

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Monday, December 20, 2021**

7:30 AM Anthony Corsentino
 12:30 PM Ann Phelan – 1st Anniversary
 7:30 PM Spanish Intentions

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

7:30 AM Irene Krause - Living
 12:30 PM Ann Hlavenka

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

7:30 AM Vito Serino
 12:30 PM William H. Cassidy

Thursday, December 23, 2021

7:30 AM Rev. Dennis Whalen
 12:30 PM John de Almeida

Friday, December 24, 2021

4:00 PM The Children, Families and all those
 in service to the Religious
 Education Program
 6:00 PM Robert & Mary Fitton
 11:00 PM Michael Palumbo

Saturday, December 25, 2021

7:00 PM Rev. Patrick J. Callan
 10:00 AM Julio & Ilda da Silva

Sunday, December 26, 2021

7:00 AM Carlo & Filomena Crecco
 8:30 AM Portuguese Intention
 10:00 AM Maria & Antonio Cirne
 11:30 AM People of the Parish
 5:00 PM Spanish Intentions
 7:00 PM Adina DeNovellis

PRIEST CELEBRANTS' SCHEDULE**Saturday, December 24, 2021**

4:00 PM Fr. Malcolm
 6:00 PM Fr. Ngozi
 8:00 PM Fr. Tomaz (Spanish)
 11:30 PM Fr. Malcolm

Saturday, December 25, 2021

7:00 AM Fr. Ngozi
 8:30 AM Fr. Tomaz (Portuguese)
 10:00 AM Fr. Ngozi
 11:30 AM Fr. Malcolm

Sunday, December 26, 2021

7:00 AM Fr. Ngozi
 8:30 AM Fr. Tomaz (Portuguese)
 10:00 AM Fr. Malcolm
 11:30 AM Fr. Ngozi
 5:00 PM Fr. Malcolm (Spanish)
 7:00 PM Fr. Ngozi

(Schedule is subject to change)

Corpus Christi Mass on YouTube

This Sunday December 19, you can watch Fr. Malcolm celebrate the English Mass. The English Mass will be on YouTube as of 7:00 AM on Sunday. Please type tgomide to watch the Mass from the comfort of your homes or wherever you are. The mass will be posted to our Facebook page as well. Tell all your friends and family about it so they too can watch.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior, gave her time and love to others as well (Our Sunday Visitor, *ibid.*, page 24).

December 12th Actual Collection = \$10,581

December 12th Mail-In Donations = \$4,356

December 12th Total Collection = \$14,937

Religious Retirement = \$3,842

Immaculate Conception = \$2,605

Attendance = 1,129

**CMA Numbers for 2021**

Goal = \$96,500

Pledges = \$51,399 Payments = \$51,176

Donors = 324 Average = \$155

Thank you to all the families who already have made a sacrificial gift. Please consider a yearly offering.



Corpus Christi Church

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Christmas Mass Schedule 2021

Christmas Eve (Friday, December 24th)

4:00 P.M. Family Mass (English)

6:00 P.M. (English), 8:00 P.M. (Spanish),

11:00 P.M. Midnight Mass (English)

Christmas Day (Saturday, December 25th)

7:00 A.M. (English), 8:30 A.M. (Portuguese),

10:00 A.M. (English), 11:30 A.M. (English)

There is no Mass on Christmas Day at night

CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 20th 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, December 21st 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Wednesday, December 22nd 4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve (Friday, December 31st)

7:30 A.M. , 12:30 P.M., and 5:00 P.M. (English)

New Year's Day (Saturday, January 1st)

9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2021

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

On December 1, 2019, Our Holy Father Pope Francis issued *Admirabile Signum*, an Apostolic Letter *On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene*. It is a beautiful reflection that I draw on every Christmas season and one which I urge you to read and pray.¹

In it, the Holy Father reminds us that the simple act of arranging our Nativity set links us to the past, opens questions for the present, and orients the future. It is an act that has an existential impact.

Pope Francis says: “Setting up the Christmas creche in our homes helps us to relive the history of what took place in Bethlehem. Naturally, the Gospels remain our source for understanding and reflecting on the event. At the same time, its portrayal in the creche helps us to imagine the scene. It touches our hearts and makes us enter into salvation history as contemporaries of an event that is living and real in a broad gamut of historical and cultural contexts.”

