



- Saint Thomas More -

International Catholic Chaplaincy Bonn

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1st Sunday of Advent
Mass 9:30 a.m.



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Today's Mass Intention: For the Parishioners

Today's readings	<i>GATHER: No. 881</i>	
Order of the Mass	<i>GATHER: No. 134 onwards</i>	

ENTRANCE HYMN: READY THE WAY

1. "Ready the way of the Lord,
Ready the way of the Lord."
A voice cries out in the wilderness:
"Ready the way of the Lord."

2. Let every valley be filled,
Let every valley be filled.
Let every mountain be humbled,
Let every valley be filled.

*Ref.: Here is your God,
coming with your vindication.
Look and behold the saving power of
God.*

3. Desert and waste land will bloom,
Desert and waste land will bloom.
Glory and splendor will fill the land,
Desert and waste land will bloom.

4. Those who are blind will then see,
Those who are deaf will then hear.
Those who are lame will then leap for joy,
Those who are mute will then sing.
Back to Ref.

5. Strengthen the ones who are weak,
Strengthen the ones who are weak.
Say to the frightened: "Have courage."
Strengthen the ones who are weak.
Back to Ref

Penitential Rite	I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have do and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virg all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray fo me to the Lord our God.
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KYRIE: sung

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

Responsorial Psalm Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

R. (1b) TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT UP, I LIFT UP MY SOUL, MY GOD. (SUNG)

SECOND READING: *1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia - sung

SHOW US, LORD, YOUR LOVE; AND GRANT US YOUR SALVATION.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia - sung

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

CREDO: recited

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

TODAY'S PRAYER RESPONSE: HEAVENLY FATHER, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Come, Jesus, Prince of Peace

*“Come, O come, Emmanuel, come to us and stay.
Come, O come, Emmanuel, could this be the day?
Jesus, Prince of Peace, hope of all the earth;
Come, O come, Emmanuel, we await Your birth.*

*Come, O come, Emmanuel, joy of heaven come down.
Come, O come, Emmanuel, King without a crown.
Jesus, Prince of Peace, come to guide our way;
Come, O come, Emmanuel, live in us today.*

*Come, O come, Emmanuel, branch of Jesse's tree.
Come, O come, Emmanuel, set Your children free.
Jesus, Prince of Peace, gentle as a dove;
Come, O come, Emmanuel, messenger of love.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Come, O come, Emmanuel, we await Your birth.”

Sanctus: sung: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Il: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. :Il

Memorial Acclamation (sung):

SAVE US, SAVE US, SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD, FOR BY YOUR CROSS AND RESURRECTION YOU HAVE SET US FREE.

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

LAMB OF GOD sung

GATHER 312

COMMUNION HYMN 1: BEYOND THE MOON AND STARS

Refrain: *Beyond the moon and stars, as deep as night,
So great our hunger, Lord, to see your light.
The sparrow finds her home beneath your wing,
So may we come to rest where angels sing.*

1. *Our eyes have longed to see your loving face,
To live within your courts for all our days. Refrain:*

2. *Your roads have led us, Lord, 'cross desert sand.
We place our hopes and dreams within your hand. Refrain:*

3. *Upon our darkness, Lord, a light has shone.
You came to dwell with us in flesh and bone.*

4. *With shining stars at night, and cloud by day,
you brought us here to see your love's display. Refrain:*

5. *When life's great journey ends, and day is done,
Then may our eyes behold your Holy One. Refrain:*

COMMUNION HYMN 2

THE KING SHALL COME WHEN MORNING DAWNS GATHER 347

FINAL HYMN

LET THE VALLEYS BE RAISED

Refrain:

**Let the valleys be raised and the mountains made low,
Ev'ry meadow and field overturn,
Make the pathway straight and the highway run smooth for the coming of God in our day**

1. *God has come to His people as He promised of old,
He has raised up a Saviour in the sight of us all. **Refrain:***

2. *You little child, go before Him, Like the prophets of old.
Bringing news of His coming, By the mercy of God. **Refrain:***

3. *God has come like the morning on the darkness of night,
As a light to the people, like the breaking of day. **Refrain:***

**Let the valleys be raised and the mountains made low, Ev'ry meadow and field overturn,
Make the pathway straight and the highway run smooth for the coming of God in our day.**

All families welcome



Our community is blessed to have many young families, and we want to make sure that they all know how happy we are to have them with us. We also know that children can act up on occasion, and that is by no means a reason to leave them or anybody else at home. It is good for the children to participate in the liturgy from their first days, so that it is also a familiar environment for them. For the moments when they do lose control, please feel free to use the different areas in the back of the church.

