



ADVENT

Second Sunday of Advent
WORSHIP AID

December 5, 2021

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church



Prayer to St. Joseph

St. Joseph, by that assistance which Jesus and Mary gave you at death, I beg you to protect me in a special way at the hour of my death, so that dying assisted by you, in the company of Jesus and Mary, I may go to thank you in heaven, and in your company sing God's praises for all eternity. Amen.

On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis proclaimed a special "Year of Saint Joseph," extending to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, 2021.

*In a new Apostolic Letter entitled **Patris Corde** ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of Saint Joseph as a Patron of the Universal Church, describing him as a model father and a support and guide for troubled times.*

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Hymn

Read the Way *C. Stephan*

**Ready the way, ready the way,
ready the way of the Lord.
Ready the way, ready the way,
ready the way of the Lord.**

As we wait for you,
give us the strength to walk in
your truth,
so we may love more like you
and ready the way for you, Lord.

Make straight the road,
raise the valleys, and mountains
make low.
Turning from sin, let the broken
be whole,
and ready the way of the Lord.

Let us see your face;
in our hearts we prepare a place.
Come bring this world
your mercy and grace,
as we ready the way for you, Lord.

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PENITENTIAL ACT

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

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.

And, striking their breast, they say: **Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;**

Then they continue:

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.

KYRIE

Mass of Renewal *C. Stephan*

Kyrie, eleison. **Kyrie, eleison.**
Christe, eleison. **Christe, eleison.**
Kyrie, eleison. **Kyrie, eleison.**

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Baruch 5:1-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Baruch.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 126

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

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

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

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

HOMILY

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

At this time, offer up any prayers you have for yourself, loved ones, and the world. Place your prayers on the altar with the bread and wine to be offered up to God during consecration.



Preparation Hymn

The Wonders of Your Love *T. Booth & B. Walther*

You take the old and you make it new,
and restore the hearts of the wayward ones.
You take the simple and make it beautiful.
Breathe within.

**O Blessed Light, within us shine;
you're so wonderful, so wonderful!
O Welcome Guest, come give us rest;
you're so wonderful!
Oh, the wonders of your love!
Oh, the wonders of your love!**

You take what's broken and make it whole again;
you take the sinful, you make it pure.
praise for the mercy you give so freely.
Breathe within, breathe within.

Come, Holy Spirit, and dwell within us;
give us the joy that will never end.
Inspire worship in truth and spirit.
Breathe within.

Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
cleanse this stubborn heart and will.
Make my life a song of praise,
every moment, all my days.

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BERAKAH PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just.**

HOLY

Mass of Renewal *C. Stephan*

Holy, Holy, Holy
Lord God of hosts.
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.
Hosanna in the highest.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Renewal *C. Stephan*

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

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GREAT AMEN

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Amen, amen, amen.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD

Mass of Renewal *C. Stephan*

Lamb of God,
you take away the
sins of the world,
have mercy, have
mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the
sins of the world,
have mercy, have
mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the
sins of the world,
grant us, grant us
peace.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

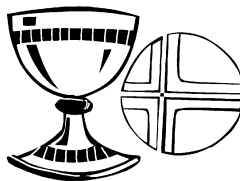
Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION

At this time, we invite those celebrating at home to make a Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Communion Hymn

Darkness hangs, the world is aching,
Yearning for the coming light.
In his rising, hope awaking,
Love has come to steal the night.
In our hearts true east we're facing,
Toward the coming of our Lord.
Morning rising, gloom now fleeing;
Christ returned! His word is true!

As we wait with hope for rescue
Love descends and all is well.
Prophets tell, "Your God is with us.
Heaven's gift, Emmanuel."
He is here, but hid as lowly
In the poor and mystery.
Where the bread and wine are
offered
He is here: our God and King.

Communion Hymn

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul;
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before,
O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.**

The sun comes up,
it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass,
and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening
comes.

You're rich in love
and you're slow to anger.

Christ the Lord *S. Hart & R. Feduccia*

Parting clouds reveal his wonder:
Mighty King in victory.
Trembling earth and rolling thunder,
Blazing sun and quaking sea.
Now he comes, our King, in glory;
Saints rejoice and darkness flees.
Rising rays of light his chariot,
Christ the Lord has made us free.

On us now the Son is shining,
Lifting us to his embrace.
Shame is cursed, no more
confounding;
Lift your head and know his face.
Love incarnate, breath indwelling,
Now in truth is truth made known.
We are his and he forever
Is our God and he alone.

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10,000 Reasons *Sj. Myrin & M. Redman*

Your name is great
and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness,
I will keep on singing:
ten thousand reasons
for my heart to find.

And on that day,
when my strength is failing,
the end draws near,
and my time has come;
still, my soul will sing
your praise unending:
ten thousand years, and then
forevermore.

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Communion Hymn

Taste and See *J. E. Moore Jr.*

**Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times.
His praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord
for he has been so good to me.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise his name.
I called the Lord and he answered me; from all my troubles he set me free.

Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that God is good;
in him we need put all our trust.

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CONCLUDING RITES

FINAL BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. **Thanks be to God**



**Find us ready, Lord,
not standing still.
Find us working and loving
and doing your will.
Find us ready, Lord,
faithful in love,
building the kingdom
that's here and above,
building the kingdom
of mercy and love.**

We must wait for the Lord
for we know not the time.
So here and today
we gather and pray,
discovering love in our midst.

We must make straight the path,
God's love revealed.
With sin cast aside,
God's mercy alive,
fear not for here is your God.

Lifting up those bowed down,
we prepare for our God.
Rejoice in the Lord,
for hope has been born
in hearts where our God finds a home.

Optional Final Ending
Brick by brick, stone by stone,
find us working and loving and doing your will.
Find us ready, Lord, faithful in love,
building the kingdom that's here and above.



Thank you for worshipping with the St. Francis community.

Our current Mass schedule is as follows:

Mondays-Fridays at 7:15 a.m.

Tuesdays at Noon

Saturdays at 4:30 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.

These Mass times may be subject to change.

At this time, confessions are available Wednesdays from Noon-1 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. You are also welcome to call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment at 515-223-4577.

We continue to stream the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on our YouTube channel.
(This Mass will also be interpreted in American Sign Language.)

Remember that recordings of our live videos will be posted to our **YouTube** channel. Search for ***St. Francis of Assisi West Des Moines*** and subscribe to receive the latest video updates.

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