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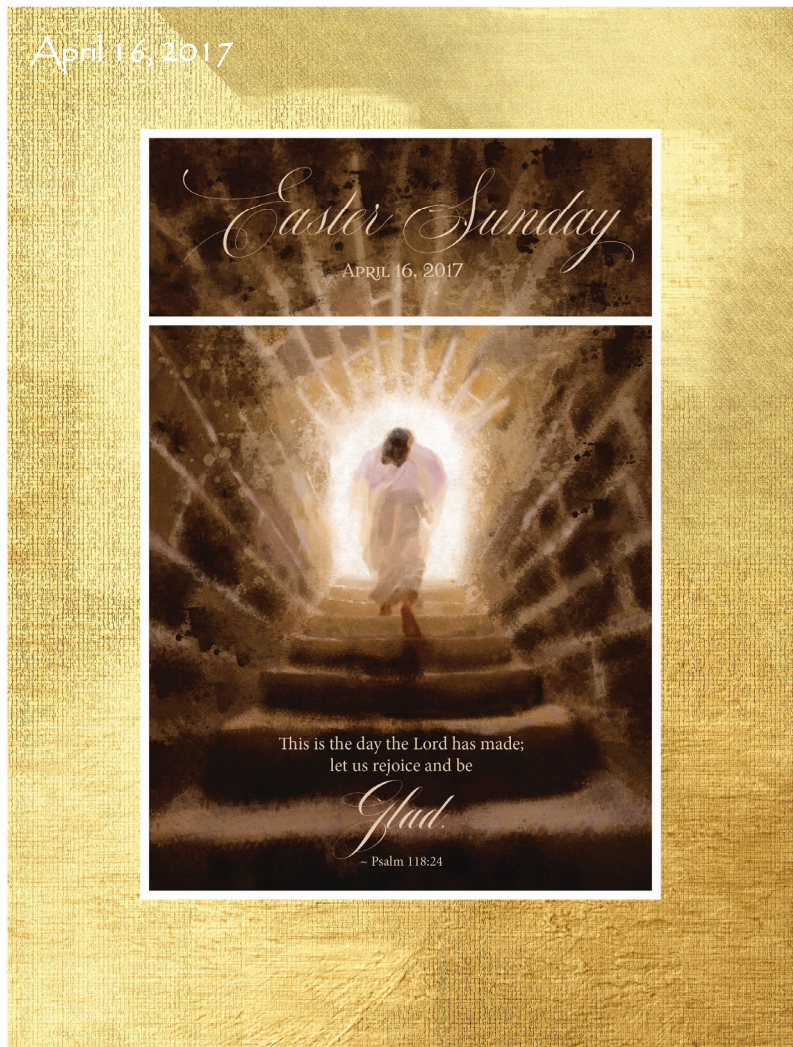
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Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday at 6:30 a.m. & 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00—4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Rosary: Every Sunday—Friday at 7:30 a.m. (before the 8:00 a.m. Mass)



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary were donated by parishioners

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Annunciation Mother's Day Memorial Rose Sale

Our parish Pro-Life Committee will be offering fresh Red Roses to Remember that Special Person in your life. If you would like to Remember a Loved One (Mother, Mother-in-law, Grandmother, Aunt, Sister, Sister-in-law, Friend) or Commemorate a Special Someone, or Show Appreciation for Someone's Kindness, you may purchase a beautiful Red Rose for \$3.00 each to decorate our Altar on Mother's Day, May 14th. All you need to do is complete the bottom portion of this form and return with your cash or check in an envelope marked "Mother's Day Roses" and drop it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office by Wednesday, May 3rd.

Please make all checks payable to the Annunciation Pro-Life Committee.

Questions? Call Mollie at 314-918-1658.

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Your Name _____ Total Due _____

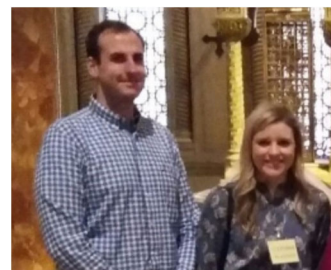
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Happy Easter Annunciation!

Today we celebrate the most significant event in history, the Resurrection of our Savior from the dead! May it be a Day that blesses us with the Spirit of joy and reassurances of hope for what lay ahead for us as a people of faith.

On this Easter I am thrilled to officially welcome our parish's newest member, Stephanie McArthur, who completed R.C.I.A. and received both the Sacrament of Confirmation and made her first Holy Communion during the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night! Stephanie and her husband, Nick, have a son Clayton who will be 2 years old in June. Their picture is to the right (Nick is the tall one!) so please join me in congratulating them when you see them!

