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WHEN HOPE SHALL SING ITS TRIUMPH
AND SADNESS FLEE AWAY

DEAR SAVIOUR HASTE!
COME COME TO EARTH
DISPEL THE NIGHT AND SHOW THY FACE
AND BID US HAIL THE DAWN OF GRACE

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O THOU WHOSE NATIONS SIGHED FOR
WHO PRIEST AND PROPHET LONG FORETOLD
WILT BREAK THE CAPTIVE FETTERS
REDEEM THE LONG LOST FOLD

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**ONE BREAD, ONE BODY; ONE LORD OF ALL,
ONE CUP OF BLESSING WHICH WE BLESS.
AND WE, THOUGH MANY,
THROUGHOUT THE EARTH,
WE ARE ONE BODY IN THIS ONE LORD.**

GENTILE OR JEW, SERVANT OR FREE,
WOMAN OR MAN, NO MORE.

MANY THE GIFTS, MANY THE WORKS,
ONE IN THE LORD OF ALL.

GRAIN FOR THE FIELDS,
SCATTERED AND GROWN,
GATHERED TO ONE, FOR ALL.

(SATURDAY MASS ONLY)

LET US GO SHEPHERDS,
LET'S GO TO BETHLEHEM
TODAY A CHILD IS BORN,
HIS NAME IS EMMANUEL
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LET US GO SHEPHERDS,
LET'S GO TO BETHLEHEM

THE POOR ARE SINGING THE LITTLE ONES
ARE LAUGHING

**REJOICE, REJOICE, REJOICE,
REJOICE, REJOICE
REJOICE, TODAY THE SAVIOUR IS BORN**

LET US GO SHEPHERDS
LA LA LA LA
HIS MOTHER MARY; HIS FATHER JOSEPH
TODAY A CHILD IS BORN
HIS NAME IS EMMANUEL

REJOICE, REJOICE,
LET US GO SHEPHERDS
LA, LA, LA, LA

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**IF THERE'S ONE MORE GIFT
I'D ASK OF YOU, LORD
IT WOULD BE PEACE HERE ON EARTH
AS GENTLE AS YOUR CHILDREN'S
LAUGHTER, ALL AROUND, ALL AROUND**

YOUR PEOPLE HAVE GROWN WEARY
OF LIVING IN CONFUSION
WHEN WILL WE REALISE
THAT NEITHER HEAVEN IS AT PEACE
WHEN WE LIVE NOT IN PEACE

GRANT ME SERENITY WITHIN
FOR THE CONFUSIONS AROUND
ARE MERE REFLECTIONS
OF WHAT'S WITHIN
WHAT'S WITHIN ME?

COME BACK TO ME, WITH ALL YOUR HEART; 5
DON'T LET FEAR KEEP US APART.
TREES DO BEND
THOUGH STRAIGHT AND TALL
SO MUST WE TO OTHERS CALL.

**LONG HAVE I WAITED
FOR YOUR COMING HOME TO ME
AND LIVING DEEPLY OUR NEW LIFE.**

THE WILDERNESS WILL LEAD YOU,
TO YOUR HEART WHERE I WILL SPEAK.
INTEGRITY AND JUSTICE
WITH TENDERNESS YOU SHALL KNOW.

YOU SHALL SLEEP, SECURE WITH PEACE
FAITHFULNESS WILL BE YOUR JOY.

YOU ARE SALT FOR THE EARTH, O PEOPLE; 6
SALT FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD!
SHARE THE FLAVOUR OF LIFE, O PEOPLE;
LIFE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

**BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM OF MERCY,
BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM OF PEACE;
BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM OF JUSTICE,
BRING FORTH THE CITY OF GOD!**

YOU ARE A LIGHT ON THE HILL, O PEOPLE; 3
LIGHT FOR THE CITY OF GOD!
SHINE SO HOLY AND BRIGHT, O PEOPLE;
SHINE FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

YOU ARE A SEED OF THE WORD, O PEOPLE
BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM OF GOD!
SEEDS OF MERCY AND SEEDS OF JUSTICE,
GROW IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

WE ARE A BLEST AND A PILGRIM PEOPLE;
BOUND FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD!
LOVE OUR JOURNEY AND LOVE OUR
HOMELAND;
LOVE IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

**VIENI, O SIGNOR, LA TERRA IN PIANTO
GEME**

SIGNORE VOGLI LO SGUARDO E VIENI
IN NOSTRO AIUTO:
DISCENDI DALLE STELLE O RE DEL CIELO.

TI VIDER LONTANI PROFETI MANSUETO
COME AGNELLO
SPUNTARE DA BETHLEMME COME STELLA.

