

WELCOME TO

**Calvary**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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

**The Celebration of The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
The Year of our Lord, 2021, being Friday, December 24th  
4:00 pm**

# The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**A Christmas Carol Prelude, with Choir, Violin and Keyboard.**

**The Call to Worship**

*The Parish Chimes*

**The Processional Anthem**

Oh Come All Ye Faithful

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*For Covid safety, all music will be sung by choir only. Congregants are asked to please sing in their hearts, not with their voices.)*

**The Blessing of the Christmas Crèche**

**Welcome**

**The Opening Acclamation**

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

*People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

**The Collect for Purity**

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.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### The Collect of Christmas

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## A Reading from Isaiah

9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Cantate Domino*

**Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.  
Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to  
day.**

**Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.  
For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.  
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.  
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!  
Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.  
Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.  
Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.  
Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."  
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.  
Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the LORD when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.**

## A Reading from Titus

2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Anthem

*Go Tell it on the Mountain*  
*(sing from your hearts only)*

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## The Holy Gospel according to Luke

2:1-20

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

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and

laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

[When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

*Father Alonzo*

## **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.***

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Please stand or kneel, sitting if your health requires.*

Intercessor:

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer:

For the peace of the world, the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls,  
let us pray to the Lord saying,  
**Lord, hear our prayer**

As we pray for all people, and all expressions of faith, and as we pray for the church throughout the world, we pray for Calvary Church, Lombard, St. Mark's Church, Glen Ellyn, and for the people, churches, and ministries of the Diocese of Chicago and The Episcopal Church,  
let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
**Lord, hear our prayer**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Paula, our Bishop Elect, Chilton, our Assisting Bishop, Alonzo, our priest, Jennifer and Jim, our Churchwardens, for Jan, Jeri, Joe, Drew, Lisa, and Marilyn, our Vestry, for all Members of Calvary Church, and for all who visit and worship with us,  
let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
**Lord hear our prayer**

For Joseph, our President, Kamala, our Vice President, JB, our Governor, Keith, our Village President, and for all others in authority, that they may "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly" with God,  
let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
**Lord, hear our prayer**

For the good earth that God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to honor and conserve it,  
let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
**Lord, hear our prayer**

For the poor, the persecuted, the homeless and the hungry, for the unemployed and the underemployed, for all immigrants and refugees, for all prisoners and captives, for all who are trafficked, and for all in any trouble,  
let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
**Lord, hear our prayer**

For the aged, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, especially Jan, Jim, Gloria, Bruce, Tom and Don, for the addicted, for those who are alone, for those seeking a church home, and for those whose names we names we now remember in spoken or in silent prayer, .....  
let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
**Lord, hear our prayer**

For all children and young people, for all in military serve, especially Alyssa Elliott, Edgar Arellano, Eric M. Casper, Clint, Michael Jancaric, and Brian Visney  
let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
**Lord, hear our prayer,**

For an end to domestic, gender, and all forms of violence, and for an end to injustice, bigotry, oppression,  
let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
**Lord, hear our prayer**

For all the + Faithful Departed +, especially Andrew McLean, the Husband of our Bishop Elect, and for all Departed Clergy and Members of Calvary Church, especially Father Donald Castle, Ricardo Vidales, Harrison Holm, and for those who died alone, and for those whose deaths are largely unknown,  
let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant offers a concluding prayer.*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbors,  
and ourselves.

**Celebrant and People:**

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us, through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Priest says: 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.**

**The Peace**      *Please stand.*

*Celebrant:*      The Peace of Christ be with you always.

***People:***      **And also with you.**



*Please be seated.*

## The Announcements

## The Holy Communion

## The Offertory Anthem

*Hark! The Herald Angles Sing*  
*(sing from your hearts only)*

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*The people's offerings are collected and brought forward to the altar. As we offer all these gifts to God's work, we pray (please stand):*

*Celebrant:* All Things come of thee O Lord

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

## The Eucharistic Prayer B

**S-120 1982 Hymnal**

*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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

### **Celebrant and People:**

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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, then says:*

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. All are welcome at God's table.