Along with congratulating Stephanie, I would like to thank Patrick Stack who was the director of the R.C.I.A. process for her. For the last few years, Patrick has been doing a wonderful job in catechizing and preparing those adults who desired to become Catholic and receive the Sacraments of Initiation. I am grateful for his ministry and for those who have assisted him in preparing our newest Catholic members, namely Laura Lentz.



For all of you who are visitors today, and/or are joining us as relatives or friends of parishioners, we are very happy that you were here and able to join us in prayer. We hope you will join us often in the future for Sunday Mass as well as for any of our community events and acts of service and ministry.

For those of you who are home from College: 'Welcome home!' and may we wish you all the best upon your return to school with the impending Finals coming for you in the weeks ahead.

A special "Thanks!" to all of our parishioners who joined our Director of Music, Ursula Zielinski, in providing music and song for us to celebrate these sacred days of the Holy Triduum. Your shared talents and generosity are much appreciated.

A blessed Easter Week be yours—

Father Mike

*Christ
is
Risen!*

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

Dear Faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis,

I offer to you my deepest greetings of joy and peace on the Solemnity of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ - Happy Easter! Easter is to the Church year what Sunday is to each week - a highlight of rest and rejoicing. Its vivid symbols of fire, water and exultant song remind us that Christ has overcome sin and death. Because of that we know, in the words of Pope Francis, that when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved by God.

Let us pray that the light of Christ will shine in our hearts this Easter, and reach out to others through us. We know that our Savior lives. Let us share with others the joy of knowing that they are loved by God! I ask that you keep in mind that the Archbishop's Easter Appeal for Retired Priests is today. You know how generously the retired priests served you, and how you counted on them. Now, in turn, they count on you, and are grateful for your generous support and prayers. I pray these are days of blessing for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis

Due to the early printing of this bulletin, the April 9th collection amounts will appear in the next bulletin.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE FY 17		Apr. 2, 2017	
SUNDAY ENVELOPES	\$10,474.20	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET FY 17 (7/16-6/17)	\$469,230.80
LOOSE DONATIONS	\$296.00	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL FY 17	\$465,403.22
ONLINE DONATIONS	\$480.00	YEAR TO DATE SURPLUS/(SHORTALL)	(\$3,827.58)
TOTAL	\$11,250.20	TOTAL NO. OF HOUSEHOLDS	692
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$11,730.77	TOTAL NO. OF ENVELOPES USED THIS WEEK	152
WEEKLY SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL)	(\$480.57)	% OF HOUSEHOLD USING ENVELOPES	22%
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	SVDP	Catholic Missions	Catholic Relief
<i>Thank You!</i>	\$120.00	\$295.00	\$125.00
			\$25.00
			\$25.00
			\$30.00
			\$40.15
Did you know? You can sign up for <i>Online Giving</i> by visiting our parish website http://www.goannunciation.com/annunciation-online-donations.html You can also sent up automatic payments through your own bank too.			

MASS INTENTIONS		
Monday April 17	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Thomas C. Stevens & Susan L. Zumbro Debby Keenan
Tuesday April 18	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Chitwood Tom Vogel
Wednesday April 19	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Deceased Loved Ones Terry Halliday
Thursday April 20	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Jackie Pratte Paul Cassani
Friday April 21	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Mary Waldschmidt Tayler Munsterman
Saturday April 22	5:00 p.m.	Terri Halliday
Sunday April 23	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Mary Waldschmidt People of the Parish

MASS	SERVERS	
Monday April 17	8:00 a.m.	No school servers
Tuesday April 18	8:00 a.m.	No school servers
Wednesday April 19	8:00 a.m.	Grace L., Eva M.
Thursday April 20	8:00 a.m.	Sabrina C., Maggie B.
Friday April 21	8:00 a.m.	Sophia W., Caitlyn B.
Saturday April 22	5:00 p.m.	Joe B., Max B., Sami E.
Sunday April 23	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Owen R., Miles R., Abby N. Ryan W., Rory F., George H.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
DATE TIME	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	LEC- TORS	APRIL USHERS
Saturday April 22	B. Kraus, T. Kelly, D. Eskridge, T. Bergmann, R. Cunningham	M. Lucche- si	G. Gray, B. Haddad, J. Ponzillo, M. Weaver
Sunday April 23	E. Jost, S. Hodapp, M. Hieger, D. Luet- kemeyer, P. Teak	J. Schertzer	D. Braun, C. Henry, H. & B. Waldschmidt
Sunday April 23	A. Kelly, J. & J. Moore, M. Mueller, H. Place	J. Useted	C. Weis, T. Strahan, J. Maloney, S. LaBarge

