

International English-speaking Catholic Community, Parish of Luxembourg Notre-Dame
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Thought for the week: "God is always with those who suffer." *'Dieu est toujours dans le camp de ceux qui souffrent'* (St John-Paul II)

Parish Office - Please contact Caroline in the office for all enquiries regarding baptisms, weddings, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Mass intentions:

Office hours are 08:30-12:30 Mon-Fri. The office address is 34, rue des Capucins, L-1313 Luxembourg.

Mass times

Wednesdays 18:15 - Garden Chapel (Courtyard of St Alphonse/rue Willy Goergen)

Saturdays 19:30 - Garden Chapel

Sundays 11:00 - St Pie X, Belair and **18:30**, St Michel, Luxembourg-Ville

Livestreaming of Mass: Sunday 11:00 Mass on www.facebook.com/stalphonseluxembourg/live

Tea/coffee after the 11:00 Mass : Refreshments are served and donations are for the Ilula Orphanage Program.

Music group : New members are always welcome to the music group. Please contact anyone of us on Sunday morning. We also need people to help bring all the equipment back to the cellar after Mass. This too is a real ministry in the parish and greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Children's Liturgy: this is for children aged 3 years and above and it takes place at the 11.30 Mass. To register your child please contact the parish office: parish@catholic.lu

Mass sheet - Please take home your copy of the Sunday Message.

Christmas Food Bank Appeal: Our Confirmation candidates are collecting for the Luxembourg and Bonnevoie food banks. We invite you to donate items from the shopping list below and hand them in at the Sunday Masses. Please do not bring fresh, perishable or open items.

Dried or quick cooked foods, ex. canned fish (tuna, sardines), pasta/noodles, pasta sauce, rice, honey, sweet items - chocolate, biscuits, drinks e.g. soft-drinks, long-life milk etc.etc. All will be gratefully

Christmas Mass Times

Vigil Mass for Christmas: Wednesday 24th of December at St Michel beginning with Carols at 18:00 and continuing with Mass of the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ at 18:30.

Christmas Day: Thursday 25th December there will be one Mass celebrated at 11:00 at St Pie X, Belair.

The Feast of The Epiphany: Sunday 4th of January 2026.

Donations to the English-speaking Catholic Community : Please consider making a donation via bank transfer or even better, set up a monthly direct payment:

Friends Engl. Cath. Comm. LU10 0019 5155 8196 2000.

Usually donations can also be made via your mobile using Digicash (payconiq), but we cannot pass on the updated QR code and kindly invite you to use bank details for sending in your donation. Thank you for all your donations - your generosity is much appreciated.

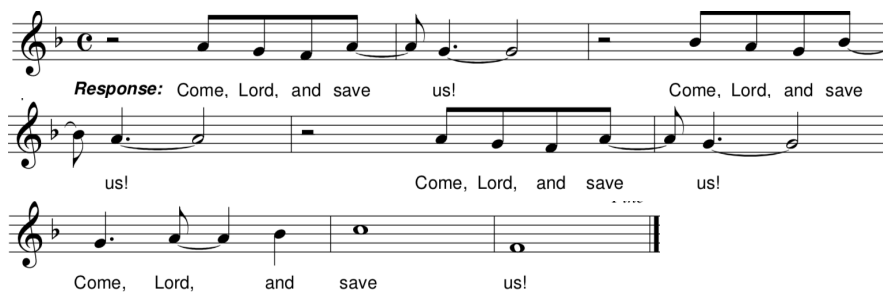
OPENING HYMN : Ready the Way

*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.

PSALM 145: *Come, Lord, and save us*



PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: 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 : How deep the Father's love for us

1. How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory
2. Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom.

COMMUNION II: Open my eyes, Lord

1. Open my eyes, Lord,
help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see
2. Open my ears, Lord,
help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear

3. Open my heart, Lord,
help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord, help me to love
4. I live within you,
deep in your heart, O love
I live within you, rest now in me.

RECESSIONAL : Our God reigns

1. How lovely on the mountains
are the feet of him
Who brings good news, good news
Proclaiming peace,
announcing news of happiness
Our God reigns, our God reigns

*Our God reigns, our God reigns
Our God reigns, our God reigns*

2. You watchmen lift
your voices joyfully as one
Shout for your King, your King
See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion
Our God reigns, Our God reigns!