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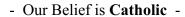
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Christmas Bulletin 2024

CHRISTMAS 2024







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 - Our Music is Classical -
 - Our Devotion is Marian -
 - Our Heart is Eucharistic -

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CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

For an intention for healthy babies in the new year	by Gene & Judy Michael
For an intention that my sons return to the Church	by Mark Walker
In honor of the Latin Mass Community	by Mr. & Mrs. Robert
	Gilkinson
In memory of Amelia Martello	Mr. & Mrs. David Martello
In memory of Angelo Zegarelli	by Vincent & Vivian
	Zegarelli
In memory of Bob & Margaret McDonald, Kenneth &	by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth
Yolanda Roush, and Susan Marie Roush	Roush
In memory of Brandon Polito, the D'Aries Family, and the	by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony
Polito Family	Polito
In memory of deceased members of the Halecki and	by Mr. & Mrs. Andrew
Castaldo Families	Halecki
In memory of Janice LaPietra	by the Vargas Family
In memory of Joan Ishman and Monica Reulbach	by Charles Ishman
In memory of JoAnn Yount	by Robert Yount
In memory of Joe Ziarko	by Ginny Maurer
In memory of John Ozminkowski, Marge Ozminkowski,	by Mike Ozminkowski
Frank Ozminkowski, Violet Weigand, and the Coffey	
Family	
In memory of Joseph LoGiudice	by Jean LoGiudice
In memory of Lutz Neumann and in honor of Olga	by Margarita Neumann
Fleisher	
In memory of Richard Curran, Richard Connelly, Anne	by Mr. & Mrs. Frederick
Jones, and Christine McDaniel	Curran
In memory of Rocky & Ida May, Mario & Rodolfa	by Mr. & Mrs. William
Campomizzi, and Nick & Sandy Temperato	May
In memory of St. John Paul II. In honor of Mom & Dad,	by Matthew Gabello
Luke Gabello, Jarod Gabello, and Father Bonsignore.	1 M. O M. M. M11
In memory of the Buell and Matthews Families	by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Buell
In mamory of the deceased members of the Junus and	by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel
In memory of the deceased members of the Jurus and O'Connor families	O'Connor
In memory of the deceased members of the Wayne and	by Scott & Mary Rita
Whitcomb families	Whitcomb
In memory of the deceased members of the	by Joel Wojciechowski
Wojciechowski and Kowalski families, the victims of the	by Joel Wojeleenowski
Ukraine-Russia war, and deceased souls in 2024. In honor	
of the Champions of the Latin Rite.	
In memory of the soul of Robert Lockemeyer	by the Lockemeyer Family
In memory of William & Helen Robertson, and Robert &	by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gray
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And for the intentions of:	I.
Suzanne McGovern	Julia Ferris
Marie Davias	Mr. & Mrs. John Facci
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VISITORS

We are delighted that you are joining us today to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. We hope you have a blessed and holy Christmas season! Please find out more about our growing community:

- **SUNDAY MASSES** offered in both the Ordinary (English) 9:00am and Extraordinary Form (Latin) 11:15am.
- **The Confessions** before and after Latin mass on Sundays. Two priests are available on the first Sunday of the Month.
- H Our **ADORATION CHAPEL** has available open hours to visit the Lord Monday through Friday 9:00am to 10:00pm, year-round.
- 4 Our classical MUSIC PROGRAM consists of traditional polyphony (English & Latin) and Schola with Gregorian Chant (Latin).
- Our **FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM** meets in between Masses throughout the school year for Pre-K through Confirmation.
- We have weekly **COFFEE HOURS** for fellowship and friendship.
- We have many fun **SOCIAL EVENTS** throughout the year including Breakfast with Santa, Women's Brunch near Mother's Day, Community Picnic, Outdoor Movies on the Lawn, Family Rosary & Snow Playday, Friday Storytime in the Summer and more.
- We have an active **WOMEN'S GROUP** called The Fellowship of Mary and Martha that meets monthly.
- ₩ We have an active **MEN'S GROUP** called the Men of St. Joseph that meets biweekly.
- Our **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL** facilitates various projects throughout the year and hosts or sponsors most of the events above.
- ₩ We **SUPPORT EACH OTHER** through MealTrain's when a community member is in a time of need.



