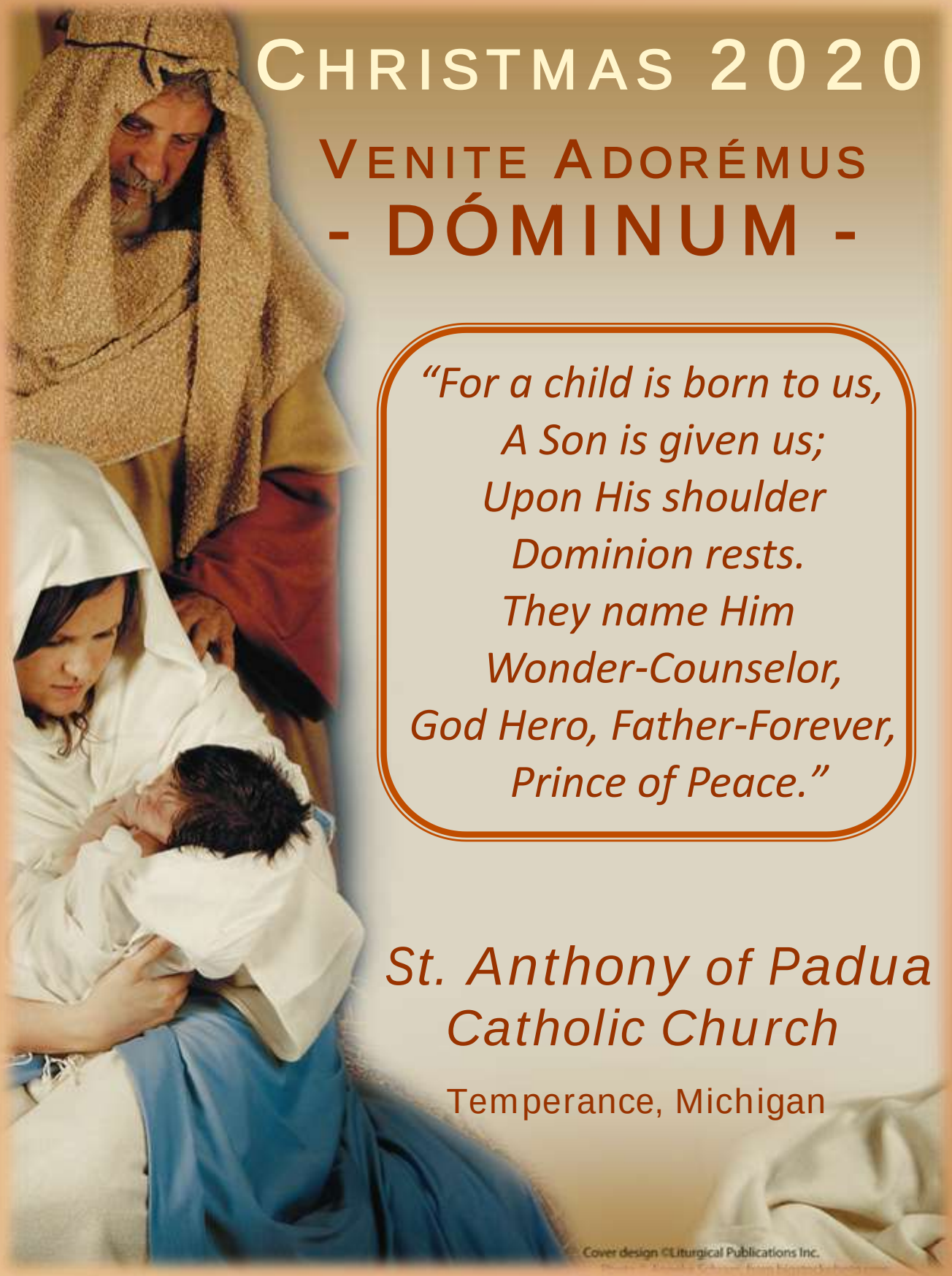

Christmas 2020

Venite Adorémus

- DÓMINUM -

"For a child is born to us,
A Son is given us;
Upon His shoulder
Dominion rests.
They name Him
Wonder-Counselor,
God Hero, Father-Forever,
Prince of Peace."

St. Anthony of Padua
Catholic Church

Temperance, Michigan

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The Nativity of the Lord

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and *gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle* and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.

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Saturday *(Sunday Vigil)*: 5:00pm *(English)*
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am *(English)*;
12:00pm *(Latin)*

Monday: No Mass, except Holydays
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30am *(English)*
Wednesday: 8:30am *(Latin)*
Thursday also 7:00pm *(Latin)*

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Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 3:30-4:30pm; **Thursday:** 5:30 - 6:30pm; *Or by appointment*

Devotions

First Friday: 8:30am Mass *(English)* & 7:00pm Mass *(Latin)*
First Saturday: 9:00am Mass *(Latin)*

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† Our Sacramental Policy †

Six-month Parish registration and participation are required for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage.

