# **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH**

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## **Worship Schedule:**

Saturday 5:00 pm - Vigil Holy Mass Sunday 9:00 am - Holy Mass (also livestream on Facebook)

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# Second Sunday of Advent C December 8, 2024

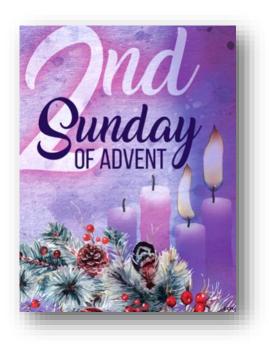
Lector: Donald Dross
Greeter: Diane Brennan
Cantor: Donald Dross
Trustees: Don, Ed

Cycle of Prayer: St. Luke, Boulder, Colorado

## **Mass Intentions:**

Sun. Dec. 8 - In Memory of †Thomas Krajewski, 12th Anniversary (req. by Rich & Mary Ellen Cadalso).

Sun. Dec. 15 - In Memory of †Richard A. Mossey Jr. (req. by Patti & Dick Mossey).

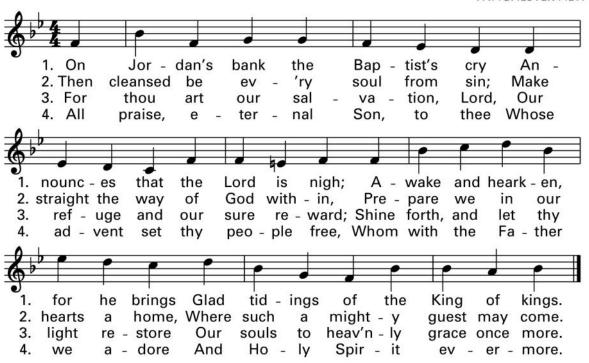


STAND

#### **OPENING HYMN**

# On JORDAN'S BANK

WINCHESTER NEW



Text: LM; Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt. Music: *Musicalishes Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690; adapt. by William H. Havergal, 1793–1870.



#### **STAND**

#### INTRODUCTORY RITE

- C. In the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- R/. Amen.
- C. Lord bless us with the wisdom to praise You in spirit and in truth, so that by following Your holy will we may gain eternal salvation.
- R/. Amen.

#### THE PENITENTIAL RITE

The celebrant invites the faithful to join in the prayer of confession.

C. Let us come before the Lord in confession of our sins, remembering that he is more ready to forgive than we are to confess. Please, make an examination of your conscience.

During a moment of silent reflection evoke spirit of contrition. KNEEL or SIT Silently confess your sins to God, and then join the celebrant in acknowledging your sins:

# All: I confess to almighty God

in the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints and you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault

striking the breast three times and continuing

in my thoughts, in my words, in what I have done or failed to do. I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

Penance is given.

- C. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
- R/. Amen.

The celebrant imparts the absolution, saying

- C. May our Lord Jesus Christ absolve you and, with His authority vested in me, I absolve you from all your sins: in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- R/. Amen.

## THE KYRIE

- C. Lord, have mercy.
- R/. Lord, have mercy.
- C. Christ, have mercy.
- R/. Christ, have mercy.
- C. Lord, have mercy.
- R/. Lord, have mercy.

'The Gloria' is omitted in Advent.

**STAND** 

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

- C. The Lord be with you.
- R/. And also with you.
- C. Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,
You sent Your servant, John the Baptist,
to be the herald of Your kingdom
and the forerunner of Your Son.
Grant that we may be prepared for the day
when the glory of the Lord will be revealed to all people.

We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

# First Reading Bar 5:1–9

# A reading from the Book of the Prophet Baruch.

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God,

bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name.

For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Led away on foot by their enemies they left you:

but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones.

For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God.

The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

L. The Word of the Lord. R/. Thanks be to God.

# Responsorial Psalm Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.



# R/. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing. .

R/. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

R/. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

R/. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

R/. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.



