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Corpus Christi Catholic Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 2023

Gaudete (Rejoicing)

Pastor Fr. Leo J Edgerly Jr

In Residence Fr. Basil De Pinto

Visiting Celebrants Fr. Paul R Vassar Fr. Vince Cotter

Advent Hymn

Emmanuel - by Steve Angrisano

Come, come, Emmanuel! Son of God, appear. Heaven and earth rejoice! Salvation is drawing near. Salvation is drawing near.

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here. Until the son of God appear.

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Penitential Act

Cantor: Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels.

As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

Musical notation for the hymn with lyrics: My soul rejoices in God, all my being blesses God's name. All: ...all my being blesses God's name.

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

Advent Gospel Acclamation

Allelu-ia, allelu-ia, allelu-ia, alleluia Allelu-ia, allelu-ia, allelu-ia, allelu-ia

John 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.


Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

## Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

## Preparation of the Table and Gifts

*This the Time of Waiting* by David Kauffman

This is the time of waiting,   
salvation soon will be born.  
We will make ready our hearts, O God.  
Prepare the way of the Lord.

No one knows the hour, no one knows the day.  
What\_ must be born in us, to make a way?


A voice cries out in the wilderness,  
ready a path so straight.  
What\_ path must we walk, to make a way?

From heaven comes redemption,  
so do not be dismayed.  
How\_ can we be God's hope, and make away?

"This Is The Time Of Waiting," David Kauffman, Arr. by William Gokelman  
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## Eucharistic Acclamations

*Mass of Glory - by Ken Canedo, Bob Hurd*

Ho-ly Ho-ly Ho-ly, Lord\_ God of Hosts\_  
Heaven and earth, are full of your glo-ry   
Hosan-na, Hosan-na, Hosan-na in\_ the high-est  
Bles-sed is he who comes\_ in the name\_ of the Lord.  
Hosan-na, Hosan-na, Hosan-na in\_ the high-est

## Mystery of Faith


Save\_ us Savior of the world, for by your cross\_  
and re-sur-rection. You\_ have set\_ us free

## Amen

## Lamb of God Litany

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
Have mercy on us. 2x (final Grant us Peace)

## Communion *Act Justly - by Bernadette Farrell*

Act justly; love tenderly.   
Walk, walk, humbly\_ with your God.

How shall we come before you, with what gifts to adore you.  
Will our sacrifices please you,  
what should we bring today?

This is what the Lord asks you, only this will remain true.  
What is good has been explained to you,  
listen again today.

People lift up your voices; by your actions make choices.  
In this time, the only time we have,  
show us the way to live.

On this planet of plenty, lives and futures lie empty.  
In this world the only world we have,  
show us the way to live.


Gather sisters and brothers, gather fathers and mothers,  
In this place, the only place we grow,  
Show us the way to live.

Bread of life will be broken, Word of hope will be spoken.  
In this sacrament of endless care,  
show us the way to live.

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## Sending Forth *Ready the Way - by Bob Hurd*

"Ready the way of the Lord! Ready the way of the Lord!"  
A voice cries out in the wilderness:  
"Ready the way of the Lord"

Strengthen the ones who are weak.  
Strengthen the ones who are weak.  
Say to the frightened: "Have courage."  
Strengthen the ones who are weak. 

Here is your God, coming with your vindication.  
Look and behold, the saving power of God.

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### Mass schedule for December 24, 2023

(Fourth Sunday of Advent: 8:00am, 10:30am Masses)



### Christmas Eve, December 24 (Sunday)

5pm Christmas Eve Mass

9:00pm Caroling Prelude before Mass

9:30pm Christmas Eve Mass (Livestreamed)

Christmas Day, Dec 25 8:00am & 10:30am Mass