



# St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 13, 2020**

## Parish Mission

We are one Church: loving Jesus, serving Jesus, and sharing Jesus.

## Parish Vision

We are a vibrant Catholic church serving a diverse community in a safe and welcoming environment where we care for all people along their faith journey.

## Core Values

Discipleship • Hospitality  
Serving • Worship

## Weekend Masses

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:45 a.m.,  
3:00 p.m. (Spanish)

## Weekday Masses

Monday 6:30 a.m.  
Tuesday 6:30 a.m.  
Wednesday 6:30 a.m., 5:15 p.m.  
Thursday 6:30, 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m.  
Friday 6:30, 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday 6:30 a.m.

## Confessions

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
or by appointment

## *Longing*

God, our faithful Lord, you accomplish your will in all things.  
We await the fulfillment of your promises.  
We long for the fullness of your kingdom,  
and that longing is our ceaseless prayer.  
Until the advent of that glorious day,  
lift up our hearts in unwavering joy.  
Show us the light that has already come into our world,  
so that we may give you thanks in all that we do.  
Keep us holy and blameless  
as we undertake works of justice and promote peace,  
so that others may see and hear and know your goodness,  
and be drawn to your light.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

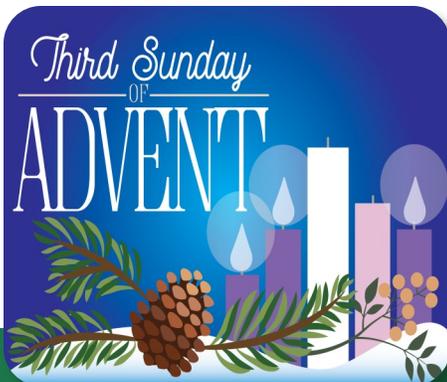
## *Expectations*

*Today's Readings: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28.* St. Paul tells the Christians in Thessalonica to discern carefully whether a word or action is truly from God, but he also warns them not to oppose the action of God's Spirit simply because it is new or unfamiliar to them. A few decades earlier some people wondered if John the Baptist was acting according to God's Spirit. They questioned him thoroughly, but despite John's testimony, they refused to believe that God had sent him. They did not rejoice in his words because John did not fit their expectations.

Although the words of our First Reading are beautiful and compelling, some people did not believe this prophecy because their experience was very different. The prophet describes the glorious restoration of Israel, but decades of ruin made the fulfillment of that promise seem remote. People struggled to rejoice in the prophet's words.

When God doesn't meet our expectations, we struggle to rejoice, too. We may question what, if anything, God is doing. As we light the pink candle of our Advent wreath, we ask God to permeate our darkness, especially our perplexed hearts. We ask God to help us see all that God is doing and wants to do through us. We also ask God to help us meet his expectations for us: expectations that we will always seek his light and rejoice and give thanks in the light we will find.

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• **Mass Intentions** •

**Monday, December 14**

St. John of the Cross

6:30 am Gene and Vera Rhodes †

6:00 pm Living and Deceased Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Men's Association

**Tuesday, December 15**

6:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the Edward and Irene Prost Family

**Wednesday, December 16**

6:30 am Gail Seiler †

5:15 pm Robert and Lena Baskis †

**Thursday, December 17**

6:30 am Mark Rice †

8:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the Elmer and Genevieve DeBrock Family

12:10 pm Living and Deceased Members of the Howard and Ellen Lewis Family

**Friday, December 18**

6:30 am Juanita Haas †

8:00 am Jerry Halter †

**Saturday, December 19**

6:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the Calvin Lynch Family

5:00 pm Charles Grojean †

**Sunday, December 20**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the Felix Scherer Family

9:00 am Collin McGuire †

10:45 am Gene and Eleanor Nenninger Family †

3:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Parish Family (Bilingual)

• **Prayer Requests** •

Please remember **Martin Sanchez**, the sick, the hospitalized, the homebound, and those who care for them. Pray also for those suffering from COVID-19 and for all healthcare workers.



