

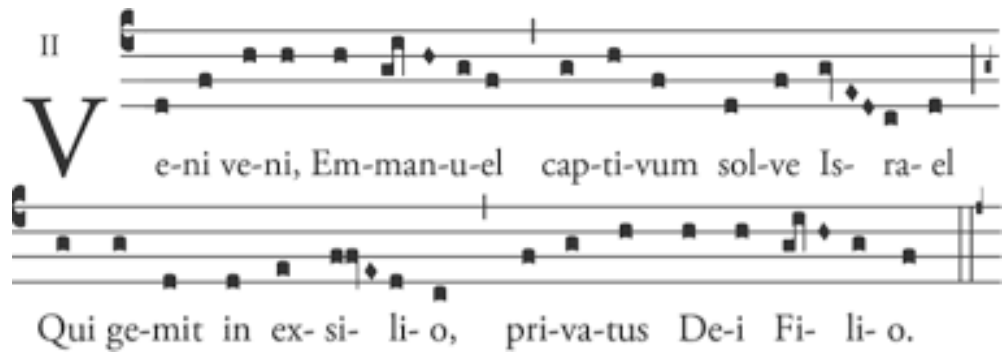
St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

December 11, 2022

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

(GAUDÉTE SUNDAY)



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Rector's Rambling

Next Sunday we will sing the classic Advent hymn – *O come, O come, Emmanuel*, number 2 in the Hymnal 1940. It sums up the

hopes of the people of Israel that God would send a Saviour. Each verse of the hymn is a paraphrase of a Latin antiphon to be said at Daily Evening Prayer before the first canticle, *The Magnificat*. It is yet another wonderful way the Church is counting down to the Feast of the Nativity (Christmas).

Why am I writing about this hymn here? Because the days assigned for each verse begin Friday, December 16.

Listed below are the antiphons for the proper days, with the verses in the hymn to which they correspond:

12/16 – O Wisdom, which camest out of the mouth of the most High, and reachest from one end to another, mightily and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence. (v.2)

12/17 – O Adonai, and Leader of the house of Israel, who appearest in the bush to Moses in a flame of fire, and gavest him the law in Sianai: come and redeem us with an outstretched arm. (v.3)

12/18 – O Root of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people, at whom kings shall shout their mouths, unto whom the Gentile shall seek: come and deliver us, and tarry not. (v.4)

12/19 – O Key of David, and Scepter of the House of Israel; that openest and no man shutteth, and shutteth and no man openeth: Come, and bring the prisoners out of the prison-house, them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death. (v.5)

12/20 – O Day-spring, Brightness of the Light everlasting, and Sun of righteousness: Come and enlighten them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death. (v. 6)

12/21 – O King of Nations, and their Desire; the Cornerstone, who makest both one: Come and save mankind, whom thou formedst of clay. (v. 7)

12/22 – O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, and Desire of all nations and their Salvation: Come and save us, O Lord our God. (v.1)

12/23 – O Virgin of Virgins, how shall this be? For neither before thee was any seen like thee, nor shall there be after. Daughters of Jerusalem, why marvel ye at me? The thing which ye behold is a divine mystery

Be sure to pray each of these verses every night, and perhaps sing the hymn version too.



ABOUT ST. JOHN'S

To Our Visitors

Welcome! The parishioners and clergy of St. John's are delighted that you have come to worship with us. We hope this house of prayer provides you with a place in which you can find solace, comfort, and strength. We invite your inquiries about the ministries available here at St. John's.

We offer a barrier-free environment for the infirm and handicapped. An access ramp for wheel chairs is located at the **SOUTHWEST** entrance of the church, near Woodward Avenue in the garden. There is also an elevator in the building which provides access to the undercroft, so everyone may fully participate in activities and fellowship.

We would be very pleased if you plan to return to St. John's on a regular basis, to **WORSHIP** as part of our parish family. Please complete a Visitor's Form located in the Order of Service and place it in the collection plate or give it to an usher.

Thank you for coming! We look forward to greeting you following the service today and hope to chat with you during our time of fellowship in the undercroft.

