

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading

ISAIAH 2:1-5

### A Reading from the Scroll of Isaiah

Here is the message God gave to Isaiah, son of Amoz, about Judah and Jerusalem.

“In the future the temple on the mountain will be the highest of all mountains. Many people from different countries will go to the mountain. They will say, ‘Let us go to the mountain of the Lord and to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways and we will follow his ways.’ His teaching will be from Jerusalem and his message will spread everywhere.”

God will use his authority over all nations. He will judge and settle arguments among the people. People will stop using swords for fighting. They will hammer them into plows. They will not have to fight with each other and there will be no more war. All you, family of Jacob, come. Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

First Sunday of Advent

**RESPONSE:** Let us go with joy to the temple of the  
Lord

I am happy to hear people say to me,  
“Let us go to the temple of the Lord.”  
Here we are standing inside the city of Jerusalem.

**RESPONSE:**

Jerusalem, what a strong and beautiful city you are!  
This is where the tribes of Israel go.  
They go there to praise the Lord

**RESPONSE:**

The people of Israel go there to praise the Lord.  
They are the people that belong to the Lord.  
The seat of David is set up there.  
Justice rules at that place.

**RESPONSE:**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.  
May all love you live.  
May there be peace inside your walls.

**RESPONSE:**

## A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Paul said, “You know the time will happen soon for you to wake up from your sleep. The time for our salvation will happen sooner than the time we first believe in the Lord. The night is almost over and the new day will begin soon. Let us stop behaving like people do in the dark and be ready to live in the light. Don’t go to wild parties or get drunk or do sexual sins. Don’t quarrel or be jealous. Let the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Stop trying to satisfy your selfish desires.”

## The Word of the Lord

First Sunday of Advent

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Lord, show us your love and grant us your  
salvation.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MATTHEW 24:37-44

### A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples, “The Son of Man will appear like what happened before the time of Noah. That time before the flood people were eating, drinking and getting married. They did not notice until Noah went into the ark. The flood happened and all the people drowned. That is how it will happen with the coming of the Son of Man.”

“Two men will be working in the field: one will be taken and the other will be left. Two women will be together grinding grain: one will be taken and the other will be left.

So always be ready! You do not know the day your Lord will appear. If the owner of a house knew the time a thief sneaks in, he would watch out so the thief could not get into his house. So you must always be ready because you do not know the time the Son of Man will appear.”

## The Good News of the Lord



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading

ISAIAH 11:1-10

### A Reading from the Scroll of Isaiah

The royal family line of David is like a tree that is cut down. New branches will sprout from a stump. In the same way a new king will be from the family of David.

The spirit of the Lord will give him wisdom, understanding, guidance and power to rule his people. The new king will know what God wants and will honor him. He will not judge people by their look or what they wear. He will not listen to gossip and will judge people fairly. He will defend the rights of poor people. He will punish evil people and they will die. He will rule his people with justice.

Wolves and lambs will live together in peace. Leopards will lie down with the young goats. Calves and baby lions will eat together. A little boy will take care of them. Cows and bears will be friends. Their calves and baby bears will sleep together. The lions will eat straws like the cows. A boy will play and put his hand into the hole of a snake but the snake will not bite the boy.

On the holy mountain no one will be hurt. People will have full knowledge of the Lord like the sea full of water. On that day the new king from the family of David will be a sign to the people of the land. They will wait for him and he will come in glory.

The Word of the Lord

Second Sunday of Advent

**RESPONSE:** God will give justice and peace.

God, help the king to be fair like you.  
Help him rule your people with justice.

**RESPONSE:**

Let the king be fair with everyone.  
Let there be peace until the moon falls from the sky.  
May he rule from sea to sea.  
May he rule from the rivers to the ends of the earth.

**RESPONSE:**

The king protects the poor crying out to him.  
He helps everyone having no hope.  
The king has pity for weak and poor people.  
He protects them in need.