The beautiful scene of parents and grandparents setting up creches together with children and grandchildren is a powerful multi-dimensional experience of catechesis – the teaching and passing on of our Catholic faith and our belief in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ to the next generation.

Parents and grandparents have that wisdom of teaching children and grandchildren how to assemble and situate the creche, but at the same time, they also have the catechetical and relational sensitivity to let children and grandchildren make choices about where the shepherds, the sheep, the three kings are to be placed.

Children are encouraged to place the Holy Family – Mary, Joseph and the Prince of Peace – with their own hands into the center of the creche. How often children then enjoy, sometimes on their own and sometimes with brothers and sisters and family members, moving and interacting with the figurines. How often their biblical imaginations and souls are set on fire with God’s love as they play with their family Nativity sets.

The Holy Father continues: “I would like now to reflect on the various elements of the nativity scene in order to appreciate their deeper meaning. First, there is the background of a starry sky wrapped in the darkness and silence of night. We represent this not only out of fidelity to the Gospel accounts, but also for its symbolic value. We can think of all those times in our lives when we have experienced the darkness of night. Yet even then, God does not abandon us, but is there to answer our crucial questions about the

¹ https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20191201_admirabile-signum.html

meaning of life. Who am I? Where do I come from? Why was I born at this time in history? Why do I love? Why do I suffer? Why will I die? It was to answer these questions that God became man. His closeness brings light where there is darkness and shows the way to those dwelling in the shadow of suffering (cf. Luke 1:79).”

We can drift through life dodging and repressing these critical existential questions of life. We can live blindly and superficially.

Our Catholic belief in the unity of the Nativity and the Crucifixion, the Creche and the Cross, Bethlehem and Golgotha keeps our lives centered and focused on the things that really count in our short time on earth – the Last Things (Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell) and a belief in the Eternal Joy of Heaven, our true home.

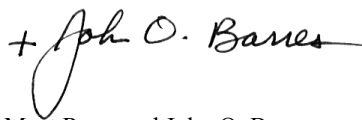
The Holy Father continues to press the existential questions: “The presence of the poor and the lowly in the nativity scene remind us that God became man for the sake of those who feel most in need of his love and who ask him to draw near to them. Jesus, ‘gentle and humble in heart’ (Matthew 11:29), was born in poverty and led a simple life in order to teach us to recognize what is essential and to act accordingly. The nativity scene clearly teaches that we cannot let ourselves be fooled by wealth and fleeting promises of happiness. We see Herod’s palace in the background, closed and deaf to the tidings of joy. By being born in a manger, God himself launches the only true revolution that can give hope and dignity to the disinherited and the outcast: the revolution of love, the revolution of tenderness. From the manger, Jesus proclaims, in a meek yet powerful way, the need for sharing with the poor as the path to a more human and fraternal world in which no one is excluded or marginalized.”

May our prayer, silent contemplation and creative family catechesis of the Nativity scene help us to be instruments of a Gospel revolution of humility, charity, mercy, tenderness, and solidarity with the sick, the poor and the suffering.

May our commitment to “holiness and mission” bless our contemplative Synodal listening and our Eucharistic Revival and Evangelization.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

“The Governor of New York State has included houses of worship in her recent directives. Therefore, since the Church does not require parishioners to present proof of vaccination in order to worship God, we ask that all parishioners (two years of age and older) comply with the requirement to wear masks when participating in any activities on parish grounds. This State requirement is currently in effect through January 15, 2022. We will continue to adapt accordingly as new information becomes available. Your patience and Christian charity towards one another during this difficult time is appreciated.”



Glory to the New Born King!

Corpus Christi Church

155 Garfield Avenue
Mineola, New York 11501-2583

Christmas 2021

My Dear Friends and Families of Corpus Christi Church,

“Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this Child has been conceived in Her. She will bear a Son, and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.’” (Matthew 1:20-21).