Communion Procedure

The Episcopal House of Bishops, in a 1979 teaching, lays out the following guideline for non-Episcopalians to receive communion in an Episcopal Church: The persons should 1) have been Baptized with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, 2) believe Christ is present in the sacrament, 3) have been admitted to Holy Communion in their own denomination, and 4) are attempting, by God's grace, to live in love and charity with their neighbor. If you have any questions, please speak to the priest.

To receive the Host, raise your crossed hands, right palm over left. You may also receive directly on the tongue. If you do not wish to receive the Cup, cross your arms over your chest and wait for the chalice bearer to pass by.

If you are not receiving communion, you still may come forward to the rail, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing.

If you are physically unable to approach the rail, please inform an usher and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

Pastoral Care

Please inform the clergy if you or a family member are ill, hospitalized, or unable to attend the regular worship of the Church so that a pastoral visit can be arranged. Please contact the clergy to discuss arrangements for baptisms, weddings, or burials **before** any announcement or other plans are made.

Outreach

Every Sunday: *Food or clothing* may be deposited in the basket at the entrance of the church to aid the neighborhood ministry to the poor through **Crossroads**.

First Sunday of the month: The *loose offerings* collected are given to support the mission work of the Church in Malawi, Central Africa. Please add a cash gift or extra check in the collection plate every first Sunday of the month!

Third Sunday of the month: The *loose offerings* collected are given to support the ministry of the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S DECEMBER 11—DECEMBER 18

Sunday 12/11	7:00 A 7:30 A	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel)
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT	8:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Holy Communion (chapel) Choral Holy Communion Sunday School Coffee Hour Evening Prayer
Monday 12/12	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 PM 5:00 P 6:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting Alpha Course
Tuesday 12/13 St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr d. 304 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
Wednesday 12/14 EMBER DAY	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Thursday 12/15	7:00 A 10:00 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion and Benediction Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Friday 12/16 EMBER DAY O Sapientia	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting OFFICE CLOSED TODAY
Saturday 12/17 EMBER DAY	7:00 A 10:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) Greening of the Narthex and Nave
Sunday 12/18 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Choral Holy Communion Sunday School Soup Luncheon and Greening Evening Prayer

Want to stay in touch during the week?
To join the newsgroup, e-mail a request to
Webmaster@stjohnsdetroit.org

Social Media

Wed www.Facebook.com/StJohnsDetroit
www.Twitter.com/StJohnsDetroit
www.YouTube.com/StJohnsPriest

Collect for the Third Sunday in Advent

O LORD Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	22:23 & 99	Jer. 1:4-10, 17-19 Luke 1:57
Monday	84	Isa. 29:1-4, 9-14 Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday	90	Isa. 30:8-17 Mark 5:21
Ember Wednesday	1, 15	Jer. 23:9-15 Luke 12:35-48
Thursday	96	Isa. 32:1-4, 15-20 Mark 6:1-6
Ember Friday	40:1-16	Jer. 23:23-32 2 Cor. 5:5
Ember Saturday	42, 43	Mal. 2:1-9 Matt. 9:35-10:15

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	132, 134	Nahum 1:3-8, 15 1 Cor. 9:7-23
Monday	75, 76	Isa. 29:15 Rev. 18:11
Tuesday	91	Isa. 30:18-26 Rev. 19:1-16
Ember Wednesday	92	Jer. 23:16-22 Matt. 28:16
Thursday	93, 98	Isa. 33:1-10 Rev. 20:1-6
Ember Friday	51	Jer. 26:1-7, 10-15 2 Tim. 3:14-4:8
Ember Saturday	103	Mal. 3:1-6 Heb. 4:14-5:10

** If there is no "ending" verse listed, then read * If there is no "ending" verse listed, then read to the end of the chapter.*

WISH LIST — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS

Repainting of the black iron fencing	\$3,000
Cement curb on freeway side of building supporting historic fencing along building	\$8,200
<i>Sanding, repairing, and repainting of the surface of the fences.</i>	

Announcements

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER

Sunday Evening Prayer is prayed at St. John's at **5:30 PM**. Join us for this 25 minute Service to finish the Sabbath Day as we started it - in worship and thanksgiving.