**RESPONSE:**

May the name of the king never be forgotten.  
May all the people praise his holy name.

**RESPONSE:**



## A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Paul said, “Everything that was written years ago in the scriptures says that God teaches us to have hope through patience and encouragement. God helped us and he will help us to be patient with other people. I pray that he will help you live at peace with each other as you follow Christ. Then you all can praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accept one another for the glory of God as Christ accepted you. Christ came as a servant of the Jews to show that God is faithful. God kept his promises he made to the Jewish fathers years ago. Christ also became a servant to the Gentiles so they can praise God for his mercy. It is written in the scripture,

‘I will praise you among the Gentiles and I will sing praises to you’.”

The Word of the Lord

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Prepare a way for the Lord. Make his path  
straight and all people will see the salvation  
of God

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MATTHEW 3:1-12

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Matthew

John the Baptist went into the desert in Judea and began to preach. He said, “Stop sinning! The kingdom of heaven will be here soon!”

John was the man the prophet Isaiah was talking about years ago. Isaiah said, “In the desert someone is shouting ‘Prepare a road for the Lord. Make the way straight for him’.”

John wore clothes made from the hair of camel and he had a leather belt around his waist. For food John ate locusts and honey. People from Jerusalem, from all Judea and from all countries near the Jordan River came to John. They confessed their sins and John baptized them in the river.

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Many Pharisees and Sadducees came to John to be baptized. But he said to them, “You snakes! Who told you that you can get away from the anger of God? Show what you have done that you will stop sinning and change your life. Don’t make excuses saying that Abraham is your ancestor. I tell you that God can change those stones into children for Abraham. The axe is ready to cut down trees at the roots. Any tree that does not give good fruit will be cut down and thrown into a fire.

I baptize you with water to show that you have repented. But the one will come soon and he is greater than me. I am not good enough to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with fire and Holy Spirit. He will separate the wheat from the straw. He will put the wheat in a barn and throw the straw into a fire that will never go out.”

## The Good News of the Lord

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading

ISAIAH 35:1-6a,10

### A Reading from the Scroll of Isaiah

The desert will rejoice and the flowers will bloom. The desert will sing and shout for joy. The desert will be beautiful like Lebanon Mountains and also like the hills of Carmel and Sharon.

All the people will see the glory of the Lord and the power of God. Strength will be given to all tired and weak people. Tell them, "Have courage and not to be afraid! God is coming and he will save them. He will punish their enemies."

The blind will see again and the Deaf will hear. The lame will dance like a deer. People that cannot talk will sing with joy.

People will go to Jerusalem singing and shouting with joy. They will be happy for ever; no more sadness and no more grief.

The Word of the Lord

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RESPONSE: Lord, come and save us

God always keeps his promise.  
He judges in favor of the oppressed.  
He gives food to hungry people.  
He frees people from the prison

RESPONSE:

The Lord gives sight to the blind.  
He helps people in trouble.  
He protects strangers living in our country.  
The Lord helps the widows and orphans.

RESPONSE:

The Lord is king!  
He will rule forever!  
Shout praises to the Lord.

RESPONSE:

### A Reading from the Letter of James

Brothers and sisters, be patient. The Lord will come. Be patient like a farmer as he waits for his crop to grow. He waits with patience for rains in spring and summer for his crops. Be patient and don't give up. The Lord will come soon.

Brothers and sisters, don't complain against each other or you will be judged. The judge will appear soon. Look at the prophets. They are examples for us. They waited for the Lord with patience.

### The Word of the Lord

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Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

The Spirit of the Lord is with me to give  
Good News to the poor.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MATTHEW 11:2-11

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Matthew

John the Baptist was in prison and he heard what Jesus had done. So he sent his followers to Jesus to ask him if he is the one we should be looking for or should we wait for another person to come?

