**Sung Responses to Responsorial Psalms**

**Psalm Response 8.45 Mass**

**Psalm Response 10.15 and 12 noon Masses**

**Offertory Song 10.15 Mass**

 ***Christmas is coming, the Church is glad to sing,***

 ***and let the Advent candles brightly burn in a ring!***

**Litany of the word 12 noon Mass**

***During the Advent season, we will recite the Apostles Creed***

***on Page 12 of the Parish Mass Book***

***Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II is suitable for use***

***in Advent, page 40.***

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**ST ALBAN’S PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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By describing the work of God’s Messiah, the one through whom God was expected to bring a new age of salvation, Isaiah sketches an outline of David (“a shoot….of Jesse” (Isaish 11:1), David’s father, who will perceive, judge, and act in “the spirit of the Lord.” In the bible, divine “spirit” describes the powerful presence of God within a person or community, imparting strength to carry out God’s wishes and commands.

As king, a Messiah acting in God’s spirit will create a new human community of justice. This biblical term points to a state of right relationships: when justice reigns, human beings live in right relationship to the God who always saves, to all members of the human community and to the material world. Under the rule of God’s vision of justice, artificially created boundaries dissolve, all people work together to meet the needs of all and physical world itself function as a peaceful unity.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist announces that this new world is at hand in Jesus, who fulfills Isaiah’s prophecy. The expected one bearing God’s Spirit is already present in the person of Jesus, and we will share that Spirit with those who respond with repentance. But response cannot lie in mere words:

“Produce good fruit as evidence” (Matthew 3:8)