

WELCOME TO



Calvary
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

**The Second Sunday of Advent,
The Year of our Lord, 2021, being December 5th
Year C**

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Call to Worship

The Parish Chimes

The Processional Anthem

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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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.)

Welcome

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the Living God who is and who is to come.

People: Blessed be God forever and ever. 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.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy

People: Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

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.. **Amen.**

A Reading from Malachi

3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Song of Zechariah
Benedictus Dominus Deus

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.**

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.**

**This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

**Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most
High,***

**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

**In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow
of death, ***

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.**

Amen.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Anthem

Hark, a Thrilling Voice is Sounding
(sing from your hearts only)

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The Holy Gospel according to Luke

3:1-6

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

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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 the church throughout the world, we pray for Calvary Church, Lombard, St. Mark's Church, Glen Ellyn, for the churches and ministries of the Diocese of Chicago and The Episcopal Church, for all assemblies of faith, for the church in every place, and for the well being of all people,
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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jeff, our retired Bishop, Paula, our Bishop-Elect, Chilton, our Assisting Bishop, Alonzo, our priest, George, Rector of St. Mark's, Jennifer and Jim, our Church wardens, Jan, Jeri, Joe, Drew, Lisa and Marilyn, our Vestry, for all Members of Calvary Church, for those who visit and worship with us, and for all those who serve and lead the Church,
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 conserve it,
Let us pray to the Lord, saying,
Lord, hear our prayer

For the poor, the persecuted, 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, for the unloved and the unwelcome,

Let us pray to the Lord, saying,

Lord, hear our prayer

For the aged and the sick, for the addicted, and for those who are alone, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, especially remembering Jan, Jim, Gloria, Bruce, Tom, Don, and those whose names we now offer in spoken or in silent prayer.....,

Let us pray to the Lord, saying,

Lord, hear our prayer

For all young people, for all in military service, especially Alyssa Elliott, Edgar Arellano, Eric M. Casper, and Michael Jancaric. For all whose labors add much to our common life, and for those whose needs are known to God alone,

Let us pray to the Lord, saying,

Lord, hear our prayer

For an end to domestic, gender, and all forms of violence, for an end to injustice, bigotry, and oppression,

Let us pray to the Lord, saying,

Lord, hear our prayer

For all the +Faithful Departed+, especially Andrew McLean, husband of our bishop elect, and all Departed Clergy and Members of Calvary Church, for those who died alone, and 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

We Await You

R. Schram

(sing from your hearts only)

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

Wayfaring Stranger
(sing from your hearts only)

Traditional/American Folk Song

*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

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
(sing from your hearts only)

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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, Jack, Al Thompson, Wayne, Nancy, Ashlee Neely, Larry, Janice Berrier, Tom Murphy, Emily Hennings, Jim Shannon, Betty Wood, Nicolas Carl, Dirk, MacKenzie, Jack, 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
Opening					
Preacher	Fr Alonzo	Fr Alonzo	Fr Alonzo	Fr Alonzo	Fr Alonzo
Music	Sabina	Sabina	Sabina	Sabina	
A/V	Francisco	Francisco	Francisco	Francisco	Francisco
Acolyte	Luke C			Luke C.	
Chalice	Ada	Ada	Ada	-	Ada
Old Testament & Psalm	Ada	Carla	Gwen	Carla	Carla
New Testament	Carla	Nicki	Carla		Gwen
Intercessor	Nicki	Nicki	Nicki		
Ushers (Greeters)	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn
Altar Guild	Jennifer C	Ada	Kate	Jennifer C.	Ada
Altar Flowers					Fr Alonzo



The Greening of The Church

Greening of the Church TODAY!

Immediately after church we will be greening the church and hanging lovely, festive evergreens to celebrate the season. Everyone is welcome to come and help!

If you would like to make a donation for a Christmas poinsettia, you may mark your check with poinsettia in the memo or make the donation online indicating that it is for a poinsettia. 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. Poinsettias are \$18 each, but any donation is appreciated.



If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Cepelcha at jenjenc70@gmail.com or Kate Pierson at kpierson2011@gmail.com



Christmas Cookie Walk

The Jingle Bell Jubilee will take place on Saturday, December 4th. Cookie drop-off and preparation will be from 10 am to 1 pm. The cookie sale itself will take place from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

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.

