

December 5, 2021 The Second Sunday of Advent



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A VOICE OF ONE CRYING OUT IN THE DESERT:

*“PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,
MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS.*

EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED

AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW.”

—LUKE 3:4-5

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Worship Aid and Bulletin

Covenant Prayer: Father, you have called us to be a People of the Covenant. You sent your only begotten Son to be our Savior so that we might praise You, proclaim your Word, encounter You in the sacraments, welcome each other, share our faith, bring our sacrifices and be strengthened for your service. We pray that we might be a source of compassion toward the poor, justice for the oppressed, peace for the troubled, healing for the wounded, and wisdom for the searching. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that we might live the mystery of your love and fulfill the covenant we celebrate in the Eucharist. Father, we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Introductory Rites

Entrance Hymn

Christ Be Our Light

Bernadette Farrell

Week 2: Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice

Hope for Those Who Are Weary - Responsive Litany

The Light shines in the darkness,

All: but the darkness has not overcome it.

During Advent our weary souls seek God's daily strength.

All: The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

We grow weary when fear overshadows faith.

All: The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

We grow weary when destructive actions erupt in the world around us.

All: The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

For all of us feeling weary this Advent season:

All: Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

Candle Lighting

Today we light two candles. The first candle illuminates patience in the areas of our lives where God has called us to wait. The second candle extends the promise of strength to all who feel weary and weak in the shadows of this world. As we continue our Advent journey, may our hope be kindled as the light grows brighter.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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KYRIE

Greeting

Cantor: Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Lord, have mer - cy.

Penitential Rite

Cantor: Christ, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Christ, have mer - cy.

Cantor: Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Lord, have mer - cy.

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Bar 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery;
 put on the splendor of glory from God forever:
 wrapped in the cloak of justice from God,
 bear on your head the mitre
 that displays the glory of the eternal name.
 For God will show all the earth your splendor:
 you will be named by God forever
 the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;
 look to the east and see your children
 gathered from the east and the west
 at the word of the Holy One,
 rejoicing that they are remembered by God.
 Led away on foot by their enemies they left you:
 but God will bring them back to you
 borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones.
 For God has commanded
 that every lofty mountain be made low,
 and that the age-old depths and gorges

be filled to level ground,
 that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God.
 The forests and every fragrant kind of tree
 have overshadowed Israel at God's command;
 for God is leading Israel in joy
 by the light of his glory,
 with his mercy and justice for company.

The Word of the Lord.
R: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm:



R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

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Second Reading: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters:
 I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you,
 because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now.
 I am confident of this,
 that the one who began a good work in you

will continue to complete it
 until the day of Christ Jesus.
 God is my witness,
 how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.
 And this is my prayer:
 that your love may increase ever more and more
 in knowledge and every kind of perception,

to discern what is of value,
 so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,
 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord.
R: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation



R. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,

as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:
 "Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make straight his paths.
 Every valley shall be filled
 and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
 The winding roads shall be made straight,
 and the rough ways made smooth,
 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

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

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scrip-

tures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Music during the Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

COME, LORD! MARANATHA *Come Now, Emmanuel*

Ricky Manalo, CSP

- 1. Now is the time; prepare the way; salvation is close at hand. Make straight the paths of the Lord. Lift up your voices and pray:
- 2. Now is the time; reform your lives. The reign of God is at hand!

- On that day a shoot shall sprout, blossoming; so let us pray:
- 3. Comfort, O God, grant to us. Tenderly speak your Word. Then shall your glory be revealed; help us to cry out with zeal:

- 4. Take off the robe of mourning; put on the splendor of God. Wrap on the cloak of justice and light, guiding us all through the night

Refrain

Advent Weeks 1-3 *Come, Lord! Ma - ra - na - tha!* Come and bring us your
 Advent Week 4 *Come now, Em - man - u - el!* Come and bring us your
 peace. *Come, Lord, Ma - ra - na - tha!* Come to us;
 peace. *Come now, Em - man - u - el!* Come to us;
 set us free. *Come, Lord, and bring us your peace.*
 set us free. *Come now and bring us your peace.*

Preface Dialogue

HOLY *A Christmas Mass Paul Gibson*

Cantor/choir: Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord. God of _ hosts. comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na_ in_ the_

All: Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord. God_ of_ hosts. Hea - ven and high - est, Ho - san - na_ in the high - est, high -

All: est, high - est. Ho - san - na_ in the high - est.

