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7:30am-1:30pm Sunday Monday—Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm Closed for lunch from 12:00pm-1:00pm on weekdays Friday-Saturday Closed

Religious Education

Youth Group Mondays, 6:30pm-8pm OCIA Mondays, 6pm-7:30pm

K-6 Catechesis 4pm or 6pm Sacramental Prep 4pm or 6pm

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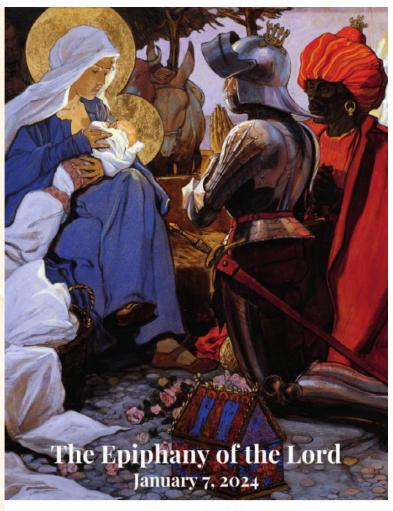
azsafebabyhaven.org

Pro-Life Resources:

Are you struggling with a crisis pregnancy and need help? These resources are recognized by the Diocese of Phoenix and can help you, regardless of income.

Life Choices Women's Clinic:www.pro-lifearizona.com | (602) 305-5100 Choices Pregnancy Center: www.choicesaz.com | (623) 486-5232 1 Way Pregnancy Center: www.1stway.net | (602) 261-7522

For a comprehensive list of ministries and ways to get involved, please see the parish website and go to "Parish Life" at the top of the page.



Liturgy Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00pm

7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm Sunday Masses Monday-Saturday, 8:00am Daily Masses

Adoration & Reconciliation

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00pm-4:00pm

Reconciliation Wednesdays 12:00pm-1:00pm Fridays 5:00pm-6:00pm Saturdays 2:30pm-3:30pm

Sacraments

For more information on the Sacraments and what is needed to complete your sacraments, please contact Pastoral Care Coordinator Joe Lukaszewski.

Ministry of Care

If you are homebound, hospitalized or in a care facility, or know of someone who is and would like Holy Communion on a weekly basis, please contact Joe to make arrangements.

Mission Statement

St. Clare of Assisi parishioners strive to be faithful disciples of Christ's Catholic Church, drawing strength from the Sacraments, living the Gospel of Jesus without compromise, doing works of charity and justice.

St. Vincent de Paul 24 Hour Assistance Helpline

Please call (623) 975-5617. This is not a manned phone line. Leave a message and someone WILL call you back.

Intentions

Saturday, January 6, 2024

8:00am Fr. Gregory Schlarb by Bob Sweeney 4:00pm Althea & Bea Cueto† by Lourdes Lori

Sunday, January 7, 2024

Brother Knight Maurice 7:00am by Knights of Columbus Hoyt*

9:00am Leah Almeida by Carmelita Ginivan 11:00am Michael Tusay[†] by Joe & Anna Pipitone St. Clare of Assisi 5:00pm Pro Populo

Parishioners

Monday, January 8, 2024

8:00am Margaret Scott[†] by Arthur Teeter

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

8:00am Martin Rodriguez[†] by Rosi Lewis

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

8:00am Ginger Franciat by Lily Francia

Thursday, January 11, 2024

8:00am Cathy Plank by Deb Christopherson

Friday, January 12, 2024

8:00am Terry Lewist by Anna Muller

Saturday, January 13, 2024

8:00am Michael Dean Tyree[†] by Caiden Tyree St. Clare of Assisi 4:00pm Pro Populo Parishioners

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Deceased Members of the by Alice Kephart 7:00am

Kephart Family[†]

9:00am Christian D'Andreat by Joseph & Sylvia D'Andrea

11:00am Maria Cristina Lichtman by Claudia Szumierz 5:00pm Chester Wopinski[†] by Jacilyn Tadin



