

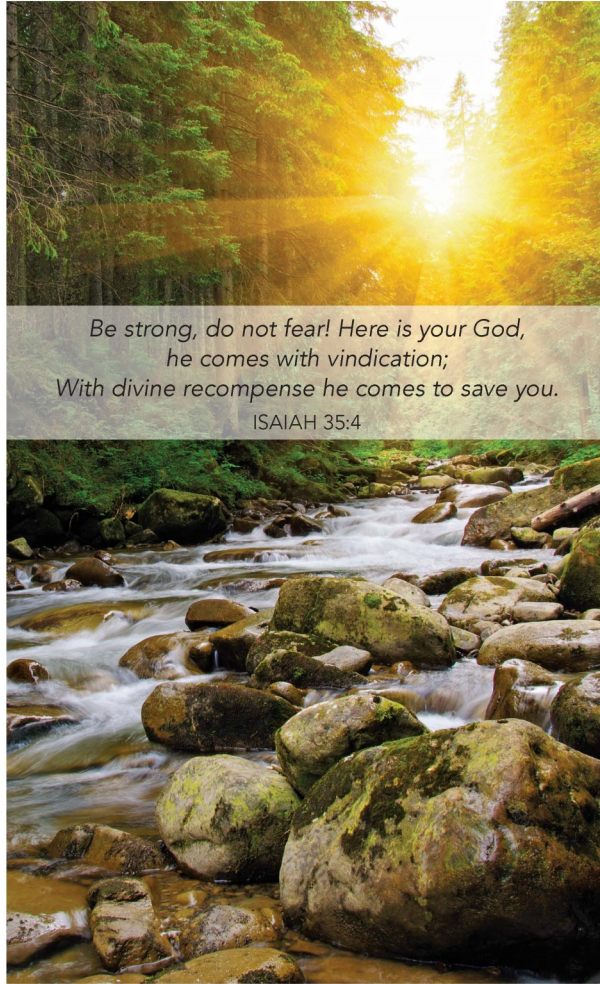
The Splendor of God

"Here is your God!" Who wouldn't run to see this marvel? Isaiah 35 tells us what to look for: nature will explode with excitement and splendor, and the hardships of life will no longer hold us captive. Is this really possible, or is it merely hopeful poetry? Jesus tells the disciples of John the Baptist that it's possible. In fact he, Jesus, is the one who has ushered in the kingdom of heaven. Since that is true, why don't you and I see it?

The reading from James sheds light on this. There is something truly wondrous about earth bringing forth "precious fruit" (James 5:7). Our understanding of how the development and emergence of fruits occur does not make the fact of natural growth any less wondrous. Farmers know this well. They also know that such growth will occur only when human labor cooperates with the laws of nature designed by God. In other words, the farmer provides the labor while God provides the life-giving sun and rain.

If our world does not resemble Isaiah's astonishing portrait or the healing that Jesus was able to accomplish, might it be that we have not done what we can to remedy the hardships of life that hold so many captive? When God enters our lives, he provides us with the power we need to change our world, but we must be willing to allow that power to work through us. If we are open to God in our midst, our world will be rich with life and healing, and everyone will know that God is really here.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



*Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God,
he comes with vindication;
With divine recompense he comes to save you.*
ISAIAH 35:4

FOR Reflection

- ★ On what ways might you enrich the life of another?
- ★ What can you do to heal broken relationships in your life?

Assumption of Our Lady



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December 15, 2019

3rd Sunday of Advent—Year A

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon. Tues. & Wed .12:10 pm

Thurs. & Fri. 5:30 pm

Reconciliation time: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45pm; Sunday, 9:45-10:15am or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Innocent for any other sacraments or funerals

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Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Dec. 01	Grace Engen Marie Kopp-van E.	Darm Crook Tony Whittle	Liz Buckley & Family	Susan Bouchard Andrew Cassidy Doris Caudron	Debbie, Lennie Kelly Jaigene
Dec. 08	Doris Caudron Sheila Ryan-Hachey	Doug Swallow Andrew Cassidy	Gagnon Family	Marie Kopp-van E. Bea Lepine Theresa Swallow	Brigitte Stephens Jenn Touesnard
Dec. 15	Gerry Engen Andrew Cassidy	Dee dee Lepine Darm Crook	Stephens Family	Doug Swallow Susan Bouchard Shirley Gutierrez	TBP
Dec. 22	Youth-Led Participation Mass	Youth-Led Participation Mass	Youth-Led Participation Mass	Doris Coudron Andrew Cassidy Dee dee Lepine	Christmas Potluck

The Announcement for the 3rd Sunday of Advent: December 15th, 2019.

