

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,

leading Joseph like a flock; *

shine forth, you that are enthroned
upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim,

Benjamin, and Manasseh, *

stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, *

how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; *

you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *

the son of man you have made

so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; *

give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.



SECOND READING

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

**WE REMEMBER BEFORE GOD ALL PEOPLE THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN DISRUPTED
BY VIOLENCE OR WAR.**

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR PEACE
AND FOR NEW BEGINNINGS.**

AS WE PRAY, LET US REMEMBER

✠ Those in special need, especially Yamile; Wally; Christopher; Teri; Kay; Krista; Roland; Nathan & his family; Brayden; John; Ken; Karen; Larry & Leslie; Keira .

✠ We pray for those who have died.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU! THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING ON TIME AND WITH BEAUTIFULLY WRAPPED GIFTS THE CHILDREN AND MOMS ARE GOING TO LOVE. It will sure make a HUGE difference in these lives! I was able to deliver all of the gifts on Monday morning, so they will have a chance to call parents and give them time to pick up the gifts. Imagine picking up piles of gifts for 3 kids and mom-- WOW. You've certainly put the CHRIST in Christmas for them. Thanks again- you are wonderful! Dan

DIOCESAN WINTER FAMILY CAMP Treat your family to Christmas in the Pines! To end our twelve days of Christmas, let's keep celebrating and ring in Epiphany together in a beautiful place. We will have stories, a campfire, carols, cocoa, crafts, and lots of holiday fun to finish the season. Give yourselves the gift of time together at Chapel Rock.

Please note that our office will be closed Tuesday December 24 through Wednesday January 1.

**TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY &
OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE
WILL NOT BE HELD THIS WEEK OR NEXT WEEK.
WE WILL RESUME JANUARY 8.**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today ***Holy Eucharist Rite I*** **8 AM**
Nursery care 9:30–11:15 AM
Sunday School (CH 2 & 8) 9:45 AM
Youth Group (CH 6) 9:45 AM
Holy Eucharist Rite II/Youth Sunday **10 AM**
Praise Band Practice 11:30 AM

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### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Carol Sing (Joyful Noise Choir /Congregation) 6 PM  
Christmas Pageant/Holy Eucharist Rite II 6:30 PM  
Carol Sing (Chancel Choir/Congregation) 8:30 PM  
Holy Eucharist Rite I 9 PM

### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

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Holy Eucharist Rite II/Youth Sunday **10 AM**
Music by Joel Joa

Our altar flowers are given by
The Bratcher Family
For the Gift of Christ

FOOD PANTRY
grape jelly, pancake mix & syrup
ravioli, spaghettios
cookies

BLESSING BAGS
Travel size or individually wrapped please
Goldfish, snack size Oreos,
granola bars, fruit snacks