Baptisms: Arrangements must be made in advance and parents must attend a baptism class. The Church requires that at least one of the parents be a practicing Catholic, and the Godparents must be active, practicing, fully initiated Catholics at least 16 years of age. If two Godparents: must be 1 male & 1 female; if one Godparent: may be male or female.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least nine months in advance. Please call the rectory office. Officiate at the ceremony must be St. Anthony Parish Pastor or a family member.

Funerals: Officiate must be St. Anthony Parish Pastor or a family member.

Please note: The services of the Parish Organist are used for all sacramental liturgies.

For more details regarding our Sacramental policies and procedures, please refer to the Sacrament link on our Parish web-site.

Christmas Blessings to All!

Traditionally, many people come to St. Anthony Catholic Church to worship during the Christmas Season. This year is like no other we have experienced: we've been distanced from our families, our friends, our Parish.

This Christmas, let's take the time to reflect on the abundant Blessings of those who, especially in these difficult times have enriched our lives through Worship, Christian Charity or in our Common Prayer: We Give Thanks to God for You!

Even in the past few months, we have been blessed with new acquaintances, whether joining us at Holy Mass, or through our online reflections, bulletin posting, or our website. To you we offer a sincere:
"Hello and Welcome."

Maybe you've been away for a while and have chosen this time to re-connect:
To you we offer a heartfelt,
"Welcome Home!"

From Father Slaton
and the Staff of
St. Anthony Catholic Church

Linda
Michelle
Eric

Ginny
Robert
Caeli

Easter is coming! What an odd thing to say at Christmas! For most of us, on this day, Easter is far from our thoughts or imagination. We might be focusing on the gift God gave to us in the Incarnation. God the Father gave to us His only begotten Son. However, our society focuses too much on this one part of the story. The truth is that this is the beginning of a story. This is the start of a gift. The true gift is not that God gave to us His Son in birth, but instead God gave us His Son in death.

If Jesus did not die and rise from the dead, would Christmas be such a wonderful and meaningful time? It would be an interesting and cool story, but Jesus was born to die and then conquer death for all of us. On this day, the true Paschal Lamb was born into the world. This is not a day of innocence but a day that makes true reconciliation for our transgressions possible.

This awareness does not make Christmas a sad time but instead a more joyous occasion. Can there be a greater love than to lay down one's life for another? The crucifixion would not occur for about another 33 years, but on this day, our God laid down the life of His Son. He laid him down in a manger and set into motion a series of events that redeemed all of creation. There is no sadness, because today Jesus is alive and well! May your Christmas be filled with Easter joy for He is today, tomorrow, and forever the greatest gift our God could ever give us.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

....Let us Pray for....

All the Recipients of the Prayer Blankets and Prayer Squares

All those in Jails or Prisons

Rudi Amer
Sharon Bailey
Betty Barner
Toni Breininger
Wayne Breininger
Dan Briskey
Jan Brissette
Bob Carey
Carey
Lowell Cousino
Mandy Cousino
Veronica DeLeon
Marcus Demorest
Reagan Devlin
Martha Eades
Elaine Esper
Scott Ferguson
Jim Fuelling
Sheila Greisinger
Janet Harrell
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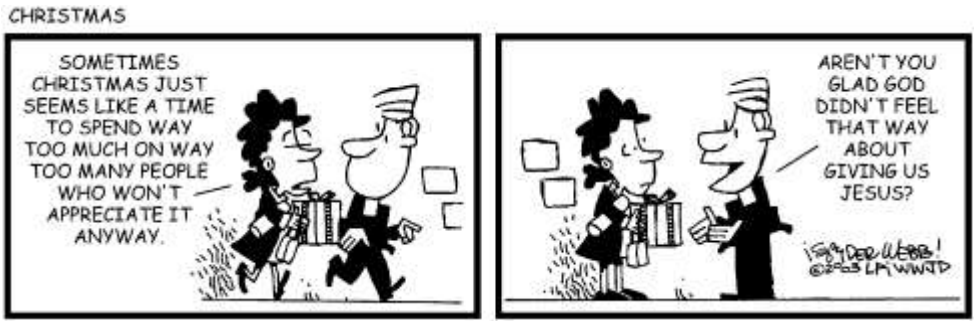
Gloria Hartman
Robert Homan
JoAnn Huntwork
Rosemary Jacobs
Kathy Kapela
Gloria Knaggs
Jonah Komberg
RoseMarie Komorowski
Wayne Langscheid
Harry Linebaugh
Dick MacAdams
David Maenle
John Maenle
Sandy Maenle
Pat Miller
Sarah Miller
Steve Miller
Robert Moeltner
Steve Murzynski
Casey Naperella
Bernadine Nusbaum
Tyler & Jen Oehlers
Austin Oehlers
Jenny Pam
Jacob Parrish
Diane Perry
Carol Quaine
Rakebrand Family
Fr. Patrick Rohen
Jana Schenkel
Rick Schneider
Jean Schroeder
Alexander, Andrew & Tanner Skelton
Jim Stout
Tom Szuba
Tom Townsend
Alex Valdez
Virginia VanKirk
Christopher Warner
Kristine Wells