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DEH, SPEZZA CON BRACCIO POTENTE
LE FORZE DELL'ERRORE
VERRAN LE GENTI AL TRONO DELL'AMORE

UNA SPIGA DORATA DAL SOL 2
ED UN GRAPPOL CHE
COGLIE IL VIGNAIOL
SI TRASFORMANO ORA IN PANE
E VINO D'AMOR
E NEL CORPO E NEL
SANGUE DEL SIGNOR.

COMUNIONE FORMIAMO INSIEM
SEMINATI NEL CAMPO COME GRAN.
UN MOLINO CHE MACINA LE GIOIE,
I DOLOR
DIO CI FA EUCARESTIA NELL'AMOR.

COME IL GRANO CHE FORMA IL PAN
COME NOTE TESSUTE NEL CANTAR.
COME GOCCE RACCOLTE TRA
LE SPONDE DEL MAR
I CRISTIANI UN SOL CORPO FORMERAN.

**SIGNORE FA DI ME 3
UNO STRUMENTO DELLA TUA PACE.
SIGNORE FA DI ME
UNO STRUMENTO DEL TUO AMOR.**

LA' DOV' È L'ODIO CH' IO PORTI L'AMORE.
DOV' È L'OFFESA CH' IO PORTI IL
PERDONO.....RIT.

DOV' È DISCORDIA CH' IO PORTI L'UNIONE.
DOV' È L'ERRORE CH' IO PORTI LA
VERITÀ.....RIT.

DOV' È DUBBIO CH' IO PORTI LA FEDE.
DOV' È DISPERAZIONE CH' IO PORTI LA
SPERANZA.....RIT.

DOVE SON LE TENEBRE CH' IO PORTI LA
LUCE,
DOV' È TRISTEZZA CH' IO PORTI LA
GIOIA.....RIT.

O MARIA SANTISSIMA, 4
DOLCE MADRE DI GESÙ,
STENDI IL TUO MANTO SOPRA LA TERRA
RENDI SICURO IL CAMMINO QUAGGIÙ.

AVE, AVE, MARIA !

O MARIA PURISSIMA,
SEI L'ELETTA DEL SIGNOR.
SALVA I TUOI FIGLI, PORTALI AL CIELO,
SORREGGI TU LA SPERANZA NEI CUOR.

O MARIA AMABILE,
DONI AL MONDO IL SALVATOR.
TUTTI I CREDENTI ACCOLGANO CRISTO,
E REGNI SEMPRE TRA I FIGLI L'AMOR.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 35:1-6,10*

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 145:6-10

R. Lord, come and save us.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R.
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. R.
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. R.

SECOND READING *James 5:7-10*

A reading from the letter of St. James.

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how

patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: 'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. 'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than

John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

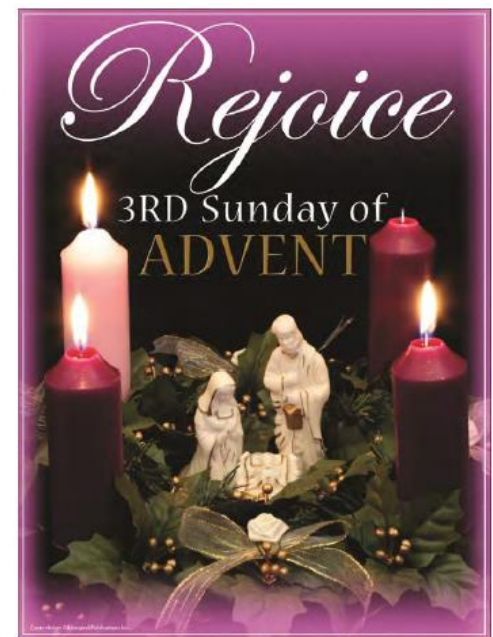
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I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

(All bow during these two lines)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again
from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen.



ST PAUL'S PARISH

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St Paul's Parish strives to create an environment where children are safe, respected and cared for.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon - Friday: 10.30am to 3.30 pm.

MASSES:

Weekends: Saturday: 6:00 pm (vigil),
8.00pm (Neo Catechumenate)

Sunday: 9:00am, 10.30am (Italian),

Weekdays: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 10.00 am.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays - 11am and 6.45pm

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 1st & 3rd Sunday of month-9am Mass

ADORATION: First Friday of the month: 10.30 am to 12pm

BAPTISMS: Sundays at 12.00 pm.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETINGS: Once Monthly

MARRIAGE PREP MEETINGS: Wed 8pm or Sat 4pm

WEDDING REHEARSALS: Mon or Fri - 8pm

COMMUNION TO THE HOUSEBOUND: Thurs & Fri.

COMMUNION TO SICK at Bupa & Northern Gardens:

every 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: 2 times a year (Lent & Advent).

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10am

YOUTH & KIDS GROUP: 4th Friday of the month.

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP: Wednesdays at 10.30 am

Legion of Mary: Monday mornings at 10.30 am.