These powerful Gospel words of the angel to Joseph and Mary, foreshadow the same theme that Jesus Himself will proclaim throughout His three-year public ministry: “Do not be afraid!” For nearly two years now, the fear of the pandemic has consumed the entire planet, with millions of people succumbing to sickness or death. Thanks be to God, to science and to medicine, we do have a vaccine that is working to save many millions more from the scourge of covid. But even more importantly, we have Christ Himself. The infant Jesus even in the womb of His Blessed Mother, already brings about the birth of the Kingdom of Heaven among us.

In Bethlehem, the Lord provides the Holy Family with the humble simplicity of a manger, so that pure Divine Love might be born into our broken humanity. This same mystery of the Incarnate Christ-Child gives profound Hope to our weakened world today. And God blesses us all with a deep Faith to overcome all Fear.

I thank you for being so generous with your time, talents and treasures; not only at Christmas, but all year long. May Jesus, Mary and Joseph watch over your family, children and grandchildren, with the greatest gifts of faith, hope and love. God bless your Christmas season and New Year 2022 to come!

Yours in Christ,

Father Malcolm J. Burns
Pastor

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mass and outdoor procession which took place on December 12th, during the 5:00 PM Spanish Mass. Thank you to everyone who made such a beautiful celebration with music, flowers, and Mass!

Muchisimas Gracias!



A New Christmas Tradition at Corpus Christi



Help us to remember your deceased loved ones during the Christmas season by bringing a Christmas ornament to the church to be placed on one of our two Christmas trees in the sanctuary. These ornaments will help beautify our trees and serve as a loving tribute and reminder of those who now celebrate the Savior's birth in our awaited eternal home. These ornaments will serve a permanent collection and will be used to decorate the trees in future years; therefore, the ornaments will not be returned at the end of the Christmas season but will be stored here at the church. If you would like to bring in an ornament for inclusion on the Christmas tree, please drop it off at the rectory during normal office hours.

REMEMBERING YOU FOR CHRISTMAS



At this wonderful time of the year when we remember and celebrate our Savior's birth, we give thanks for the many gifts and blessings we have received. One way to give thanks is by remembering our friends and families by offering Christmas greetings, writing and sending Christmas cards.

This year Parish Outreach is sponsoring our first "REMEMBERING YOU FOR CHRISTMAS". Our outreach is simple and easy. When you are writing

out your Christmas cards, write one extra Christmas card for a sick or homebound parishioner. These unseen and still important members of our parish won't be able to join us in person for our parish Christmas celebrations, but we want to let them know that they are still remembered in our hearts, thoughts and prayers.

Bring that Christmas card with you to Mass on the weekends of December 11th/12th and 18th/19th and drop it into the specially prepared mailbox in the lobby of the church or drop it off at the rectory during those two weeks during normal business hours. Don't worry about addressing it to a specific parishioner or sealing & stamping the card. Members of our Parish Outreach team will take care of that and deliver your joyful greetings to our homebound parishioners.

Help us spread the joy and peace of this holy season to those in need who can't be present with us at Christmas.



If you know of anyone who is alone, sick or homebound, please call us at Outreach and let us know and we will include them in our Christmas Card Outreach.



Mineola Choral Society

Thomas W. Jones, Conductor

presents

In Memoriam et Cum Gratia In Remembrance and With Thanksgiving

featuring

JONES Lamentations (WORLD PREMIER)

MOZART Requiem

HANDEL Messiah (SELECTIONS)

with

Nola Richardson, Soprano • Janara Kellerman, Alto
Gene Stenger, Tenor • Joseph Beutel, Bass/Baritone
The Chorus and Orchestra of the Society

Our Winter Concert is a reflection on almost two years of pain, suffering and loss due to Covid, as well as on the heroic efforts of the many people who tirelessly fought to overcome this pandemic. The concert opens with **Thomas W. Jones' Lamentations**, a cantata in four movements which speaks to the desolation and sadness following the fall of Jerusalem in the 6th century BC—a stark parallel to the emptiness of our cities, and our periodic feelings of helplessness and despair during lockdown. This will be followed by **Mozart's Requiem**, a memorial to all who have died during the pandemic as well as to their families and friends who were unable to visit, console, care for or even bury their loved ones. The conclusion of the concert is from the resurrection section of **Handel's Messiah** where "death is swallowed up in victory, thanks be to God—AMEN!"