Cantor/choir: Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Bless'd is he who

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Memorial Acclamation

Cantor, then all:


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

Great Amen

AMEN

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

Cantor, then all:




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

Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer
Lamb of God


AGNUS DEI

Cantor:



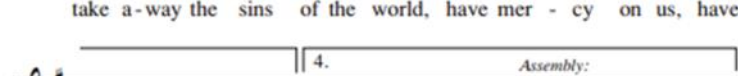
1. Je - sus, wis - dom and might - y Lord:
2. Je - sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree: you
3. Key of Da - vid and Day-spring from on high:
4. De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:
* Lamb of God, Lamb of God:

Assembly:



take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us, have

Assembly:




mer - cy on us. grant us peace, grant us peace.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

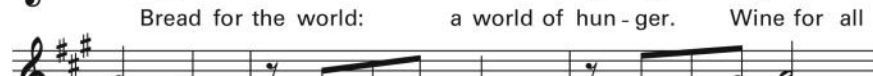
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Communion:

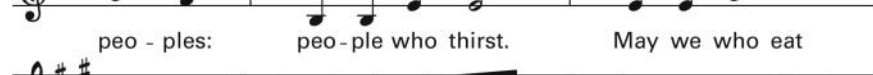
Refrain: All



Bread for the world: a world of hun - ger. Wine for all



peo - ples: peo - ple who thirst. May we who eat



be bread for oth - ers. May we who drink pour out our love.

Meditation: Divinum Mysterium (instrumental)

Concluding Rite

Blessing

Solemn Dismissal

Sending Forth Hymn: **People Look East, (Bescanon, Eleanor Farjeon)**

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| 1. People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are
able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way. | Give up your strength the seed to
nourish,
That in course the flower may flour-
ish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way. | God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the bird, is on the way. |
| 2. 2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is
bare,
One more seed is planted there: | 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to
build,
Guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen | 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is
dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way. |

Thank you for worshipping with us today, and we are praying for you and your family!

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Summer Weekend Mass

Times

Saturday Vigil—4:30 p.m.

Sunday— 8:00 a.m. in the church; 10:45 a.m. in church

live-streamed at 10:45 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube



Weekday Mass in the Chapel

Mon—8 a.m. Eucharistic Service

Tues-Sat—8 a.m.

JGS offers Sunday Mass via livestream, either on our Facebook Page or on our Youtube page.

Don't miss out. Like us on Facebook or join our YouTube Channel.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A Joyful Advent!

If we were truly expecting the return of Jesus, wouldn't we behave NOW differently? If we truly expected Christ to come again, wouldn't we put more energy into how we act, into what we say, into what we think?



That Christ has not yet returned may be in itself reflective of how much he loves us. God is patient with us. He has withheld his judgement, hoping that we will finally come around. He has come to us in word and sacrament. He has fed us his body and blood and gives us his spirit to dwell in us. In all of this, we might finally understand and say "yes" to him.

And the way to do this is to follow the words of St. John the Baptist: "Prepare the Way of the Lord" [Matthew 3:3]. We have been given some time; let us not waste a moment more!

God of glory, source of joy, help to overcome fear and anxiety, and to trust you in all things. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A blessed Advent!

Father Mike



Weekend Mass Intentions for December 4-5, 2021

Sat	4:30 PM Vigil	For the repose of the soul of Milena Fosco at the request of the Scott family
Sun	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Mary Ann Harlan, mother of Rose Van Dyke, at the request of Carolyn Austin
Sun	10:45 AM	For the repose of the soul of Diana Bell, mother of Andrea Baddour, at the request of the Lemieux family

Mass Intentions for December 6-11, 2021

Mon	12/6	8 AM	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Tues	12/7	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of Daniel Edward Thring at the request of Juan and Grace Lumidao
Wed	12/8	8 AM	Immaculate Conception: Mass times: 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Thurs	12/9	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of Mary Upton at the request of the Scott family
Fri	12/10	8 AM	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat	12/11	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of Peter Nguyen at the request of Anthony and Quy Le



Liturgical Ministers — Help is needed!