WEEKLY ANNUNCIATION PARISH CALENDAR			
Monday April 17	12:40 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	St. John's Gospel Bible Study HCA Stewardship Adult Basketball	Klocker House MPH/ANN MPH Gym
Tuesday April 18	8:30 a.m. 8:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. 2:50 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Eucharistic Adoration (ends at 9:00 p.m.) Quilters Divine Mercy Chaplet Rosary for Religious Freedom St. Vincent dePaul Divine Mercy Chaplet ACTS STL Chapter Missions	Church Church GlenElm Church Church MPH Church Klocker House
Wednesday April 19	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	PSR Bible Study Men of the Parish Pray the Rosary	School Klocker House Outside Church
Thursday April 20	p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	SVDP SW District Adult Choir Practice Women's Faith Sharing Adult Basketball	Cafeteria Church Klocker House Gym
Friday April 21	5:15 p.m.	Five O'Clock Shadows Practice	Church
Saturday April 22			
Sunday April 23	10:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10am Mass	Church

TWB	CERTIFICATE	SELLERS
	Apr. 15 & 16	Apr. 22 & 23
5:00 p.m.	No Sales	K. Krobath
8:00 a.m.	No Sales	M. Wedel
10:00 a.m.	No Sales	D. Visintine

MONEY COUNTERS	
Mon., Apr. 17	Mon., Apr. 24
M. Disbennett	J. McArthur
B. Haddad	R. Wedel
S. Stock	S. Disbennett
M. Bruno	

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One Minute Meditations

St. Zita of Lucca

Born to poor, pious parents in

Monsagrati, Italy,

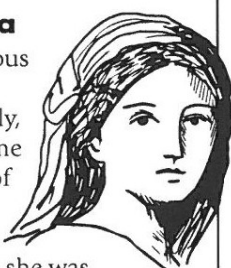
St. Zita became the servant of the wealthy Fatinelli

family when she was twelve. For her hard work, piety, and generosity, she was despised by her fellow servants and overburdened by her employers. Eventually, her love and humility won over her enemies, and she was given charge of all household affairs. Famous for helping the sick, the poor, and the imprisoned, she is the patroness of domestic workers.

Heart to heart

There is nothing wrong with "pestering" God (Matthew 7:7), but think: if this were all we did with our loved ones, what quality of relationship would that be? Instead, God seeks a personal relationship with each of us — to converse with us heart-to-heart. Of course, tell him what's on your heart, but don't forget to listen to him, too.

"Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you" (James 4:8).



Healthy habits for happy hearts

Human beings are creatures of habits — we love our comfortable routines. Healthy diet and exercise practices make our bodies strong. The same is true of spiritual habits. They can strengthen our souls. The key to living a happy life is to develop healthy habits of the heart.

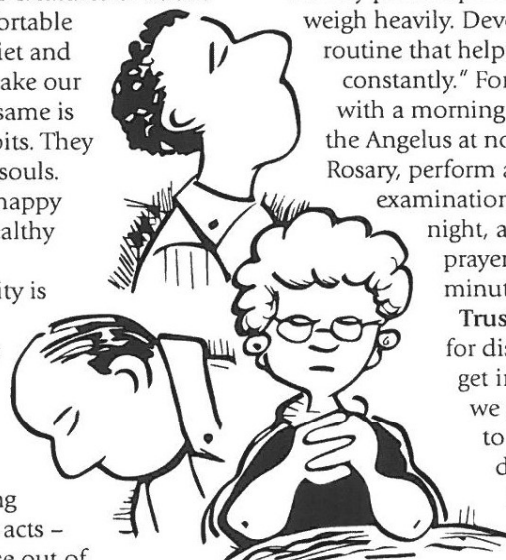
Humility. Humility is closely tied to gratitude and is the appropriate response to contemplating the greatness of God. Regularly meditating on God's immense acts — creating the universe out of nothing, sacrificing himself to save us — is a sure way to appreciate his love and generosity.

Prayer. Happy Catholics use prayer to connect to God and gain distance from

worldly preoccupations that can weigh heavily. Develop a prayer routine that helps you "pray constantly." For example, start with a morning offering, recite the Angelus at noon, pray a daily Rosary, perform a brief examination of conscience at night, and sit in silent prayer for at least 15 minutes.

