

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



CELEBRATION SERVICE
THE HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022
10:45 A.M.

*You are welcomed whether you are a guest or a member,
and we invite you to join us in our worship of God.*

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please introduce yourself to our clergy following the service.

We also invite you to please take a moment to sign our Guest Book which can be found at the Welcome Center. This Service Bulletin contains all that you will need to worship with us this morning.

If you have a prayer request, please write it in the book that is located at the prayer desk in the north east corner of the Parish Hall.

Please note that this worship service will be recorded and live streamed.

If you wish, you may remain out of the camera's view by sitting in the Chapel (stained glass window area.)

We want to honor and respect your privacy.

During the Season of Advent, our Community of Faith invites you to help us prepare for Christ's birth through your participation in the age-old tradition of nesting. As you arrive please pick up a raffia twist found in the Narthex.

Welcome to St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us during this Advent Season.

During these four weeks before Christmas, the Church stops to prepare for the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Advent bridges the past and the future, and brings them into the present. Advent is a time of the Christ who was, who is, and who is to come. Christ is seen not only as a child born of Mary, crucified and resurrected, nor as the fulfillment of all things, but as an active presence here and now. Christ stirs power from the past and hope from the future, to begin his Messianic reign in the present, which begins in the hearts of those who follow the Christ.

Even as we look at our liturgical environment, we see that it echoes what nature herself displays. Indeed, Advent is that inky blue hour between night and day, between the deep purple darkness and the light, when we know in our hearts that indeed “the dawn from on high will break upon us.” It is the messenger before the day of God, as John the baptizer was the messenger before Jesus, calling people in darkness to increase in light of love, and bear fruit worthy of repentance.

It is only through our waiting and preparation, listening to the Word proclaimed, and partaking of the Sacraments that we are able to reply with Mary, “Let it be with me according to your word.” Only then will the golden dawn of the future for which we yearn begin to break forth in all of its splendor.

If this is your first time in the Episcopal Church, everything you need to follow worship is in this Worship Guide. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask anyone around you for help.

I hope to meet you before or after worship but just in case I do not, please fill out the attendance sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate so we can connect with you.

Again welcome to you and your family.

Happy Advent,

Fr. Joseph C. Alsay +
Rector

+ THE GATHERING RITE +

Voluntary: Improvisation on “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

John S. Potter

Welcome and Announcements

See Insert

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are an enthusiastically welcoming and inviting Christian community committed to the unity of all people with God through Christ.

DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA MISIÓN

Somos una comunidad Cristiana que da la bienvenida con entusiasmo y acogedor, comprometida con la unidad de toda la gente con Dios a través de Cristo.

Moment of Silence

At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray, or engage in other silent activity. At the tolling of the bell, please stand and face the entrance.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free. Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Presider Repent, for the kingdom of God has come near. – *Matthew 3:2*

Priest Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Absolution

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**



The congregation is invited to follow the Ministers of the Liturgy to the Altar and place their raffia twists in the manger, then return to their places. Please remain standing.

Gathering Song: "Emmanuel"

E-man - u - el E-man - u - el His name is called E-man - u - el.
 God with us re-vealed in us His name is called E-man - u - el.

Gathering Hymn: "Sing of Mary"

Pleading Savior

Sing of — Ma - ry — pure and low - ly, vir - gin - mo - ther un - de - filed;
 Sing of — Je - sus son of Ma - ry, in the home at — Naz - a - reth,
 Glo - ry — be to — God the fa - ther; glo - ry — be to — God the Son;
 sing of — God's own Son most ho - ly, who be - came her lit - tle child.
 toil and la - bor can - not wea - ry love en - dur - ing un - to death.
 glo - ry — be to — God the Spi - rit; glo - ry — to the Three in One.
 Fair - est — child of fair - est — mo - ther, God the — Lord who came to — earth,
 Con - stant was the love he — gave her, though he — went forth from her side,
 From the — heart of bless - ed — Ma - ry, from all — saints the song a - scends,
 Word made flesh, our ve - ry bro - ther, takes our na - ture by his birth.
 forth to — preach and heal and suf - fer, till on — Cal - va - ry he died.
 and the — Church the — strain re - ech - oes un - to — earth's re - mot - ests ends.

Collect for the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Children's Moment

During the singing of O Come, O Come Emmanuel, the children are invited to gather around the Advent Candles at the Altar.