Weekday Services This Week –

Morning Meditation

◆ Streamed daily at 7:00 AM

Holy Communion

◆ Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 12:15 PM

◆ Thursday 10:30 AM

Evening Prayer

◆ Monday - Thursday at 4 PM (Ministry Center)

Services can be attended in person, or by livestream

Christian Education – Sunday School meets at 10 AM in the Undercroft. All children welcome.

Gift Giving Tree - Gifts due by today, December 11. Let us know if you need to bring the gift by Sunday afternoon or first thing Monday Morning.

Greening of the Narthex and Nave - Saturday, December 17, 10:00 AM to Noon. Join us as we get a head start decorating for Christmas. We will decorate everything but the altar/choir area.

Greening of the Sanctuary— December 18, after the 10 AM Service we will go upstairs after a bowl of soup to finish the decorating the church by decorating the altar and choir area.

Advent Soup Luncheon - December 18 after the 10 AM Service. Join us for a bowl of homemade soup. Your donation supports the outreach ministry of the St. Catherine's Guild.

Pledge Cards - be sure to submit your 2023 Pledge Card as soon as possible.

Alpha Course - Meeting on Monday Nights. Next session will take place in January, day of the week to be determined.

Parking Note - being a member of St. John's does not mean that we can park in our side lot for free for Pistons/Red Wings games, shows at the Fox, etc. The lot is leased to Olympia Development, and we have use of it for our church related events, but not at other times when they are using it.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

December 11

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – Langmuir

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Judy Lees
Denise Grim

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Suzanne Nicholson

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Libby Schudel
Christopher Smith
George Waters

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour

December 18

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – Langmuir

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Lena Nealley
Nancy Donnelly
Suzie Porter

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Brian Campbell

Ushers 10:00 AM:

Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
Thomas Nash
William Porter

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour

Ushers in reserve: David Boulton, Morley Stevenson

The Vestry and Officers of St. John's

Peter Grim, Senior Warden
Morley Stevenson, Junior Warden
Durene Brown, Secretary
Glenn Burton, Interim Treasurer
Cathy Morgan, Assistant Treasurer

Terms expire January 2023

Sarah Babcock	John Barge
Jimmie Baber	Rod Gillespie
Peter Grim	Tracy McAllister

Terms expire January 2024

Glenn Burton	Morley Stevenson
Cathy Morgan	Tristan Williams

Terms expire January 2024

Durene Brown	Charles Roby
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The Vestry typically meets monthly at 6:30 PM in the undercroft, September through June. All St. John's parishioners are welcome to attend.

St. John's Teaching Notes

Advertising, Marketing, and the Church

A few years ago, a debate arose on the floor of our Diocesan Convention concerning the funding of a National Advertising Campaign for the Episcopal Church. In a time when monies are short for the diocese, it seemed folly to some at Convention to be spending this money while cutting funding to things such as youth ministry and congregational redevelopment.

I believe in advertising (I should, since my dad and brother make their living at it!) and its ability to influence decisions, hopefully for the better and not just for the satisfaction of base passions. We advertise for St. John's in various local newspapers, where parishioners live, particularly during holidays when people might be looking for a place to worship.

Advertising is important because it gives the opportunity to reach out to those who have not given thought about St. John's, or more importantly about Jesus Christ! Depending on how it is done, and how it is targeted, it can make an initial impression which one hopes will motivate action such as looking into attending St. John's. With the advent of Internet advertising that can target very specific audiences (Google ads and Facebook are two examples) there is the hope of a better margin of return, usually measured in "ad clicks" or "page visits" to get more information about the place/product/person.

But even with a well-crafted advertising and marketing campaign, most people, when surveyed, said that the reason they came to church was because someone invited them! Advertising might give someone "name recognition", so that when asked, they "know about the product" (to use ad lingo). But I continue to think that money could be better spent on educating Episcopalians about who Jesus is, and what Anglicanism really believes. Then we can spread that message through the most effective (and cost effective) method: inviting friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family members to know Christ and worship Him in His Church! YOU are the best advertiser about what Jesus is doing here!

