AM	+GEORGE H. METZ
FRI., DEC. 18	8:15AM	+DICK MITCHELL
SAT., DEC. 19	8:15AM	+HORACE COBB
	5:30PM	PARISHIONERS
SUN., DEC. 20	8:00AM	+MARTIN TURBIDY
	10:30AM	+MIKE KLEINE



Mario Artesiano, Buddy Aycok, TSB, Lois Baker, Gail Blanda, Brynn B., Tommye Cashin, Sal Cenicola, David Clarke, H.C., Patti Cundiff, Mark Davis, Barbara De-Ratto, Peggy Eades, John Fedak, Mary Ann Ferguson, Rebecca Gaylor, Jacqueline Grady, Keith Griffin, John Grimsley, Charlotte Guido, **Mary Hammill**, Martha Hawkins, Fred Hegeman, John Helton, Cheryl & Larry Hutchinson, **Rhonda Hutchinson**, Mark Kelso, Timothy Kite, Ben Koreski, Kathleen Koreski, H.L., Jim Loisel & Family, William Luther, Ruth Elizabeth Melvin, Mary McCaughey, Tucker McKinney, George Metz, Nancy Moore, Nina & Ralph Murphy, Ed Nickey, Katy Oftedahl, Fran Owen, Frank Paul, MJR, Patricia Reilly, A.J. Salimando, Douglas Seaman, Richard Sedlacek, Eddie Michael Smith, Mike Stefanik, Richard Wineman, the priests serving St. William, and our service men and women.

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Help us keep our above prayer list current. You may add a name to the list by calling the church office at 638-2647 or e-mailing us at stwilliamschurch@comcast.net.

*Names listed in bold are new to the prayer list. These names stay on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise requested.

TELEPHONE & EMAIL PRAYER LINE

St. William Prayer Line is a group of people who pray daily for the intentions received from voice mails left at 638-4287 or by email at stwilliamsprayerline@gmail.com.

Copies of *The Word Among Us* and *The Little Blue Book* for Advent and Christmas Season are in the foyer of the parish hall. We also have limited copies of *Today's Missal* in the office. If you would like any of these, please stop by the office.

*"One filled with joy preaches without preaching."
- Mother Teresa*

Offertory Stewardship

DECEMBER 6, 2020 - \$16,768.98 (December 8, 2019 - \$9,435.64)
PARISHIONER ENVELOPES/CHECKS -158
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT - \$285.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - \$678.00
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT - \$20.00
REGULAR CHRISTMAS - \$380.00
DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS MASS - \$65.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - \$180.00

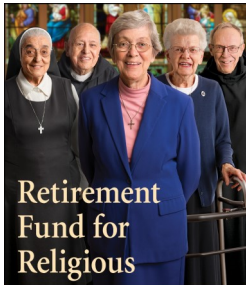
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO DATE

Goal - \$2,162,000 Received to Date - \$2,085,427.23

*This scripture reading sums up Stewardship.
"Rejoice always" means place your trust in God;
He will provide all that you need.*

"Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day.

*"Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God.
Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.*



Please be generous.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE. "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS** helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. You may also give online here by clicking **online giving**.

CHRISTMAS-AT-SEA - Each year, St. William's Council of Catholic Women reach out to sailors through the **International Seafarers' Center** to provide Ditty Bags filled with personal hygiene items, snacks, hats, and other items as part of their **CHRISTMAS-AT-SEA** program. Ditty Bags are available in the Narthex and in the library in the parish hall. The list for items is in the Ditty Bag and attached to this bulletin. Please return Ditty Bags to the library or the CCW bin by Sunday, December 20. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Callahan at 770-653-9509.



The BELL CHOIR,

*will be playing at all Masses
the weekend of December 19 and 20.*

The choir is rehearsing in two small groups to meet the demands of social distancing.

We have new music written for six ringers that enables us to continue social distanced rehearsals during this time of pandemic.

Come early to hear our Bell Prelude music.



Thank you to all our children, youth and parishioners who donated to our FOOD DRIVE! We will continue to collect non-perishables until **December 11**, for local food pantries/banks such as St. Vincent de Paul and Sparrows Nest. Please bring your non-perishables to the church during this time and leave them in the collection box in the back of the church.



