

Saint John XXIII Parish

... & They
Shall Name
Him

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Words:
Music:
Arr. & Harp:

Emmanuel

Piano

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

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In Ancient times once gave the law
In cloud, and majesty and awe.

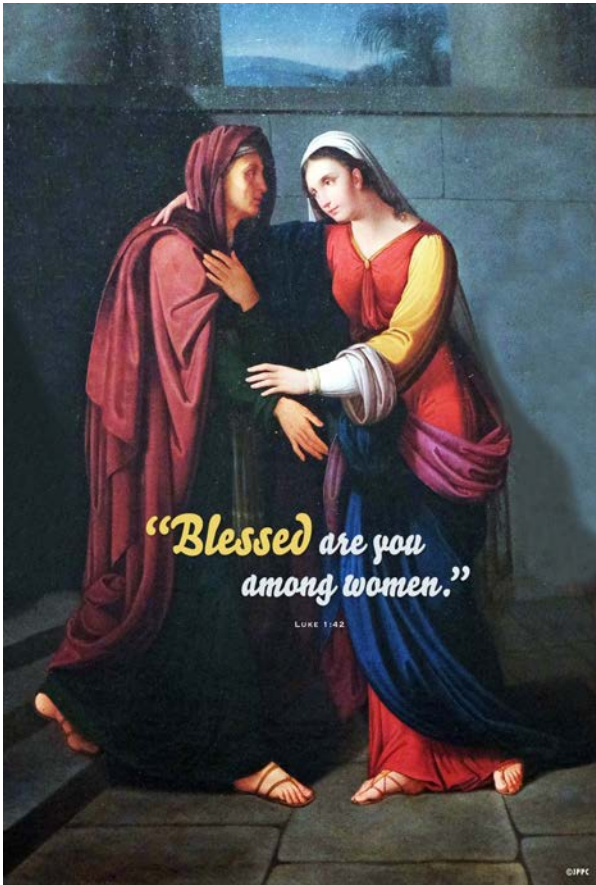
Oh, come, strong branch of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satans tyranny;

From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home:

Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery.

O Come Thou Dayspring, from on high



Mass Intentions

Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM

IJ 6:00 PM

IJ 7:30 PM

Sunday

SJE 8:00 AM

IJ 10:30 AM

Tuesday

IJ 8:30 AM

Wednesday

SJE 8:30 AM

Thursday

IJ 8:30 AM

Friday

SJE 4:00 PM

IJ 6:00 PM

Saturday

SJE 8:00 AM

IJ 10:30 AM

Sunday

SJE 8:00 AM

IJ 10:30 AM

December 18 Anticipated Weekend Mass

Patricia Despathy by Dan & Ginny Dumont

Roger & Gertrude Asselin

By Leona Belanger

Mass in Portuguese

December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Deceased members of the

Shanholtz, Casey & Hurd Families

Tomas & Margita Urrutia by their family

December 21

Deceased members of

The Beaulieu, Vito and Belanger Families

December 22

Gilbert Prieto by Barbara Coulter

December 23

Intentions of the Parishioners

December 24 Christmas Eve

Marcel Dubord by his family

Christmas Eve Mass

December 25 Christmas Day

Christmas Day Mass

Christmas Day Mass

December 26 Feast of the Holy Family

Marie MacDonald by Doris Foley

M/M Wilfrid Marquis

By M/M Albert N. Poliquin

IJ = Infant Jesus Church SJE = St. John the Evangelist Church

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

Due to early bulletin deadlines stewardship reports will be published at a later date. May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:30 PM
at St. John the Evangelist Church.

Weekly Readings for December 20 – December 26

Mon.: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17, or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52



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REFLECTION FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Often enough the definitive biographies of great people offer an air of “little did we know” about them as they start to recount their story. It’s natural in many ways, because only God knows for sure how an infant or toddler will turn out as a mature adult. From the benefit of his or her historical hindsight, the reader already knows what’s going to happen. The biographer can only provide intriguing details, or researched tidbits, to add to the story of what eventually unfolds.