# Second Reading Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

# A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters:

I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

L. The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

# Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4, 6



# R/. Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God. .

# R/. Alleluia, alleluia!

# Gospel <u>Lk 3:1–6</u>

- C. The Lord be with you. R/. And also with you.
- C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

# R/. Glory be to You, Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

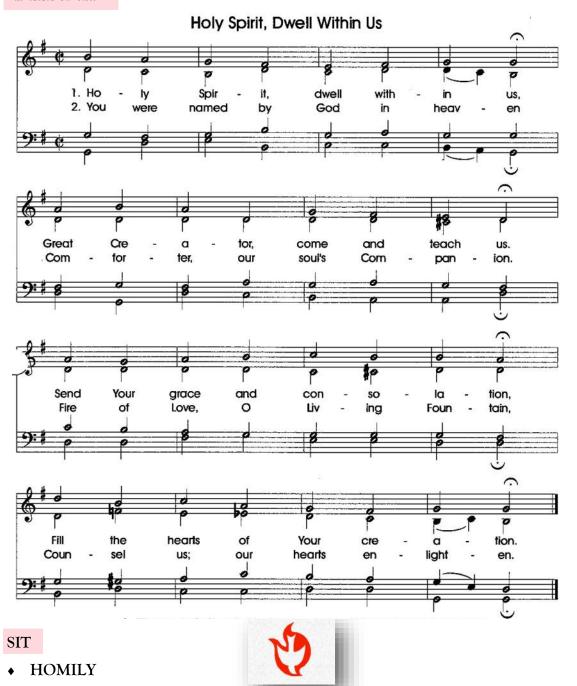
The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

C. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## R/. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

## **KNEEL or SIT**

# HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



#### **STAND**

#### THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

C. I believe in One God,

All: the Father, the Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

He was born of the Virgin Mary (here genuflect or bow)

AND BECAME MAN.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures;

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and Giver of Life

Who proceeds from the Father.

With the Father and the Son

He is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one baptism

for the forgiveness of sins.

I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the + life of the world to come.

Amen.

#### **STAND**

#### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

- C. Let us bring before God our longings and prayers, confident that through the work of the Holy Spirit He can bring about change on earth and in our lives.
- 1. For all those who proclaim the Good News: That they may not lose heart as they call us to prepare a way for the Lord in our lives. We pray to the Lord.

# R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For all who hold positions of power in the world: May they practice justice and integrity in the land. We pray to the Lord.

# R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For those who live in darkness of any kind - those who are sick, especially Richard Beeble; for those who are oppressed, those who are lonely, those who despair: That this Advent may be a time of renewed hope in God's unfailing love for them.. We pray to the Lord.

# R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

4. For St. Luke Parish in Boulder, Colorado and for ourselves: May we turn our hearts to the Lord in this holy season and grow in our love for God and one another. We pray to the Lord.

# R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

5. For Thomas Krajewski for whom this Holy Mass is being offered and for all who have died: That our prayer and love for them may help straighten their way to the fullness of life and salvation in the Kingdom. We pray to the Lord.

# R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

6. For our own intentions ...... [long pause for silent prayer] ..... We pray to the Lord. We pray to the Lord.

# R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

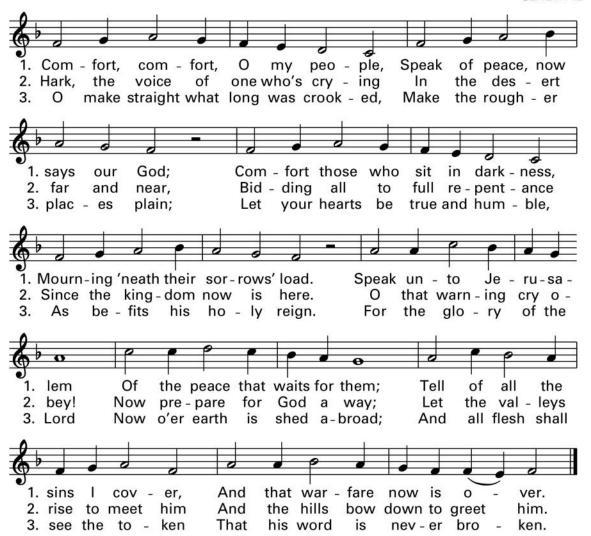
C. Father in heaven, we place our petitions before You; help us, as a people of faith and hope, to prepare for the coming of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

# R/. Amen.

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

# COMFORT, COMFORT, O MY PEOPLE

**GENEVA 42** 



Text: 87 87 77 88; based on Isaiah 40:1–8; Johann G. Olearius, 1611–1684; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: Psalm 42 (Genevan Psalter), 1551; Claude Goudimel, 1514–1572.