Trust. No one asks for discomfort but we get into trouble when we go out of our way to avoid it. In so doing, we can put ourselves before God and others. Healthy

Catholics know that there is no avoiding suffering and it can even be meaningful. Trusting that God loves us dearly and will use our suffering for good makes the suffering easier to bear.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

We believe that Jesus is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist because we have it on divine authority. Referring to the Eucharist, Jesus told his disciples, "whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life" (John 6:54). Jesus makes this

Why do Catholics believe in the "Real Presence"?



promise to us every time we receive the Eucharist at Mass. When the priest, acting in the person of Christ, consecrates the bread and wine, Jesus becomes really and truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

Take an antidote for a deadly sin

Some sins are considered especially deadly because they lead to other sins. Fortunately, the "Capital" or "Deadly" sins such as envy, pride and lust have antidotes. For example:

Envy is wanting what someone else has. Heavy doses of gratitude will help. Our peace is restored when we remember that all good gifts come from God and are glad for others' good fortune and grateful for our own.

Pride is seeking attention and honor that belong to God. Pride makes us focused on ourselves,



concerned about how we appear to others. Humility is a counter. Purposely draw attention to others, rather than yourself. Praise and thank God daily for your gifts.

Lust is focusing on sexual self-gratification rather than glorifying God. Sexuality is a gift from God and not inherently impure. Lust, however, is misuse of that gift, straying from God's intentions for us. Love, willing the good of the other, is at the heart of what it means to be human. Love for God and each other is the antidote.

from Scripture

Luke 24:13-35, Jesus hides in plain sight

Jesus was so close to Cleopas and his companion on the road to Emmaus, he could have tripped them. Yet neither man recognized him. Jesus even gave clues to his identity that he quoted from Scripture. The men were too caught up in the pain and disappointment of the crucifixion. Only when he broke bread with them did they see Jesus for who he was. Then he was gone from their sight.

Both Cleopas and his friend had formed such clear ideas of what they wanted Jesus to be that they failed to see him for who he was. They expected a

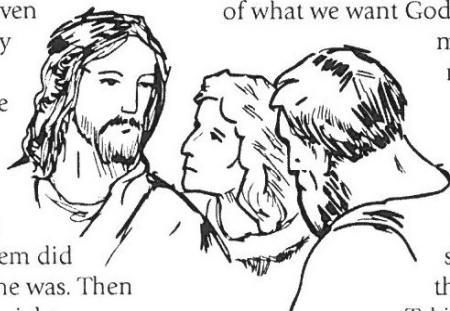
warrior king and almost missed the universal savior. Aren't we like that, too? Don't we have such expectations of what we want God to be that we

miss who he really is?

Christ's presence in our lives isn't revealed so much by the song of angels as the whisper of a

prayer. Taking the time to

be alone with God, to read Scripture, and seek him in the people around us will help us uncover Christ's presence everywhere.



Q & A Why are there religious orders?

Historically, religious orders were founded in response to a need within the Church. Each order receives a special

grace from the Holy Spirit, called a charism, which helps to build up the Church. For example, the charism of the Sisters of Life is to

protect human life in all its stages.

There are two "kinds" of religious orders: contemplative and active. Members of contemplative orders live apart from the world in closed-off communities. They devote themselves entirely to prayer. Members of the active orders do their work in the world, though there is often a contemplative element to their life as well.

Religious life is "a permanent state of life recognized by the Church, entered freely in response to the call of Christ to perfection...characterized by the profession of...[vows]" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*). All religious orders have the mission to spread the Gospel by how they live. They vow to live in poverty, chastity, and obedience so they can dedicate their lives, hearts, and minds completely to God's service.



Feasts & Celebrations

April 1 – St. Hugh of Grenoble (1132). St. Hugh was the bishop of Grenoble, France, and as bishop, he worked hard to reform his diocese of corruption. St. Hugh was also the friend and patron of St. Bruno, giving him the land where the Grand Chartreuse was built. With his help, St. Bruno founded the Carthusian order.

April 9 – Palm Sunday. The Sunday before Easter is called Palm Sunday and recalls Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when he was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering,

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9). It marks the beginning of Holy Week.

April 24 – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (1622). In his native Prussia, St. Fidelis became a lawyer and championed the poor and oppressed. He joined the Franciscans. During the Protestant Reformation, St. Fidelis worked hard to bring people back to the Catholic faith. He was martyred by an angry mob.