Hymn of Light: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v. 7 & 8)

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

O come, De - sire of na - tions bind
O come, o come Em - man - u - el,
in one the hearts of all man - kind;
and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el;
bid thou our sad di - vis - ions cease
that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
and be thy - self our King of Peace.
un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
Re - joice! Re - joice! E - man - u - el
shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Advent family Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You promised that the One of peace would come from Bethlehem to feed your flocks and make us live in security. As we light these candles may your Son Emmanuel, who has shown the light of your countenance save us from our sins: for he is our light and salvation.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

Hymn of Light: “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

Wayne L. Wold



Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is-ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

Please be seated.

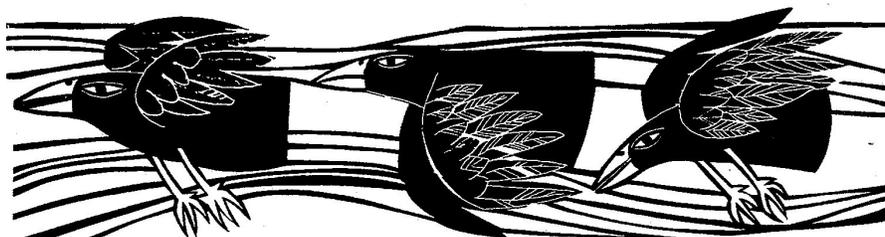
The Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16

Lector A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**



Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation: "Tell Out, My Soul"

Woodlands



Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!
Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions live their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
his ho - ly Name: - the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!



Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

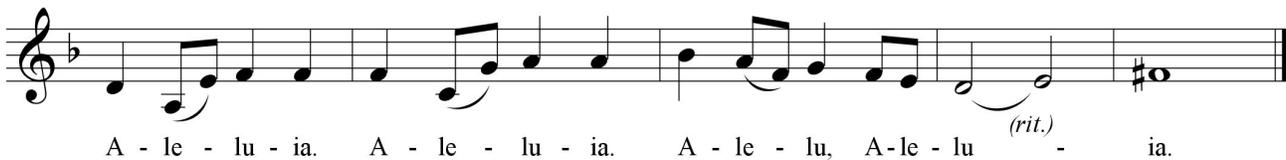
"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Response: Alleluia

S. Chard



Please be seated.

Sermon

The Reverend Joseph Alsay



Please stand.

During the Season of Advent, we will sing our faith using a Kenyan form of the Creed thus uniting us with Christians of other places, times and cultures. *Ninasadiki means "I believe."

Nicene Creed: "Ninasadiki"



I be - lieve in God, the al - mighty, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
And con - ceived by the Ho - ly Spir - it, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
Tru - ly hu - man, he lived a - mong us, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
On the third day he rose tri - um - phant, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
He shall come once more then to judge us, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
I ac - knowl - edge one ho - ly bap - tism, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,



who cre - a - ted earth and the heav - ens, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
he was born of the vir - gin Mar - y, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
and he suf - fered much un - der Pi - late, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
as was proph - e - sied in the scrip - tures, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
and his king - dom shall have no end - ing, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
and for - give - ness, par - don for sin - ners, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,



and in Je - sus, God's son from heav - en, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
to the earth he came as a ba - by, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
he was cru - ci - fied, died, was bur - ied, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
he as - cend - ed then up to heav - en, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
I be - lieve in one Ho - ly Spir - it, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
I ex - pect one great res - ur - rec - tion, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,



of e - ter - nal love, the be - got - ten, Ni - na - sa - di - ki.
born for us and for our sal - va - tion, Ni - na - sa - di - ki.
he de - scend - ed down in - to hell, Ni - na - sa - di - ki.
and shall come a - gain in great glo - ry, Ni - na - sa - di - ki.
I be - lieve in one ho - ly church, Ni - na - sa - di - ki.
and the life of the world to come, Ni - na - sa - di - ki.

Prayers of the People

During the season of Advent, we invite you to write your prayers on the slips of paper provided in the envelope holders in front of each chair. Please bring your prayers forward with you as you receive communion and deposit them in the receptacles at the head of the center aisle.

Peace

Presider God will speak peace to his people, to those who turn to him with their hearts
The peace of our Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

+ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL +

Please be seated.

Offertory Sentence

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due God's Name; bring offerings and come into God's courts. *Psalm 96:8*

Offering in Song: "Christ, be our Light"

Bernadette Ferrell

Please stand.

During Advent, the congregation is invited to turn and face the entrance which is toward the eastward direction of Bethlehem and the rising sun.

Presentation Song: "Soon and Very Soon"

André Crouch

Soon and ver - y soon — we are — go - in' to see the King

Soon and ver - y soon — we are — go - in' to see the King

Soon and ver - y soon — we are — go - in' to see the King A-le-

lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! We're go - in' to see the King.