Knights of the Southern Cross: Monday mornings.

ANNUAL ITALIAN FEASTS: 2019

For enquires about above programs, please call the parish office

READERS:

This Week

Sat 6pm Judy O'Meara

Sun 9am Grace Baviera & Tess Pugliano

Sun 10.30am Anna D'Amato & Rosa Oppendisano

Next Week

Sat 6pm Sue Tasic

Sun 9am Brent Greig & Dylan Greig

Sun 10.30am Tom Constanzo & Rita Luci

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

This Week

Sat 6pm Virginia Efthimiou

Sun 9am Annette Barnes

Sun 10.30 Connie Troiano

Next Week

Mary De Marco

Alfred Meilak

Giovanna Navagero

DECEMBER AT ST PAULS

Mon 16th - Graduation Mass at 7pm

- Legion of Mary Group: Christmas breakup.

Wed 18th End of Year School mass at 10am

Thur 19th 10am Mass includes Oil of the Sick celebration

Sun 22nd Baptism of Olivia Dorman at 12pm

Mon 23rd First Month Mass for Modesto Longo at 7pm.

Tues 24th Vigil Mass at 6pm

Christmas Carols at 11.40pm

Wed 25th - Midnight Christmas Mass

- Christmas Day Masses at 9am & 10.30am Italian

- Collection for priests

Mon 30th Solemn Benediction at 10am mass

SCHEDULE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sat 21st December: 11am & 6.45pm

Mon 23rd December: 10.30am

Tues 24th December: 11am

NOTICES:

PASSION PLAY 2020. Anyone who would like to join me for the **Treasures of Italy Tour**, plus the **Oberammergau Passion Play** in Germany, from the 16th June to the 29th June. Approach Fr Ray, who is interested. Ask Fr. Ray for full brochure and itinerary.

Fr Ray will be the chaplain of the whole tour accompanied by a guide from Harvest Tours. In Italy, we visit Rome, Montecassino, Pompei, Sorrento, Amalfi Coast, Tivoli, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Ravenna, Padua Venice. Then to the Passion Play in Oberammergau. Every 10 years affords pilgrims the great privilege of witnessing the world-renowned Passion Play. For over 300 years this picturesque village in the Bavarian alps has reenacted the passion of Jesus, and people of every religious denomination have been drawn to this cherished spectacle.

THREE TIPS TO DISCOVERING JOY DURING ADVENT AS WELL AS CHRISTMAS

How can we form ourselves to be more active, conscious recipients of the grace of you, especially when external circumstances are more likely to lend themselves to stress, fatigue and suffering? Here are some tips:

1. **Pray (always the first answer!)**
2. **Immerse yourself in good examples.**
3. **Make small acts of love.**

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1 st Collection	Sacrificial Offering	\$ 791.55
2 nd Collection	Presbytery	\$ 743.00
Melbourne Overseas Mission (to date)		\$ 85.00

WE PRAY FOR

WEDDINGS: Marta De Macedo & Marco Pinto

We pray for those in our local community who are **sick** and vulnerable: may they see in us the followers of a God who heals and serves.

Let us pray for those who have died recently; and those whose anniversaries we remember at this time: Giuseppe Palermo (1 Month), John Flattley, Giuseppe, Pasquale Torcasio, Pasquale Chirumbolo, Giovanna Rizzo, Teresa Bonaddio, **that they may enter the peace of God.**

STEWARDSHIP:

“You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” (James 5:8)

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God’s will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

REFLECTION: “Feeding, Watering, Caring”

See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. James 5:7

I remember when I was a young child of about five years old. I was helping my father plant a small vegetable garden in our backyard. The day after we planted the seeds, I ran to the garden, expecting to see young sprouts. I needed to learn that growth would come, but only with time, water and sunlight. Waiting for our faith in God to grow to fruition can feel a lot like waiting for those young plants to germinate and reach toward the sun. We need the daily food of prayer, sacrament and community to urge us upward. But growth is a hard and sometimes painful thing for which to wait. We cannot rush the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, but we can learn to savor the intimacy of being fed, watered and cared for.

Creator God, master gardener of my soul, nurture me.

Steve Givens

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

That through daily prayer we gain patience and align ourselves with God and His plan for us.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “Friendship”

A loyal friend laughs at your jokes when they’re not so good, and sympathizes with your problems when they are not so bad.

Arnold H. Glasow

JOKE OF THE WEEK



NEWS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP CHRISTMAS BREAKUP



WHAT ARE YOU CARRYING?



A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS TO ST PAULS

Please let us know that you have joined our community and if there is anything we can do for you.

Are you new to our Parish? _____

Need Thanksgiving envelopes? _____

Please complete the details below and place in the collection plate at Mass or send to the Parish office.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

To existing parishioners: if you would like to contribute on a regular basis using the envelopes, please complete the above. Thank you.