#### SIT

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The celebrant elevates the paten with host, saying:

C. Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May it become for us the Bread of Life.

The celebrant pours wine and water into the chalice.

Then takes the chalice and elevates it above the altar, saying:

C. Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. Through You goodness, we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. May it become our Spiritual Drink.

The celebrant places the chalice on the corporal. Slightly bowing before the altar he says:

C. Lord God, we ask You to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer You with humble and contrite hearts.

The celebrant blesses the bread and wine with his right hand, saying:

C. Come, Holy Spirit, and bless + this sacrifice which we have prepared for the glory of Your Holy Name.

The celebrant washes his hands, then he returns to the center of the altar and continues:

C. Receive this offering, most Holy Trinity, which we make in memory of the passion, resurrection and ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints.

May they, whose memory we honor on earth, intercede for us in heaven.

Addressing the congregation with hands extended, the celebrant says:

STAND

- C. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
- R/. May the Lord accept this sacrifice from your hands, for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and for the benefit of His holy Church.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**STAND** 

C. Lord our God,

through this oblation help us to prepare for the coming of Your Son.

May He find us waiting and eager in joyful prayer.

We ask this through the same Jesus Christ,

Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

#### PREFACE OF ADVENT

- C. The Lord be with you.
- R/. And also with you.
- C. Lift up your hearts.
- R/. We lift them up to the Lord.
- C. Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- R/. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- C. Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For through the promised sending of Jesus Christ to earth for us You revealed Your goodness and unending love.

Sharing in the hope of patriarchs and prophets, may we worthily prepare a dwelling place for the coming Messiah in our hearts.

Therefore, with the angels and archangels, with all the saints and the entire church, we lift our hymn of praise to Your glory, repeating unceasingly.

R/. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

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.

# **KNEEL**

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II**

The celebrant with hands extended, says:

C. We give thanks to You, God our Father, through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, Whom You have sent us as Savior, Redeemer and Messenger of Your will.

He is Your Word, inseparable from You.

Through Him You have made all things and in Him You were well pleased.

You sent Him from heaven to a virgin's womb.

There He dwelt and was made flesh.

He was revealed as Your Son, born through the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin.

When He suffered, He fulfilled Your will and gained for You a holy people. He stretched out His hands to free from suffering those who believed in You. When He was betrayed to His freely chosen suffering thereby to destroy death, to break the chains of darkness, to crush hell beneath His feet, to give light to the just, to make a covenant and to manifest His resurrection, He took bread; He gave You thanks and said:

The celebrant takes the bread and says:

# TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT: FOR THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU.

The celebrant elevates the Sacred Host, then places it on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

He takes the Chalice and says:

C. In like manner He took the cup and said:

THIS IS MY BLOOD
WHICH IS POURED OUT FOR YOU.
WHENEVER YOU DO THIS,
DO IT IN MEMORY OF ME.

The celebrant elevates the Chalice, then places it on the corporal and genuflects in adoration.

With hands joined he says the following with the Congregation:

All: Calling then His death and resurrection to mind, we offer You the Bread and the Cup.

We thank You for allowing us to come before You and to serve You.

The celebrant extends his hands over the Sacred Body and Blood, saying:

C. We ask You to send Your Holy Spirit upon the offering of Your holy Church to gather all in unity.

Grant to all who partake of these Holy Mysteries the fullness of the Holy Spirit for the strengthening of their faith in the truth. So may we praise and glorify You through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Holding the Sacred Host above the chalice and elevating them the celebrant says:

C. Through Him may glory and honor be Yours, with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, now and for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

# COMMUNION RITE The Lord's Prayer

#### **STAND**

The celebrant says the following introduction to the Lord's Prayer:

C. Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

All: 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.

#### With hands extended, the celebrant says:

C. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil and grant us peace in our day. In Your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The people conclude the prayer by saying the acclamation:

R/. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and for ever.

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

C. The Cup of Blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ?

The celebrant fractures the Sacred Host saying:

- C. The Bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?
- R/. Because there is one Bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one Bread.

