

THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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The Traditional Latin Mass Society is an association of Roman Catholic faithful dedicated to the preservation of the "Ancient form of the Roman Rite" or the "Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite", as a legitimate use of Holy Mother Church's Great Liturgical Patrimony. The Society includes lay faithful drawn from every age, group and walks of life as well as clergy and religious members who "continue to adhere with great love and affection to the earlier liturgical forms." (Pope Benedict XVI, Motu Proprio Summorum Pontificum of 2007)

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2013

Traditional Latin Masses in the Archdiocese of San Francisco

Star of the Sea Church
4420 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 94118
(415) 751-0450 ext.16
Sunday: 11 a.m. & Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m.

St. Monica Parish
Geary Blvd & 23rd Ave., San Francisco 94121
(415) 751-5275
Monday - Saturday: 12:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Chapel
3255 Folsom St., San Francisco 94110
(415) 824-1762
Sunday: 5:00 p.m.

Most Holy Rosary Chapel
One Vincent Dr., San Rafael 94903
(415) 479-3331
Sunday: 12:15 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi
1425 Bay Rd. East Palo Alto 94303
(650) 322-2152
First Friday: 6 p.m.

Christmas Masses in the Extraordinary Form around the San Francisco Bay Area

Star of the Sea Church (4420 Geary Blvd., San Francisco, CA 94118) – Dec. 24 (11PM) & Dec. 25 (11AM)

Most Holy Rosary Chapel (One Vincent Dr., San Rafael, CA 94903) – Dec. 25 (10AM & 12:15PM)

St. Margaret Mary (1219 Excelsior Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610) - Dec. 25 (12AM & 12:30 PM)

Carmel of the Holy Family Monastery (Canyon, CA); Dominican Rite – Dec. 25 (11:30 AM)

*How to find Canyon Carmel, which has no street number: from Canyon U.S. Post Office (99 Pinehurst Road), go north about one half mile to "John McCosker Ranch Road" on right (easy to miss); take this mostly gravel private road up to the right turn onto "Old Home Ranch Road," which is signed for "Carmel." It ends in the parking lot of the monastery.

Santa Maria Church (40 Santa Maria Way, Orinda, CA 94563) – Dec. 25 (12 AM)

Immaculate Heart of Mary (500 Fairview Ave, Brentwood, CA 94513) – Dec. 24 (8 PM)

Immaculate Heart of Mary Oratory / Five Wounds Church (1375 East Santa Clara St., San José, CA 95116)
Dec. 24 (9PM)

From the Prefect of Traditional Latin Mass Society of San Francisco

Dearest Friends,

The Holy Bible says that man was created in God's image and likeness. What in man corresponds most to God's being is his capacity to love. We resemble God most by the manner we love.

The most intensely passionate natures, like those of Therese and Ignatius, are perhaps more drawn toward God as the only sufficient object than are gentler saints like Anselm or more versatile natures like that of Bernard. Great mystics do have tender worldly loves, but often they take the form of intense family attachments of a very domestic type. It is touchingly evident, however, that the saints often loved each other dearly and even **"fell in love."** The mystics remind us that God is the greatest lover of all. Being chosen for a direct experience of this overwhelming love can be intoxicating, or a kind of madness. Teresa of Avila once noted that she had **"been going around as if drunk."**

Perhaps the mostly distinctively Christian form of love springs from the commandment to love those who are not loveable. ***"But I say to you that hear: Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you. Bless them that curse you, and pray for them that calumniate you" (Luke 6:27).***

In our own present time, Love, unfortunately, has become one of the most misunderstood and confused word in any language. Some want it to mean nothing more than the attraction between the sexes. Others see it only as desire and its satisfaction. And when others speak of it, love seems synonymous with sex. It's all so sad because love understood as any of these is hardly love. It is confused: the wrapper is taken for the content.

Love is really like life. It is so vast in its meaning, so varied in its expressions and so rich in its manifestations that one has to be fully alive in order to understand love fully. If love is that capacity which makes us resemble God most, then we have to affirm as well that the measure by which we can test our loving is God himself.

God created everything not because He had to, but because, in His boundless love, He so willed that even His creature, man, should have a share in His Godhead, not by force but by a free response of love. Man is free precisely because freedom is the necessary condition for loving.

