

WELCOME TO

Calvary
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Prepare the
Way of the Lord



We are here for God
and we are here for you.

Second Sunday of Advent
The Year of our Lord, 2023, being December 10th
Year B

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Please remember to wear your name tags.

Prelude

Dona Nobis Pacem

The Call to Worship

The Parish Chimes

The Processional Anthem

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

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Welcome

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

A Reading from Isaiah

40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”
See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Refrain: Lord, let us see your kindness; Lord, let us see your kindness.

Verse 1: Let us hear what our God proclaims: Peace to the people of God, salvation is near to the ones who fear God. (refrain)

Verse 2: Kindness and truth, justice and peace: truth shall spring up as the water from the earth, justice shall rain from the heavens. (refrain)

Verse 3: The Lord will come and you shall know his love, justice shall walk in his pathways, salvation the gift that he brings.

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A Reading from 2 Peter

3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if your health allows.

Gradual Anthem

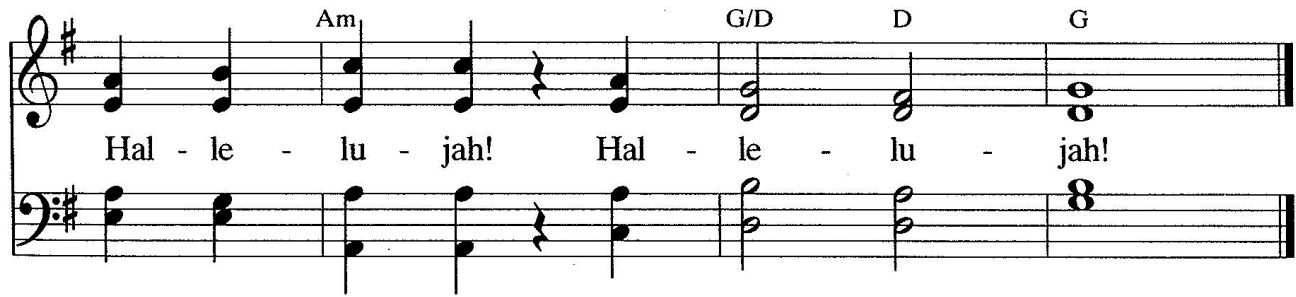
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and consists of three systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!".

System 1: Chords are G, D⁷, and G. The vocal line starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A, B, and C. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

System 2: Chords are C, Am, and D. The vocal line continues with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A, B, and C. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines.

System 3: Chords are G, G, B⁷, and Em. The vocal line continues with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A, B, and C. The piano accompaniment concludes with chords and moving lines.



Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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The Holy Gospel according to Mark

1:1-8

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
 who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight.’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jim Stanley, Rector

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Please kneel, sit or stand.

The Prayers of the People

Form III

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Please stand if your health allows.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

The Announcements



Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

We Await You

Calvary Choir

By Ruth Elaine Schram

The people's offerings are collected and brought forward to the altar.

Please stand for the Doxology.

Celebrant and People sing:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

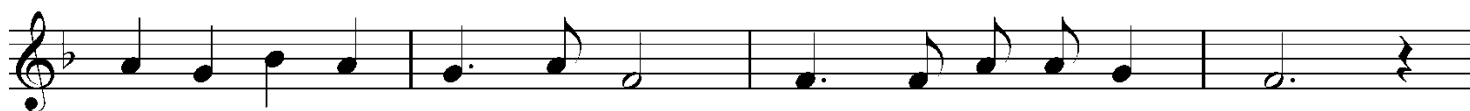
Celebrant:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People Sing



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please kneel, sit or stand.

Celebrant:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith,

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread, a period of silence may be kept

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please be seated.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the bread and the wine; or just the bread, as is your need or custom. If you are not a baptized Christian, please know that you are also most welcome at the altar rail. Just cross your arms over your chest for a special prayer of blessing. This is God's place and no one is turned away.

Please let an Usher know if you need the Sacrament brought to your pew.

The Holy Communion Anthem

O Come, O Come Emanuel #56

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People #67

Please kneel, sit or stand.

Celebrant and People:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Please stand if your health allows.

The Celebrant blesses God's people.

People Amen.