This Advent and Christmas, let us invite others to join us here at St. John's. People are hungry for the gospel and a place to worship around the holidays. Let's feed them with the Good News of God's love in this place! People are looking for a place to go to Church for Christmas Eve. Invite them, offer them a ride, and pray for them, that God will move their hearts to greater faith and devotion, and to become a member of His Body, the Church, in this place.

~ Fr. Kelly

**A DAILY PRAYER FOR
St. John's Church**

Bless, O Lord, this parish, and grant that Thy Name may be worshipped here in truth and purity, to all generations. Give Thy grace and wisdom to our Clergy, that they may exercise holy discipline, and be themselves patterns of holiness, simplicity, and self-denial. Bless all who worship here; take from us all pride, vanity and self-conceit, and give to us true humility and self-abasement. Enlighten our minds, subdue our wills, purify our hearts, and so penetrate us with Thy Spirit, and fill us with Thy love that we may go forth animated with earnest zeal for Thy glory; and may Thy living Word so dwell within our hearts that we may speak with that resistless energy of love which shall melt the hearts of sinners to the love of Thee. Open, O Lord, the hearts and hands of Thy people, that we may be ready to give and glad to distribute to our necessities. Bless the founders and benefactors of this parish, and recompense them with the riches of Thine everlasting kingdom, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer for Malawi, week of December 4:

Diocese of Lake Malawi—The Rt Revd Francis Kaulanda
Leonard Kamungu Theological College

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

3rd Sunday in Advent: The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Missionary Diocese of Ogori-Magongo—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); the Diocese of Ohaji / Egbema—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Ohio—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Southern Ohio—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Oji River—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Detroit—St. John's
East Lansing—Canterbury MSU
Santo Domingo, DR—St. John the Evangelist

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

December 12
Carl Balduf

December 14
Daner Hughes

December 16
MaryAnn Balduf



This Week's ANNIVERSARIES

**Have you given us
your
Anniversary date?**



OUR PRAYER LIST

Healing and Comfort: Alice B., Sarah B., Al F., Bonnie B., Brianna W., Cathy M., Christopher B., Daria R., Doug R., Durene B., Elaine D., Gail W., Gordon D., George W., Helene W., Jessica W., Jimmy J., Jim Z., Johny C., Julie B., Lawrence A., MJ B., Michael Z., Michael P., Paul M., Rexina M., Robert H., Sabrina H., Sandra Z., Sandy D., Virginia B.

If you would like to add a name to the Prayer List, please call the Church Office at 313-962-7358.

Serving in the United Nations: Sharon G. Lowery

Police Officers and Firefighters: For parishioner officers – Federal Service: Pat Walter; Holly Springs, NC: Michael Walter; and Fairfax County, VA: Stephen A. Shillingford.

Those Serving in the Military: Especially for Alan Mullin, Andrew Timpner, Brian Shea, Damon Dalby, Elijah Buxo, Ian Bass, Jonathan Walter, Kurt Helfrich, Nick Myers, Nick Norville, Steven Campbell, Joseph J. Sharpe, Ted Decker, Brian Finocchiaro, Catherine Finocchiaro, and Zachary Livingston

Diocese and the National Episcopal Church: That there may be a greater understanding of the Authority of Holy Scripture, and our submission to that Authority.

Year's Mind of Death:

Katherine Speaker	December 11, 1943
Clinton M. Ripley	December 11, 1943
Doris Marie Graham	December 12, 2013
Daniel Bateman	December 12, 2017
Rufus Perry	December 13, 1970
Kathleen Duncan McNab	December 13, 2004
William Guse	December 14, 1958
Adele Louise Huebner	December 14, 2005
Stephen T. Gail	December 15, 1991
Mary Greenwood	December 15, 2015
Robert M. Morton	December 16, 1944
Mary Bentall	December 16, 1970
Florence M. Sweeney	December 17, 1957
Marion E. Ray	December 17, 1982