

International English-speaking Catholic Community, Parish of Luxembourg Notre-Dame
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Thought for the week: 'Do not be afraid to approach him, go with confidence to Jesus' "*N'ayez pas peur de l'approcher, allez avec confiance vers Jésus*" Sainte Gemma

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(+352) 661 127 962 / parish@catholic.lu Office hours are 08:30 - 12:30 Monday - Friday.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 19:30 Vigil Mass Garden Chapel St. Alphonse.

Sundays 11:00 in Belair Church and 18:30 in St Michel.

Livestreaming of Mass: The Sunday 11:00 Mass is live-streamed via our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/stalphonseluxembourg/live

Children's liturgy is available for younger children who have their own class during the 11:00 Mass each Sunday, re-joining the rest of the community just before the Our Father. Parents are welcome to stay.

The parish office will be closed from 23rd December and will reopen on 2nd January 2025.

Sincere thanks to all who supported
the various seasons charity appeals throughout the year!

Masses at Christmas :
Christmas Eve - St Michel at 18:30
Christmas Day - Belair Church at 11:00

Donations to the English-speaking Catholic Community can be made via bank transfer by bank transfer: Friends Engl. Cath. Comm. LU10 0019 5155 8196 2000. Donations can also be made via your mobile using Digicash (payconiq)

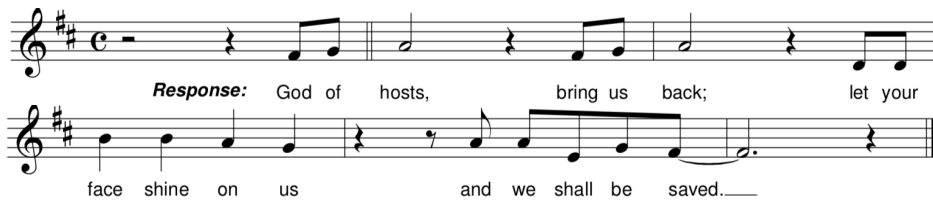


MASS SETTING: Mass of a Joyful Heart

OPENING HYMN: O come, O come Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel.
2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the Law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
3. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
4. O come, thou key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
5. O come, desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all humankind;
bid every sad division cease,
and be thyself our Prince of Peace.

Psalm 79 (80) : God of hosts, bring us back



PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS : The Angel Gabriel

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!
2. For know, a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honour thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers
foretold;
most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!
3. Then gently Mary meekly bowed her head,
To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said.
'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy
name';
Most highly favoured lady. Gloria!
4. Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world
will ever say 'most highly favoured lady.'
Gloria!

COMMUNION I : Table of Plenty

*Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need
Here at the table of plenty.*

1. O come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love.
2. O come and eat without money;
come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
with faith and fullness of life.
3. My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul.
4. Your fields will flower in fullness;
your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
will send my rain on the soil.

COMMUNION II : Ave Maria

1. As I kneel before you,
as I bow my head in prayer,
take this day, make it yours
and fill me with your love.
*Ave Maria,
Gratia plena,
Dominus tecum,
Benedicta tu.*
2. All I have I give you,
every dream and wish are yours,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of mine, present them to my Lord.
3. As I kneel before you,
and I see your smiling face,
ev'ry thought, ev'ry word
is lost in your embrace.



RECESSIONAL : Ready the Way

*Ready the way, ready the way,
ready the way of the Lord.
Ready the way, ready the way,
ready the way of the Lord.*

1. Make straight the road,
raise the valleys,
and mountains make low.
Turning from sin,
let the broken be whole,
and ready the way of the Lord.
2. As we wait for you,
give us the strength
to walk in your truth,
so we may love more like you
and ready the way for you, Lord.
3. Let us see your face;
in our hearts we prepare a place.
Come bring this world
your mercy and grace,
as we ready the way for you, Lord.