The Recessional Anthem

Prepare the Way O Zion

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The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of
the Spirit Alleluia, alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude



All are welcome to
coffee hour in Castle
Hall after the
service.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Calvary Members:

Jim, Jan, Nancy and Mick Caspar, Edward FitzPatrick, The Reverend Celebrant Tom Smith, Francis Mercier, Don Bradley, Jan B., Gwen, Brynn, Kelly, Callie, Lynn L., PK, Amauri, Jayne, Janis Family, Carol Halla, Bill Kendall, Sally McClure, Lee McClure, Tammy McClure, Lee Davis, Eileen, Alex, Kyle, Crystal Hacker, Lynda Neely, Jim N., Marge, Carol, Kelly, Tranita, Kortney, Bill, Lynne, Ron Berrier, Barbara, Janet, Don, Gladys, Cliff Williams, Carol Visney, Debbie Hall, Teri Pizza, Luke, Linda Dixon, Daven Janis, Gladys Smith, Jennifer Ceplecha and Nicki Jaska.

For those who are ill, in need, or experiencing hardship:

Aric, Art, Mark, Leah, Kat, Mic, Tuskey Family, Maeann, Kari, Rich, Trever, Bev Madsen, Abby & Family, Rina, Kathleen, Al Thompson, Wayne, Nancy, Ashlee Neely, Larry, Tom Murphy, Emily Hennings, Jim Shannon, Betty Wood, Nicolas Carl, Dirk, MacKenzie, TC Nelson, Barbara, Joshua, Ruth, Bette, Doug, Angie B., Mary, Andres, Brian T, Wendy Joslin, Henry, Alex, Cindy S., Sue, Judy Mazzolini, Richard Rossini, Cal Packard and Pam C.

Missionaries:

Alpha & Hakha Traore, Rev. Pat in Guinea West Africa Connecting with Love,
Fr. Russ & Heidi Smith

Home bound:

Jim H.

For those in prison:

Gary, Bruce

For those in the Armed Forces/First Responders:

Alyssa Elliott, Edgar Arellano, Eric M. Casper, Clint, Michael Jancaric, Brian Visney

For those involved at Magdalene House Ministry:

Gwen O'Loughlin

College Students:

Austin Nolan, Benjamin Dakis, Allie Castle, Mason Ceplecha

THE PRAYER DESK IS AVAILABLE EVERY SUNDAY
FOR PRIVATE PETITIONS



Please consider serving Christ and Calvary by sharing in one of our much needed and much appreciated ministries. Please contact Kate Pierson or one of our Churchwardens if you are interested. Training and support will happily be provided.

2023	December 3 Fr Jim Stanley 9:00 am; ReVive gifts	December 10 Fr Jim Stanley 9:00 am; Greening after	December 17 Fr Jim Stanley 9:00 am	December 24 Fr Jim Stanley 9:00 am	December 24 Fr Jim Stanley 3:30 Carols; 4:00 Mass	Mon. Dec 25 Fr Jim Stanley 10:30 am	December 31 Fr Jim Stanley 9:00 am
Opening	Jim	Jim	Jim	Jim		Jim	Jim
Preacher	Fr Jim	Fr Jim	Fr Jim	Fr Jim	Fr Jim	Fr Jim	Fr Jim
Music	Holly	Holly	Holly	Holly	Holly	Holly	Holly
A/V	Xavier	Alex	Drew	Alex			Drew
Chalice	Ada	Ada	Ada	Ada			Ada
Pop-Up Chalice	Grant	Grant	Grant	Grant			Grant
Old Testament & Psalm	Carla	Grant	Carla	Carla	Carla	Carla	Carla
New Testament	Ada	Carla	Grant				Grant
Intercessor	Grant	Marilyn	Marilyn				
Ushers (Greeters)	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn
	Jim	Jim	Jim	Jim			Jim
Coffee Host							
Altar Guild	Kate	Barb	Carol H.	Ada			
Altar Flowers		Poinsettias!					
Offering Counters	Pat, Carol	Grant, Carla	Grant, Carol	Pat, Carla	-	-	Grant, Pat



Advent Bible Study

Father Jim will continue his Adult Formation classes **Monday**, December 11th. Bible study starts promptly at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and will be 45-50 minutes long. We will then end with a ten minute check-in and a service of compline.