Please remain standing.
The Great Thanksgiving

Tune: *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And with you His servant.**

Presider Lift up your hearts unto the Lord
People **With hearts uplifted, thanks to Him we render:
With joy we come before Him.
In gratefulness implore Him.
With thankful hearts adore Him evermore!**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory for ever praising you as we sing,

Sanctus

Tune: *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored!
Heav'n and earth cannot contain all the glory of your name!**

**Hail, Hosanna, God most high! Blest is He who now draws nigh.
In the name of God the King! Hallelujahs glad we sing;**

Hail, Hosanna! Praises due, be forever, Lord, to you.

Please stand or kneel.
Eucharistic Prayer 3

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death,
Rising, you restored our life,
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint Augustine of Canterbury, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and forever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

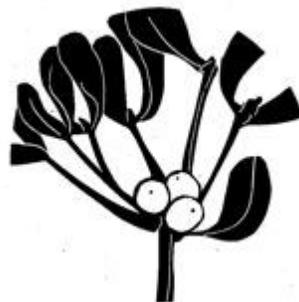
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdona-
mos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y libranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,**

Fraction Anthem: "O Come O Come Emmanuel"

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Re - jice! Re - jice! E - man u - el
shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.



The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Distribution

All Baptized are invited to receive the Holy Meal at the Lord's Table.

For Communion, come forward as the ushers release you from your seat.

If you wish to receive Communion under both kinds, please receive a napkin from an usher. The bread will be dipped in the wine for you by one of the clergy, then placed on the napkin. After consuming the bread, please place the napkin in one of the wicker receptacles.

Continue down the outside aisle to return to your seat.

Please note that gluten-free bread is available for those who request it.

Kindly let the usher know if you need the clergy to bring the bread to you.

If you wish only to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Meditation: "His Glory Appears"
"People Look East"

*Hillsong Worship
Eleanor Farjeon*

+ THE SENDING RITE +

Please stand.

Post-Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Presider May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider As we await our coming Savior, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: Improvisation on "Tell Out, My Soul"

John S. Potter

You are cordially invited to the Commons Area for refreshments following the service, so that we may get to know one another.

We invite those who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries to gather in the side chapel after the service.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessing

DOK Let us pray.

People **O God, our days are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on those who begin another year. Grant that your wisdom, grace, love, and strength may continue to be with them all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

Today, Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 10:45 a.m. – The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Presider: The Reverend Canon Tony Moon

Preacher: The Reverend Joseph Alsay

Crucifer: Makennah Mack

Acolytes: Max Cloud and Eric Estrada

Eucharistic Ministers: Claudia Rios-Estrada and Patsy Hollingsworth

Lector: Jay Kyte

Advent Family: The Smith Family

Oblation Bearers: Reiko Osumi and Jan Pope

Staff Musicians: Scott Chard, Guy Nembhard and Karena Van Horn

Trumpet: Randy Polk

Organist: John Stephen Potter

Greeters: Sherry Dale, Brenda Gudino, and Janet Mills

Ushers: Mike Hall, Rick Inselman, Marcy Taber

Altar Guild: Patsy Hollingsworth and Janet Wells

+ THIS IS OUR STORY +

Before Christmas, the airways are filled with Christmas carols and hymns. Hymns are usually paraphrased from the Psalms and are often sung by congregations in public worship while carols may or may not be sung during religious ceremonies. Hymns have a musical pattern called chordal, while carols may have either traditional or popular music. The first hymns specifically written for Christmas were written in Latin in fourth century Rome. Most Christmas hymns are created for religious singing and include: “O Holy Night”, “Away in a Manger”, and “Silent Night.” Although the difference is not clear-cut, carols are characterized by simpler rhythms than hymns. The “Holly and the Ivy” was the first Christmas carol sung in Rome in the fourth century, however, new carols are written every year. English Christmas carols first appeared in 1426 and were sung by wassailers going from house to house. The popularity of carols was fueled by Lutheran churches following the Reformation, but most well-known carols were not sung in English churches until the second half of the 19th century when *Hymns Ancient and Modern* was published. It contained “Joy to the World” and “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing.”

If you have a liturgical question or an inquiry about anything that transpires during or around our worship service, please forward the question you would like researched to: gghaas@aol.com, or drop the question in the offering basin. Please note whether we can credit you as the source of the question.