Jesus answered, “Go and tell John what you hear and see. The blind can see and the lame can walk. The people with leprosy are healed and the deaf can hear. The dead became alive again and the poor got the Good News. God will bless people accepting me because of what I do.”

The followers of John left and Jesus said to the crowd, “You saw John in the desert and what did you see? Was he like tall grass blown in the wind? No! Was he dressed in fancy clothes? No!

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People dressed in fancy clothes live like a king in the palace. What did you really see? Was he a prophet? Yes! He is more than a prophet.

In the scripture God said, ‘I will send my messenger ahead of you to prepare the way for you.’

I tell you that John the Baptist is greater than anyone here on earth. But the one that is the least in the Kingdom of heaven is greater than John.”

The Good News of the Lord

Third Sunday of Advent



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading

ISAIAH 7:10-14

### A Reading from the Scroll of Isaiah

The Lord sent Isaiah to tell Ahaz to ask the Lord your God for a sign. The sign can be from deep in the world of the dead or from high up in heaven.

Ahaz answered, “No, I will not ask for a sign. I refuse to test the Lord.”

Isaiah said, “Listen, you people from the family of David, it is not right to test the patience of people but to test the patience of God it is worse. The Lord himself will give you a sign: a young pregnant woman will give a birth to a son and she will name him Immanuel.”

### The Word of the Lord

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**RESPONSE: The Lord is our king. Let him come!**

The world belongs to the Lord.

Everything in the world belongs to the Lord.

All people living in this world belong to the Lord.

**RESPONSE:**

Who will climb the mountain of the Lord?

Who can go into his holy temple?

The person with clean heart can go into the temple.

Also those that do not worship false gods.

**RESPONSE:**

God will bless and save good people.

He will reward them.

Good people will look for the God of Jacob.

**RESPONSE:**

## A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Paul said, “I am Paul and I am a servant of Jesus Christ. Jesus called me to be his apostle to preach the Good News.

Years ago God made promise through his prophets that he will give his people Good News. It is written in the scriptures,

‘The Good News is about his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ! He was born from the family of David. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus is the powerful Son of God because he rose from death.’

Jesus was kind to me and chose me to be an apostle so that people would obey and have faith. You are some of those people chosen by Jesus Christ.

This letter is for all of you in Rome. God loves you and has chosen you to be his people.

I pray that God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ will be kind to you and bless you with peace.”

## The Word of the Lord

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

The virgin will give a birth to a son and his name will be “Immanuel”, meaning “God is with us.”

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MATTHEW 1:18-24

### A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Matthew

This is how Jesus Christ was born. A young virgin named Mary and she was engaged to Joseph. Joseph, himself, was from the family of King David. Before they got married, Mary realized that she will have a baby by the Holy Spirit. Joseph was a good man and he did not want to embarrass Mary or give her bad name. So he decided to break up with Mary quietly.

Joseph was planning to call off the marriage but an angel appeared to Joseph in his dream and said to him, “Don’t be afraid! Take Mary as your wife. The baby Mary will have is from the Holy Spirit. She will have a son and you will name him Jesus because he will save people from their sins.”

All this happened because God made a promise through the prophet years ago that a virgin will have a baby boy and he will be called Immanuel, meaning God is with us.

Joseph woke up and married Mary as the angel told him. But they did not live together until the baby was born. Joseph named the baby Jesus.

The Good News of the Lord

Fourth Sunday of Advent





## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

First Reading

GENESIS 3:9-15,20

### A Reading from the Scroll of Genesis

The Lord God called out to Adam, “Where are you?” Adam answered, “Here I am. I heard you walking in the garden. I was afraid so I am hiding from you because I am naked.” God asked him, “Who told you that you are naked? Did you eat the fruit I told you not to eat?” Adam answered, “The woman you gave me. She gave me the fruit. So I ate it.”

God asked the woman, “Why did you do this?” The woman replied, “The snake tempted me. So I ate the fruit.”