Thank you to all who have picked an angel from our Angel Tree. Angels should be returned to the Church or parish hall with the Angel securely taped on the package **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, December 14.**

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUN., DEC. 13	3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLL. 8am - Mass 9am - CR.ee.D 10:30am - Mass 11:30am - Youth CIA(Catholics in Action)
MON., DEC. 14	8:15am - Daily Mass
TUES., DEC. 15	8:15am - Daily Mass 9am - Adoration in Church 1pm - Rosary for Peace 6:00pm - Mass
WED., DEC. 16	8:15am - Daily Mass
THURS., DEC. 17	8:15am - Mass 9am - SFO 9am - Twin Parish
FRI., DEC. 18	8:15am - Daily Mass
SAT., DEC. 19	8:15am - Daily Mass 4:30pm - Reconciliation 5:30pm - Vigil Mass 6:30pm - Baptism
SUN., DEC. 20	4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT St. Vincent de Paul Collection 8am - Mass 10:30am - Mass

LIVE STREAMING MASS!

To be able to participate in these Masses from home, you can click on either the **red** Youtube icon above or go to the parish website, www.stwill.net. Then go to the Live Streaming tab. Click on the blue link [StWilliamonSSI](#), and select either the **LIVE** Mass or any of the recordings.



CHRISTMAS AND HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00pm Outdoor Parking Lot Mass
7:00pm & 10:00pm Masses
in the Church with live stream

(Due to the current occupancy limits of the church and Covid restrictions, we are unable to have the children's portrayal of the Gospel this year.)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

9am Mass in the Church with live stream

Mary, Mother of God
Vigil Mass - Thursday, December 31 at 6pm
Mass - Friday, January 1 at 9am



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 13, 2020



Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" is a Latin word, meaning "rejoice." The Christian steward should be characterized by a spirit of rejoicing.

Our First Reading, from Isaiah, expresses a fitting motto for us. "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul." It is God Who is the source of our joy and contentment — not things or achievements or comfort, but our relationship with God.

This is why stewards can share so freely of their time, talents and material possessions — because ultimately, we are not attached to these things. We recognize them as good gifts from our loving Father, but we are attached to the Giver of the gifts, not the gifts themselves. This allows for great freedom in life and the capacity for great joy in the Lord.

We can become like John the Baptist, in today's Gospel passage from the Book of John. We read this description of the prophet: "He came for testimony, to testify to the light... He was not the light but came to testify to the light." This is our calling too — to testify to the Light, our wonderful Savior — by the way we make use of the time, talent and treasure He has entrusted to our care.

When God Himself is the source of our joy, it cannot be taken away from us. There is still time, this Advent season, to clear away any "clutter" in our lives that may take our focus away from Him. Let us strive to detach from any of these things so that we can be free to truly rejoice.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

Included in the bulletin this week is Helping Hugs Inc.'s financial report to St. William parishioners. The "2020 Accomplishments" lists of all the projects that were initiated in 2020 and the cost of each. A heartfelt "thank You" to all of the parishioners who, by your generous gifts, are part of this ministry for the less fortunate.

Gold and Silver Wedding Jubilee Anniversary Mass

All couples celebrating their Silver or Gold (25th or 50th) Wedding Anniversary in 2021 are invited to join the Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes, Bishop of Savannah, for a special Mass on Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist. Those wishing to attend should contact their parish office or register online at <https://www.diosav.org/gold-and-silver> by December 21, 2020 in order to receive the formal invitation with detailed information. Please call the Diocesan Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life at 912.201.4068 with questions.



DONATION BOXES by the side doors of the church on weekends and in the church and office during the week for your convenience. We thank you for your continued support of our parish church through use of donation boxes, the **online giving** icon on our website and via mail.

Sympathy & prayers ...

To **Paul, Jill, Mathew and Charlie Andrews**, upon the death of their father and grandfather, **ROBIN ANDREWS**, and

To **Joan Eddy**, and **Sharon & Nick Toscano**, upon the death of their son and brother, **BRIAN EDDY**.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Christmas at Sea

Share the Spirit of the Season and bring joy to visiting seafarers by donating 15 of the items below in a cloth ditty bag or PLASTIC shoe box.