+ PRAYER LIST +

For those with medical issues and other concerns: *Daniel Bellos, Tiana Martinez, Lela Frances Welch, Pamela, Evelyn and Eric Thrower, The Lorange Family, Annie Mae Miller, Debbie and Al Hamilton, Mike Hodges, Reggie Eging, Jada Smiley, Will Havins, Shiloh Kile, James L. Henry, Jim Henry, Stephanie Holladay, Judy Reeder, Richard Stuhr, Robby Housh, Gavin Marshall, Mackenzie Flick, Jason Eliot, Jackie Watson, Khalil Franklin, Mary Ortiz, Pamela Hernandez Angelino, Ann Merritt, Terry Cannon, The Rev. KayBoman-Harvey, Dorene Peel, Ladina Justus, Barbara Hendricks, Mason, Daniel, Tabitha, Erlinda, Lamar, DaShaun, Ashley, Lamar, Antonia Duenez Estrada, Charlotte Cascio, Beverly Davis, Bill Hoover, David Rios Montero, Manuel Estrada, Maria Carmen de la Torre, Inna Jones, Vermit Jones, Valentina Gopanyako, Nick Gopanyako, Selena Estrada. Gavin Marshall, Ryan Spillars, Bill Hodges, Jessica, Beverly Davis, AimeeAnn, The Inselman Family, P.J. Nelson, Robin Troutman, Bruce, Jay, Winston, Edit, Jonna, Yvonne, Bridget, Marsha & Leonard Cayton, Deb Krausse, Steve Bauer, Arnie Stromberg, Teresa Stromberg, Karen Koch, Scott Mills, Bill Kerr.*

For those in the military: *Megan Weimer, Ryan Natale, Rylee Natale, Brody Campbell, Justin Jones, Christopher Rosentreter, Sam Carter, Caleb Mitchell, Aaron Long, Terry Caraway, Reed Hall, Zach Renfro, Rev. Octavia Lindsey, McKenna McCullough, Noel Puryear, Simon Lizeski, Keaton Latner, Kaleigh Hensch, Andrew Long, Kayleigh Henson, Freddie Kegler, Jay Jordan, William VanSant, Nick Coleman, Rebecka Blaire, Stephen Lizeski, Ted Lizeski, Kyle Belt, Andrew Stienl, James Roberts, John Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Chase Biel Weishaupt, Perry Harding, Nate Phillips, Ashley Adkins, Matt Lake, Derek Wolf, our troops at home and abroad and their families.*

Birthdays this week: *Carley Monroe, Caence Dunn, Art Rousseau, Jason Mack, Chancen Flick, Claren Denning, Shawn Pendley, Clayton Cory, Norma Egbert*

Anniversaries this week: *Barbara & Rick Inselman, Melanie & Terry Cannon, Irma & Alex Saenz*

Deaths: *Jonathan Goldberg, Darla Inselman Sorenson, Mary Margaret Bott, Edgar Zuniga, Fred Nelson, Crispina Herrera*

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Bishop Daniel Genovesi, Diocesan Bishop, and our Companion Diocese of Uruguay St. Paul's Clinton and Whirlwind Mission, Watonga*

ST. AUGUSTINE'S WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

The Fourrth Sunday in Advent

- 8:30am: Holy Eucharist, Rt. I
 - 9:30-10:30 Coffee with SE
- 10:45am: Holy Eucharist, Rt. II
- 6pm: Blue Christmas with Fr. Tony

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 11:00am: Bible Study with Fr. Joseph
- 12:00pm: Noon Eucharist, Rt. II
- 6:15pm: Stations of the Crib, Dinner, Children's/Youth/Adult Formation

GLANCE AT NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve

- 5am Christmas Burritos for the Homeless – Church Kitchen
- 5pm – Children's Pageant Service
 - 10pm – Candlelight Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

- 10am – Christmas Around the Creche with Holy Eucharist

BLUE CHRISTMAS WITH FR. TONY MOON TODAY!

“Blue Christmas” is a Eucharist service of comfort and healing for those experiencing loss or other difficulties during this Christmas season—a time when society says we are almost *required to be* a joyous! Fr. Tony will meet you where you are, whether that's ill, worried, sad, lost, lonely, lacking direction or depressed. Or, maybe you want to attend to support others. You are truly invited to *come as you are!* 6:00 p.m., Sunday, December 18th.

ADVENT WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!

You don't want to miss Wednesday, December 14 and 21 at 6:15pm here at St. Augustine. Each of these special evenings will feature a 'Stations of the Crib' service beginning at 6:15pm, followed by dinner, and youth and adult forum activities.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN UP

A Christmas Pageant with NO speaking parts and you just show up? Yes, please! Sign up your young person for our no pressure pageant TODAY. Clipboard sign up in the Commons or email jesse-heath@sac-okc.org for details or rehearsal schedule.