*Please be seated.*

**All baptized people, regardless of denominational affiliation,  
are welcome and invited to receive  
the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
from the love and ministry of Calvary Church.**

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

## **The Holy Communion Anthem**

*Silent Night*

*(sing from your hearts only)*

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*After all have received Communion, the people kneel or stand, sitting if their health requires, as we pray:*

**Holy, gracious, and loving God, you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink, the Body and Blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth, this day and evermore. *Amen.***

### **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.***

### **A Blessing of the People of God**

#### **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

***The Laying on of Hands and the Sacrament of Holy Unction immediately follows the Recessional Anthem***

### **The Recessional Anthem**

*Joy to the World*  
*(sing from your hearts only)*

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The beautiful poinsettias gracing our alter today were donated by:

Ada Carrasco in memory of her son, William (Billy) Carter

Marilyn Stein in memory of Evelyn Stucky Huk

The Cekal Family in memory of James Cekal

Tom and Gladys Smith in memory of Bob, Gladys Jule and Edward

The Castle and Janis Families in thanksgiving for  
the life and ministry of Father Donald E. Castle

Jennifer Hentrich in loving memory of

Hope Smith and Warren Hentrich

Janet Bruesch in memory of

John, John, Robert, Robert and Winifred

Carol Visney

Kate Pierson

Gwen O'Loughlin



Thank you to violinist Kathryn Satoh  
for sharing her wonderful talents today!

*Thank  
you*

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## **Calvary Members:**

Jim, Jan, Nancy and Mick Caspar, Edward FitzPatrick, The Reverend Deacon 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 Davis, Eileen, Alex, Kyle, Rocky, Crystal Hacker, Lynda Neely, Bruce Schuurmann, Gloria, Jim N., Marge, Carol, Kelly, Tranita, Kortney, Bill, Lynne, Amanda, Ron Berrier, Barbara, Janet, Don

## **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, Barb Teeple

## **Missionaries:**

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

## **For those under/unemployed:**

Stephen, Ricky, Michael, Dave

## **Home bound:**

Jim H.

## **For those in prison:**

Gary

## **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, Phoebe Ceplecha, Kyle Castle, Benjamin Dakis, Ryan Hentrich, Allie Castle, Mason Ceplecha

THEN WHEN YOU CALL UPON ME AND COME  
AND PRAY TO ME, I WILL HEAR YOU.

-Jeremiah 29:12



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.

	Dec 5 Advent Fr Alonzo	Dec 12 Advent Fr Alonzo	Dec 19 Advent Fr Alonzo	Dec 24, 4pm Christmas Eve Fr Alonzo	Dec 26 Fr Alonzo
<b>Opening</b>					
<b>Preacher</b>	Fr Alonzo	Fr Alonzo	Fr Alonzo	Fr Alonzo	Fr Alonzo
<b>Music</b>	Sabina	Sabina	Sabina	Sabina	
<b>A/V</b>	Francisco	Francisco	Francisco	Francisco	Francisco
<b>Acolyte</b>	Luke C			Luke C.	
<b>Chalice</b>	Ada	Ada	Ada	-	Ada
<b>Old Testament &amp; Psalm</b>	Ada	Carla	Gwen	Carla	Carla
<b>New Testament</b>	Carla	Nicki	Carla		Gwen
<b>Intercessor</b>	Nicki	Nicki	Nicki		
<b>Ushers (Greeters)</b>	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jennifer C	Ada	Kate	Jennifer C.	Ada
<b>Altar Flowers</b>					Fr Alonzo

Next Sunday, we will begin with a very special gathering to bless **the Father Donald Castle Parish Hall**. After the **9 am** blessing we will process to the sanctuary to worship together.