We are back to full capacity!! Did you know it takes 7-8 volunteers for *EVERY* Mass to run smoothly? Can you help? Please contact the church office as soon as possible if you can help fill this critical need. We need Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Lectors and Altar Servers. You may contact Sheryl at receptionist@ccjgs.org or Katie at music@ccjgs.org. Interested Altar Servers may contact Laurie Spence at Laurietspence@yahoo.com. Thank you so much!

News and Events



ADVENT CONFESSIONS—THIS Sunday, 12/5 from 4:00-5:30p.m. Extra priests will be available. Confession is a wonderful way to prepare your heart for the coming of Christ. “Formed” has many great videos on confession. Click [here for an 11 minute segment on “Why Confess to a Priest?”](#). Or go to Formed.org and search, “why confess?”



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8: This Wednesday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary and a holyday of obligation for all Catholics. Masses will be celebrated at 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m in the church.

A SECOND SPRING POTLUCK DINNER is scheduled for Monday, December 6, 2021 at 5:00 PM in the church hall. All seniors are welcome. For information contact Ed Reilly at 443-968-9679 or email ereilly2@comcast.net



FAMILIES NEEDED TO LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH! Hear ye! Hear ye! A very important job in our liturgical season is upon us! We need families for each Sunday of Advent at each of the Masses to light the Advent wreath and represent the Assembly! All families welcome to sign up! Please

click on the link below or use the Flocknote to sign-up or call the church office. <https://ccjgs.flocknote.com/signup/74343>



The Blessing of a Christmas Tree

Did you know? The use of the Christmas tree at home is relatively modern. Its origins are found in the medieval mystery plays that depicted the tree of paradise and the Christmas light or candle that symbolized Christ, the Light of the World.

Usually, a prayer is said before a Christmas tree is illuminated. In the home the Christmas tree may

be blessed by a parent or another family member [Catholic Households Blessings and Prayers, USCCB].

My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its light guide us to the perfect light.

Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation; the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures. We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



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RELIGIOUS GOODS SALE—Sat-Sun Dec 4-5 after all Masses. Religious items for sale are made from beautiful olive wood from the Holy Land. Please remember to stop by after Mass. Proceeds go to support Christians who live in the Holy Land. We hope that this will be helpful to you for your Christmas giving list as well as be of assistance to Christians in the Holy Land who need our support. Thank you!

CARENET THANKS YOU! - Despite giving out far fewer baby bottles than usual this year due to virus repercussions, our generous JGS community members contributed an all-time record of \$5,100.00 to support Care Net's mission to support needy mothers and their babies, providing a far more compassionate alternative to abortion! CareNet is most grateful for this considerable boost to their life saving work. Although we also set a record of more 75% returned bottles there are still more than 40 bottles sitting out there somewhere not helping CareNet!



CELEBRATE THE BEAUTY OF OUR CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH A POINSETTIA DONATION

Christmas Tidings will soon be upon us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. We will again be planning for the beautiful Christmas decorations for our church. Part of this decor will be arranging the beautiful poinsettia flowers around our church symbolizing the good will and community spirit of the season. **Your financial help is needed, please consider a donation for the purchase of our poinsettia flowers.** Donations can be made on behalf of your family or in remembrance of a loved one. A donation of \$15 will purchase a single poinsettia plant which will be displayed in our church throughout the Christmas season. Donations may be made through [faithdirect https://forms.ministryforms.net/embed.aspx?formid=de824019-0d21-4bae-a653-301bcc67d2e1](https://forms.ministryforms.net/embed.aspx?formid=de824019-0d21-4bae-a653-301bcc67d2e1) or by using the special envelopes found in the envelope stands in the vestibule. Donations should be made no later than Fri, Dec 17th. Please remember to include the name of your family or loved one to be included as part of the donation list. Thank you for adding to the Christmas joy of our community!



GREETER CHRISTMAS TRAINING: There IS room at the Inn

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” Hebrew 13:1-2

We want to welcome all visitors and guests to our Christmas Masses and that begins with HOSPITALITY! We are calling all Greeters or those interested in Greeting to a meeting on Saturday, December 11 from 8:30-11am with Breakfast to start! We need **All HANDS ON DECK** in order to share the Christmas joy of the Birth of our Savior! Please save the date and plan to attend! Are you ready to greet the Lord through our visitors Christmas Eve? RSVP so we can count you in on food to Sheryl at receptionist@ccjgs.org



CHILDREN AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Morning Classes will meet: Dec 12, Dec 19
Evening Classes will meet: Dec 5, Dec 19
ACT Youth Group will meet: Dec 5, Dec 19th

Confirmation Class: Dec 5, Dec 19

Contact the church office at 410-257-3810 if you have questions.