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Ellie Cardona Michael & Carolyn Rouse

Tim Lukaszewski Mary Lou Sutton

Wade Chio Susan & Steve Salata

Rich Fager

Week at a Glance

Monday, January 8, 2024

6:00pm Contemporary Choir Practice—CHURCH

6:00pm OCIA—NARTHEX 6:30pm Youth Group—HALL

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

9:00am Adult Bible Study-HALL

11:30am Legion of Mary—HALL

11:30am Nomad AA-HALL 5:00pm Children's Choir Practice—CHURCH

6:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting-HALL 6:30pm Traditional Choir Practice—CHURCH

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

9:00am Men's Scripture Study-HALL 10:30am Legion of Mary Jrs—HALL

4:00pm RE: 1st Confession, Confirmation/Communion Class—HALL

6:00pm Knights of the Altar Meeting-CHURCH

6:00pm RE: 1st Confession, Confirmation/Communion Class—HALL

Thursday, January 11, 2024

9:00am Adult Bible Study -HALL

11:30am Nomad AA—HALL

6:00pm Anima Christi Charismatics—CHURCH

6:00pm Scouts Meeting-HALL

Friday, January 12, 2024

8:45am Holy Family Homeschool Co-Op-HALL

8:45am Divine Mercy Cenacle Diary Study-VESTRY

1:00pm Rosary Makers—HALL

1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry—HALL

7:00pm El Buen Pastor Charismatica—HAL

Saturday, January 13, 2024

7:00am Catholic Men's Fellowship—HALL

8:45am Sorority of Lisieux Meeting-CHURCH

9:00am Cursillo-HALL

9:00am Baptism Parents Prep Class—HALL

10:00am Scouts Rain Butter Regatta—RAMADA

1:00pm Blood Drive—HALL

3:45pm St. Vincent de Paul Club 25 Tix Sales—WALKWAY

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Knights Coffee & Donuts—after all morning Masses—HALL 6:45am St. Vincent de Paul Club 25 Tix Sales-WALKWAY

8:00am Blood Drive-HALL

6:30pm Young Adult Fellowship—HALL



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Matthew 2:1-2

The Magi were most likely from Persia, modern-day Iran. They were men who regularly engaged in a study of the stars. They were not Jewish but were most likely aware of the popular belief of the Jewish people that a king would be born who would save them.

These Magi were called by God to encounter the Savior of the World. Interestingly, God used something very familiar to them as an instrument of their calling: the stars. It was among their belief that when someone of great importance was born, this birth was accompanied by a new star. So when they saw this new, bright and brilliant star, they were filled with curiosity and hope. One of the most significant aspects of this story is that they responded. God called them through the use of a star, and they chose to follow this sign, embarking on a long and arduous journey.

God often uses those things most familiar to us that are part of our daily life to send forth His calling. Recall, for example, that many of the Apostles were fishermen, and Jesus used their occupation to call them, making them "fishers of men." He especially used the miraculous catch of fish to clearly indicate to them that they had a new calling.

In our own lives, God is constantly calling us to seek Him out and worship Him. He will often use some of the most ordinary parts of our lives to send forth that calling. How is He calling you? In what way is He sending you a star to follow? Many times when God speaks, we ignore His voice. We must learn from these Magi and diligently respond when He calls. We must not hesitate and must seek to daily be attentive to the ways that God invites us to deeper trust, surrender and worship.

Reflect, today, upon God's call in your life. Are you listening? Are you responding? Are you ready and willing to abandon all else in life so as to serve His holy will? Seek Him, wait on Him and respond. Doing so will be the best decision you ever make.

Lord, I love You and pray that I will be open to Your guiding hand in my life. May I always be attentive to the countless ways that You call to me each and every day. And may I always respond to You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.