Sunday, February 6, 2022, 3 PM

Corpus Christi RC Church

Tickets \$25 • Seniors & Students \$20

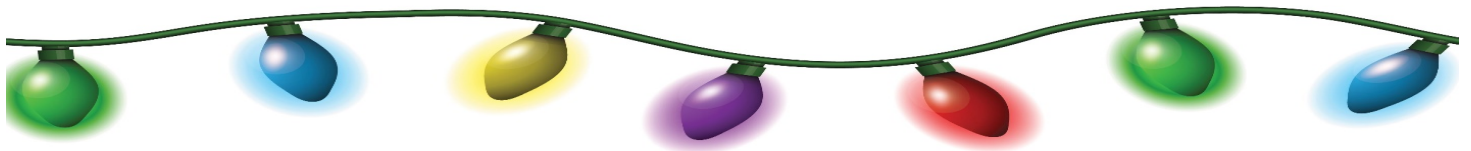
All Advance-Sale Tickets (before January 17) \$20

For Tickets, Please Call 516-294-1175

Proof of Covid vaccination is required for attendance.



Bishop Anjay Fr. Tomaz Fr. Ngozi
 Fr. Malcolm Deacon Brian Troy
 Paula Mrs. Anaischik Frannie
 Kenny Irene Mary Ann Rob Nuria
 Fatima Eddie Fr. Rich Jackie



2021 Symbolic Christmas Bulbs Sale

We would like to continue the tradition of offering the opportunity to purchase a Symbolic Bulb for the beautiful blue-spruce Christmas tree outside the church in memory or honor of a loved one.

To follow the social distancing to ensure everyone is safe. We will be offering two opportunities for you to purchase a \$5.00 bulb.

- Fill out the form in the church bulletin and place in the collection baskets during each of the masses or send or drop of at the rectory.
- Someone will be at the back of the church the weekends of December 4th & 5th and on December 11th & 12th after the masses for you to complete a form.

The intentions will be placed in a journal and placed on the alter during the Christmas Eve Mass on the 24th.

Your intentions will need to be returned to the rectory by Wednesday December 23rd.

Donor: _____

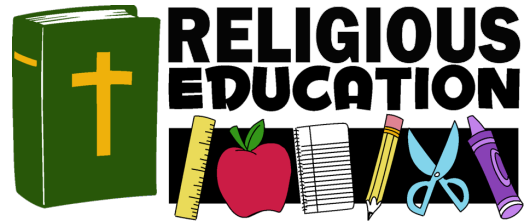
In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: (someone who is still alive) _____



Please remember the sick in your daily prayers, including the following who have asked to be included in our list:

Connie Altvater, Armandina Araujo, Vinnie Benedetto, Violeta Bernal, Anne Boland, Erin Burke, Marie Byrnes, Jeanne Carroll, Michael Castalino, Arlene Cavanagh, Frank de Carolis, Sue Citro, Joann Cornacchioli, James Cunney, Jerry Daraio, Karen DeStefano, Anthony Donnelly, Kate Donovan, Virginia Fallon, Laurie Fefta, Lena Fiorillo, Robert Fox, Lilly Fuentes, Kenneth Gallagher, Vanessa Gomes, Robert Hartlett, Eileen Hendrickson, Sue Krebs, Pat Kober, Diane LaBianca, Joseph LaBianca, Vincent Lodato, Christine Lucivero, Augustus & Camella Lodato, Jason Lopes, Thomas Mitchell, Pat Nicolosi, Susan O'Brien, Melissa Ogunsuyi, Gabriel Palhete, Edward Panzella, Linda Pires, Elizabeth Rose, JoAnn Russo, Mary Santucci, Robert Santucci, Lisa Simeone, Alice Squeri, Beatriz Silva Pontes, Paul Tubito, Lorraine Verdade, and any other members of our parish who are sick at this time.