Then the Lord God said to the snake, “You will be punished for that. You, alone of all animals, are condemned. You will crawl on your belly and eat dust as long as you live. I will make you and the woman hate each other. Your children and the children of the woman will always be enemies. You will bite off the heel of her child but the child will crush your head.”

Adam named his wife Eve because she was the mother of all living people.

### The Word of the Lord

Immaculate Conception

**RESPONSE:** Sing to the Lord a new song.  
He did wonderful deeds.

Sing a new song to the Lord.  
He did wonderful deeds for us.  
With his power He saved his people.

**RESPONSE:**

God remembered his love for Israel.  
All the people saw his saving power.  
Sing with joy to the Lord.

**RESPONSE:**

Tell everyone on earth to shout with joy.  
Sing with joy in praise of the Lord  
Let us praise the Lord.

**RESPONSE:**

## A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Paul said, “Let us give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For in our union with Christ he has blessed us with the spiritual blessings from heaven!

Before the world was created, God already chose us to be his children through our union with Christ. God loves us and was kind to make us his children through Jesus Christ so we can be his holy and innocent people. For that we should praise God.

God always does what he plans. That is why he had Christ chose us. He did this so in our union with Christ we, Jews, would be the first one to have hope in Christ.”

The Word of the Lord

Immaculate Conception

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among all women,

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

LUKE 1:26-38

### A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Luke

God sent an angel, Gabriel, to a young girl, Mary, living in a town of Nazareth in Galilee. She was engaged to Joseph. Joseph, himself, was from the family of King David. The angel came to Mary and said to her, “Peace be with you! The Lord is with you. Of all the women you are blessed.”

Mary was confused and she could not understand what the angel was telling her. Then the angel said, “Don’t be afraid. God has decided to bless you with a baby boy. His name will be Jesus. He will be great and be called the Son of God. God will make him king like his ancestor David was. He will rule over Israel forever. His kingdom will never end.”

Mary asked the angel, “How can I have a baby? I am not married.”

Immaculate Conception

The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will be with you. The power of God will be with you so that the baby born to you will be holy and be called the Son of God. Remember your cousin Elizabeth. She is very old and could not have a baby. Now she is six months pregnant with a son. God can do anything!”

Mary said, “I am the servant of the Lord. I am willing to accept what God wants me to do.” Then the angel went away.

## The Good News of the Lord



## VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

First Reading

ISAIAH 62:1-5

### A Reading from the Scroll of Isaiah

The Lord God, said, “I will speak out for Jerusalem. I will encourage Jerusalem. I will not keep quiet until Jerusalem is saved and her victory will shine like a torch in the night.

Jerusalem, the people will see you victorious! All the kings will see your glory. The Lord will give you a new name. You will be like a beautiful crown. No more you will be ignored. No more you will be “The Forgotten Wife”. Your land will be called “Happily Married”. The Lord is pleased with you and he will be like a husband to your land. He will be like a young man marrying a virgin. God made you and he will marry you. He, as a groom, will be happy with his bride. So your God will be happy with you.

The Word of the Lord

Christmas Vigil Mass

**RESPONSE:** Lord, I will sing forever about your  
love.

David, your descendant will always be king.  
Lord, let the heavens praise your wonderful works.  
Let all your angels praise your faithfulness.

**RESPONSE:**

We are happy all day because of you.  
Your saving power makes us strong.  
Your love makes us strong.

**RESPONSE:**

I will make my first-born son the greatest of all kings.  
I will always keep my promise to him.  
My covenant with him will last forever.

**RESPONSE:**



## A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul entered the synagogue and began to speak. He said, “You, people of Israel, listen! In the past the God of Israel chose our people and let them live comfortable in Egypt. Then he with his great power brought them out of Egypt.

Later God chose David king in place of Saul. He said, “I have chosen David, the son of Jesse. He does everything I want him to do.”

God promised that someone from the family of David would come to save the people of Israel and Jesus is the one. Before Jesus began his work, John preached to all the people of Israel that they should stop sinning and be baptized.

