

UPCOMING SERVIVCES AND NOTICES

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24

Choral Eucharist
(Holy Eucharist, Rite II)
6:00 p.m.

Midnight Mass
(Holy Eucharist Rite I)
10:30 p.m.—Pre-Service Music
11:00 p.m.—Liturgy begins

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
With Congregational Carols
10:00 a.m.

Christmastide

December 26–January 6

The Parish Offices reopen on Wednesday, December 27

*Mass in the Chapel on Wednesdays (12:15 p.m.) and Thursdays (10 a.m.) as always
but with special mention of the following*

The Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist (Patronal Feast)

Wednesday, December 27

12:15 p.m.—Holy Eucharist (Rite II) in the Chapel

Holy Innocents

Thursday, December 28

10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers, in the Chapel

The Parish Offices close on Friday, 12/29 and reopen on Wednesday, January 3

New Year's Eve—Sunday, December 31 — 8 & 9:30 a.m. as normal

The Epiphany —Saturday, January 6

10:00 a.m.—Said Mass, in the Chapel

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

ALTAR GUILD: Jan Williams, Gwyn Schabacker, Chris McAdams, Debbie Tozier, Jan Kelley, Madeleine Tellekamp, Lyz Pickette, Porsche Amaya, Florence Fouts

LECTOR/CHALICE BEARER: Betsy Wood

ACOLYTES: Mae Allbritton, Will Swanson, Haydon Swanson

VERGER: Michael Eachon

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STANDING NOTICES

VISITORS WHO ARE HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME are invited to sign the guest register by the courtyard doors in the rear of the church. If you are searching for a church home, or if you have a special need of which you would like us to be aware, please complete one of the ivory pew cards and place it in an alms basin or give it to one of the clergy. Newcomers are also invited to take home with them one of the welcoming bags on the lower shelves of the tables at the back.

WE WANT TO BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU IN YOUR TIMES OF NEED. If you have a pastoral emergency when the parish offices are closed, please call 813.906.5199.

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED GOD IN YOUR WILL? The rubric on page 445 of the Prayer Book outlines the importance of estate planning and charitable giving. When you prepare your will, please remember the work of God and his Church, and especially the Endowment Fund of Saint John's Church and School. Please also remember the importance of making your funeral wishes known now to your family and clergy. Information to help you do that is available through the parish offices.



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

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Our mission is to proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ, and to build a spiritual community forming Christians of all ages through worship, education, and outreach.



CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

December 24, 2023

4:00pm

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.
Before the service speak to the Lord;
during the service let the Lord speak to you;
after the service speak to one another.*

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 83 Stanzas 1–3, 6..... Adeste fideles

PROPER ACCLAMATION The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY p. 355

HYMN 96..... Gloria

The people remain standing for the Collect and the reading of the Gospel.

THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS..... p. 212

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL Luke 2:1-14

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE CHRISTMAS DRAMA

Hymn 56 Stanzas 1 and 2 Veni, veni, Emmanuel

The congregation is invited to join in all the singing.

Narration

Hymn.....St. Louis

O Little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;

Yet in thy darkness shineth the everlasting Light;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Narration

Hymn..... Mary had a Baby

Mary had a baby, yes, Lord. Mary had a baby, yes, my Lord.

Mary had a baby, yes, Lord.

*The people keep a comin' but the train has gone.
What did Mary name him? Yes, Lord.
The people keep a comin' but the train has gone.
She named the baby Jesus, yes, Lord.
The people keep a comin' but the train has gone.*

Narration

Hymn *The First Nowell*

The first Nowell the angel did say was to
certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

Narration

Hymn *Three Kings of Orient*

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse a far,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
Oh-O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Narration

Hymn *Cradle Song*

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Narration

Hymn *A Joyful Song*

1. Sing a song, a joyful song, sing unto the Lord.
Sing a song a joyful song, sing unto the Lord.

Refrain
Clap your hands all you people, clap your hands unto the Lord.
Dance your feet, all you people. Dance unto the Lord.

2. See the mother rock the baby... Come with me and see.
3. Hear the donkey hee and hawing... Come with me and see.
4. See the stars so brightly shining... Come with me and see.
5. Kings upon their camels riding... Bringing gifts to him.

Narration

Hymn 111 *Stanza 1 only* *Stille Nacht*

All children may come to the manger during this Hymn.

Narration

Hymn 99 *refrain only* *Go Tell it on the Mountain*

THE NICENE CREED p. 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form IV p. 388

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word,
and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not
loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your
ways, to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

Celebrant	
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.	
THE PEACE	p. 360
GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	
THE OFFERTORY	
HYMN 94	Stanzas 5 & 6Winchester Old
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING	Eucharist Prayer B
Sursum corda.....	p. 367
Sanctus, Benedictus (said by all)	p. 367
The Prayer of Consecration.....	p. 368
The Lord’s Prayer.....	p. 364
	All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord’s Table. If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest). If you have not been baptized, and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let one of our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about the possibility of baptism, or any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.
During the ministration of the Sacrament the congregation sings	
Hymn 87	Mendelssohn
Hymn 89	Carol
Hymn 105	God Rest You Merry
THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER.....	p. 365
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 100	Antioch



Pageant Cast

Reader 1:	Caroline Deitzer	Star Carrier:	Harper Shellgren
Reader 2:	Michael Bedore	Baby Jesus:	Evelyn Galavis
Reader 3:	Jack Williams		
Reader 4:	Michael Wood	Shepherds:	Gust Dorsch, Henry Gritte, Wyatt Leonard, Vincent Shellgren, Denney Dickerson
Candle Lighter 1:	Madeline Vanderpool		
Candle Lighter 2:	Henry Dorsch	Angels:	Emily Conlee, Frances Galavis, Gracie Grimard, Joceli Hicks, Brett Fluharty, Parker Fluharty
Prophet Isaiah:	Greyson Dees		
Angel Gabriel:	Liam Dunfey	Animals:	Dura Alford, Felix Dorsch, Molly Grimard, Alex Normandeau
Angel Raphael:	Tom Gardner		
Angel Michael:	Caroline Gritte		
St. Mary:	Bea Swanson		
St. Joseph:	Graham Thomason		
Innkeeper:	Leo Dorsch		
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King Balthasar:	Matthew Valdes		
King Caspar:	Martha Wood		