In the case of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we really don’t have a biography in the modern sense of the word. Evidently the Holy Spirit was not interested in such. Nor did the evangelists who gave us a four-part accounting of Jesus’ words and deeds have a biographical intent. The closest we can come to filling in the blanks is to appreciate what the producers of the online series “The Chosen” have created for us.

St. Luke brings his readers a well-designed literary piece about a visit of the Blessed Mother to her cousin Elizabeth. Respected biblical scholars explain. Here is Professor Father Robert J. Karris, O.F.M. : “Luke’s intent in these verses is missed if one accentuates Mary’s charity and social concern in visiting her aged, pregnant relative Elizabeth. Note that if he were intent on presenting Mary as a model of charity he would not have written of Mary departing from Elizabeth at the time of her greatest need. It also strains credulity to imagine a fourteen-year-old Jewish virgin making a four-day journey by herself. Luke’s intent is literary and theological. He brings together the two mothers-to-be so that both may praise God active in their lives and that Elizabeth’s child might be presented as the ‘precursor’ of Mary’s child.”

We believers know John the Baptist’s role in the story of our salvation. We know also how much he was held in esteem by Jesus. Our only task in Advent is to remember how God the Father prepared the world for His Son’s arrival and what that means for us now and for our future life. We continue to watch how His Mother Mary lived in perfect accord with the Father’s will and how love of Him permeated her sinless life. We also learn so much from her.

As our own biography is being written each and every day, including Christmas Day and beyond, we can only hope that a copy of it will be available in heaven.

God love you and give you His Christmas peace!

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

MARIE LINE MORIN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

There will be a Christmas concert on January 2nd , 2 PM, at St. Matthew Church, 2 Searles Road, Windham, NH. Come experience the meaning of Christmas at this concert where Christ, whose birthday we are celebrating, is presented from a new angle. With a variety of songs like Hallelujah (Cohen), Mary Did You Know (Lowry), What Child is This or O Holy Night, Marie-Line offers a reflection that leads us to recognize the splendor of Jesus’ birth while moving us into a prayerful experience. Free admission - donations will be welcomed. Benefits will go toward a Listening Ministry project to be implemented in the Church. Details are available on [Facebook.com @morin.marieline](https://www.facebook.com/morin.marieline).

CORPUS CHRISTI NOTES

Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance helps their clients in many different ways. In addition to helping clients pay heating bills, the Assistance Program helps their clients stay warm in the cold winter months by offering new, warm, bed sheets and blankets. It is very comforting to our clients to be able to go to bed with clean bedding. We are able to offer these items because of your generosity. Thank you.

OFFICE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

AT CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY

Corpus Christi Food Pantry & Assistance is in need of a volunteer to help in the office on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 am until noon, answering the phones and making appointments. Please call Maryellen if you are interested: 603-882-6372.

PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

We invite you to enter your prayer requests in our Intention Books located at the main entrance of both churches. These intentions are remembered in the “Prayer of the Faithful” at all of our Masses.

EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNT (EFA) PROGRAM

On June 24, 2021 the New Hampshire Legislature passed an Education Freedom Account (EFA) program which will offer grants for families, 300% of the poverty line or below, to spend on their children’s education, including tuition at the school of their choice, tutoring, online learning programs, educational supplies, internet connectivity, and other educational expenses. Please encourage families of school-aged children in our area to learn more about the Education Freedom Account, and how they can use grants towards a NH Catholic school at <https://educationfreedomnh.org>.

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2021 CHRISTMAS WEEKEND MASSES

DECEMBER 24

4:00 PM SJE CHURCH

6:00 PM IJ CHURCH

DECEMBER 25

8:00 AM SJE CHURCH

10:30 AM IJ CHURCH

DECEMBER 26

8:00 AM SJE CHURCH

10:30 AM IJ CHURCH

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES
ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT FOR DECEMBER 26TH

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If you have experienced abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church, you may contact the Office for Healing and Pastoral Care of the Diocese of Manchester: 603-668-0014 or 800-475-5585 x233.
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