Jesus became God's Word of Love to all men. He came to heal the brokenhearted, to free the prisoners, to restore the sick to health, to forgive all sins. St. Paul beautifully points out to us that Our Blessed Savior expressed the greatest manifestation of God's love: ***"Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men, and in habit found as a man. He humbled himself, becoming obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:6-8).*** Jesus lowered Himself to the lowest known state so that He could raise us to God. In His love of the Father and of us, he chose to be born a man so that we might be born anew and live in God's embrace. And when He was to go back to His Heavenly Father, He sent the Holy Ghost to dwell among us, to enliven us and to be the love that binds us together as a family with God.

The measure of love, then, is not what our hearts dictate or what our desires lead us to. Love is very much greater than what we now can feel. It is much more than the urges we feel from within. Love is, above all, the goodness that is in us that we must share with the goodness of others. It is the ability to fight for the love that is inherent within us which God himself imbued in our souls.

"Christian love bears evil, but it does not tolerate it. It does penance for the sins of others, but it is not broadminded about sin. The cry for tolerance never induces it to quench its hatred of the evil philosophies that have entered into contest with the Truth. It forgives the sinner, and it hates the sin; it is unmerciful to the error in his mind. The sinner it will always take back into the bosom of the Mystical Body; but his lie will never be taken into the treasury of His Wisdom. Real love involves real hatred: whoever has lost the power of moral indignation and the urge to drive the buyers and sellers from the temples has also lost a living, fervent love of Truth. Charity, then, is not a mild philosophy of "live and let live"; it is not a species of sloppy sentiment. Charity is the infusion of the Spirit of God, which makes us love the beautiful and hate the morally ugly."- Servant of God Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Laudetur Jesus Christus!

AJ Garcia, Prefect
TLM Society of San Francisco

MASS SCHEDULE AT STAR OF THE SEA FOR DECEMBER 2013

22-Dec-13	Sunday	11:00 AM	4 th Sunday of Advent – O Rex Gentium	Fr. Mark Mazza
23-Dec-13	Monday	6:30 PM	“O” Mass – O Emmanuel	Fr. Mark Mazza
24-Dec-13	Tuesday	11:00 PM	Nativity of Our Lord Midnight Mass (*Holy Day)	Fr. Mark Mazza
25-Dec-13	Wednesday	11:00 AM	<i>Christmas Carols before Mass</i> Nativity of Our Lord (*Holy Day)	Fr. Mark Mazza
29-Dec-13	Sunday	11:00 AM	Sunday Octave of Christmas	Fr. Mark Mazza

Chaplain's Corner:

Luke 2, 14: Gloria in altissimis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus voluntatis; Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will.

John 1, 14: Et Verbum caro factum est, et habitavit in nobis; And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

Christmas 2013

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

To you and all your loved ones, I extend my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. If you are visiting us during this holy season I offer you a cordial welcome and hope that you will return soon. For those who are looking for a church home I assure you that our doors and hearts are always open. We are here to help you in your spiritual journey. Christmas is a good time to begin a year round participation in the sacred mysteries of our faith and to become active in the church.

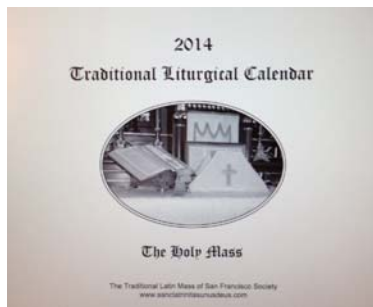
Over the years I have heard many stories about the true meaning of Christmas. That makes sense since the Christmas Mystery is rich in meaning. It can never be fully told. God's tremendous love is like that. Yes, God loved us so much that He sent us His beloved Son Jesus Christ. With humble faith we turn again and again to Him who is made known as The Greatest Story Ever Told. Our Lord Jesus Christ is our last, best, and only hope. Just like the shepherds at the first Christmas we are encouraged by the message of the angels: "Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people: For, this day, is born to you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David (Luke 2,10-11)." Our hearts cannot hold the joy we experience again this Christmas. With the angels we must sing out as they did: "Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will (Luke 2, 14)." Let us all go to Bethlehem and worship Him. Come let us adore Him!

The Lord Jesus born in Bethlehem continues to draw near to us through His Church and in His Sacraments. Please note the times for our Christmas Masses published in this bulletin and also sent to our registered parishioners in the mail. Please note well that this Christmas for the first time in almost fifty years we will have the Traditional Latin Mass for Christmas celebrated at 11 pm on December 24th (preceded by Christmas carols at 10:30 pm) and on Christmas Day at 11 am. These will be High Masses with the Stella Maris Choir.