**Act of Spiritual Communion**

The "Act of Spiritual Communion" is a prayer for anyone who desires to receive the Eucharist but is unable.

*"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment 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."*

*All of the people in today's readings – the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist – seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?*

**Secular Franciscan Order**

**Second Sunday of Each Month • 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
St. Vincent de Paul Parish • Upper Meeting Room**

*The Secular Franciscan Order is laity following the Rule St. Francis wrote, approved by the Pope, to support one another in living a simplified life - from Gospel to Life from Life to Gospel. Come and see! Contact Anita Tygett at 573-335-1538.*

**Men's Association Christmas Mass**

All men of the parish, ages 18 and older, are invited to the annual St. Vincent de Paul Men's Association Christmas Mass on Monday, December 14. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. here at St. Vincent Church. (*Please note new location.*) Safety practices will be in place and a meal will not be served. For more information, contact Trent Summers at 573-230-0120 or [trent@rlci.com](mailto:trent@rlci.com).

**Parish School of Religion (PSR)  
Confessions THIS Wednesday in Church**

For PSR families, Advent Confessions will take place this Wednesday, December 16, in Church. For families of students in third to eighth grades, this is your time to celebrate this wonderful Sacrament before Christmas. Father Brian and Father Rick will both be available to hear Confessions from 6:15 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Prepare the way for Jesus to enter your lives during this special time of the year!

**Confessions before Christmas**

"Prepare the Way of Lord" by making a Confession! This is the best gift you can give to yourself and to your family during the days leading up to Christmas. Confessions will be offered on the hour starting on Saturday, December 19. ("On the hour" means that the priest will be in the confessional starting at the top of the hour and remain there for 10 minutes. If no one is there, the priest will leave and return at the next hour.) Below are the times for confessions.

Saturday, December 19, at 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 20, at 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m.

Monday, December 21, at 12:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 22, at 12:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 23, at 12:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m.

**Baptismal Prep**

Parents and godparents are required to attend a baptismal preparation class before a child is baptized in the Catholic faith. The next class is scheduled for Sunday, December 20, at 4:30 p.m. and will be held in the upper meeting room. Please contact the parish office to register for the class and to fill out a baptismal registration form.

*Extend mercy towards others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping.*

## May They Rest in Peace

Sympathy is extended to the families of:  
**William Herbold**, stepfather of Tammy Morgan;  
**Harlan Sadler**, brother of Norval Sadler; and  
**Darrell Phegley**, a member of the St. Vincent Parish family.



*May they and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*



## Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24**

**Christmas Vigil Mass**

**4:00 p.m. (Church) • 4:15 p.m. (DePaul Center Gym)**

**6:00 p.m. • 6:15 p.m. (DePaul Center Gym)**

**Midnight Mass**

**11:00 p.m. (Church)**

For Christmas Eve Masses when the **Church** and **Upper Meeting Room** are at capacity for the current "social distancing" restrictions, the Church doors will be locked. People will be invited to attend the Mass immediately following in the DePaul Center Gym.

**Christmas Day - Friday, December 25**

**Christmas Mass of the Dawn**

**8:00 a.m. (Church)**

**Mass of the Day**

**10:00 a.m. (Church) • 12:00 noon (Church) - Bilingual**

On Christmas, all parishes of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau will be conducting a collection to help fund the education of seminarians and help to meet the needs of retired priests. This is an opportunity to show gratitude for those who have and those who will serve the diocese. You are asked to use Faith Direct or the envelope in your envelope packet.

## Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedule

*(Holy Day)*

**New Year's Eve - Thursday, December 31**

**5:15 p.m.**

**New Year's Day, Friday, January 1**

**8:00 a.m. • 10:00 a.m.**



## Christmas Gifts for Birthright

If you wish to share with a Birthright baby during this Christmas season, gifts will be collected in the gathering area at all Christmas Masses. Most items collected will be used in layettes given to mothers just before their babies are born. Items needed include **new** heavy weight pajamas, warm outfits, and long sleeve onesies (sizes 0-3 and 3-6 months). Birthright is also in need of small fleece blankets (new and gently used), receiving blankets (new and gently used), diapers and pullups (all sizes), baby lotion and wash (15 oz.), bottles (4 oz. slow flow for 0-3 months), Enfamil formula, sippy cups, hooded towels, washcloths, baby hygiene items, small board books, small stuffed animals (new), teething toys, breastfeeding supplies (shields and storage bags), sanitary napkins, new or gently used maternity clothing (XS-3XL), and nursing bras (new or gently used). Also needed are gently used baby clothing for boys and girls (18 months - 4T). Your generosity is appreciated.

## • The Week Ahead •

**Monday, December 14**

7:15 am St. Vincent de Paul Society

**Tuesday, December 15**

**Wednesday, December 16**

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour

6:00 pm PSR Confessions

6:30 pm Confirmation Prep (Hispanic)

**Thursday, December 17**

9:00 am Maxine's Shareable Wearables  
(9:00 - 11:00 am)

5:00 pm School Board Meeting

6:00 pm RCIA

6:45 pm St. Gerard Circle

**Friday, December 18**

**Saturday, December 19**

9:00 am Maxine's Shareable Wearables  
(9:00 - 12:00 noon)

3:00 pm / 4:00 pm Confession

6:00 pm / 7:00 pm / 8:00 pm Confession

**Sunday, December 20**

4:00 pm Confession

4:30 pm Baptismal Prep

5:00 pm / 6:00 pm Confession

7:00 pm / 8:00 pm Confession

## Birthday Blessings

*to Deacon Mark*

*as he celebrates his birthday*

*on Tuesday, December 15,*

*and to Father Brian*

*as he celebrates his birthday*

*on Saturday, December 19.*

## Readings - December 20, 2020

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

## Collection - December 6, 2020

Collection	\$15,356.00
E-Tithing	\$ 472.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,828.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$31,450.00</b>
<b>Year-to-date Difference</b>	<b>-\$103,445.22</b>

*Thank you for being good stewards of God's gifts!*

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**Online Advent and Christmas Gifts from Pauline Books**

Give the gift of hope this Christmas! Visit the Daughters of St. Paul/ Pauline Books & Media's online Advent and Christmas Gift Guide at their webstore: <https://paulinestore.com/christmasgifts>. Here you will find that gift and also support the sisters in their important mission of evangelization. You may also visit the Sisters at **Pauline Books and Media, 9804 Watson Road, Crestwood or call 314-965-3512.**

**Discipleship Corner**

**Grandparents and parents of little ones, are you looking for a Christmas Gift that lasts all year and helps little ones learn the Catholic faith???**



Order a subscription to Our Sunday Visitor's **OSV Kids** monthly magazine chock full of activities for little ones. This colorful, engaging children's magazine follows the liturgical year with age-appropriate stories, games and activities for children ages 2-6. Think *Highlights* Catholic style. **More info and sample preview are available at osvkids.com.** This is a great opportunity for the whole family to learn about and grow in their faith!

**Thank You**

St. Vincent de Paul Parish and the Ugly Quilt Ministry would like to thank all who helped in any way to make this ministry a success. More than 640 ugly quilts (sleeping bags for the needy) were completed during 2020. The quilts made throughout the year have been distributed to the Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul Parish in St. Louis, Homeless Connect, People's Shelter, Whole Health Outreach, and the needy in Kennett, Sikeston, Poplar Bluff and Branson.



**FYI - The Wednesday morning Ugly Quilt Ministry will resume in the new year. Watch the bulletin more information.**

**Attention PSR Families**

Stay up to date with PSR program announcements by joining the REMIND app.