CONFIRMATION 2022 FAMILIES: All Confirmation families are kindly reminded if they have not done so to submit their application for Sponsor into the church office ASAP. The updated Eligibility Form was distributed at the latest Confirmation meeting and also sent out via email with a follow-up letter with other important information. The quicker the application is submitted to the church office, the quicker the sponsor can be approved. Thank you!



ELDERLY RELIGIOUS NEED YOUR HELP. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years in Catholic Schools, hospitals, and parishes —often for little to no pay. Now, many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your gift to next week's Retirement Fund of Religious collection helps provide medication, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.



SEASONAL CHOIR REHEARSAL FOR

CHRISTMAS BEGINS! The 10:45am choir is now accepting new members for the season of Christmas! Are you interested in singing but can't make

a big commitment? Rehearsals are Thursdays 6:30-8pm for November and December for our Christmas Eve Mass on Friday Dec. 24 at the 9pm Mass. We will have Lessons and Carols, familiar tunes, and the Hallelujah Chorus! Please contact Katie at 410-257-3810 ext 1017 or music@ccjgs.org

CHILDREN'S CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS: The Children's Choir will have rehearsals for the Christmas Eve 4pm Mass! Does your whole family sing or would like to try? Siblings and families are encouraged to participate in the rehearsals and the Christmas Eve Mass at 4pm in the church. For questions or more info, contact Katie Evans. Rehearsals will be Thursdays in December from 4:30-5:30pm in the church. All are welcome, but please let Katie know in advance! Email music@ccjgs.org to receive your families spot! (Children on their own Grades 2-5 are also welcome).



On this second Sunday in Advent, John the Baptist's preaching assumes a central place in the way he points to the Messiah's coming. In each of the first three Gospels, we hear him quote the prophet Isaiah:

*The voice of one calling out in the wilderness:
Prepare the way of the Lord,
Make his paths straight!*

John the Baptist came preaching a message of conversion, or *metanoia* in the Greek, which means a "transforming of the mind." He called those who came out to hear him at the Jordan to change their lives for the kingdom of heaven was near.

What does such a transformation mean? It means learning to think differently, daring to consider things from a new standpoint, seeing as God sees and not based on our own needs.

Like John, we are called to be witnesses for Christ, called to point to him with our entire being. The question is whether others can see and recognize this witness, because often enough the witness we give in our lives points to our own brokenness, untrustworthiness, superficiality or fear.

- Practice ●

Sit down comfortably in a chair and think about what is stirring within you. What are you thinking about in your own life? What are your thoughts about others? And then ask yourself this: "Are these thoughts really true? Or are they judgements I've made on the basis of my own narrowness of mind or sensitivities?"

Take a moment and wish for such persons a measure of God's presence. See if you notice that offering this blessing has a positive effect on you, leading you to see such persons with new eyes. For blessing others can bring YOU to think differently about them. It invites you to see them not simply as difficult persons who get on your nerves, but rather as those like you whom God has blessed. For they too are persons yearning to be who they truly are, and seeking to live in peace with themselves and with others.

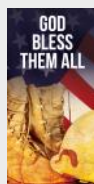
[Adapted from *Your Light Gives Us Hope, 24 Daily Practices for Advent*, Fr. Anselm Grun, Paraclete Press, 2017].

LAST CALL! Any adult in our community who has not yet received the Sacraments of Initiation of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and any baptized Christian who wishes to make their Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church we welcome into our RCIA for this year. If we can assist you, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will get you into the RCIA. Kindly contact: receptionist@ccjgs.org or pastor@ccjgs.org. The deadline is December 1st. Thank you!!!

