



# *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**

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#### **Music Minister**

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#### **Parish Council**

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#### **Sacristan & Grotto Religious Goods**

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#### **Coffee and Doughnuts**

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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**

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#### **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. 5    | 8:15AM  | +KEITH KENNETH STOCKER, SR. |
|                 | 5:30PM  | +RENE A. REYES              |
| SUN., DEC. 6    | 8:00AM  | PARISHIONERS                |
|                 | 10:30AM | +JOROME STEFFENS            |
| MON., DEC., 7   | 8:15AM  | +DUKE SMITH                 |
| TUES., DEC. 8   | 9:00AM  | +DUKE SMITH                 |
|                 | 6:00PM  | +ERIC WESTPHAL              |
| WED., DEC. 9    | 8:15AM  | +JOHN AUSTIN                |
| THURS., DEC. 10 | 8:15AM  | +DUKE SMITH                 |
| FRI., DEC. 11   | 8:15AM  | +BARBARA HERNANDEZ          |
| SAT., DEC. 12   | 8:15AM  | +RORY O'NEIL                |
|                 | 5:30PM  | PARISHIONERS                |
| SUN., DEC. 13   | 8:00AM  | +WILLIAM R. CODUS           |
|                 | 10:30AM | +BILL KEMPTON               |



Mario Artesiano, Buddy Aycock, TSB, Lois Baker, Gail Blanda, Brynn B., Tommye Cashin, Sal Cenicola, David Clarke, H.C., Patti Cundiff, Mark Davis, Barbara DeRatto, Peggy Eades, John Fedak, Mary Ann Ferguson, Rebecca Gaylor, Jacqueline Grady, Keith Griffin, John Grimsley, Charlotte Guido, WFG, Martha Hawkins, Fred Hegeman, John Helton, Cheryl & Larry Hutchinson, Fr. Wilford Logsdon, Mark Kelson, Edward & Sharon Kirk, Timothy Kite, Ben Koreski, Kathleen Koreski, H.L., Jim Loisel & Family, William Luther, Ruth Elizabeth Melvin, Anna Grace Mallon, Mary McCaughey, Tucker McKinney, George Metz, Nancy Moore, Nina & Ralph Murphy, Ed Nickey, Katy Oftedahl, Fran Owen, Frank Paul, Nell Pidgeon, 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](mailto: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](mailto:stwilliamsprayerline@gmail.com).

**ADVENT WREATHS & CANDLES** are available in the church office. If you are unable to come during business hours, call the office to make other arrangements.



*"Peace is not the absence of trouble, but the presence of Christ."*  
- Sheila Walsh

## Offertory Stewardship

**NOVEMBER 29, 2020 - \$7,254.00 (December 1, 2019 - \$8,846.00)**  
**PARISHIONER ENVELOPES/CHECKS - 96**  
**CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT - \$360.00**  
**MISSION COOP - \$100.00**  
**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - \$150.00**

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO DATE

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

*We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too.*

*We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.*

## Outside the Ordinary.

Sunday, December 6, the Second Sunday of Advent, we will be celebrating the 10:30 Mass outside for parishioners and their families. Mass will be celebrated just outside the main entrance to the church. Those who wish to attend are asked to park in the parking lot. They may remain close to their cars or come forward, closer to the Altar area if they are comfortable. Communion will be distributed to those attending. **All are encouraged to print the readings and song words attached to the bulletin and bring them and a chair to the Mass.**

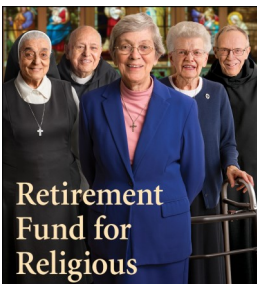


### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

**Masses - Tuesday, December 8 at 9am and 6pm**

Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. The Immaculate Conception was the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Blessed Pope Pius IX proclaimed on December 8, 1854: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin."

**Congratulations to Penny Hennessy as her daughter and son-in-law, Ashley and Allen Hutcheson, have been honored with the Gartland Award this year by Blessed Sacrament Parish in Savannah. Ashley attended St. William as a teenager.**



Retirement Fund for Religious

**HELP OUR ELDERS.** In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Next weekend, the second collection will be for the **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS.** Envelopes are in your monthly envelope packet or in the narthex of the church. You may also give online here by clicking **online giving**. Please be generous.

Our talented group of Sew & So's have made prayer shawls and lap robes. If you are interested in any of these or know of someone who could use one or two of these items, please call or stop by the office.





