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Wow—What to talk about? The 3rd Edition of the Roman Missal is out, I survived my most hated chore of introducing new music to the congregation, at least a third of the congregation doesn't realize there has been a change and is confused about why everyone else is saying something different from them...but we're getting there. :)

So, how about just some things to reflect on for each week this newsletter covers?

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December 3/4, 2 Advent: PREPARE THE WAY

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord." In *Godspell*, John the Baptist blows his horn and announces his cousin's coming. But Jesus is not an actor or a clown—he is the Christ, the Messiah, the one whom the prophets said would put all things back in order and the one who baptizes not just with water but with the Spirit of God. Like John, his cousin, Jesus planted the seeds of our salvation when the two met on Jordan's bank. In God's own good time, it comes to flower. For our world, the Lord is a patient gardener, and the gardener's time is not ours. Thanks be to God! We are called to be ready for the harvest. Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 1996, OCP. All rights reserved.

December 10/11, 3 Advent: REJOICE

Be filled with joy. Pray constantly. Give God thanks because the Lord expects us to give thanks and praise in Christ Jesus. Jesus comes with good news to free us and to clothe us with salvation. With the bridal cloak to shield us, the church helps us witness to the bright divine light of the Lord in our lives. Each event in our life is part of the coming of the Lord; John the Baptizer announces Jesus' arrival. Will we receive him—with his cross—joyfully? Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 1999, OCP. All rights reserved.

December 17/18, 4 Advent: MARANATHA!

Gabriel the archangel brought hard joy to the Virgin Mary: "Rejoice, most favored, the Lord is with you. If you agree, you will have a baby who is your savior and your God." What an awe-filled choice! And Mary said, "Yes." Such cooperation between the Lord and the woman begins the revelation of the great hidden mystery: the presence of Christ Jesus, Savior and Lord, among us. Celebrating Mary's choice, give glory to God through the only begotten son, Jesus. Maranatha! Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 1999, OCP. All rights reserved.



Music Ministry Flower Fund

Summary:

Prior Balance:	\$112.00
Contributions:	\$0.00
Purchases:	\$0.00
Balance:	\$112.00

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy
birthday dear friends, happy birthday to you!

Agnes Poe 12/24
Noreen Neel 12/31
Emma Carpenter 2/7
Jeanne Heather 2/25



		December 3-4, 2nd Advent	Ch/Yth Choir @ 11	January 7-8	Epiphany	Choir 11	
CHANT MASS	Opening	39, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel		109, Angels From the Realms of Glory			MASS OF CREATION, REVISED
	Offertory	42, Maranatha		103, We Three Kings			
	Communion	442 We Will Rise Again, Any Maranatha		Organist's Choice			
	Closing	64, Ready the Way		82, Joy to the World			
		December 10-11, 3rd Advent	Choir, 11am	January 14-15, 2nd Ordinary			
CHANT MASS	Opening	39, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel		310, Table of Plenty			MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR
	Offertory	372, Servant Song		375, Here I Am, Lord			
	Communion	Organist's Choice		337 Behold the Lamb, 697 Give Me Jesus, 436 See Ye 1st			
	Closing	40, Come Thou Long Expected Jesus		370, Lord You Give the Great Comission			
		December 17-18, 4th Advent		January 21-22, 3rd Ordinary	Choir 8:30		
CHANT MASS	Opening	39, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel		575, Sing a New Song			MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR
	Offertory	717, Mary's Song		380, The Summons			
	Communion	Organist's Choice		522 Lord You Have Come, 492 Eye Has Not Seen			
	Closing	52, O Come Divine Messiah		200, Beautiful Savior			
		December 24, 4pm Mass	Ch/Youth Choir	January 28-29, 4th Ordinary			
MASS OF CREATION, REVISED	Opening	All Music will be in program Opening—O Come All Ye Faithful Offertory—Angels We Have Heard on High Closing—Joy to the World		302, Gather Us In			MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR
	Offertory			436, Seek Ye First			
	Communion			635 Blest Are They, 522 Lord You Have Come			
	Closing			543, We Are the Light of the World			
		December 24, 10pm Mass	Choir	February 4-5, 5th Ordinary			
MASS OF CREATION, REVISED	Opening	All Music will be in program Opening—Joy to the World Offertory—Silent Night Closing—Hark the Herald Angels Sing		210, Holy, Holy, Holy			MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR
	Offertory			406, Earthen Vessels			
	Communion			491 You Are Mine, 583 The Cry of the Poor			
	Closing			373, City of God			
		December 25, 11am Mass	Christmas Day	February 11-12, 6th Ordinary			
MASS OF CREATION, REVISED	Opening	81, O Come, All Ye Faithful		205, We Gather Together			MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR
	Offertory	91, Silent Night		441, Only A Shadow			
	Communion	Organist's Choice		492, Eye Has Not Seen, 462 Ubi Caritas			
	Closing	82, Joy to the World		199, Blessed By Your Sacrifice			
		December 31-January 1	Solemnity of Mary	February 18-19, 7th Ordinary			
MASS OF CREATION, REVISED	Opening	85, Hark the Herald Angels Sing		415, The Church's One Foundation			MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR
	Offertory	707, Hail Mary, Gentle Woman		610, We Are Many Parts			
	Communion	Organist's Choice		351 Eat This Bread, 424 Amazing Grace			
	Closing	85, Hark, the Herald Angels Sing		343, I Am the Bread of Life			