Dropping the particle of the Host into the Chalice, the celebrant says:

- C. May the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ bring us sanctification and eternal life.
- R/. Amen.

# With hands extended the celebrant says:

- C. Lord Jesus Christ, You said to Your apostles: I leave you peace, My peace I give you. Do not look at our sins, but on the faith of Your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of Your kingdom where You live for ever and ever.
- R/. Amen.
- C. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- R/. And also with you.
- C. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

An appropriate sign of peace is made by all (in church by bowing)

#### **AGNUS DEI**

The celebrant and people say together:

All: Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

#### **COMMUNION PRAYER**

C. Let us pray together:

**KNEEL** 

All: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit Your death brought life to the world.

By Your holy Body and Blood free me from all my sins and from every evil. Keep me faithful to Your teaching and never let me be parted from You.

The celebrant takes the Sacred Host, saying:

C. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the name of the Lord.

The celebrant and congregation together say once:

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The celebrant says:

C. May the Body of Christ bring me to everlasting life:

The celebrant reverently consumes the Sacred Host. Taking the Chalice, he says:

C. May the Blood of Christ bring me to everlasting life:

The celebrant reverently consumes the Blood of Christ.

#### THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Holding a Host above the ciborium, the celebrant says:

C. This is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to the table of the Lord.

**KNEEL or SIT** 

Now, taking the ciborium, the celebrant distributes Holy Communion.

# **COMMUNION HYMN**

# Hear Me, Jesus



#### POST COMMUNION HYMN

# **EVERY VALLEY**



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# C. Let us pray.

Almighty Father, through the merits of this Holy Communion, help us to show our gratitude of Your precious gift, Jesus Christ, to think more of others than of ourselves, and to seek Your presence more deeply,

We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

# R/. Amen.

#### **CONCLUDING RITE**

- C. The Lord be with you.
- R/. And also with you.
- C. May Almighty God bless you, the Father + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- R/. Amen.
- C. Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- R/. Thanks be to God.



#### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

# O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL



Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3–6, para. in *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818–1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal 1940*, alt. Music: *Processionale*, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890; Chant, Mode I.

#### Announcements

Requests for all announcements must be received by noon Wednesday each week.

Please contact Justine Fazziola (bvmc.bulletin@gmail.com)

- This Sunday after Mass we will decorate church for Christmas. Your help will be greatly appreciated.
- This week **children will have their Confessions**. Please make appointment with Fr. Mark.
- On Wednesday at 6:30 we will gather for the Advent Penitential Service followed by the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
- Next Sunday, December 15th during Parish Wigilia Prayer Partners 2024 will finally identify themselves to one another. We will also be selecting secret Prayer Partners for 2025 and you will pray for the person you select for one year. <a href="Prayer Partners 2025">Prayer Partners 2025</a> sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway. <a href="Please sign up by December 8th">Please sign up by December 8th</a>.
- Thank you' for your continuing support of our parish. You can donate by mail: BVMC Parish, 250 Old Maxwell Rd., Latham NY 12110, or through online giving, <a href="https://www.bvmc.org/giving">https://www.bvmc.org/giving</a> which is secure and easy. If you need assistance, please contact our financial officers, George Urciuoli or Mark Peplowski via email: <a href="https://bvmc.church@gmail.com">bvmc.church@gmail.com</a>.



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# Happening at BVMC

# Monday–Friday, December 9–13)

Children's Confessions (by appointment)

## Wednesday, December 11

6:30 pm Penitential Service & Anointing of the Sick

## Saturday, December 14

5:00 pm Vigil Mass of Sunday 2–6 pm Holiday Food Sale

# Sunday, December 15

9:00 am Holy Mass (also livestream)

Lectors: Patricia Cantor: Dick Mossey
Greeter: Marianne Trustees: Diane, Jeff

10:15 am Parish "Wigilia" with Choir & Sunday School Presentation



#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Christmas Eve, Dec 24 (Tue) - Hymns & Music for Reflection (9:15 pm)

- Solemn Mass of Christmas Night (9:30 pm)

January 19 - Annual Parish Meeting

January 26 - Parish Committee 2025 Oath of Office



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