- 1. Send a text to: 81010
- 2. Text this message - @aak4d4



**Remember a Loved One this Christmas**

During the upcoming Christmas season, you are welcome to honor a loved one while making a contribution toward Christmas decorations. An ornament in your loved one's honor will be placed on a Christmas tree and his/her name will be posted next to the tree. **Place your donation in the collection basket next weekend or return to the parish office by Monday, December 14, along with the following information.**

Name of loved one \_\_\_\_\_

Donation \_\_\_\_\_ Person making donation \_\_\_\_\_

## Our Response at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church to the Corona Virus

**Attendance is limited in the Church.** The Church is marked for “social distancing”. This will especially be true over the Solemnity of Christmas! When the Church space is filled, people will be directed to go to the Upper Meeting Room where Mass can be seen and heard. In addition, Holy Communion is taken to the Upper Meeting Room.

On Christmas Eve, at the 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Masses, when the Church space and the Upper Meeting Room are full, people will be directed to go to the DePaul Center Gym for Mass at 4:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

**Please note that entering any part of the Church or the DePaul Center requires a face mask!**

**If you have a fever or are showing any symptoms of sickness, please stay home.**

**Social Distancing is to be practiced.** Families still need to keep six feet of separation from other families. During this time, remember, there are to be NO hugs or handshakes!

**A general dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Days remains.** If you or your family feel more comfortable to stay at home because of the Coronavirus threat, make plans to continue to keep the Sabbath holy by participating in livestream and pre-recorded Masses. Our parish Sunday Mass and Christmas Masses will be live streamed on our Parish Facebook page and posted to our Parish website.

**Please remember!** There still will be a risk for anyone who attends a public Mass. Even with best health practices and strictest social distancing, anyone who enters a public space should recognize there is a risk of contracting the coronavirus. Cleaning will continue but no one should expect that they will be any safer from germs than other public spaces. To prevent risks the Church will be supplied with plenty of hand sanitizer in various locations. Also, remember that the Church space is sanitized each day after each Mass

**Finally, let us strive for progress and not perfection.** There will no doubt be challenges and frustrations. Things may not go according to plan. But we believe following these guidelines is a reasonable sacrifice. If we all work together, we can ease back into our celebration of the Holy Eucharist and continue to incrementally return to normal. However, if we look for ways to get around the regulations, we will likely create situations that force us to take steps back. In the long run, please remember that these guidelines have been created for everyone’s safety! Finally, let us continue to pray for all those who have lost loved ones to the Coronavirus, for those struggling with the disease now, and all those living in fear of the unknown ... may God be with all of us!

Peace,

*Father Rick L. Jones*

Reverend Rick L. Jones  
Pastor

*As you write your Christmas cards this year, remember the priests, sisters, deacons, and seminarians who served St. Vincent Parish in the past.*

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*Please remember that St. Vincent Parish’s main source of income, the Sunday collection, is taking place in a limited way. If you have signed up for Faith Direct, thank you! Faith Direct allows you to support St. Vincent de Paul Parish using electronic funds transfer from a bank account or credit/debit card. It is simple, safe and convenient. You can begin supporting St. Vincent electronically today by visiting [faith.direct/MO885](https://faith.direct/MO885). If you do not want to use this option, feel free to mail in your Sunday donation or drop it in the designated containers at weekend Masses. **As always, thank you for your contributions!***

## First Reading

**Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11**

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

## Responsorial Psalm

My soul rejoices in my God,  
my soul rejoices in my God.