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

All Christmas Masses	Pro Populo
Next Sunday 9:00am	For Ginny Maurer and Joe Ziarko+ , Anniversary of Marriage, 46 years Requested by G. Maurer
Next Sunday 11:15am	For Diane Raftery Leavy + Requested by the Leavy Family

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Attendance	Nov 17	Nov 24	Dec 1	Dec 8	Average
English Mass	143	144	131	130	137
Latin Mass	244	261	212	207	231

Cash/Checks	\$ 4,080	\$10,309	\$ 4,224	\$ 5,073	\$ 5,922
Online Giving	\$ 685	\$ 688	\$ 628	\$ 846	\$ 712
TOTALS	\$ 4,765	\$10,997	\$ 4,852	\$5,919	\$ 6,633

Our weekly average target amount is \$5,500. Thank you for your donations in support of our community. They are certainly needed, as is your ongoing generosity and continued prayer. Please remember to use the collection boxes on your way up to communion or at any time before or after Mass.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains

> Gloria In Excelsis Deo Gloria In Excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? Say what may the tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song?

> Gloria In Excelsis Deo Gloria In Excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem and see Him Whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King

> Gloria In Excelsis Deo Gloria In Excelsis Deo

See him in a manger laid, Whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.

> Gloria In Excelsis Deo Gloria In Excelsis Deo

OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 12, 15

Thine are the heavens, and Thine is the earth, the world and the fullness thereof Thou hast founded: justice and judgment are the preparation of Thy Throne.

SECRET Sanctify, O Lord, the gifts offered to Thee by the new birth of Thine Only-begotten Son: and cleanse us from the stains of our sins. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

PREFACE OF THE NATIVITY It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God: for through the Mystery of the Word made flesh, the new light of Thy glory hath shone upon the eyes of our mind, so that while we acknowledge God in visible form, we may through Him be drawn to the love of things invisible. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing the hymn of Thy glory, evermore saying:

COMMUNION Psalms 97: 3

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

POST COMMUNION Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that as the Savior of the world, born on this day, is the Author of our heavenly birth, so He may also be to us the Giver of immortality. Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

RECESSIONAL HYMN (Page 17)



PRAYING FOR THE SICK & INFIRM

PRAYER LIST Those who are in special need of intercession by our prayerful community may have their names listed in our bulletin. To put names on the list, leave a message at 585-305-6394.

Fr. Robert Bradler	Patrick Bleier	Jim & Jackie Ansbury
Charles Ishman	Roseanne Maxwell	Peggy Butler
Fr. Peter Helfrich	Joseph Lusardi	Joshua & Sammy Polito
James Gullo	Patti Baker-Lennox	Kathleen Dionese
Leni Lestari	Jonah Dimitro	Geoffrey Hopgood
Jane Hopgood	Dr. Thomas Sweeney	Amy Cristillo
Dr. Joseph Carbone	Janet Griswald	Fr. Michael Copenhagen
Barbara Lynch		

CHRISTMAS: A TIME FOR HOMECOMING

Once again, the Church, our alma Mater (loving Mother), invites us to welcome our Infant King into our hearts. She also calls her absent and distant sons and daughters to "come home" to the family of God, the household of faith gathering in the House of the Lord.

Catholic returnees need to remember the Church's traditional rules on the reception of Holy Communion. Practicing Catholics who are *spiritually prepared* (i.e. not conscious of mortal sin on their souls) may approach the altar rail to make a *worthy* Communion. If one has been away from Masses of Obligation (due to one's own fault) or if there is another reason for being ill prepared, the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) is necessary *before* the reception of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord. We should always approach this awesome Eucharistic Mystery with souls empty of grave sin and *full* of great love. As in the awesome Incarnational Mystery of the Word-made flesh in the stable of Bethlehem, here holy fear and deep love co-mingle.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

2nd & 4th MONDAY'S OF EACH MONTH MEN OF ST JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP meets in the Parish Center/Chapel at 8:30pm.

THE JANUARY 1 HOLY DAY is OBLIGATORY this year, 2025 ENGLISH VIGIL MASS will be on December 31, at 5:30pm LATIN HOLY DAY MASS will be on January 1, at 11:00am

WEEKLY NOTICES

USHERS NEEDED new ushers are needed to empty the collection boxes and bag the donations after the 9:00am English Mass. This is a task that takes about ten minutes. We have only two men who do this every week. We need to give them a break and ensure we have trained people to cover if they are absent. Please contact Bill May wgmay 48 at gmail dotcom to sign up. If you have been wondering what you can do to support the Parish, this is a great way to get involved. Thank you.