*Next  
Sunday*

### Episcopal Church Men of Calvary



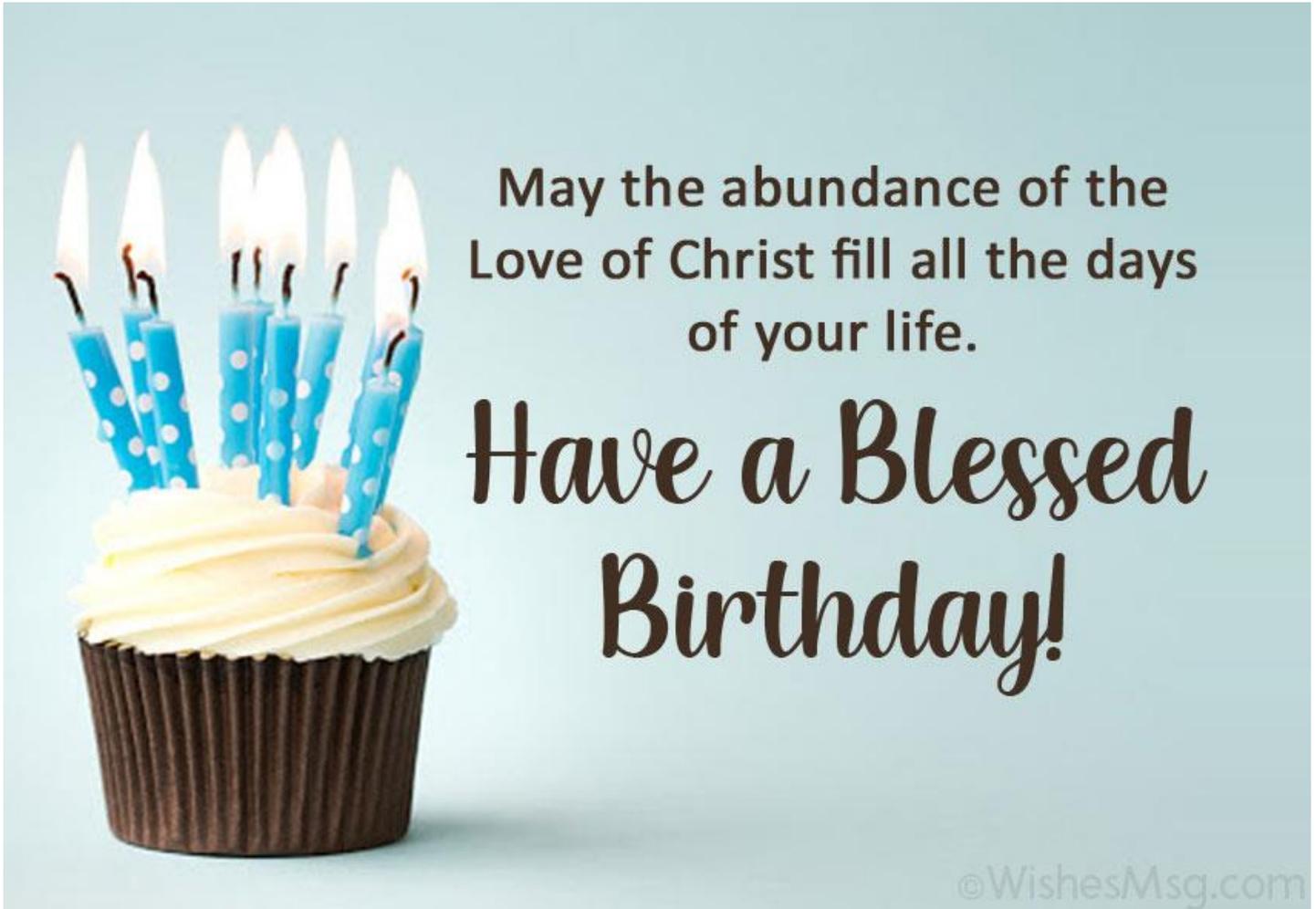
Our Parish mens' organization, Episcopal Church Men of Calvary meets the third Saturday of each month at 9 am in the parish hall.

### Daughters of the King

The Calvary chapter of the Daughters of the King meets the third Saturday of each month at 10 am in the parish hall.



# December Celebrations



**Ron Seger**  
**Michael Jancaric**  
**Priscilla Elliot**  
**Jan Bruesch**  
**Kathleen Betts**  
**Jennifer Ceplecha**

**Get Well Wishes for Jan and Gloria**

If you would like to send Jan Bruesch get well wishes while she recovers from surgery, please send them to the address below:

Belmont Village Senior Living  
545 Belmont Road  
Jan Bruesch, Unit 314  
Carol Stream, Ill. 60188

Gloria Sparrow is doing well and getting physically stronger and her voice is coming back! She would love to receive cards from her friends at Calvary. You can mail them to:

Villas of Holly Brook  
722 Stone Bridge Center Drive  
Attn: Gloria Sparrow, room 12  
Rantoul, IL 61866

Get well  
Soon



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## **Ministers of the Liturgy**

Priest in Charge:	The Reverend Canon Alonzo C. Pruitt
Director of Music:	Sabina L. Lilly
Parish Administrator:	Laura Waterman
Audio Visual Minister:	Francisco Delgado
Sunday School Minister:	Victoria Sowa

## **The Vestry**

Senior Warden:	Jennifer Hentrich
Junior Warden:	Jim Filkins
Buildings & Grounds:	Drew Nolan
Events/Outreach:	Joe Latona
Finance:	Lisa Pardue
Formation/Education:	Marilyn Stein
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