John was almost finished with his work and he said to the people, “Who do you think I am? I am not the one you are waiting for. Listen! He will come later and I am not good enough to take off his sandals from his feet.”

## The Word of the Lord

Christmas Vigil Mass

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Tomorrow the evil of the world will be destroyed.  
The savior of the world will be our king.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MATTHEW 1:18-25  
(SHORT FORM)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Matthew

This is how Jesus Christ was born. A young virgin named Mary and she was engaged to Joseph. Joseph, himself, was from the family of King David. Before they got married, Mary realized that she will have a baby by the Holy Spirit. Joseph was a good man and he did not want to embarrass Mary or give her a bad name. So he decided to break up with Mary quietly.

Joseph planning to call off the marriage but an angel appeared to Joseph in his dream and said to him, “Don’t be afraid! Take Mary as your wife. The baby Mary will have is from the Holy Spirit. She will have a son and you will name him Jesus because he will save people from their sins.”

Christmas Vigil Mass

All this happened because God had made a promise through the prophet years ago that a virgin will have a baby boy and he will be called Immanuel, meaning God is with us.

Joseph woke up and married Mary as the angel told him. But they did not live together until the baby was born. Joseph named the baby Jesus.

The Good News of the Lord

Christmas Vigil Mass



## CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

First Reading

ISAIAH 9:1-6

### A Reading from the Scroll of Isaiah

The people that live in darkness will see a great light.  
The great light will guide them.

God will make them happy. They will be happy in his presence. They will celebrate with joy during the harvest time. They will celebrate with joy in sharing their things because he will take away from them heavy burden. He will take away the rod that the enemy uses to beat his people. This will happen with the birth of a special child. God will give us his son and he will lead the people. His name will be:

“Wonderful Counselor”

“Powerful God”

“Eternal Father”

“Prince of Peace”

Power and peace will be his kingdom. He will rule with fairness from the throne of David. He will bring true justice and peace to the people of the world. This will happen because the Lord has strong love for his people.

The Word of the Lord

Christmas Midnight Mass

**RESPONSE:** Today a Savior is born. He is Christ  
the Lord.

Sing a new song to the Lord!  
Sing praises to him.  
Praise his name.

**RESPONSE:**

Proclaim every day “The Lord has saved us!”  
Tell everyone on earth “The Lord is wonderful.”  
He has done wonderful work!

**RESPONSE:**

Let the heavens and earth be glad.  
Let the sea and all in it shout.  
The fields with all the crops rejoice.  
All the trees in the forest shout with joy.

**RESPONSE:**

Sing for the Lord.  
He will rule the world with justice.  
He will judge all people with fairness.

**RESPONSE:**

### A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to Titus

Paul said, “God has shown us how kind he is to us. He came to save all people. He taught us to give up all things that are not good and to live the right way in this world.

We look forward with hope as we wait for the day our great God and Savior Jesus Christ to appear in glory. He gave himself to save us from everything that is evil and to make our hearts pure. He wants us to be his people and be eager to do what is good.”

### The Word of the Lord

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

I proclaim to you the Good News of great joy  
“Today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.”

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

LUKE 2:1-14

### A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Luke

At that time Emperor Augustus was the ruler. He ordered that the count be made on all people living under the rule of Romans. The count was made during the time Quirinus was governor of Syria. All people had to go to their hometown to register.

Joseph was from the family of King David. So he has to leave Nazareth in Galilee and go to Bethlehem in Judea. Mary was engaged to Joseph so she traveled with him. Mary was pregnant and while they were in Bethlehem, she gave a birth to her first-born son. She wrapped him with a swaddling cloth and put him in a feeding box because there was no room for them in the inn.