I am grateful to all those who work hard to make our parish a more loving, kinder, more prayerful and more faithful part of the Church the Divine Savior gave to us almost two thousand years ago. These are difficult times. Please consider giving a special donation to the parish this Christmas in the name of the Christ Child, the little baby Jesus born in Bethlehem. Let us not wrap Him again in rags as He was on the night He was born. He came that the gates of heaven could once more be opened, that you and I might live forever. Let us open the door of our hearts to Him as we prepare for the New Year.

Mary love you! God bless you!

Yours in the Lord,
Fr. Mark G. Mazza, Pastor



TLM Society Liturgical Calendar for Sale today!

(\$10) Each month has images and descriptions of the 12 parts of the Holy Mass. Daily saints in concordance with the missal of 1962 with civic holidays and holy days. Traditional and present day rules and lessons for fast, abstinence and holy days of obligation plus ample room for writing your own daily notes!

Mystic Monk Coffee Sale today!

Looking for a good Christmas gift? After the 11 AM Mass this Sunday (Dec. 22, 2013), everyone is invited to come down to the Star of the Sea school auditorium where the Mystic Monk Coffee will be on sale! Some of the coffee blend available for sale will include: Christmas Blend (\$15), Jingle Bell Java (\$12), Vespers Decaf Ground (\$12) and many more! Cash payment only.



Feature of the week: Fr. Jeffrey Keyes on Latin in the Liturgy

*** Posted with permission from Fr. Jeffrey Keys (Pastor of St. Edward's Church in Newark, CA)***

People often say I am taking people backward to Pre-Vatican II. People often say that the parishioners cannot understand the Latin. I am am sure that a stranger who has never been at a Mass in Latin may feel a little lost, but a parishioner who attends and participates in Mass over a long time understands the liturgy deeply.

I am of the opinion that a Catholic who is a Disciple of Jesus, and has a relationship with Him learns how to participate in the Extraordinary Form of the Mass, they will be able to participate more completely in the Ordinary Form.

A parishioner recently told me that people seem more engaged at the Solemn Mass than at other Masses at the parish. Yes, we have been at it for nine years, but this congregation of multiple languages and cultures sings the Kyrie, the Gloria, the Sanctus, and the Pater Noster by heart, just like Paul VI asked for. And they are learning to sing the Credo. The Propers and the Ordinary are in Latin (and greek), but the Mass is celebrated in English. Vatican II gave us more opportunity to use the Vernacular, but it did not dispense with the Latin. A Catholic who does not know some of the Latin Parts of the Mass as outlined in Pope Paul's letter in 1974 is truly an impoverished Catholic.

It is the priests and the professionals who tell me that people hate this. If only the people would stop telling me that they love it.

Temporary Housing Needed

From a 30-year old traditional gal, in NY: I will be at John Muir for 13 weeks starting the 10th of February, 2014. Looking for a furnished flat/apt or a room. I don't have any pets. Living with a family is ok as long as I'm not in the way. If you can help by referring a place, please email me at missjensen8@gmail.com. Thanks and God bless!

Mass Intention Requests

When the TLM Society arranges special Masses with the approval of the pastor/chaplain, i.e. First Fridays, Holydays and other special days, Mass intentions may be requested. A stipend of \$10.00 per Mass. Visit the parish office Monday-Thursday between 9am-4pm. If you have questions please email us TLMofSF@gmail.com

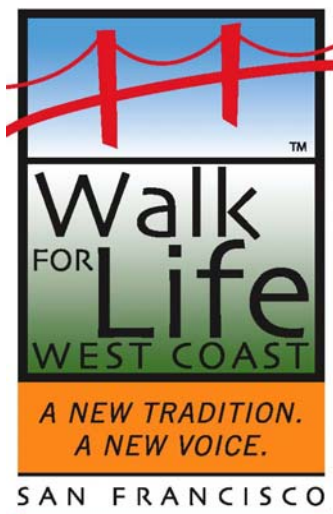
Epiphany Vespers with Archbishop Cordileone

January 5, 2014 (4PM)

St Sebastian's Catholic Church
373 Bon Air Rd, San Rafael, CA 94904-1709

Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will introduce the new Benedict XVI Institute for Sacred Music and Divine Worship. Fr. Samuel F. Weber, OSB will give a talk on the spirituality of chant. Afterwards, we will celebrate vespers with the Archbishop. Refreshments will be provided.