The entrances are all closed in by glass doors, forming a good sound barrier and making it possible to still participate in Holy Mass. If it is too cold or drafty there you are also welcome to use

the rooms behind the confessionals and the sacristy. Thank you for your consideration of the others and we hope you and your family always feel welcome.

SINGING IS PRAYING TWICE." - St Augustine.

The **St. Thomas More (STM) Choir, Bonn** has been an integral and important part of our church community life now for decades! Indeed, our reputation has gone before us into the wider Rheinviertel and Bad Godesberg church communities, as we have on many occasions over the years played and sung at their church and social events.

This has certainly helped to enhance STM's profile in the wider German community.

STM has always been a community of ebb and flow, of comings and goings, of waxing and waning! Recent years have sadly seen your STM choir losing members, as they move on to other challenges in different parts of the world, without perhaps enough new people appearing to plug the gaps, as it were. **We are therefore appealing today for volunteers.**

If you enjoy singing, play an instrument, or know how to set up / operate a sound system, we would like - no, we want you to come and join us.

We usually practice in the church on Fridays at 17:30 hrs - or in the rectory as the case may be. In many ways, this is one of the most joyful times of the year for singing, especially with all of your favorite Christmas carols on the list for Christmas Eve.

Our wonderful new African choir has shown us what warmth, enthusiasm and love of singing can achieve in a short time.

So, please come and join our STM choir at your earliest convenience and sing with us on the First Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve - and maybe beyond.

Speak to any choir member or Martina, our Secretary after Mass.

SINGING IS PRAYING TWICE! GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

ARE YOU NEW?

If you are new to our Saint Thomas More Catholic Chaplaincy, we are glad to have you with us this morning. **Please fill in a Newcomer Registration form** so that you can receive copies of our occasional email news bulletin and other communications. Newcomer Registration forms can be found on the table at the back of the church at the end of the middle aisle. **Please put your filled-out forms in one of our collection baskets or pass them to the ushers or directly to our parish secretary.**

For reasons of data protection we ask that you may not leave your filled out registration forms in the church but rather hand them to us personally. If you need any assistance, please feel free to contact our secretary via email or personally after our Sunday Mass.

MORE DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS:

Weekday Masses are on Tuesday and Thursday at 7 pm in the rectory



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and spend time with the LORD, truly present in the Eucharist.

When: **5th December 2024** from **8.30 pm to 9.30 pm**

Where: **St. Andreas Church, Andreasstr.1, Bonn Rüngsdorf**

An hour of prayers, meditations and chants in English.

This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago is present today in the Eucharist. (St John Paul II)

**Calling all our children and young adults!
Special children's Mass scheduled for the fourth Sunday of Advent.**



On Sunday, 22nd December, we will have our first **Children's Mass** at St Thomas More.

We would like to invite the children and young adults of our community to participate in this special Mass.

We need volunteers for **altar serving, reading, the offertory procession, singing and/or playing an instrument.**

If you would like to get involved and are planning on being here on that date, please come to the back of the church today and let us know how you would be interested in participating!



Alternatively, please speak to one of the catechists.

We will **practice** for this **after our Mass today.**

Also, after our Children's Mass on the 22nd, we will have a small celebration in the rectory with snacks and goodies for all those involved.

All are welcome.

Christmas donations sought for homeless women in Bonn

Given the success of last year's Christmas charitable initiative by our Community at Saint Thomas More, we would like to appeal for your support again for **the Frauenhaus ,Maria Königin'** who house homeless women and their families in Bonn.

The **Frauenhaus** is once again aiming to distribute more than 100 Christmas parcels to homeless women in and around the city and would like our help in making this happen!



Donations in the form of non-perishable foods and toiletries have been requested.

Donations should be put together in a shoe-sized box wrapped in Christmas decorations!

We **have a supply of empty boxes available in the rectory throughout November** so if needed, please pop over after Holy Mass to collect one.

Please take a flyer home for details. Thank you very much

Coming Sunday, December 8th is the last Opportunity to drop off your packages!!

There is a little addition to our Christmas package project. **(see below)**

The shelter is also very grateful for **household items of any kind** i.e.

dishes, plates, cups, glasses, cutlery, bed linens, towels etc.

Please note that it would help all of us, if the donated **household items** would be dropped off at **the rectory either in cartons or bags for easy transport.**

Thank you all very much in advance.

More dates for your calendar:

On Sunday 8th December we will pray the Rosary together before Mass.

Please be there 30 minutes earlier and join us in prayer.

Sunday 22nd December - 4th Sunday of Advent - Children's Mass