Christmas Midnight Mass



That night the shepherds were out in the field watching their sheep. An angel appeared and the glory of God shone over them. They were frightened but the angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid! I am here to tell the Good News that will bring great joy to all the people. Your savior was born in the town of David and that savior is Christ the Lord! The sign for you to find the baby is that he is wrapped in a swaddling cloth and sleeping in the feeding box.

Several angels appeared and began to sing with the first angel, “Praise to God in heaven! Peace on earth to all people on earth”.

### The Good News of the Lord



## CHRISTMAS DAWN MASS

First Reading

ISAIAH 62:11-12

### A Reading from the Scroll of Isaiah

Listen! The Lord is announcing to all people. Tell the people of Jerusalem that the Lord is coming. He is coming to save you. He will bring with him the people he had saved.

You will be called “Holy People of God”; the people he saved. Jerusalem will be called “The City that God loves”; the City that God will not forget.

The Word of the Lord

Christmas Dawn Mass

**RESPONSE:** Today a light will shine on us.  
The Lord is born for us.

The Lord is king!  
Let all people see the glory of God.  
Tell all people to celebrate and shout with joy.

**RESPONSE:**

Light shines on good people.  
Be glad in the Lord!  
Honor his holy name!

**RESPONSE:**

The light will show you the way.  
You are the people of God!  
Celebrate and praise God!

**RESPONSE:**

A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus

Paul said, “God our Savior was kind to us. He saved us. He saved us because of his love for us. He did not save us because of the good things we have done.

God saved us through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives us new birth and new life. God sent us the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ our Savior.

With Jesus Christ we are united with God. So in our union with God he gave us the hope of eternal life.”

The Word of the Lord



Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Glory to God in the highest.  
Peace to all people on earth.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 2:15-20

### A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Luke

The angels left the shepherds and went back to heaven. The shepherds said to each other, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see what the Lord told us.” They hurried off and saw Mary and Joseph with the baby sleeping in a feeding box. The shepherds began to tell Mary and Joseph what the angel told them about the baby. They were surprised but Mary remembered all the things and wondered what the angels said.

The Shepherds left and went back to the field singing praises to God for everything they heard and seen just as the angel had told them.

The Good News of the Lord

Christmas Dawn Mass





## CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

First Reading

ISAIAH 52:7-10

### A Reading from the Scroll of Isaiah

How wonderful it is to see a messenger walking on the mountain bringing Good News; the news of peace and announcing with victory, “Your God is King!”

The people protecting their city are shouting with joy because they will see the coming of the Lord. They can see with their own eyes the coming of the Lord to Zion.

Shout with joy! The Lord will rescue his city and comfort His people. The Lord will use his power to save his people so they will see the salvation of our God.

### The Word of the Lord

Christmas Day Mass

**RESPONSE: All people have seen the saving power  
of God**

Sing a new song to the Lord!  
He has done wonderful things.  
With his power he saved his people.

**RESPONSE:**

The Lord has shown people his power.  
He used His power to save his people.  
God has been faithful in his love for Israel.  
Everyone has seen his saving power.

**RESPONSE:**

Sing praises to the Lord.  
Make music on the harps.  
Blow trumpets and horns.  
Celebrate with joyful songs.  
The Lord is our King!

**RESPONSE:**

## A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

In the past God spoke many times to the people in different ways through the prophets. But now God speaks to us through his Son. God made the world through his Son. God chose his Son to receive everything. The Son has the glory of God and he is the perfect copy of God, his Father. The Son gives life to the world with his powerful word.

The Son had already destroyed the sins of the people. He has gone to heaven and is now seated at the right side of God, the Father. He is much greater than the angels and his name is greater than anyone.

God never said to any of his angels, “You are my Son. Today I have become your Father.” No, God sent his Son into the world. He said, “Let all the angels worship him.”

## The Word of the Lord

Christmas Day Mass

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Glory to God in the highest and peace to all  
people.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

JOHN 1:1-18

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John  
(Short form-Read in black)

In the beginning the Word was there. The Word was with God and the word was God. He was in the beginning with God. God made all things through him and without him not one thing was made. In him all things lived. His life gave light to the people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness could not overpower the light.