## Second Reading

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

## Gathering

# Creator of the Stars

Verses



1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, Your  
2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse Should  
3. When this old world drew on toward night, You  
4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now All  
5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, Re -  
6. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And



peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light, O  
doom to death a u - ni - verse, You  
came; but not in splen - dor bright, Not  
knees must bend, all hearts must bow: All  
deem us for e - ter - nal day; De -  
God the Spir - it, Three in One, Praise,



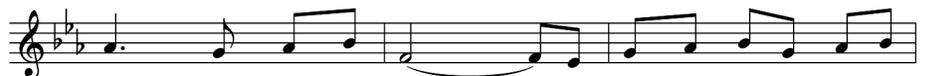
Christ, Re - deem - er of us all, We  
came, O Sav - ior, to set free Your  
as a mon - arch, but the child Of  
things on earth with one ac - cord, Like  
fend us while we dwell be - low From  
hon - or, might, and glo - ry be From



pray you hear us when we call.  
own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.  
Mar - y, blame - less moth - er mild.  
those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.  
all as - saults of our dread foe.  
age to age e - ter - nal - ly.



Come, O Lord, and bring your light, O ra - diant



star, our hearts' de - light. O God - with - us, Em - man - u -



el, with your love, the dark dis - pel.

\*Hymn may be sung without refrain.

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## Communion

*A Voice Cries Out*

Verse 1



1. Con-sole my peo-ple, the ones dear to me: speak to the



heart of Je - ru-sa-lem: the time of your mourn-ing is



end-ed now, the Lord of life will come.

§ Refrain



A voice cries out in the wil - der - ness: Pre - pare a



way for the Lord! A voice cries out in the wil - der -



ness: Make straight a high-way for God!

Verse 2



2. Ev - 'ry val - ley is made a plain, ev - 'ry



moun-tain is lev - eled the glo - ry of God shall



then be re - vealed, and the na-tions will sing in praise. **D.S.**

Verse 3



3. A voice shouts: "Cry!" O what shall I cry? All flesh is like



grass and its flow - ers: the grass may with-er, the



flow-er may fade, but the Word of the Lord is for - ev-er. **D.S.**

*Gospel Reading***John 1:6-8, 19-28**

A man named John was sent from God.

He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?"

He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ."

So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?"

And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No." So they said to him,

"Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?"

He said:

"I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'*"

as Isaiah the prophet said."

Some Pharisees were also sent.

They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?"

John answered them, "I baptize with water;

but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap

I am not worthy to untie."

This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

## The Nicene Creed

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.

### Verse 4

4. Zi - on, shout from the moun - tain top, lift up your  
voice O Je - ru - sa - lem, and say to the peo - ple of  
God's own land, "Be - hold, be - hold your God!"

### Verse 5

5. The Lord will ap - pear as a shep - herd, hold - ing his  
lambs in his arms, keep - ing his flock so  
close to his heart lead - ing them all, old and young.

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## Communion

### Sanctuary

Congregation: (sing twice)

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and  
ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a  
liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

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## Recessional

*Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

1. A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, For  
 2. To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
 3. In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, When  
 4. Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, Though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for  
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing; His hum - ble song is  
 all the world is de - spair - ing, As morn - ing light so  
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, The ris - ing sun shall



soon\* he is born, Be - hold the Child of our long - ing!  
 qui - et and near, Yet fills the earth with its ring - ing.  
 qui - et and free, So warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
 crown you with light; Be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, To bring all hearts to -  
 Mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul And hymns of lov - ing -  
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, The lame shall leap in  
 Love be our song and love our prayer And love our end - less



geth - er, He o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door And  
 kind - ness, The thun - der of his an - thems roll To  
 won - der, The weak be raised a - bove the strong, And  
 sto - ry. May God fill ev - 'ry day we share And



lives now in - side us for ev - er.  
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

\*During the Christmas season: "now"

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950  
 Tune: REJOICE, REJOICE, 9 8 9 8 8 7 8 9; Marty Haugen, b.1950  
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**Marriage:** Please contact the parish office at least **six months** in advance. (If you have been married before, an annulment may need to be done first.)

**Matrimonio:** Por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial por lo menos con **seis meses** de antelación. (Si usted ha estado casado antes, una anulación del matrimonio puede necesitar ser hecha primero.)

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