PRAYERS FOR THE MILITARY

Staff Sergeant Christopher R. Skirchak; LT Jg Matthew Schwartz; Steve Looney; Billy Looney; Will Jones; Michael Hardy; LT. Alex Scott; Nicholas Majers; David Keffer; James Lan-son Weeks; Captain Robert Pat-terson, USMC; LT Nadila Khan, USN; Ross Noon; Col Phil Noltemeyer; Matthew Cullens; William Ryan Thayer; LT. Col. Brian Genelin; Michael Parker; Michael Henry Thayer;

Gerald Cullens; Noah Pirner; Scott Mega; Capt. Kal Bassma; Mark Smith; Jacob Floyd; Joseph Masoero; Christo-pher Kuczek; Tyler Menoche; Tim Addison; Dylan Rayfield; Joshua Snyder; Brennan McConnell; Ian Torr; Mi-chael Metler; Joey Wyvill; Mike Wilson; Shane Nissen; Lt. Ridge Alkonis, USN



Please contact the church office to have a name added to this list.



The sick: Gloria Leber, mother of Laura Cleary; Dante Nazzaro; Rachel Guest & son Patrick Michael Guest; Patty Shields; Jean Mensh; Thomas Haug; Lorraine Dusseau; Maria Huffer; Lou Flaig; Anita Stuck Culkun; Gail Ricker; Les Silva; Jenna Beeson; Marilyn Cooney; Chuck Kuhn; Dolores Marinaccio; Gina Richardson; Tony Dockum; Ronald Joseph Furr; Becky Furr; Mary Ann Silva; Janet Barna; Tom Floyd; Riley Bodenhorn; Ed Brophy; Linda Patterson; John Albright; Ralph Smola; Anthony Wyvill; John Hepp; Tammy Pierce; James Richardson, Sr.; Verna Jurewicz; Louis Johnson; Doreen Dardzinski; Katie Lakie; Elaine Shelby; Keith Hanagriff; Tim Connors; Alma Marie Streicker; Sue Baczynski; Anne Brophy; Duke Dusseau; Bob Adams; Marsha Dunn; Janet Cleary; Pat Con-way; Leslie Hill; Bobbie Martin; Chad Martin.

Friends/relatives in need of prayer and for those who have died contact the church office monthly to include them in our bulletin.



Share the Holidays by Donating a Holiday Dinner to a Local Family in Need—last day to donate is today, Dec 5

Your generous donation of \$37 will buy a full Thanksgiving or Christmas Dinner for one of our families.

Please use this link to give: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/7733> or if you'd prefer to make a cash or check donation, you'll find a Share the Holidays donation box in the Center at church. Simply place your donation in one of the envelopes and leave it in the box.

If you have questions or would like to place a food order for yourself, please call or email Lynn Robinson at 301-467-8550 or Lynn@rwminc.com.



STATUS ON MASK REQUIREMENTS: Beginning Mon, Nov22, Calvert County will join the District and St. Mary's County in NOT requiring face coverings at indoor Masses and most parish events. Masks are still required for now at all schools either by government requirement or Catholic Schools Office policy.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE HOLIDAYS: COAT DRIVE 2021

Join Catholic Charities of the ADW for our ninth annual Coats of Many Colors Coat Drive! Each year we provide coats, hats, gloves, and scarves to members of our local community. We will collect new and gently used coats that are clean and in good condition. You can drop off coats at: **St. John Vianney (105 Vianney Ln, Prince Frederick, MD 20678)** · Friday, December 17, 2021 (1pm – 4pm)

There are more opportunities to volunteer. For example, SHARE food which provides food to the less fortunate; Angel Tree which helps local families provide gifts for their children; and other holiday events. Please go to their [website](#) for more information on how to get involved or email volunteer@cc-dc.org.



APPEAL FOR DONATIONS FOR NEW TABLES FOR THE CENTRE:

Since 1990, the round tables in our Centre have faithfully served our community. Over the last 30+ years, these tables have been used for COUNTLESS parish dinners, hospitality after Masses and receptions of all kinds.

Unfortunately, the tables are showing more “wear and tear.” In addition, with today’s technology, new tables are more durable but more lightweight. We are currently inviting members if they would like to make a donation specifically toward a new table. The new tables will be so much easier for people to set up/breakdown for our many social needs at JGS.

Our current tables which are still useable will be kept and placed in storage for when we need tables for outside events [e.g., Covenant Sunday]. This will help us to rent fewer tables in the future and reduce annual expenses. The cost of a new table is \$438.57. If you can assist, even with a partial donation, that would be deeply appreciated! A total of 25 tables is needed for the Centre. As of this writing, there are donations to purchase 5 tables. Thank you very much for your kind support.