Reflection found on mycatholic.life



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

January 7: The Epiphany of the Lord First Reading: <u>Isaiah 60:</u> 1-6

Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 72:</u> 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 **Second Reading:** <u>Ephesians 3:</u> 2-3a, 5-6

Alleluia: Matthew 2: 2
Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

January 8: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm: <u>Isaiah 12:</u> 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Second Reading: <u>First John 5:</u> 1-9

> Alleluia: <u>John 1:</u> 29 Gospel: <u>Mark 1:</u> 7-11

January 9

First Reading: First Samuel 1: 9-20

Responsorial Psalm: First Samuel 2: 1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd

Alleluia: <u>First Thessalonians 2:</u> 13 Gospel: <u>Mark 1:</u> 21-28

January 10

First Reading: First Samuel 3: 1-10, 19-20
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 40: 2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10

Alleluia: <u>John 10:</u> 27 Gospel: <u>Mark 1:</u> 29-39

January 11

First Reading: First Samuel 4: 1-11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 44: 10-11, 14-15, 24-25

Alleluia: Matthew 4: 23
Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45

January 12

First Reading: First Samuel 8: 4-7, 10-22a Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 89: 16-17, 18-19

Alleluia: <u>Luke 7:</u> 16 Gospel: <u>Mark 2:</u> 1-12

January 13

First Reading: <u>First Samuel 9:</u> 1-4, 17-19; 10: 1 Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 21:</u> 2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Alleluia: <u>Luke 4:</u> 18 Gospel: <u>Mark 2:</u> 13-17

January 14: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: First Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 40: 2, 4ab, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10

Second Reading: First Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20

Alleluia: <u>John 1:</u> 41, 17b Gospel: <u>John 1:</u> 35-42



On December 10th, the Knights of Columbus put on a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast as a "thank you!" to all the parishioners who have supported their various events, charities, and needs over the years. The photo above is of the crew who were present for the Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on the 10th! Our Knights of Columbus Council is very active and supports a wide variety of community and family-based needs, thanks to your generosity and charity! We hope you will continue to support our wonderful Knights of Columbus.

THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHINES UPON YOU

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Isaiah 60:1

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Our St. Vincent de Paul annual Advent Angel Tree program collected over 1,200 gifts this year for 140 families! Our Advent Angel Tree is hugely successful thanks to your support, generosity, and thoughtful consideration of the most vulnerable members of our community. We are so grateful that we can provide Christmas joy of this magnitude to those in need!

We hope you will continue to support our various outreach programs throughout the year. Did you know we provide rental assistance, grocery and gas vouchers, and assistance with utilities year round? Your regular contributions to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference help us keep the joy and love of the Christ Child alive year-round.

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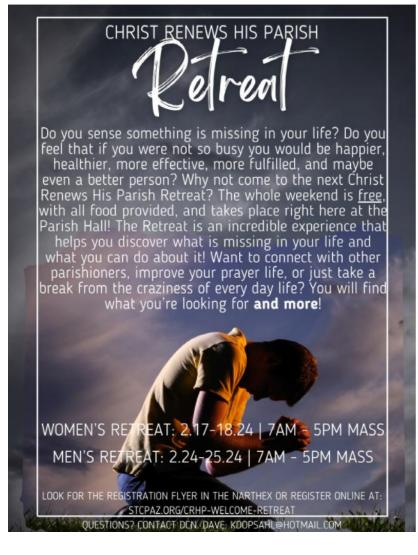
Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. Our first Blood Drive for 2024 will be on Saturday, January 13 from 1pm-6pm and Sunday, January 14 from 8am-1pm in the Parish Hall. Signups will be held on January 6-7 in the Narthex.



8:00am-1:00pm

Donations take place in the Hall

To make an appointment: scan the QR codes above, contact Connie Gaudio at (623) 703-9303 or visit donors.vitalant.org and use sponsor code StClare



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Your lost items miss you!



Our lost and found boxes are very full! Some items have been in the lost and found for quite a long time and want to go home. There is a lost and found in the Church behind the information rack by the window. There's also a lost and found in the parish office that houses valuable personal property. We even have someone's car key!