Tues., Wed., Thurs., Dec. 28, 29, 30, 2021
No classes-Christmas Recess

Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022 - Classes resume

Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022 - Baptism of the Lord
9:30 AM Gr. 3-4 (Fitz. Hall)

10:00 AM Class Mass and introducing our new junior lector, Miss Diana Lima

Twenty Minutes with the Director

<i>Sunday, January 9</i>	<i>Grades 3, 4</i>
<i>Sunday, January 16</i>	<i>Grades 5, 6, IC-3</i>
<i>Sunday, January 23</i>	<i>Grades 7, 8, IC-4, IC-6</i>
<i>Sunday, January 30</i>	<i>Grades 1, 2, IC-3</i>

Altar Server Schedule

Fri., Dec. 24	4:00 PM	A.Basel/K.Cunha
	6:00 PM	G.Parrado/L.Parrado
Sat., Dec. 25.	10:00 AM	R.Kearns/H.Kearns
	11:30 AM	G.Wasserman/L.Wasserman
Sun., Dec. 26	10:00 AM	D.Lima/C.Lima
	11:30 AM	A.Baker/N.Baker

Corpus Christi Memorials Bread & Wine

Friday, December 24 - 11:00pm Mass
In Loving Memory of Pat Boland
 Requested by Anne Boland

Saturday, December 25 - 11:30am Mass
Return of Good Health for Hilda Majacka (Living)

Requested by Corpus Christi Rosary Altar Society

Sunday, December 26 - 11:30am Mass
In Prayerful Memory of William H. Cassidy

Requested by Corpus Christi Rosary Altar Society

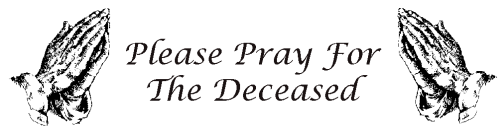
Junior Lector Schedule (10:00 AM Mass)

Sat. December 25
 Ashley Ferreira/Jasmine Ferreira

Sunday, December 26
 Nicole Henriques

Sunday, January 2
 Jonathan Arias/Lindsey Parrado

Sunday, January 9
 Diana Lima/Alcina Lima



Antonio dos Santos
Stephen J. Huggard

Español

IV DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO



EVANGELIO DE SAN LUCAS 1, 39-45

En aquellos días, María se encaminó apresurada a un pueblo de las montañas de Judea, y entrando en la casa de Zacarías, saludó a Isabel. En cuanto ésta oyó el saludo de María, la criatura saltó en su seno. Entonces Isabel quedó llena del Espíritu Santo, y levantando la voz, exclamó: “Bendita tú entre las mujeres y bendito el fruto de tu vientre! Quién soy yo, para que la madre de mi Señor venga a verme? Apenas llegó tu saludo a mis oídos, el niño saltó de gozo en mi seno. Dichosa tú, que has creído, porque se cumplirá cuanto te fue anunciado de parte del Señor”.



Hemos llegado al cuarto y último Domingo de Adviento. Todo este tiempo litúrgico ha estado marcado por las grandes figuras proféticas, que anunciaron la llegada del Mesías; de entre ellas, hoy destaca la Virgen María, que fue quien mejor vivió la espera del Mesías y quien lo esperó con inefable amor de Madre. Apenas habrían pasado unos días después del anuncio del ángel, María, portadora de Cristo y movida por la caridade, se pone en camino, va corriendo para ayudar a su prima Isabel, quien se encuentra en avanzado estado de gravidez, y para compartir con ella la Buena Nueva que le ha comunicado el ángel. Su fe inquebrantable, su fiarse de Dios, se traduce en

servicio a las necesidades ajenas. Por eso, Dios ha elegido como madre de su Hijo. Y el servicio de María a Isabel empieza con el anuncio de la salvación: Isabel quedó llena del Espíritu Santo y el niño que llevaba en su seno saltó de gozo. María llevaba a Dios en su seno y Dios mismo entraba en su casa gracias a la visita de María. Isabel, embarazada de seis meses, se estremece en su cuerpo al escuchar el saludo de María. Por eso Isabel, llena del Espíritu Santo, exclama con humildad: Quién soy yo para que la madre de mi Señor venga a verme? Ella no se cree digna de la visita de María. Isabel también es testigo de la acción de Dios. Su hijo, que será conocido como Juan el Bautista, salto de alegría en su vientre. María a donde va, lleva la alegría, lleva a Jesús. El Evangelio de hoy nos enseña que la fe no es tanto creer unas cuantas verdades cuanto ofrecernos a Dios para hacer su voluntad. Acompañemos y dejémonos acompañar hoy por María. Que ella nos enseñe a creer y que nos enseñe también a ver a Dios en lo pequeño y en lo humilde. Pidámosle que nos ayude a preparar la navidad centrándonos en lo esencial.