Calendar

December 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
						5pm Mass
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:30 Mass—Jean/DeeDee YFF 11 Mass—Youth Choir			6:30 Cantors 7:00 Choir	9am Mass 7pm Mass		5pm Mass
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:30 Mass - Barbie/Bernard YFF 11 Mass—Choir			6:30 Cantors 7:00 Choir			5pm Mass
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:30 Mass—Barbie/Jeanne YFF 11 Mass—Jean/Carol	7:00 Choir		6:30 Cantors 7:00 Choir		5:30—Youth Choir 6:30— Pageant Prac- tice	4pm—Youth Choir 10pm—Choir
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
8:30 Mass—SFX YFF 11 Mass—Jean/Bernard			No Cantor/Choir Rehearsals			
January 2012						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:30 Mass—Jean/DeeDee NO YFF 11 Mass—Barbie/Bob			6:30 Cantors 7:00 Choir			5pm Mass
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:30 Mass—Barbie/Bernard YFF 11 Mass—Choir			6:30 Cantors 7:00 Choir			5pm Mass
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:30 Mass—Barbie/Jeanne YFF 11 Mass—Jean/Carol			6:30 Cantors 7:00 Choir			5pm Mass
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8:30 Mass—Choir YFF 11 Mass—Barbie/Bob			6:30 Cantors 7:00 Choir			5pm Mass
29	30					
8:30 Mass—Barbie/DeeDee YFF 11 Mass—Barbie/Carol						

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*Saint Cecilia, heroic martyr
who stayed faithful to Jesus
your divine bridegroom, give us
faith to rise above our persecu-
tors and to see in them the
image of our Lord. We know
that you were a musician and
we are told that you heard
angels sing. Inspire musicians to
gladden the hearts of people
by filling the air with God's
gift of music and reminding
them of the Divine Musician
Who created all beauty. Amen.*

December 24/25, Christmas: BORN TODAY

Today we rejoice. God has become one of us. He is a baby, born so we could be born into and share in God's own life. God's love greets us as equals, so we can, like Mary, freely say "yes" to this mysterious gift. If we accept this gift, we become children of God, members of the divine family, and full of grace like Mary. Baptism and confirmation are the acts of our rebirth; the Eucharist is our nourishment to grow in God's family. When we are grown up he will return for us. Are you ready? *Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 2001, OCP. All rights reserved.*

December 31/January 1, Solemnity of Mary: GOD BEARER

In 431 CE, the Council of Ephesus gave the Blessed Virgin Mary the proud title of "Mother of God," or Theotokos, the bearer of God. This gives her a special place in the Christian family. Without her "yes," God's entire plan would have been different, but before, during and afterward she is very much a human mother, even though her womb contained what all of creation could not contain. Today we honor her for her task and for all her motherly care. *Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 2001, OCP. All rights reserved.*

January 7/8, Epiphany: VENITE, ADOREMUS

Wise men came bearing gifts to confirm their star talk, for the infant Jesus is revealed as the mystery saving everyone—believers and pagans. All people are encompassed in the good news, the promise of the Gospel. All share the same inheritance. All share Christ's body, the New Jerusalem that is the church mothering us to salvation. God's brightness draws us close as a family. Daughters and sons share in God's life. Come, let us adore him! *Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 2000, OCP. All rights reserved.*

January 14/15, 2nd Ordinary: REPENT

Repent and believe the good news! Come, follow me! Andrew, first to respond, brought along his brother Simon whom Jesus nicknamed Cephas, which means Peter, which means rock. Then came the fisher brothers, James and John. These four are the great witnesses to Jesus' public work. We hear the same call: "Come, follow me" into new life. God raises us up, too, if we follow Jesus. Time is short. The world we know is passing away. Are we ready to give witness? *Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 2000, OCP. All rights reserved.*

January 21/22, 3rd Ordinary: DISCIPLES AND APOSTLES

"Come after me," said Jesus, "and I will make you fishers of people." Those are two functions, two sides of the same coin. Following the path of a master is the work of a disciple, student or apprentice. Going fishing for people, however, is the work of a person sent in the name of another. The Twelve were fishers of people for Christ Jesus. Are not we also both disciples and apostles for Christ Jesus? Yes. In his name we proclaim the Gospel of God. The time is now; God's reign is breaking in! We proclaim that Good News in word and deed to all because we love them. *Text, James A. Wilde, PhD © 2000, OCP. All rights reserved.*

January 28/29, 4th Ordinary: GOOD NEWS

Capernaum, hometown of Simon and Andrew, became Jesus' home base too. On the Sabbath, he went out to the synagogue to teach with authority over physical and spiritual evils. He dramatically cast out devils, curing Simon's mother-in-law and healing many other sick people. Jesus went about the messianic work. That labor came to fruition as he cast out death itself in his passover to resurrection. Bolstered by prayer, Jesus single-mindedly set out to spread the good news. How do we join him? *Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 2000, OCP. All rights reserved.*

February 4/5, 5th Ordinary: EVANGELIZATION

"Let us go to nearby towns to preach there," said Jesus. How spontaneously he evangelized! Of course, Jesus did not find evangelization easy when it meant carrying the cross and then dying on it. His passover to third-day glory, however, gave cruel crucifixion new significance. Risen life gives direction to all growth. Whether we call our lack of growth "sin," "demon," "disease" or "death," Jesus shows us how to pass through it and into newness. How well he preaches the good news in our town! *Text, James A. Wilde, PhD © 2000, OCP. All rights reserved.*

February 11/12, 6th Ordinary: DISEASE AND SIN

The begging leper and the paralytic dropped in, and both wanted to be cured of their ailments, including their sin. Overcoming religious fears and social customs, they made their requests. Jesus replied, "Yes, of course," and then made the point that healing from sin and healing from disease are two sides of the same coin. Do we have courage enough to overcome worries and beg healing from the Lord in the church? If we seek sacramental reconciliation, Jesus will surely reply, "Yes, of course." *Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 2000, OCP. All rights reserved.*

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Catherine Briscoe
Agnes Barnes
Deacon Joel's Mom