Clothing

Socks
Handkerchiefs
Gloves
Knit Caps
Scarves
T-shirts

Toiletries

Shampoo
Conditioner
Soap/Body wash
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Shaving cream
Razors
After-shave lotion
Combs
Manicure kit
Small scissors
Lotion
Hair Gel

Medical / Health

Tylenol / Aspirin
Chapstick
Band-Aids
Antibiotic ointment
Deodorant
Bath Soap
Hand lotion
Kleenex
Vaseline
Q-Tips

Stationeries

Pencils/Pens
Note pads
Post-Its
Hlghlighters

Food

(non- perishable in sealed packages)
Crackers/ Pretzels
/Nuts

Gum/Candy
Raisins
Dried fruit
Canned Meat (pop-top)
Juice
Mints
Popcorn

Other

Bibles (English)
Flash/Thumb drives
CDs, DVDs
Playing cards
Sudoku puzzle books
Sewing kit
Flashlight w/batteries

ISC International Seafarers' Center

Brunswick, GA, USA

Gifts may be dropped off
at 307 Newcastle Street
Brunswick, GA 31520

For more info

Please return Ditty Bags to the CCW Bin in the Narthex or Front Office by December 20.

Please note: No cardboard shoe boxes.

Please use only Ditty Bags or CLEAR Plastic shoe box. Thank you!

Merry Christmas!

For more info: contact Joyce Callahan at 770-653-9509.

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Your Gifts Made All this Possible In 2020 for Our Twin Parish



EDUCATION

School Operations 2019-20 – Funds were sent in January for the operation of three schools for the second half of the 2019–20 school year. COST = \$8,500

School Operations 2020-21 – Funds were sent in August and November for the first half of the school year. COST = \$18,250

Personal Protection Equipment – Due to the coronavirus, funds were sent to purchase protective equipment for three schools for the entire year. COST = \$1200

Food for School Attendance – Pilot program to increase attendance at Sacred Heart School. Funds were sent in March for the remainder of the school year. COST = \$950

Computer Training for St. Anthony – Training of the teachers is needed to better utilize the student computers and incorporate them into the lesson plan. This project was funded in February. COST = \$1000. Temporarily delayed due to the Coronavirus. Will begin Nov. 2020.



Meeting with Tek-4-Kids – Funds were sent in February for Father Islaire's travel expenses to Jeremie to review an education system designed by Haitian and French governments using smart boards. COST = \$500. Temporarily delayed due to the Coronavirus. Still on hold as of December 2020

College Tuition Scholarship - A special donation was received specifically to support the college tuition payments for three students for the 2020-21 school year. COST = \$5,000

MEDICAL

Medical Mission Trip – In February, we conducted our Sixth medical mission trip to Cotes-de-Fer and 3 village chapels: St. Lawrence @ Bouca Moran, St. Mother Teresa @ Metayer and Nativity @ Mount Blanc. COST = \$15,051

Hypertension Project - A nurse was hired to administer medication and check patients seen during the medical mission trip. Funds are sent quarterly to continue that project which includes the cost of medications. COST = \$2130

Emergency Medical Care – An indigent patient was provided with hospital care through a special donation received for that purpose. COST = \$1350





INFRASTRUCTURE

Chapel Improvements – Funds were approved in March to pour cement floors for Sacred Heart @ Platon and St. Mother Teresa @ Metayer Chapels. COST = \$5,560.

← Chapel Benches – Each of the 10 chapels will receive 10 benches capable of seating 100 people. Project funded in March. COST = \$8,056
Completion of this project could see some delay due to the Coronavirus. As of December, 35% of the project has been completed.