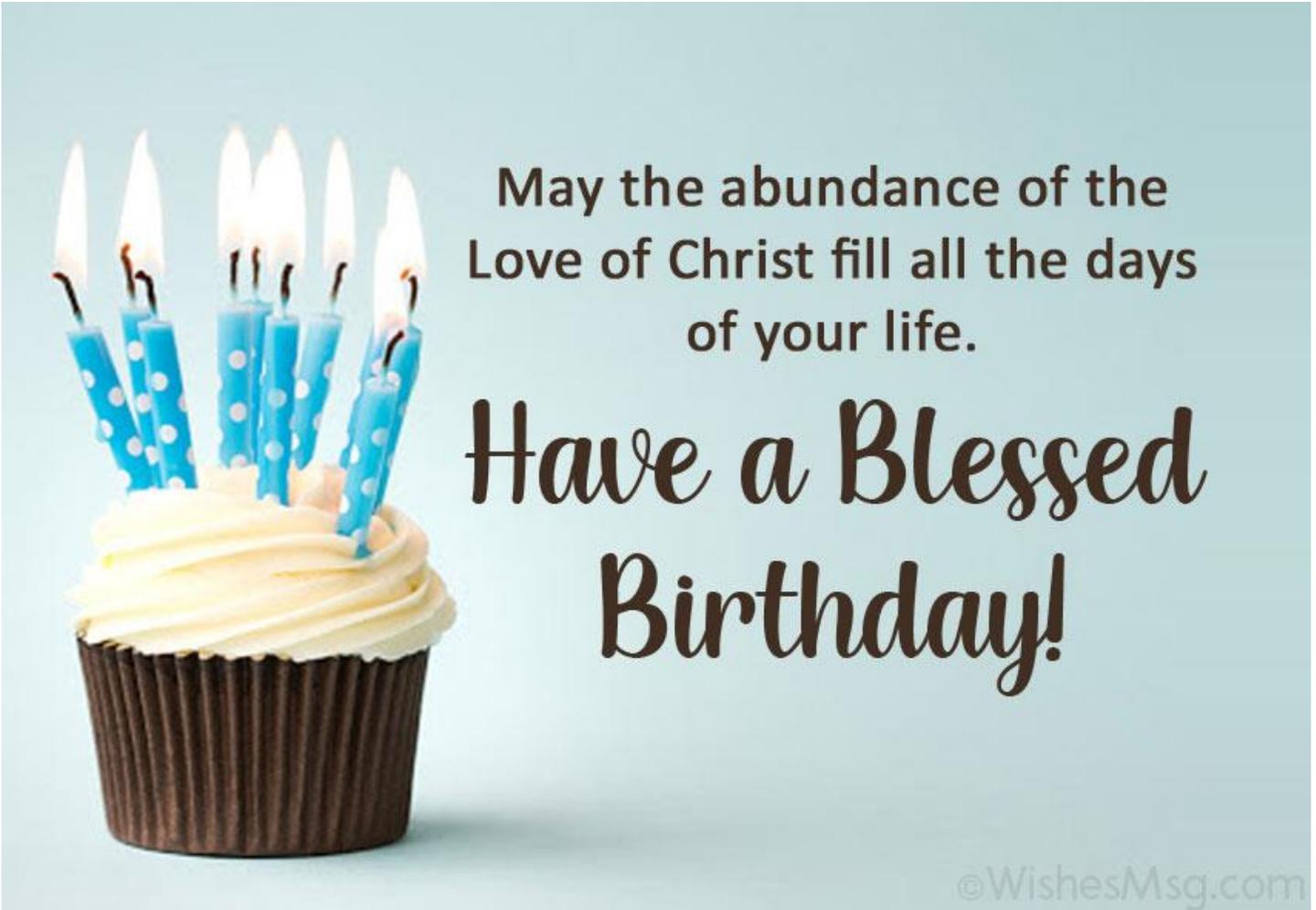
Daughters of the King

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



God
is
good

December Celebrations



May the abundance of the
Love of Christ fill all the days
of your life.

*Have a Blessed
Birthday!*

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

Get Well Wishes for Jan and Gloria

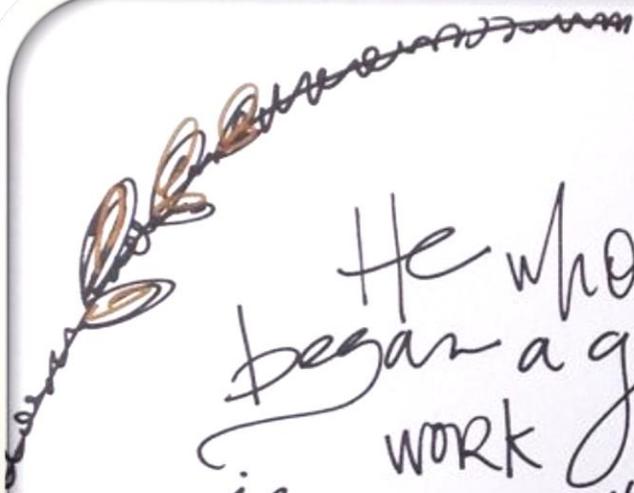
If you would like to send Jan Bruesch get well wishes while she recovers from surgery, please send them to the address below:

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



He who
began a good
work
in you will be

Faithful

to complete
it.

Philippians 1:6



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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
Stewardship:	Jeri Kellan
Welcome:	Jan Bruesch