O Come, Let Us Adore Him!

What will you give to Christ this Christmas?

Come and pray with *Him*

In the Most Blessed Sacrament.
He is constantly offering Himself to the Father
in a spirit of adoration, thanksgiving, reparation, and petition.

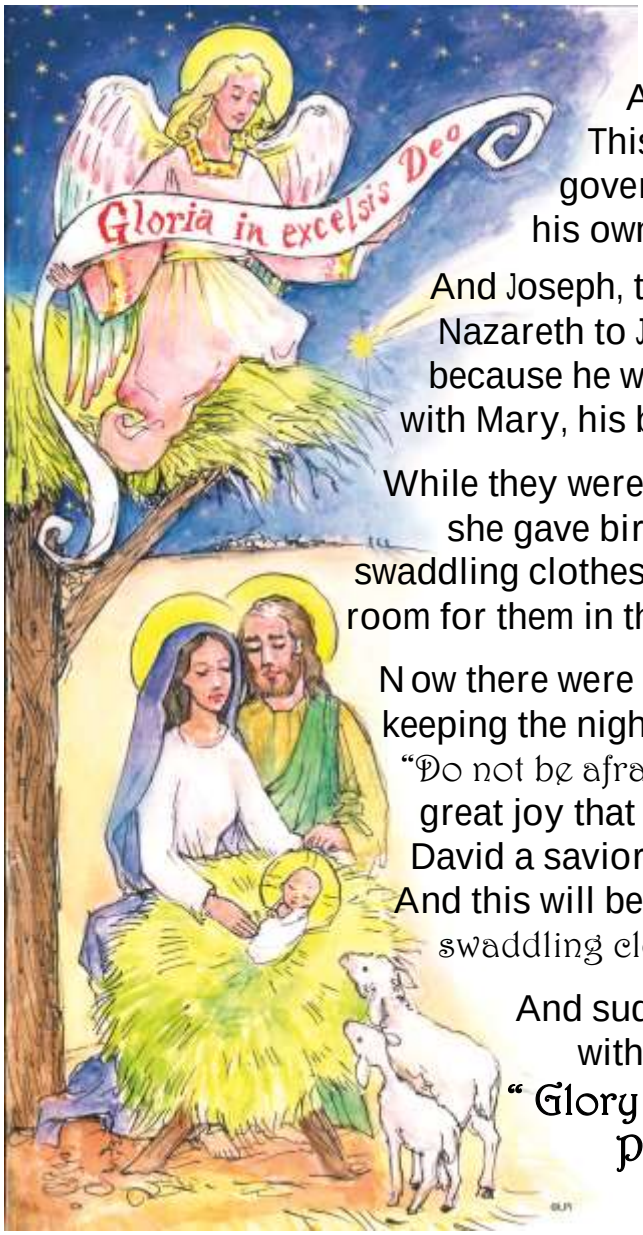
Come and pray to *Him*

He Himself is God and deserves the worship of
adoration, thanksgiving, reparation, and petition.

Come and pray as you like

- Recite your favorite prayers.
- Contemplate acts of faith, hope, charity, adoration, thanksgiving, reparation,
- Petition: obedience, humility, resignation...or whatever virtue appeals to you as you pray before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Meditative reading
- Offer your time before the Eucharistic Lord for a special intention. Cards are available in the Chapel that may be filled out & sent to those we pray for.

The Christmas Story



According to St. Luke

In those days, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town.

And Joseph, too, went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her first born son. She wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

" Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
Peace to those on whom His favor rests."

Today marks the end of the Advent season and the beginning of the Christmas season.
We have lighted four candles these past four weeks
and asked God to help us be present to our neighbors and friends.
Now in the Christmas season we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world.

Let us pray...

O God, you became human through the obedience
of a simple young woman named Mary.
Mary is our model of faith. May we be faithful to your word as Mary was.
Give us the courage to face each day with the yes that Mary gave to you.
We ask this through the incarnate God,
who comes to us again during this Christmas season. Amen.