Everyone is invited to a Traditional Latin Mass to be held today (Dec. 22), 4:30PM, at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, 1310 Bayswater, Burlingame, CA. Mass is preceded by a public recitation of the rosary in Latin at 4pm).



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Walk for Life West Coast 2014: Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 10th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on **January 25, 2014**. The pre-walk rally begins at 12:30PM in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk for Life, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30. Last year's Walk drew 40,000+ people and eleven Catholic bishops and a personal message from then Pope Benedict XVI! For complete information about the Walk, visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793.

The TLM Society will be participating in the Walk for Life Info Faire at the Civic Center Plaza on **January 25, 2014**. Fliers and other informational materials on the Traditional Latin Mass will be distributed. **Volunteers are needed!** Please e-mail the Society at tlmofsf@gmail.com or call Jay Balza (707-319-7549).

Women's Evening of Recollection

Every 2nd Thursday of the month at Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church 7pm-9pm. 2 Meditations given by a priest, a spiritual talk, Benediction and confessions. The next Women's Recollection will be on January 9, 2014.



The Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest is happy to announce two Spring Pilgrimages: From March 31 to April 7, 2014, Canon Benoit Jayr will lead a group to Mexico and visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Shrine of Mexican Martyr Blessed Miguel Pro, and travel in the Footsteps of the Cristeros. Holy Mass in the EF/TLM and devotions will be offered each day. For inquiries, please email ststanislaus@institute-christ-king.org

From April 23 - May 2, 2014, Canon Jean Marie Moreau will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Spend three nights on the Sea of Galilee, one night in Jericho & four nights in Jerusalem. Cost from Newark, NJ is \$3795. Sign up by Jan. 10th to save \$200. For more details & a brochure, call 1-800-334-5425 or go to www.syversentouring.com/holyland.

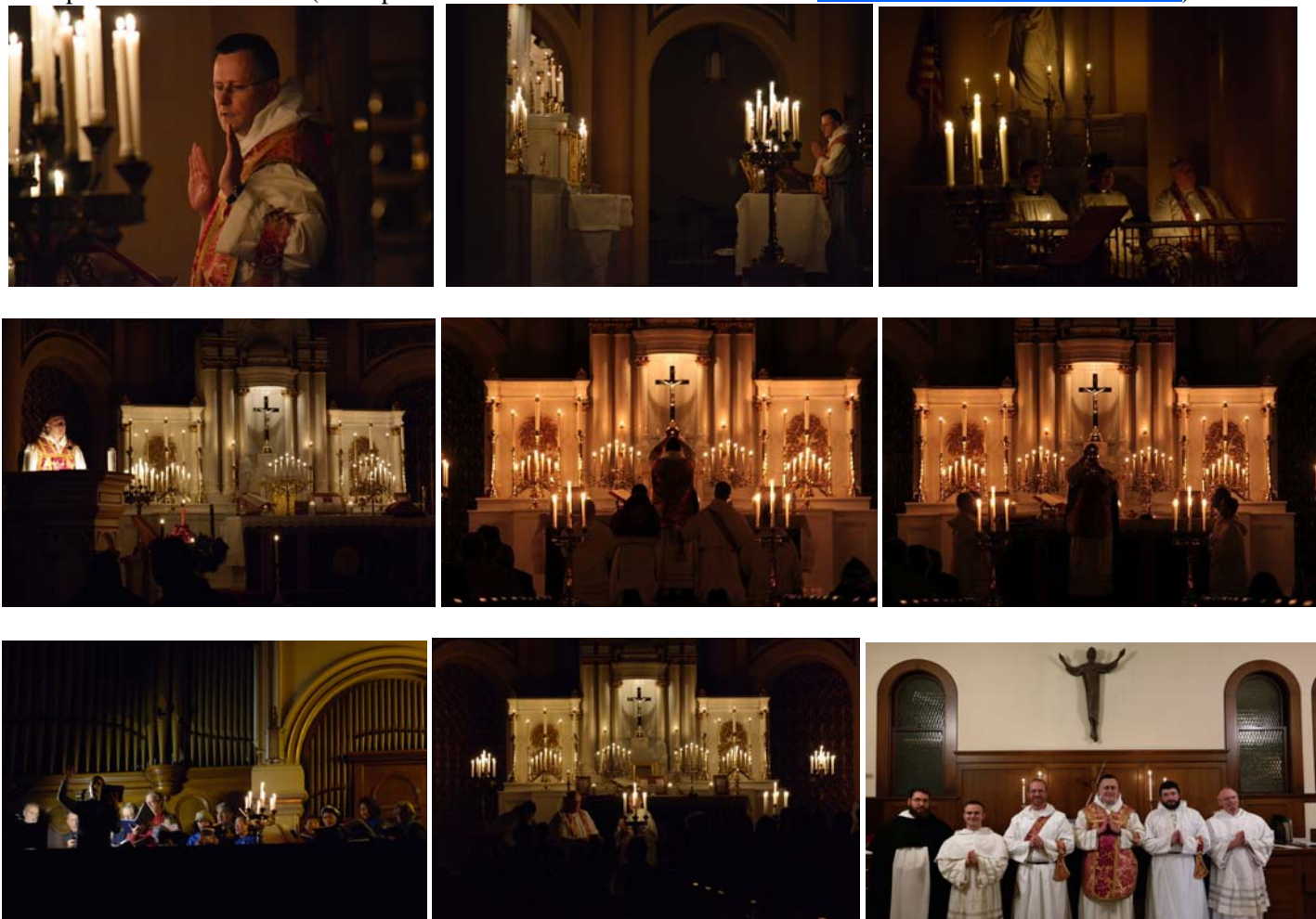
Gaudete Sunday at North Bay (December 15, 2013)