Por qué escogió Dios a Belén como lugar de nacimiento de Jesús? Era pequeña e insignificante. Muchas veces el Señor escogerá lo que se considera lo más pequeño y débil para mostrar su gloria.



Português

IV DOMINGO DO ADVENTO



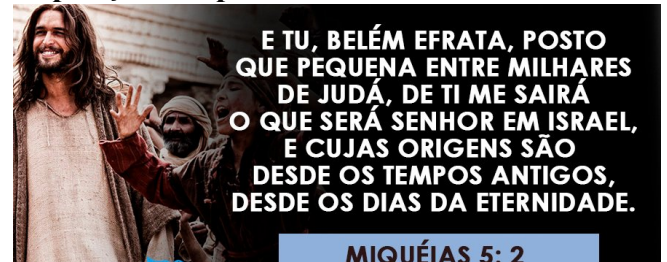
EVANGELHO DE SÃO LUCAS 1, 39-45

Naqueles dias, Maria pôs-se a caminho e dirigiu-se apressadamente para a montanha, em direção a uma cidade de Judá. Entrou em casa de Zacarias e saudou Isabel. Quando Isabel ouviu a saudação de Maria, o menino exultou-lhe no seio. Isabel ficou cheia do Espírito Santo e exclamou em alta voz: *“Bendita és tu entre as mulheres e bendito é o fruto do teu ventre. Donde me é dado que venha ter comigo a Mãe do meu Senhor? Na verdade, logo que chegou aos meus ouvidos a voz da tua saudação, o menino exultou de alegria no meu seio. Bem-aventurada aquela que acreditou no cumprimento de tudo quanto lhe foi dito da parte do Senhor”*.



A preparação para o Natal do Senhor, proposta pelo advento, se torna mais intensa à medida em que a sua conclusão se aproxima. Nesse sentido, é importante evidenciar os personagens humanos que Deus escolheu para intermediarem a transição entre as duas etapas da história da salvação: a antiga, baseada na lei e na expectativa do cumprimento de tantas promessas, e a nova,

fundada em Jesus, o Cristo, nascido de Maria, cumprimento das antigas promessas de salvação. Enquanto no último domingo a liturgia destacava a figura de João, o Baptista, e os efeitos de sua pregação, o evangelho de hoje destaca o encontro e o papel de duas mulheres, Maria e Isabel, evidenciando assim a preferência de Deus pelo que aparenta ser mais frágil, como era vista a mulher nessa época. Para transformar o mundo, Deus não chama os grandes e poderosos, e sim os humildes e pequenos. Isabel reconhece em Maria o exemplo maior de fé. Devemos fazer nossos os sentimentos e as palavras de Isabel e felicitar Maria pelas maravilhas que Deus realizou nela. Devemos assumir as atitudes destas mulheres que se põe à disposição dos planos de Deus.



E TU, BELÉM EFRATA, POSTO QUE PEQUENA ENTRE MILHARES DE JUDÁ, DE TI ME SAIRÁ O QUE SERÁ SENHOR EM ISRAEL, E CUJAS ORIGENS SÃO DESDE OS TEMPOS ANTIGOS, DESDE OS DIAS DA ETERNIDADE.

MIQUEIAS 5: 2

Entre os profetas que a liturgia permite visitar neste tempo de Advento para preparar o nascimento de Jesus, sobressai Miqueias, aquele que fala expressamente do nascimento do Messias em Belém. Miqueias era um homem simples, nascido de uma família humilde, trabalhando no campo como agricultor. Ele viveu entre os anos 740 e 698 antes de Cristo. Como todos os profetas a sua denúncia é de grande violência, revelando as injustiças dos ricos e a exploração dos pobres. Ele é um autêntico defensor da justiça. Na parte final da sua profecia ele afirma que alguém da família de David será o chefe e o pastor do seu povo. Ao ler essa profecia, imediatamente podemos reconhecer nela o nascimento de Jesus Cristo, o Messias prometido.