MORE THAN ENOUGH! STEWARDSHIP INGATHERING

Thank you to all who've already made their 2023 financial pledge to the church this past week! If you haven't yet had a chance, and wish to make a commitment for the upcoming year, fill out a paper form available at the reception desk or through our secure online pledge site - <http://bit.ly/3V1Shll>. OR go to the church website.

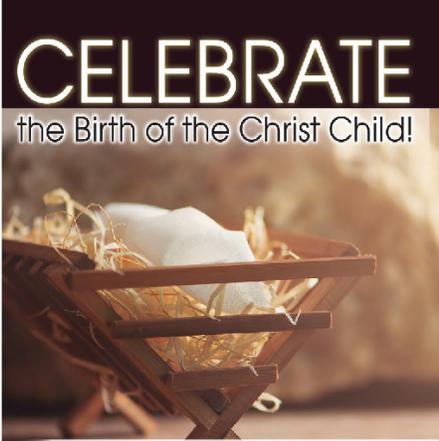
ADVENT OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

There are multiple opportunities to give this joyful season! We encourage you to participate in one or more of these wonderful chances to bless others this holiday season. Give physical donations OR make your financial contribution and designate the outreach your gift in the memo. We'll also need drivers and volunteers to help distribute these items. If you wish to participate, contact memberengagement@sac-okc.org

- Warm and Fuzzy Tree – Give new or gently used hats, gloves, scarves to be shared with St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Idabel and the homeless of OKC distributed during our Breakfast Burritos for the Homeless.
- Sleeping Bags for the Homeless – Your gift of \$40 provides an extra warm sleeping bag which will be distributed shortly after Christmas Eve to the homeless of OKC.
- Diaper Drive for OKCity Crisis Nursery – All sizes needed! Let's help support this amazing organization that provides so much for those in crisis. Bring any size diapers to the commons, or make a gift of \$40 and we'll provide an extra-large Sam's Club pack in your name.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS 2022 SERVICE SCHEDULE



CELEBRATE
the Birth of the Christ Child!

Please join us for one or all services

Sunday - Dec. 18th
6:00 pm *Blue Christmas: A service of comfort and healing for anyone experiencing loss or other difficulties during the holidays*

Saturday - Dec. 24th Christmas Eve
5:00 pm Children's Pageant
10:00 pm Traditional Candlelight Service with Incense, Brass & Organ

Christmas Day
10:00 am Christmas Around the Creche with Holy Communion

 St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church

14700 North May Ave., Oklahoma City
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BREAKFAST BURRITOS FOR THE HOMELESS SUGGESTED DONATIONS

St. Augustine's Holiday Tradition of gathering early Christmas Eve morning in the Parish Kitchen to cook and then deliver Breakfast Burritos to the homeless of OKC needs your food donations and volunteer time! **DONATE:** We need donations of fresh ham, sausage and shredded cheese (any brands, type is fine). **VOLUNTEER:** Starting at 5am on 12/24 we need helpers to assist in cooking, assembly and team delivery around the city. Questions? Email memberengagement@sac-okc.org for more details.

BLESSING BOX MINISTRY AND SUGGESTED DONATIONS

St. Augustine's Blessing Box Ministry seeks to provide sustenance to those experiencing food insecurity in our community by providing fresh and non-perishable food items, household goods and more. Suggested item for November and December is **boxed Macaroni and Cheese**. Drop off donations in the collection basket at the kiosk in the nave. If you would like to volunteer to assist with this ministry or have questions, email memberengagement@sac-okc.org

FLOWERS AND MUSIC DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

If you wish to contribute to the festive floral displays that beautify our Nave and great music that inspires our souls during the Christmas season, look for the sign-up display in the Commons Area. Contributions may be dedicated to the honor or memory of loved ones. If paying by check, please write "Christmas Flowers & Music" on the memo line.

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION SURVEY – WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

We'd love to receive your input about your interests for forthcoming adult formation programming. What classes would you like to see happening at the church or participate in? Fill out the confidential online survey by holding your camera of your phone over this QR code and tapping the link or complete a paper survey, available at the church office, or email memberengagement@sac-okc.org for the survey document. Please complete by Friday, 12/23.



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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday – Holy Eucharist – 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

Wednesday – Holy Eucharist – 12 Noon

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Rector: The Reverend Joseph Alsay

Assisting Priest: The Reverend Canon Tony Moon, Ph.D.

Deacon: The Reverend Karen Hansen

Minister for Youth and Families: Jesse Heath

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Jr. Warden: Jon Wallingford

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Father Joseph Alsay, Rector

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