Last Sunday (Dec. 15), we attended the Holy Mass for Gaudete Sunday at Holy Rosary Chapel in San Rafael, CA. After Mass we sold Mystic Monk Coffee!! Thank you to the North Bay folks for welcoming the Traditional Latin Mass Society of San Francisco! Below are some photos taken from the Gaudete Sunday Mass (more pictures can be viewed at our website – www.sanctatrinitasunusdeus.com) :



Rorate Solemn High Mass in the Dominican Rite (December 18, 2013)

Last Wednesday (December 18, 2013), the Rorate Solemn High Mass in the Dominican Rite was celebrated at Star of the Sea Church for the very first time. The celebrant was Fr. Anselm Ramelow, O.P., assisted once again by the friars from the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (Berkeley, CA) and St. Dominic’s Church (Benicia, CA). Star of the Sea was the 2nd church in the entire state of California (the other one was St. Stephen the Martyr in Sacramento) to have offered this kind of Mass!! Many thanks to the Dominican Friars for their assistance in making this possible! Below are some photos from the Mass (more pictures can be viewed at our website – www.sanctatrinitasunusdeus.com).



Longanimity: The Virtue of Waiting with Courage - "In the Footsteps of Our Infant King" Monthly Meditation

<http://infantkingoffering.org/>

In our world of fast food and high-speed electronics, we people of the 21st century do not like to wait. How impatient we easily become, if we have to wait a couple of minutes at a traffic light, or if our computer is a few seconds too slow. Despite all of the time saving advantages which technology has made possible, people today are more in a hurry than ever before, especially as we near the holiday rush before Christmas. No one wants to wait.

However, the liturgical season of Advent is all about waiting. These four weeks of Advent symbolize thousands of years of waiting for the most important event in history, the birth of the Son of God. After the Original Sin of our first parents in the Garden, God promised a Redeemer to save humanity from sin. However, in order for humanity to understand the consequences of sin and thus to appreciate the extraordinary gift of Redemption, God waited thousands of years before sending His only Son as our Redeemer. This careful preparation shows us that God wisely knows how to wait. God has the right time for everything. Good things come to those who patiently wait.

When we think of waiting, in today's world, we may perhaps think of a crowded doctor's office, or of a long line at the supermarket, or of rush hour traffic. Waiting may seem like wasted time—idle moments of waiting which we simply have to kill somehow.

However, for the Christian, no time is ever to be wasted because even in trying times of trial and hardship, the Christian is awaiting a reality which is beyond this present world.

Faith gives us patience to await the supernatural. To await something means to look forward with expectation, as we say in the Creed: I await the resurrection of the dead, I look forward to the life of the world to come. As we wait with patient virtue during these moments of our earthly existence, we can ultimately deserve to receive a reward in Heaven, our true and lasting home.