----- We are always delighted to welcome each and everyone who has come to worship with us here at Assumption parish. If you're a new member, please take time to introduce yourself to the pastor and fill out a registration form found at the bulletin board at the entrance of the church..

----- We're sincerely thankful to our parish maintenance person, Tony Whittle for always working around the clock in making sure that everything is in proper order in and around the Rectory and the church building. We thank him more also for making out time to mount the Christmas lights and display the Nativity status. To the team who assisted him and even donated material resource, we are grateful to too. May you be bountifully blessed at this season and beyond. THANK YOU!

_____ Youth Club/Youth-Led Mass: Our next gathering will be our Christmas Party, which will be held on Friday, December 20 at the church basement at 6:30pm. This will be a sleepover (for those who are interested but not obligated) and the Youth-led Mass youths are invited. We will continue of our learning of Virtues with virtue of Generosity. For more information or if you have any question please contact Brigitte Stephens at 306-714-7530.

----- Parishioners are encouraged to recite the 'Our Father prayer' in their native languages whenever it is intoned during mass; if it makes them connect more to the creator who is the Father of all

----- The CWL devotional rosary for the sick and the needy every Tuesday is still ongoing. More members are encouraged to participate and the time is 11:45am. [Our Wednesday daily mass is now at 12:10.](#)

----- Communion to the sick and home bound: Do you know of anyone who is sick and/or home bound and would like to be visited and given communion by the church, please let us know.

Rachel's Corner

"He reveals deep and hidden things and knows what is in the darkness, for the light dwells with him." Daniel 2:22

Have you been hiding your shame and regret in a deep and dark place within, remembering how you participated in an abortion decision, and hoping no one would ever know? God knows. He wants to help you be free of that burden and discover merciful forgiveness. Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and receive the forgiveness you are seeking.

rachelsvineyard.nwt@gmail.com 867-872-0026

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\$1,768.50	Collection
\$1,768.50	Revenue Total
\$1,831.00	Expenses Total
-\$62.50	
Expenses are based on 2018 Q1	

Dear Padre,

The Church is steeped in symbolism, tradition, and "living metaphors," but it sometimes forgets common sense. Why smell up the church with incense? Why gussy up the Mass with horns, flutes, and guitars, at times turning holy Mass into a pseudohootenanny?

The Mass is our high point of worship. All other sacred actions and activities of the Christian life "are bound up with it, flow from it, and are ordered to it" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 16). The dignity and importance of worshiping the Father in and through Christ at Mass is expressed in communion with fellow believers, and ideally through a full sensory experience with all our heart, mind, and soul. In short, if something is worth doing, it's worth doing well—especially if "doing" opens us to the mystery of God's presence through what we see, hear, smell, touch, and taste. "In the liturgy the sanctification of women and men is given expression in symbols perceptible by the senses and is carried out in ways appropriate to each of them" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [Sacrosanctum Concilium]*, 7).

Not all Mass occasions call for "smells, bells, toots, and flutes," but the visual beauty of the sacred surroundings, the sounds of sacred music, and the sacred words and actions that connect us to our traditions and to Christ's memorial institution, are intended to elevate us in our collective prayer to God. At times, such a sublime experience of the transcendent may be inhibited by sheer practicality, efficiency, and mundanity!

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Your music and your song are a true instrument of evangelization insofar as you witness to the profoundness of the Word of God that touches the hearts of people, and allows a celebration of the sacraments, especially of the Holy Eucharist, which makes one sense the beauty of paradise.

—INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF CHOIRS, NOVEMBER 24, 2018

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Calendar

- Monday**
DECEMBER 16
Advent Weekday
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a
Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday**
DECEMBER 17
Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8-10
Mt 1:1-17
- Wednesday**
DECEMBER 18
Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25
- Thursday**
DECEMBER 19
Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Lk 1:5-25
- Friday**
DECEMBER 20
Advent Weekday
Is 7:10-14
Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday**
DECEMBER 21
Advent Weekday
Sg 2:8-14 or
Zep 3:14-18a
Lk 1:39-45
- Sunday**
DECEMBER 22
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Is 7:10-14
Rom 1:1-7
Mt 1:18-24