CMA 2024-2025 is in full swing. Our goal is \$46,000 which is \$1,000 less than the past two years. Through 12/17 we have 28 pledges totaling \$7,685 or 16.7% of our goal. Last year, our parish reached its goal! As a reminder if you are at the age where you have to take a required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA, this is an excellent way to make your contribution to the CMA and receive a tax benefit. Your wealth advisor can assist you in this process. Please remember to indicate in your distribution check our parish number 400! You can also give online at https://www.dor.org/giving/catholic-ministries-appeal. Once again make sure you indicate our parish number 400. As a reminder, any shortfall of our goal will have to be made up by the parish operating funds. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. Thank you for your continuing generous support to our Parish! God Bless You.

BULLETIN ADS Please consider supporting our community by placing an advertisement in the bulletin or honor a loved one with an in-memoriam spot. We currently have two spots available. Ads are only \$10 per month or \$100 per year and help cover the cost of printing the bulletin each week. See back page for contact info.

Wishing all our community members and visitors alike a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

INTROIT Isaiah 45: 8

A Child is born to us, and a Son is given to us: Whose government is upon His shoulder and His Name shall be called the Angel of Great Counsel. (Ps. 97: 1) Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle: for He hath done wonderful things. Glory be. A Child is...

COLLECT Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that the new birth in the flesh of Thine only-begotten Son may set us free, whom the old bondage doth hold under the yoke of sin. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

EPISTLE Hebrews 1: 1-12

God, Who at sundry times and in divers manners spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets, last of all in these days hath spoken to us by His Son, Whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the world: Who being the brightness of His glory and the figure of His substance, and upholding all things by the word of His power, making purgation of sins, sitteth on the right hand of the Majesty on high: being made so much better than the angels, as He hath inherited a more excellent name than they. For to which of the angels hath He said at any time: Thou art my Son, today have I begotten Thee? And again: I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son? And again, when He bringeth in the first begotten into the world, He saith: And let all the angels of God adore Him. And to the angels indeed He saith: He that maketh His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire. But to the Son: Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a scepter of justice is the scepter of Thy kingdom. Thou hast loved justice and hated iniquity: therefore God, Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows. And: Thou in the beginning, O Lord, didst found the earth: and the works of Thy hands are the heavens. They shall perish, but Thou shalt continue: and they shall all grow old as a garment: and as a vesture shalt Thou change them and they shall be changed: but Thou art the self-same, and Thy years shall not fail.

GRADUAL Psalms 97: 3, 4, 2

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God: sing joyfully to God, all the earth. The Lord hath made known His salvation: He hath revealed His justice in the sight of the Gentiles.

GOSPEL John 1: 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was made nothing that was made: In Him was life, and the life was the light of men; and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to testify concerning the light, that all might believe through Him. He was not the light, but he was to testify concerning the light. That was the true light, which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them He gave power to become sons of God, to them that believe in His Name, who are born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (Here all kneel) AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, and dwelt among us: and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE DAY

PROCESSION TO THE CRECHE

Adeste, fideles, laeti triumphantes
Venite, venite in Bethlehem.
Natum videte Regem angelorum.
Venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus, Dominum.

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

PROCESSION TO THE CRECHE

Silent Night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight; Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light; Radiant beams from thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR

Adeste, fideles, laeti triumphantes Venite, venite in Bethlehem. Natum videte Regem angelorum. Venite adoremus, Venite adoremus, Venite adoremus, Dominum.

O come, all ye faithful,
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CONFITEOR I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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GLORIA Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 62: 1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch. Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with 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, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SANCTUS | **MYSTERY OF FAITH** Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, You have set us free.

AGNUS DEI



CHRISTMAS MASS AT DAWN

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GLORIA Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 62: 11-12

See, the LORD proclaims to the ends of the earth: say to daughter Zion, your savior comes! Here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. They shall be called the holy people, the redeemed of the LORD, and you shall be called "Frequented," a city that is not forsaken.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

THE SECOND READING Timothy 3: 4-7

Beloved: When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-25

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

CREDO I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were

THE SECOND READING Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia and entered the synagogue, he stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, "Fellow Israelites and you others who are God-fearing, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and exalted the people during their sojourn in the land of Egypt. With uplifted arm he led them out of it. Then he removed Saul and raised up David as king; of him he testified, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will carry out my every wish.' From this man's descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.'"

GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-25

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

CREDO I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, AND BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS INCARNATE OF THE VIRGIN MARY AND BECAME MAN. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with 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, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN RECESSIONAL HYMN

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the King and peace to all the earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray, cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

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AGNUS DEI

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Come to Bethlehem and see Him Whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King

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See him in a manger laid, Whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.

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