## 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



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 or call.



**Thank you to all our children, youth and parishioners who donated to our FOOD DRIVE!** Our initial contributions have been distributed to Second Harvest. We will continue to collect non-perishables until December 11, for other 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.



## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL NEWS

The year 2020 has brought many unexpected changes to us all, and while our school will not be able to celebrate the Crusaders Bash in traditional fashion, the fun will go on! We are happy to bring the Crusaders Bash to you this year in a virtual format. Two to four items per week will be auctioned on our Facebook page.

Please follow St. Francis Xavier Catholic School on Facebook to ensure you have a chance to view and bid on all the wonderful class baskets and one-of-a-kind pieces of art. <https://facebook.com/sfxcsbrunswick>



**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.



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.



The Angel Tree is up in the narthex of the Church. Please take an Angel, purchase and wrap the requested item, SECURELY TAPE Angel to the package and return the gift under the tree. If you are unable to attend Mass at this time and would like to pick an Angel from the tree, please call Nancy during the week (Monday-Thursday) and she will be happy to let you in the Church to pick an Angel. Angels should be returned to the Church or parish hall with the Angel securely taped on the package **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, December 12.**



## MANNA HOUSE

Manna House is an area outreach ministry that feeds the hungry seven days a week, serving well over 300 a day. Manna House is in need of **baked goods and fruit**. The baked goods may be homemade or store bought. Please mark if the sweet have nuts. Items can be dropped off in church narthex in the box labeled "Manna House".

**VIRTUS TRAINING - ZOOM REMOTE** - Virtus classes are now being done via ZOOM meetings. Space is limited in these classes and pre-registration is required. Go to [Virtusonline.org](http://Virtusonline.org) to pre-register for upcoming classes

† Tuesday, December 8, 1pm - 4pm

† Thursday, December 17, 5:30pm - 8:30pm

**Abuse Hotline Number:** To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number at 888-357-5330 or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, 912-201-4074. To read the diocesan policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to [www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection](http://www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection).

## PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

|                        |                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SUN., DEC. 6</b>    | <b>2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b><br>8am - Mass<br>9am - CR.ee.D<br><b>10:30am - Outdoor Mass</b><br>11:30am - CIA<br>(Catholics in Action-Teens)    |
| <b>MON., DEC. 7</b>    | 8:15am - Daily Mass                                                                                                                            |
| <b>TUES., DEC. 8</b>   | <b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b><br>9am - Mass<br>9am - Adoration in Church<br>1pm - Rosary for Peace<br>6:00pm - Mass                |
| <b>WED., DEC. 9</b>    | 8:15am - Daily Mass<br>7pm - Twin Parish Exec. Board Mtg.                                                                                      |
| <b>THURS., DEC. 10</b> | 8:15am - Mass<br>9am - SFO                                                                                                                     |
| <b>FRI., DEC. 11</b>   | 8:15am - Daily Mass                                                                                                                            |
| <b>SAT., DEC. 12</b>   | <b>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</b><br>8:15am - Daily Mass<br>12pm - Courtyard HOA<br>4:30pm - Reconciliation<br>5:30pm - Vigil Mass         |
| <b>SUN., DEC. 13</b>   | <b>3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b><br><b>RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLL.</b><br>8am - Mass<br>9am - CR.ee.D<br>10:30am - Mass<br>11:30am - CIA in Savannah |

### LIVE STREAMING MASS!

For those of you who are not ready to return to Mass at the present time, we will continue to live stream Vigil and Sunday Masses on our youtube channel, [StWilliamonSSI](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCStWilliamonSSI).



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](http://www.stwill.net). Then go to the Live Streaming tab. Click on the blue link [StWilliamonSSI](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCStWilliamonSSI), and select either the LIVE Mass or any of the recordings.

## 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.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

### 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 6, 2020



We serve a merciful and patient God. In His kindness, He warns us that we will be called to make an account one day for the way in which we made use of the gifts He has given us.

The most precious gift He has given us is His own Son, Whose birth we are preparing to celebrate.

St. Peter describes the loving kindness of the Father in our Second Reading today, saying God "is patient with you, not wishing that anyone should perish but that all should come to repentance." Yet, in the same passage we receive this warning: "The Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar... and the earth and everything on it will be found out."

How are we to assimilate these two truths — the merciful love of God and the responsibility that comes with the privilege of living as His disciple? St. Peter tells us we should conduct ourselves "in holiness and devotion." Indeed, this is the goal of our Advent "reset" — to return to living lives focused on Christ, in gratitude for all He has done for us.