Please stop by any of our lost and found locations and take home your lost items.

May he rule from sea to sea,

from the river to the ends of the earth

Psalm 72:8

TAX DONATION LETTERS



In previous years the Church has automatically mailed out yearend donation letters, with many letters being returned as undeliverable, wasting postage and processing time. St. Clare of Assisi is happy to provide a 2023 Tax Donation Letter upon request. Follow the instructions below to request your Letter:

- Go to our website: https://stcpaz.org,
- · Click on "Giving" at the top right of the web page
- · Select "2023 Tax Donation Form" on the drop down menu
- Fill out the request form and the donation letter will be emailed to you!

If it is not possible to request the donation form online, you may email or call Shelley Barber: sbarber@stcpaz.org or (623) 975-5601



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- · TracFones-prepaid phones
- · TracFone Prepaid Minutes
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To learn more about Joining Hearts or to donate, call 602-230-4910 or visit us at CatholicCharitiesAZ.org "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" Jeremiah 1:5

May all kings bow before him,! all nations serve him

Psalm 72-11



Join us for this great opportunity to share your ministry with our parishioners. The fair is designed to benefit your ministry by adding members, building community relationships with other ministries and parishioners. It also gives parishioners an opportunity to spend some time after Masses talking to ministry representatives in one place. The success of the Ministry Fair will hugely benefit St. Clare through more parishioner participation!

JOIN US FEBRUARY 3-4: ST. CLARE OF ASSISI'S MINISTRY FAIR!

FOR MORE INFORMATION: CONTACT BARB GRATTAN AT <u>BRUBRB31@GMAILCOM</u> OR LAURA PIKE AT <u>COTCHA421@GMAILCOM</u> BY DECEMBER 15, 2023

FLOWER DONATION Nature's Beauty Honors God

- The parishioners of St. Clare of Assisi are invited to participate in supplying flowers for weekend Masses & Holy Days of Obligation.
- Monetary donations are requested for fresh flowers to be placed on the altar for weekend Masses.
- You may request a particular weekend to honor a loved one or a special occasion, or you can indicate it may be used as needed.
- Arrangements for week end Masses are \$100.00; however, all donations are very much appreciated!

Please fill out this form, place it in an envelope with your check and mail it to the church office or put in offertory basket.

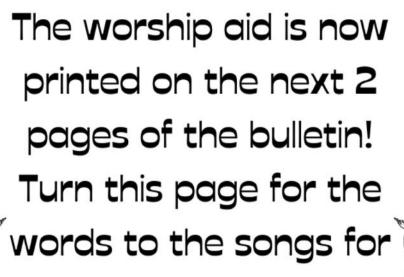
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Donation amount:

For questions, please contact Kaitlynn Eaton at: (623) 975-5602 or keaton@stcpaz.org



Each year, our Knights of Columbus Council hosts the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. How wonderful is the winning poster for the 2023 contest? We just had to share this poster with everyone to show that even our youngest parishioners understand that Jesus is the reason for the season and the best gift we will ever receive! Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever!







Epiphany of the Lord, January 6—7: Worship Aid

Vigil 4 P.M., Sunday 7 A.M., 9 A.M. & 11 A.M.

Welcome to St. Clare of Assisi Parish! We are glad you are here for the celebration of the Holy Mass. Please take note of the guidelines for the reception of Holy Communion: Prior to receiving Communion, Catholics should have fasted for one hour; water and medicine excepting. Catholics aware of grave sin (e.g. intentionally missing Mass on Sunday/Holy Days, abortion, theft, sexual sin, use of contraceptives, etc.) should go to Confession prior to receiving Communion. Because of our belief in the Eucharist being the Body and Blood of Christ, reception of Communion is reserved to Catholics. There may exist circumstances in the lives of some individual Catholics, which may not facilitate immediate participation in receiving Communion (e.g., cohabitation, marriage outside the Church). A priest would be happy to assist you in rectifying these situations. We come together to worship God in spirit and in truth.