Worksheets will be available in the narthex both the Sunday before and the day of. You are welcome to take a worksheet even if you can not attend the class. And you can come to the second study even if you did not make it to the first. Please bring a prayer book (or snag one from the sanctuary) and a Bible. (NRSV, Common English Bible and ESV are recommended but it won't hurt to have NIV/TNIV or NASB). You can also access the prayer book online at bcponline.org

And you can access the NRSV Bible online at bible.oremus.org

Classes are scheduled for Mondays, December 4th, 11th, and 18th. After a break for the holidays we will continue on Mondays, January 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

Christmas at Calvary 2023

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24

9:00 am Holy Eucharist

3:30 pm Christmas Carols

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25

10:30 am Christmas Mass

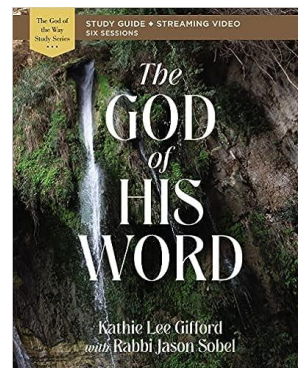


Daughters of the King

The Castle Chapter of The Order of The Daughters of the King is next scheduled to meet on Saturday, December 16th. For any questions, please see Carla Castle or Jan Bruesch. All are invited to join us for prayer, study, and fellowship.

Thursday Book Group

The Thursday book group is continuing with: "The God of the Way" by Kathy Lee Gifford and Rabbi Jason Sobel. We are on the 2nd video study called "The God of His Word" with a study guide accompanying. The group meets at 2 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Janet Bruesch.



Supporting Calvary



Calvary is currently collecting support pledges for 2024 (pledge cards are available in the narthex). The Calvary Vestry will use these promises to decide what we can and can't afford to do next year and create a budget accordingly. Please prayerfully consider how you can support Calvary and grow God's kingdom.

Russ and Heidi Smith

On Sunday, January 14th, at 9:00 a.m, Calvary will welcome guest preachers and celebrant Fr. Russ and Heidi Smith, SAMS missionaries to Chile. Russ and Heidi will share news of God's mission and message in that wonderful country during the sermon and at a coffee hour Q & A. Calvary has supported the Smiths in the past and we're excited to renew this relationship!



Christmas Poinsettias



Poinsettias are Coming!

Christmas poinsettias will be delivered for today's service. If you are interested in contributing for poinsettias, the cost is \$20 per pot. Please designate your donation "Poinsettias" in the collection plate or online. If you would like to dedicate the poinsettia to a loved one, please also make note of the person's name and we will include it in the bulletin."

Greening of the Church

After the service today we will bring out the evergreens and decorate for Christmas. Please stay to help if you are able!



December Celebrations

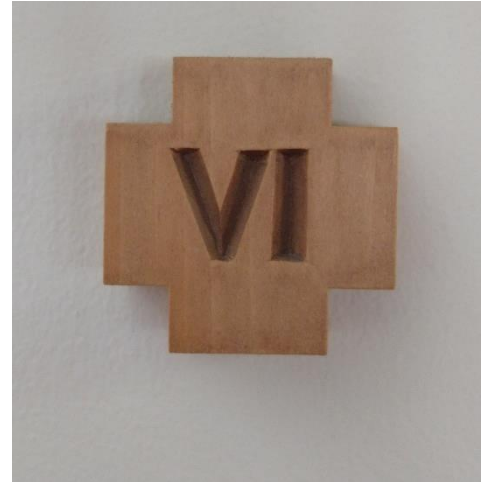


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Michael Jancaric
Austin Nolan
Ron Seger
Barb Simmons**

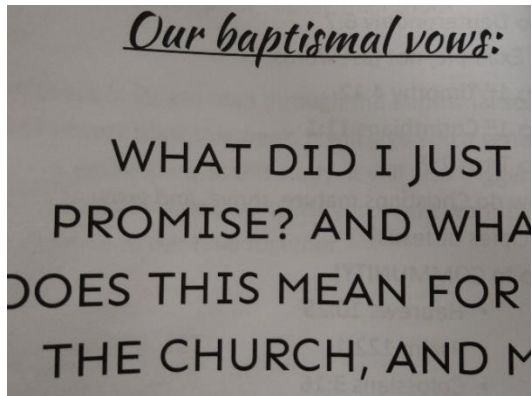
Sunday Scavenger Hunt

Each week the Calvary News and Notes newsletter features a picture from somewhere in and around Calvary. This week's clue is on the right. If you do, email the office at office@calvarylombard.org, or call 630-620-8899.

Last week



Jeri Kellan



recognized the front of Father Jim's Advent Formation Study Guide. The guide for this tomorrow is available in the narthex!



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A CASE FOR LOVE

JANUARY 23 ONLY



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A Case for Love Film Synopsis:

In a time of national chaos and lack of unity, watch as our film team travels the US searching for people living their lives selflessly. Join us as we interview random people on the street and well-known figures, including Pete Buttigieg, Al Roker, Becca Stevens, and more. Where have they witnessed unselfish love? Where have they seen its absence? Finally, watch Bishop Michael Curry place all we've seen into context.

Ministers of the Liturgy

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