Waiting itself is not a virtue, but it is the essential part of the virtue which Christian tradition calls longanimity. We find this virtue listed by St. Paul as one of the 12 Fruits of the Holy Ghost. (Gal 5:22-23)

St. Thomas explains in detail that longanimity is the fruit of patience which holds strong over time. Sometimes called long-suffering, longanimity refers to patience insofar as waiting causes difficulty, suffering, and sorrow. Longanimity is pro-longed patience. It is prolonged endurance of arduous difficulties over a protracted period of time for the sake of the good. (Summa Theologica IIa IIae q. 136, art. 5)

St. Francis de Sales had special esteem for this virtue of knowing how to wait with courage amid the most trying circumstances: "I have greater esteem for a person who knows how to bear suffering patiently than for one who receives magnificent projects."

In times of trial we must learn to await God's good time. In the language of the Bible, to wait upon God means to persevere in prayer, to invoke God's help without ceasing. If God keeps us waiting, as He did for the prophets of old, certainly there must be a lesson to learn. Perhaps He wants us to understand that we truly do need Him because on our own, we can do nothing.

Sometimes God waits to help us until we are in our hour of greatest need, so that we can come closer to Him through prayer, so that we will better appreciate what we ask for, or so that we can make up for our past faults. The longer God keeps us waiting, the more His divine help will surpass all our expectations. We must be confident that He will answer our prayers when He thinks the time is right.

The next time you find yourself impatient in those everyday moments when you have to wait, think about how often God waits for us. Jesus waits for us in the tabernacle. He awaits us in the confessional. Jesus awaits us in that unpopular person among us whom everyone neglects to speak with. Jesus is waiting us in those unpleasant chores of daily life. In the work place, in our offices, workshops, and kitchens, Jesus is waiting for us. He is inviting us to love Him by fidelity to daily duty, By acts of charity accomplished for our neighbor.

Sometimes we may wonder why God keeps us waiting . . . For an answer to our prayer, or for giving us the help we need . . . But it is rather we ourselves who have so often left Jesus to wait for us and our own convenience.

This Advent, let us not leave Jesus to wait any longer. Let us have recourse to prayer, especially during the morning hours of each day before we begin our daily routine. Advent is the morning time of the Church's liturgical year. If we are faithful to some minutes of prayer in the morning, if we take a few extra morning moments in the presence of God at the start of our day, we will then most assuredly be more patient throughout the rest of the day.

This Advent, await the Lord's coming with patience. Persevere in prayer. Spend your morning moments in the presence of the Lord who waits for your love. Then, you will see that good things come to those who wait. The coming of Christ at Christmas will be a small foretaste of the blessed eternity which awaits us all in Heaven.

Propers for the 4th Sunday of Advent : December 22, 2013

Introit *Isa 45:8*

Let the Just One descend, O heavens, like dew from above, like gentle rain let the skies drop Him down. Let the earth open and a Savior bud forth.

Ps 18:2

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Collect

Put forth Your power, O Lord, we beseech You, and delay not: and with Your great might come to our aid, so that what is hindered by our sins may be hastened by Your merciful goodness. Who liveth and reigneth with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end

Epistle *1 Cor. 4:1-5*

Brethren: Let a man so account us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Now here it is required in stewards that a man be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small matter to be judged by you or by man's tribunal. Nay I do not even judge my own self. For I have nothing on my conscience, yet I am not thereby justified; but he who judges me is the Lord. Therefore, pass no judgment before the time, until the Lord comes, Who will both bring to light the things hidden in darkness and make manifest the counsels of hearts; and then everyone will have his praise from God.

Gradual *Ps 144:18, 20.*

The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.

V. May my mouth speak the praise of the Lord, and may all flesh bless His holy name. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Come, O Lord, and delay not; forgive the sins of Your people Israel. Alleluia.

Gospel *Luke 3:1-6*

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was procurator of Judea, and Herod tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother tetrarch of the district of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zachary, in the desert. And he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, The voice of one crying in the desert, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, make straight His paths.

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked ways shall be made straight, and the rough ways smooth; and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Offertory *Luke 1:28*

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Secret

Look with favor, O Lord, we beseech You, upon the offerings here present, that they may be profitable for our devotion and for our salvation. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Communion *Isa 7:14*

Behold, a virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name Him Emmanuel.

Post Communion

Having received Your gifts, we beseech You, O Lord, that each partaking of this sacrament may increase within us its saving effect. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.