CLEAN WATER

Cistern Projects – Construction of a cistern at St. Lawrence Chapel in Boca Moran to provide a source of water has been completed. COST = \$4,176

Conversion of Mayette Water System to Solar Power – Because of the gas shortages in 2019 the World Water Relief water system at Mayette has been converted from a gas generator to solar power. COST = \$1,220

Water Purification Systems Maintenance – Travel expense reimbursement for World Water Relief personnel to conduct routine maintenance. COST = \$540

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Emergency Food – Drought, the Coronavirus and high inflation have all resulted in severe shortages of food . Funds were provided in April and June to provide food for the poor. COST = \$4,000

Emergency Food Continues – Food shortages are expected to continue for the remainder of the year. We have partnered with Food for the Poor & a church in Virginia to receive a matching grant which will provide food for St. Joseph through December of this year. \$12,000 in food will be delivered to St. Joseph. COST = \$6,000



Truck Rental – Due to the large volume of food, a truck was required to move the food from the pickup location to St. Joseph Church. COST = \$800

Seeds for Family Farms – Funds were sent in June for the purchase of seeds which will be planted for Summer/Fall crops. COST = \$1,500

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT

Church Administration – Funds are provided for the administrative costs of operating St. Joseph Church COST = \$12,000

Special Programs – A special donation was received specifically to support Father Islaire's special programs throughout 2020. COST = \$6,000

Your generosity provided \$103,783 for 2020 projects. Thank You.

Third Sunday of Advent December 12-13, 2020

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, hear our prayer and let our cry come unto you. Bless our Diocese of Savannah with many vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Give the men and women you call the light to understand your gift and the love to follow always in the footsteps of your priestly son. Amen

Gathering: **Every Valley**

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Refrain

**Ev'ry valley shall be exalted
and ev'ry hill made low.
And all God's people shall see together
the glory of the Lord.**

1. A voice cries out in the wilderness,
"Prepare the way of the Lord.
Make straight in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God." **Refrain**

2. Comfort all my people.
The time for war is gone.
The blind shall see, the deaf shall hear,
the lame shall leap for joy. **Refrain**

3. Stand upon the mountain top.
O lift your voice to the world.
Sing joyfully, Jerusalem:
"Behold, behold your God." **Refrain**

Reading 1 **IS 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. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm **LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Common Psalm 25 or 49 may be used in place of this psalm. Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
R. My soul re-joic-es in my God.
Music: Owen Alstott, © 1977, 1990, OCP (R&A p. 12)

R. (Is 61:10b) **My soul rejoices in my God.**

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. **My soul rejoices in my God.**

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. **My soul rejoices in my God.**

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. **My soul rejoices in my God.**

Reading 2 **1 THES 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia **IS 61:1 (cited in LK 4:18)**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel **JN 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. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Preparation: **Blessed and Holy**

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1. Holy, holy, holy, O Wisdom from on high, all your works are blessed and holy, sea and earth and sun and sky. Adonai, O Lord of ages who appeared as burning flame, come ignite the spark of justice till it burns in us again.
2. Holy, holy, holy, O Radiant Star of night, still your people walk in darkness, come awake us to your light. O Keystone of the nations, holding place of every part, come and cherish your creation till it lives within our heart.
3. Holy, holy, holy, O Tree uplifted high, in your presence pow'r falls silent, in your shade illusions die. O humble Key of David, hearts are known to you alone. Break the chains of every prison, come and lead your people home.
4. Holy, holy, holy, God of power, God of might, all the earth and all the heavens sing your glory day and night. Blessed and holy your creation, blessed is Jesus whom you send. Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna without end!

Communion: **Maranatha**

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Refrain

**Maranatha, we long for your peace.
Maranatha, we long for your mercy.
Maranatha, we long for your coming,
O God.**

1. In your image you have fashioned us, in the garden you made us; you have given us your breath of life, voice to praise your name, voice to praise your name. **Refrain**
2. In our weakness we have turned from you, turned from light to the darkness, ever longing for salvation, O Lord of light, O Lord of light. **Refrain**
3. In your love you have sent your Son, your salvation for ev'ryone; Word incarnate, God's compassion, hope for humankind, hope for humankind. **Refrain**
4. We await your day of glory, Christ, Jesus, return for us. Gentle King, Just Deliverer, you will bring us home, you will bring us home. **Refrain**

Sending: **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
- Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**
2. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ord'rest all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud and majesty and awe.
 4. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse's stem, from ev'ry foe deliver them that trust thy mighty pow'r to save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
 5. O come, Thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
 6. O come, Thou Dayspring from on high and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.
 7. O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all humankind; bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our Prince of Peace.

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