In our Gospel passage from Mark, John the Baptist instructs us to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." We must make good use of the gift of time we have been given this Advent season. Let's be sure to get to Confession, prioritize a daily reading the of Scriptures, and reach out to someone in need with a word of comfort or an act of service.

In this way, we will honor both the mercy and justice of our God, and we will be prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ and give account for all His gifts to us.

**Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](https://www.catholicstewardshipconsultants.com)**



This Advent, please join St. William Parish and your fellow parishioners for Dynamic Catholic's

### BEST ADVENT EVER

### LET YOUR SOUL SHINE!

Every day during Advent, you'll receive an email with a short video from Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic Team. It's completely free and easy to sign up. All you have to do is go to [BestAdventEver.com](https://www.BestAdventEver.com) and enter your name and email address. We encourage you to invite your family and friends once you sign up. Want to make 2021

the best year of your life? It begins with a great Advent. So, let's all have an amazing Advent together!



The USCCB recommends [CatholicCurrent.org](https://www.CatholicCurrent.org), a project of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, for additional resources for inspiring, informing and engaging Catholic in their faith. Check out the link for Celebrating Advent at Home!

# The Second Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 6, 2020

## The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Tuesday, December 8th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

An essential part of God's plan for the mother of his Son was that she be conceived free from Original Sin. "Through the centuries the Church became ever more aware that Mary, 'full of grace' through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception" (CCC, no. 491).

In anticipation that she was to bear the Son of God, Mary was preserved from the time of her conception from Original Sin.

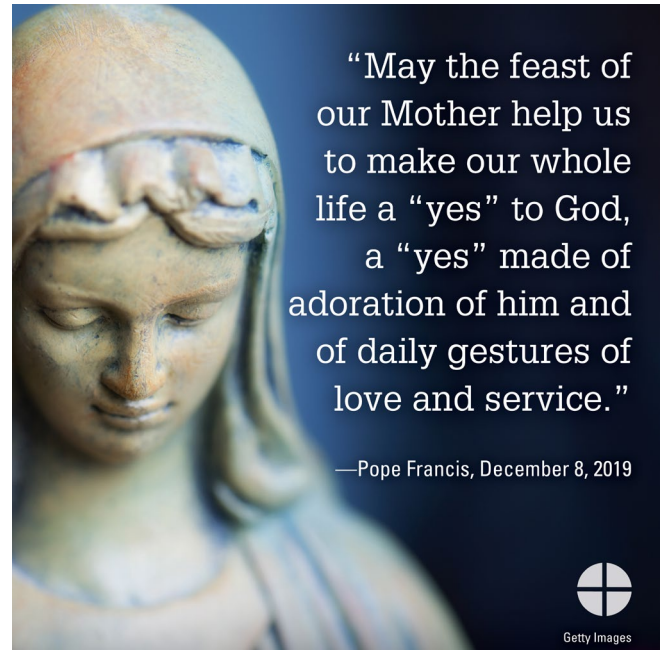
We call this the Immaculate Conception. No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin.

In the course of time, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception became more precisely enunciated, as its truth—long supported by the universal popular devotion of the faithful—was better understood by deepening theological inquiry.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed this dogma infallibly: that is, in his role as supreme teacher of the Church, he declared that this doctrine is divinely revealed and must be accepted with faith by the entire Church.

### MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, our Mother. To you we come. Before you we kneel, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your clemency, hear and answer them. Amen.—St. Bernard of Clairvaux



"May the feast of our Mother help us to make our whole life a "yes" to God, a "yes" made of adoration of him and of daily gestures of love and service."

—Pope Francis, December 8, 2019



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BULLETIN

## Second Sunday of Advent December 5-6, 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: **A Voice Cries Out**

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### Refrain:

**A voice cries out in the wilderness:**

**"Prepare a way for the Lord!" A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Make straight a highway for God!"**

1. Console my people, the ones dear to me; speak to the heart of Jerusalem: the time of your mourning is ended now, the Lord of life will come.

### Refrain

2. Ev'ry valley is made a plain, ev'ry mountain is leveled; the glory of God shall then be revealed, and the nations will sing in praise.

### Refrain

3. A voice shouts: "Cry!" O what shall I cry? All flesh is like grass and its flowers: the grass may wither, the flowers may fade, but the Word of the Lord is forever. **Refrain**

4. Zion, shout from the mountain top, lift up your voice, O Jerusalem, and say to the people of God's own land, "Behold, behold your God!"

