

December 18, 2025 / #PaxMass

5:00 Pacific / 6:00 Mountain / 7:00 Central / 8:00 PM Eastern

Readings are the readings for today, Thursday, third week of Advent

Presider: Fr. Bob Longobucco

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, Schenectady, NY

OPENING SONG: [The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came](#)

Welcome: *Judy Coode, Pax Christi USA Communications Director*

+ *We celebrate this Mass in memory of **Fr. Chris Ponnet**, Pax Christi USA Ambassador of Peace, and **Sr. Dr. Jamie Phelps**.*

Opening prayer

First reading (Jeremiah 23:5-8), read by Arthur Dawes, Pax Christi Texas/Pax Christi USA national council

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David; As ruler he shall reign and govern wisely, he shall do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah shall be saved, Israel shall dwell in security. This is the name they give him: "The LORD our justice."

Therefore, the days will come, says the LORD, when they shall no longer say, "As the LORD lives, who brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt"; but rather, "As the LORD lives, who brought the descendants of the house of Israel up from the land of the north"— and from all the lands to which I banished them; they shall again live on their own land.

The word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial psalm (Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19), read by Camila Perez, Campus Outreach and Communications Coordinator, Pax Christi USA

R. Justice shall flourish in its time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, with your judgment endow the ruler,
and with your justice, the ruler's child;
He shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. Justice shall flourish in its time, and fullness of peace for ever.



For the ruler shall rescue the poor when they cry out,
and the afflicted when they have no one to help them.
She shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor she shall save.

R. Justice shall flourish in its time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds.
And blessed forever be God's glorious name;
may the whole earth be filled with God's glory.

R. Justice shall flourish in its time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Spanish translation (Traducción en Español)

Salmo Responsorial (*Salmo 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19*), leído por Camila Perez, Campus Outreach and Communications Coordinator, Pax Christi USA

R. La justicia llegará en el tiempo justo y la paz permanecerá por siempre

Concede, Señor, tu justicia al rey
Y tu rectitud al descendiente de reyes,
Para que gobierne a tu pueblo con justicia
Y a tus pobres con rectitud.

R. La justicia llegará en el tiempo justo y la paz permanecerá por siempre

Porque él libraré al pobre que suplica
Y al humilde que está desamparado.
Tendrá compasión del débil y del pobre
Y salvará la vida de los rechazados.

R. La justicia llegará en el tiempo justo y la paz permanecerá por siempre

Bendito sea el señor dios de Israel,
El único que hace maravillas
Sea bendito eternamente su nombre glorioso
Y que su gloria llene toda la tierra.
Amen Amen!

Alleluia (Presider - Fr. Bob Longobucco)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

*O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel (Matthew 1:18-25), proclaimed by Fr. Bob Longobucco

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

This is how the birth of Jesus came about. When Jesus' mother, Mary, was engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

Joseph, her husband, an upright person unwilling to disgrace her, decided to divorce her quietly.

This was Joseph's intention when suddenly the angel of God appeared in a dream and said, "Joseph, heir to the House of David, don't be afraid to wed Mary; it is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived this child. She is to have a son, and you are to name him Jesus – 'Salvation' – because he will save his people from their sins."

All this happened to fulfill what God has said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and give birth, and the child will be named Emmanuel" – a name which means "God is with us."

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of God had directed, and they went ahead with the marriage. He did not have intercourse with her until she had given birth; she had a son, and they named him Jesus.

The Gospel of our God,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Fr. Bob Longobucco



[PLEASE TYPE YOUR INTENTIONS IN THE CHAT]

Prayers of the Faithful, read by Sr. Annie Killian, OP

Our response is: God of peace, hear our prayer.

For Pope Leo and other leaders of our Church, that they be guided by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit and walk with the people of God in our shared journey of faith. We pray: **God of peace, hear our prayer.**

For the nations and peoples suffering through war and violent conflict, especially Palestine, Sudan,

Haiti, Yemen, Ukraine, Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico, the Philippines, and so many other areas of the world, that nonviolent solutions will be found and peace will prevail. We pray: **God of peace, hear our prayer.**

For an end to all war and preparations for war, and for a conversion of our military budget to one that serves true human needs. We pray: **God of peace, hear our prayer.**

For those impacted by the criminal justice system, for those on death row, for those affected by gun violence, for their families, for victims, and for victims' families, that they might find comfort, mercy and justice. We pray: **God of peace, hear our prayer.**

We pray in support for and in solidarity with the many churches and immigrant communities who are promoting justice amid the ICE raids and ongoing violence, escalation, and chaos. We pray: **God of peace, hear our prayer.**

For our country, that we as a community stand together to support what is just and right, and to prayerfully, nonviolently, and creatively resist that which must be rejected. We pray: **God of peace, hear our prayer.**

In memory of Dawn Webster's late father today, his birthday. We pray: **God of peace, hear our prayer.**

For all the members of this community who have died, especially ***Ambassador of Peace Fr. Chris Ponnet, Sr. Dr. Jamie Phelps*** — that God's light may shine on them and on ***all*** we have lost. (*Pause for silent prayer*) We pray: **God of peace, hear our prayer.**

... [Intentions from the chat]

[*Close with:*] For these and all the intentions on our hearts tonight, let us pray to the Lord.

All: God of peace, hear our prayer.



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Invitation to Prayer

Prayer over the Gifts

The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Preface

All: Holy, Holy, Holy God Lord of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer**Mystery of Faith****Doxology**

All: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of peace: We invite you to extend a sign of peace through the screen to all gathered!

Lamb of God**COMMUNION RITE and Communion**

Communion music: [Oh come all ye faithful \(instrumental\)](#)

Prayer after Communion**Final blessing**

Announcements and goodwill offering: *Daniel Francis, Director of Development*

Dismissal and closing song: [Come Jesus Come](#), CeCe Winans