

# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ~ A Jesuit Apostolate in New York City since 1847 ~ ADVENT IV

December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Advent Lullaby by John Bell

The Xavier Choir

SONG OF GATHERING:

#### Lead Us to Your Light



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- Vs. 1: Child of the light and love beyond all telling, Fill our hearts with wonder and praise.
- Vs. 2: Lord, you are hope and healing for our world; Come now and bring us your good news.

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

Vs. 3: Rouse us from sleep, wake us from our slumber, Banish the darkness of night.



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#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Micah 5: 1-4a



Text: Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; 4, 2-3, 15-16, 18-19.
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- Vs. 1: O shepherd of Israel, hearken,
  from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.
  Rouse your power,
  and come to save us.
- Vs. 2: Once again, O Lord of hosts,
  look down from heaven, and see;
  take care of this vine,
  and protect what your right hand has planted,
  the son of man whom you yourself made strong.
- Vs. 3: May your help come from the palm of your right hand, through the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name

Second Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10



The Holy Gospel according to Luke:

Luke 1: 39-45

## Homily:

Prayer of the Faithful:



#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

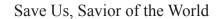
#### **HOLY IS YOUR NAME**



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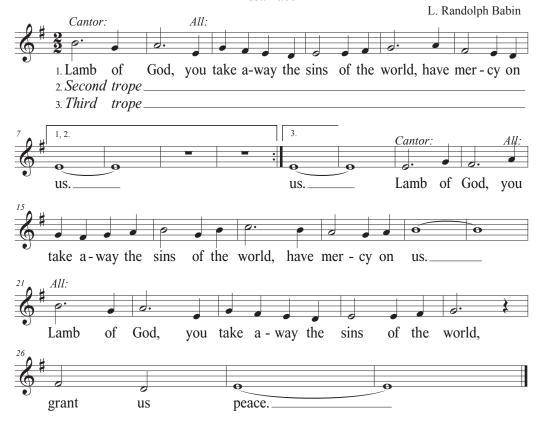




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#### Lamb of God Missa Pacem



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### Communion Procession

Low gluten hosts are available by the pillars in the front of the church to the left of the center aisle in front of the ambo



Meditation: (11:30 only)

Coventry Carol Arranged by Michael Burkhardt

## The Xavier Campanologists

Prayer, Blessing & Sending Forth

## Church of St. Francis Xavier Pledge for Racial Justice

As a Christian and a child of God . . .

- I support the dignity and worth of every human being as the Gospel demands and will work every day to treat each person as I want to be treated.
- I strive to dismantle white privilege and white supremacy and to understand the injustice and suffering caused by them.
- I commit myself to eliminating prejudice from my thoughts and actions so that I can promote the racial justice needed in our church, our nation, and our world.

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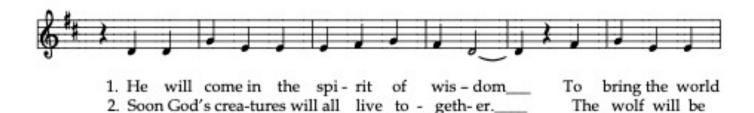
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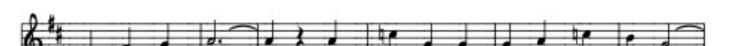


Pro-claim the joy-full mes-sage\_\_ that our God is com-ing to earth.\_\_ Let the



val -leys be filled and the moun-tains made low, pre -par -ing for his ho - ly birth.





Soon the moun-tain of God will be

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IN THANKSGIVING FOR ALL THOSE AT OUR LITURGIES WHO SERVE:

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peace.

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Our lectors, eucharistic ministers, ministers of hospitality

*Presiders:* Rev. Steve Pugliese, SJ ~ Sat 5; Rev. Sam Sawyer, SJ ~ Sun 9;

Rev. CY Kao, SJ ~ Sun 11:30; Rev. Kenneth Boller, SJ ~ Sun 5

Cantors: Anna Zhukovskaya ~ Sat and Sun 5; Joel Dabu ~ Sun 9 and 11:30

Director of Music: John Uehlein;

The Family Faith Choir under the Direction of Jacqueline C. Perez ~ Sun 9 The Xavier Choir and Campanologists ~ Sun 11:30

*The Xavier Players* ~ *Sun 5* 

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