### Refrain

### Reading 1 **IS 40:1-5, 9-11**

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

### Responsorial Psalm **PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14  
Canticle: Psalm 25 may be used in place of this psalm.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

**R. (8) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

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. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

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. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

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. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

### Reading 2 **2 PT 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. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia

**LK 3:4, 6**

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel

**MK 1:1-8**

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

## Preparation: **The King Shall Come**

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1. The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks, when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes. Not, as of old, a little child, to bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.

2. O brighter than the rising morn when he, victorious, rose and left the lonesome place of death, despite the rage of foes. The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! thy people pray:

come quickly, King of kings.  
come quickly, King of kings.

## Communion: **Alleluia! Hurry, the Lord Is Near**

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**Refrain: Alleluia! Hurry, the Lord is near.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Hurry, the Lord is near.**

1. Sound the trumpet, the Lord is near; Hurry, the Lord is near; see, he comes to save us all. Hurry, the Lord is near! **Refrain**
2. Earth has longed for his approach: Hurry, the Lord is near; straighten the road, smooth the path. Hurry, the Lord is near! **Refrain**
3. Go out to meet him, shout his name: Hurry, the Lord is near; his mighty kingdom shall never end. Hurry, the Lord is near! **Refrain**
4. He is the mighty one, he is the Word: Hurry, the Lord is near; God everlasting, Prince of Peace. Hurry, the Lord is near! **Refrain**

## Sending: **Let the King of Glory Come**

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**Refrain: Lift up, you gates, lift up your arches:  
let the King of glory come! Lift up your hearts  
and sing, you people: let the King of glory  
come!**

1. Who is the King of glory? Our God, holy and strong! Who is the Lord of majesty? Our God, mighty and strong!
2. Come, O come, Emmanuel: come and dwell with us! Come, O come, you Lord of might: banish death and fear!
3. Come, O come, bright Wisdom: come and make us wise! Come, O come, you Dayspring: love, uncloseth our eyes!
4. Come, you Key of David, come: open our heavenly home! Come, Desire of nations, come: bring us into your peace!

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary December 8, 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:

### The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

#### GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
"All hail," said he, "O lowly maiden Mary,"  
"Most highly favored lady!" Gloria!
2. "For know a blessed Mother you shall be,  
All generations praise continually,  
Your Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold."  
"Most highly favored lady!" Gloria!
3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;  
"To me be as it pleases God!" she said.  
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name."  
"Most highly favored lady!" Gloria!
4. Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born  
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn;  
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:  
"Most highly favored lady!" Gloria!

### Reading 1

#### GN 3:9-15, 20

After the man, Adam, had eaten of the tree, the LORD God called to the man and asked him, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself." Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!" The man replied, "The woman whom you put here with me--she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it." The LORD God then asked the woman, "Why did you do such a thing?" The woman answered, "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it."

Then the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you shall be banned from all the animals and from all the wild creatures; on your belly shall you crawl, and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel." The man called his wife Eve, because she became the mother of all the living.  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

R. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done mar-vel-ous deeds.

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#### R. (1) **Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.**

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

#### R. **Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.**

The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

#### R. **Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

#### R. **Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.**

### Reading 2

#### EPH 1:3-6, 11-12

Brothers and sisters: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved.

In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ.

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



## Alleluia

[See LK 1:28](#)

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;  
blessed are you among women.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel

[LK 1:26-38](#)

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Presentation:**      [O Sanctissima/O Most Holy One/Mary, Full of Grace](#)

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Verses: Latin

1. O sanctíssima, O piíssima, Dulcis virgo María!  
Mater amáta, In temeráta, Ora, ora pro nobis!

Verses: English

1. O Sanctíssima, Holy Queen of Love, Dearest  
Virgin and Mother. Blest by every nation, Every  
generation: Ora, ora pro nobis!

## Communion:

[Magnificat](#)

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**Refrain:** Proclaim the greatness of God; rejoice in  
God, my Savior! Rejoice in God, my Savior!

## Sending:

[Immaculate Mary](#)

Lourdes Hymn

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing. You reign  
now in heaven with Jesus our King.

**Refrain: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Maria!**

In Heaven the blessed your glory proclaim; On  
earth we your children invoke your fair name.

**Refrain**

We pray for our Mother, the Church upon earth,  
and bless, Holy Mary, the land of our birth.

**Refrain**



“We don’t know what the future holds, but it’s all God’s work,” says Sister Theresa McGrath (center), 86, a member of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, for nearly 70 years.

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