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EMAIL PRAYER TEAM: If you have any requests for the Email Prayer Chain, call Sue Williams, 629-5980, or msetwill@yahoo.com
(For name in the bulletin, please call or email the parish office)

SAINT LOUIS LIFE TEEN

ATTENTION ALL EIGHTH GRADERS & HIGH SCHOOLERS! Please join us this Wednesday, April 19th for an EASTER PARTY! We will meet from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School. Please see saintlouisifeteen.org for more info!

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES:

Items for the May 7th bulletin are due by Friday, April 28th. And items for the May 28th bulletin are due by Friday, May 19th.

APRIL GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH MENU:

Salmon, mackerel, tuna, macaroni & cheese, beets, fruit cocktail or dried fruit. OPTIONAL ITEMS: crackers (any kind), hearty soup, raisins.



RCIA We welcome into full communion Stephanie McArthur! A gigantic thank you to her husband and sponsor, Nick. Let us all be reminded of the wonderful and encouraging words of St. Paul found in Romans 15: "May the God of hope fully fill you with joy and peace in your believing, and abundantly fill you with hope through the power of the Holy Spirit"! **HAPPY EASTER, JESUS CHRIST HAS RISEN!!!**

The Annunciation Athletic Association
is looking for a Trophy/Concession
Stand Coordinator. Please contact
Amy Breier Kwentus with any questions
and interest. 314-308-5306
acktroop@sbcglobal.net

May 2nd Eucharistic Adoration Is Cancelled

Thank you to the Random Acts of Kindness Participants!

The first Annunciation Random Acts of Kindness Day was held Sunday, 4/2/17 with 38 participants! Fr. Mike blessed them as they headed out into the community to share acts of kindness to strangers and spread Jesus' goodness.



RANDOM

ACTS OF KINDNESS

FUN DAY

One team named themselves the "ANGELS": "Annunciation's Nurturing Gals Eagerly Serving" in Christ. Some activities included bringing treats to the Webster Groves Fire and Police Departments; visiting nearby senior living centers and giving residents a flower or flag; saving a missing puppy; buying coffee, a sandwich, a lottery ticket, a Boy Scout camp card or a car wash for a stranger; picking up litter; unloading someone's groceries; calling a friend or family member to tell them they are appreciated; writing thank you notes to veterans; writing positive notes in chalk on the sidewalk; and making a donation to light candles in a nearby church and saying prayers for special intentions. One team was even nice to a Cubs fan!!

The teams also donated many personal care items to the Annunciation St. Vincent dePaul pantry. Thanks to Pat Berry for sorting and shelving all of these items!

Thank you so much to all of the participants! You truly spread God's love and inspired others to "pay it forward"! Your enthusiasm for the day was contagious! Blessings to all of you for your kind deeds!

Cheryl and Kay





SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017

FUN AND MORE FUN

- New rides & games, plus returning favorites
- Ride tickets good from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm
- Ride Bracelets available for **pre-sales only** for \$30. They will not be sold the day of the picnic. Tickets will be available for \$1 each the day of the picnic.
- **SATURDAY MASS AT 4:00 PM**
- Game Booths from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Game tickets available for \$3 for a set of 5 tickets, \$7 for a set of 14 tickets, \$12 for a set of 25 tickets
- Chuck a Luck from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- Live music from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm from 2 Hoosiers and a Hatchet (classic rock music); music streamed throughout the day

FOOD – LUNCH AND DINNER AVAILABLE

Hamburgers, Brats, Hot Dogs,
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Food available from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Register online at goannunciation.com/picnic
or contact Jeanne Moore, 314-578-4835 or
barnatan4@sbcglobal.net

PICNIC PRIZES

We are in need of prizes of all sizes and for all age groups. Stuffed animals, company incentives and restaurant kid meal toys are all great. *Items must be new.* If you have something to donate, please drop off at parish office or contact Mariann Wedel at 961-3018.

Baby Shower for Birthright

Monday, April 24, 2017

7:00- 8:30

The Women of Annunciation are having a shower for Birthright!

Bring a friend and join us for a very special evening. A representative of Birthright will be present to share their story with us.

Gifts of layettes or monetary donations for the purchase of layettes are suggested. Monetary donations can also be given for the cost of utilities and rents. Suggestions by Birthright for a layette are listed below and can be purchased for either a boy or girl.

Dessert will be served!



- 1 Onesie size 0-3
- 1 Onesie size 3-6
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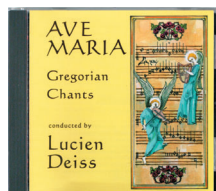
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