Contact Laura Cleary at 410-257-3810 (secretary@ccjgs.org) for Mass Cards/ Intentions; Sponsor Certificates (for Sacraments) or to place bulletin announcements. *Deadline for bulletin items is Thursday at noon, 10 days before the weekend you want your article to appear. Thank you!*



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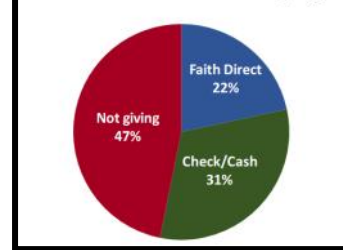
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A LOOK AT GIVING AT JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Jesus the Good Shepherd receives no funds from the Archdiocese of Washington. *Every parish is expected to sustain itself.* We depend entirely on the offerings of the faithful. Money/funds go from the “bottom up,” not from the “top down.” We **DEPEND** and **NEED** your financial support **TODAY.**

Registered Households – 1004

Household Contributions by Type



Households using On-line/Faith Direct offertory – 217 or 22%

Households using Loose Check/Cash – 317 or 32%

Total Households supporting the Parish – 534 or 53%

Average Household offertory; \$28 per week

Most households give \$1.00-\$9.99 weekly

Next group of households give \$10.00-\$19.99 weekly

Our GOAL is for the number of households financially supporting our community go from 53% to 65% by December 31, 2021.

CAN YOU HELP? THANK YOU!

As an added incentive for JGS Faith Direct Recurring Gift Match Promotion

For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between November 1 and December 31, 2021, *FaithDirect* will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 per parish. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be processed through Faith Direct by December 31, 2021.

Click or go to ccjgs.org/partners or use the QR code to sign up today!



SACRIFICIAL GIVING for the weekend of November 21, 2021:

Weekly Offertory \$ 8,031

SACRIFICIAL GIVING for the weekend of Nov 28, 2021:

Weekly Offertory \$ 5,493

October *Faith Direct* offertory \$ 37,934

We need \$7025 weekly in offertory to stay afloat

We need \$32,500 monthly in Faith Direct to stay afloat

*Egiving through FaithDirect is calculated monthly.

Thank you for your generosity!

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pastor@ccjgs.org

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Rev. Gregory Apparcel, CSP
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Deacon Paul Fagan

Coordinator Ministry to the Homebound
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Children's Faith Formation

Coordinator— Vacant—now hiring

Religious Ed Aide—

Mrs. Trish Contrino
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Youth Ministry/Confirmation—

Vacant—now hiring

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Thursdays —8:30 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Please sign in using the sign-in sheet on the table next to the door.



OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.—3 p.m.

NEW TO PARISH? – Welcome to our Catholic Community! We encourage you to register with us as soon as possible. To register go to ccjgs.org/im-new. The best way to connect with us is through Flocknote. **From your phone:** Text: 84576 Keyword: ccjgs **From your computer:** <https://app.flocknote.com/ccjgs>. To be eligible for admission to our Children's Faith Formation Program, reception of the Sacraments or to receive testimonial letters for sponsorship, an individual must be a registered, participating member of the parish, attend the sacraments, and support the parish via offering and involvement.

RCIA – We welcome adults interested in becoming Catholic into our RCIA program. Please contact the church office at 410-257-3810 x1000, 1001 or 1003.

BAPTISM PREPARATION - Parents seeking baptism are encouraged to call the church office at 410-257-3810 or email receptionist@ccjgs.org. We invite all new (and expecting!) parents to a baptism retreat to be held 3 times per year.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - We rejoice with members who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please contact our office at least **six months** in advance; otherwise, dates cannot be guaranteed. Please do not set a date before making Church arrangements first. Dates for weddings will not be arranged before a preliminary meeting.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK AND HOLY COMMUNION: Please contact the church office if you or a family member is homebound, in the hospital, or in a nursing home and would like to receive these sacraments. We will do our best as restrictions allow during the pandemic.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/PENANCE: Saturdays 3:00-4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Mission Statement: “We, the Roman Catholic Parish of Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Community, have chosen to serve the Lord by evangelizing through the virtues of Hospitality, Spirituality and Stewardship.” 10

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