Entrance Hymn: The First Nowell 449

- 1. The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where 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. 2. They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far; and to the earth, it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Born is the King of Israel.
- 3.And by the light of that same star Three wise men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Born is the King of Israel.
- 4. This star drew nigh to the northwest, O'er Bethlehem it took its rest; and there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Born is the King of Israel.
- 5. Then entered in those wise men three, full rev'rently upon their knee, and offered there in his presence their gold and myrrh and frankincense. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Born is the King of Israel.

Sign of the Cross & Greeting

Penitential Act:

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

[striking their breast, they say:]

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

[then they continue:]

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Christe Eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Gloria 297:

Gloria in excélsis Deo. Et in terra pax homínibus bonae voluntátis. Laudámus te. Benedícimus te. Adorámus te. Glorificámus te. Grátias ágimus tibi propter magnam glóriam tuam. Dómine Deus, Rex caeléstis, Deus Pater omnípotens. Dómine Fili unigénite Iesu Christe. Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris, Qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccáta mundi, súscipe deprecatiónem nostram. Qui sedes ad déxteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quóniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dóminus. Tu solus Altíssimus, Iesu Christe. Cum Sancto Spíritu, in glória Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to people of good will. We praise You, we bless You, we adore You, we glorify You, we give You thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Father almighty. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word: Worship Hymnal 1021

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 R/. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

- 1.O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.
- 2. Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- 3. The kings of Tashish and the Isles shall offer gifts, the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kinds shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.
- 4. For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Epiphany of the Lord, January 6—7: Worship Aid

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 2:2

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

Homily

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: We Three Kings of Orient Are 452

1.We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts, we traverse afar field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

R. O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to the perfect Light.

2.Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown him again; King forever, Ceasing never, over us all to reign. 3. Frankincense to offer have I; Incense owns a Deity nigh; Prayer and praising, gladly raising, worshipping God on high. 4. Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stonecold tomb.

5. Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; "Alleluia, Alleluia!" Sounds through the earth and

Prayer Over the Offerings & Invitation to Prayer

Preface Dialogue & Preface

Sanctus:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra floria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

Mystery of Faith:

We proclaim Your death, O Lord, and profess Your Resurrection, until You come again.

The Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

The Sign of Peace

Agnus Dei:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. (2x) Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (2x) Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Communion Antiphon

We have seen His star in the East, and we have come with our gifts, to worship the Lord.

1.God, give your judgment to the king, to the king's son Your justice. That He may judge your people in justice & your poor in right judgment.

2. May the mountains bring forth peace for the people, and the hills justice.

Communion Hymn: Shepherd of Souls 941

- 1. Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless Your chosen pilgrim flock. With manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.
- 2.We would not live by bread alone, but by your word of grace, in strength of which we travel on to our abiding place.
- 3.Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart; Savior, Abide with us and spread Your table
- 4.Lord, sup with us in love divine; Your body and your blood, that living bread, that heav'nly wine, be our immortal food.

Communion Hymn: What Child is This 454

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping, whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?

R. This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent word is pleading. **R.**

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. R.

The Concluding Rites

Blessing & Dismissal

Prayer to St. Michael: St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Divine Power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Recessional Hymn: As With Gladness 450

1.As with gladness men of old, did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious Lord may we evermore your splendor see.

2.As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed, there to bend the knee before Him, whom heav'n and earth adore; so ma we with hurried pace run to seek your throne of grace.

3. As they offered gifts most rare at that manger crude and bare; so may we this holy day, drawn to you without delay, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you our heav'nly King.

4. Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way; and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds your glory hide.

5.In the heav'nly city bright none shall need created light; you, its light, its joy, its crown, you its sun which goes not down; there forever may we sing Alleluias to our King.



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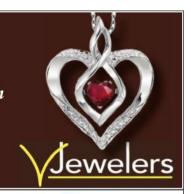
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