God sent his messenger, a man named John. John came to tell about the light and to lead all people to have faith. John himself was not the light. He came to tell the people about the light.

The Word was the true light. It came into this world to give light to all people. The Word was in the world.

Christmas Day Mass

The world was made through him but the world did not know him. He came into the world but his people did not accept him. Some accepted him and believed in him so they became children of God. They did not become children of God naturally. God was the one that made them His children.

The Word became a human being and lived among us. We saw His glory; the glory as the only Son of God.

John spoke about him. He shouted, “This is the one I told you would come! He is greater than I am because he was alive before I was born.”

For all that we received grace and blessings. God gave the Law through Moses but Jesus Christ gave us kindness and truth. No one has ever seen God. The only Son is truly God and is the same as God. He has shown us what God is like.

The Good News of the Lord

Christmas Day Mass



## HOLY FAMILY

First Reading

SIRACH 3:2-6,12=14

### A Reading from the Scroll of Sirach

The Lord has given parents authority over their children and the children are to obey their parents.

If you respect your father, your sins will be forgiven and if you honor your mother, you will have great wealth.

If you respect your father, your children will make you happy and the Lord will hear your prayers.

If you obey the Lord by honoring your father and making your mother happy, you will have a long life.

Your father will become old. So take care of him. Don't let him worry as long as he lives. His mind may dwindle. So be patient. Don't look down on him because you are strong and healthy.

The Lord will never forget your kindness to your parents.

### The Word of the Lord

Holy Family

**RESPONSE:** Blessed are the people that follow the way of the Lord.

The Lord will bless you if you respect him.  
The Lord will bless your hard work.  
You will be happy and successful.

**RESPONSE:**

Your wife will be like a vine, full of good fruit.  
Your children will be like olive trees around the table.  
Your home will be full with healthy children.

**RESPONSE:**

Happy are the people that obey the Lord.  
Let the Lord bless you every day of your life.  
May you see the wealth of Jerusalem as long as you live.

**RESPONSE:**



A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians  
(Short form-Read in black)

Paul said, “You are the people of God. He loves you. So be gentle, kind, humble, compassionate and patient. Accept each other and forgive everyone like Christ has forgiven you. Love is more important than anything else. Love keeps everything together.

Each one of you is part of the body of Christ. You were chosen to live together in peace. Let the peace from the Lord control your thoughts. Be grateful! Let the message of Christ fill your lives completely. Use your wisdom to help each other. Sing joyful songs to God and thank Him with full hearts. Everything you say or do should always be done in the name of the Lord Jesus as you give thanks to God the Father through Jesus.”

“Wives, obey your husbands as you obey the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and be kind to them. Children, obey your parents and you will make God happy. Parents, don’t disappoint your children. If you do, your children will be frustrated.”

The Word of the Lord

Holy Family

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Let the peace of the Lord remain in your hearts.  
Let the message of the Lord live in you.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MATTHEW 2:13-15,19-23

### A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Matthew

The wise men left and the angel from the Lord appeared to Joseph in his dream and said to him, “Get up! Hurry and take the baby and his mother and go to Egypt. Stay in Egypt until I tell you it is safe to go back home. Herod is looking for the baby and he wants to kill him.”

Joseph got up, took his wife and the baby and went to Egypt. They stayed in Egypt until Herod died. This proved that God had told through the prophet years ago, “I called my son out of Egypt.”

King Herod died. The angel from the Lord then appeared to Joseph in his dream and said, “Get up! Take the baby and his mother and go back to Israel. The people wanting to kill the baby are dead.”

Holy Family

Joseph got up and with Mary and the baby left Egypt. But Joseph heard that Archelaus, son of Herod, was now the ruler of Judea and he was afraid to go to Israel. Then the angel from God told Joseph in his dream to go to Galilee. So Joseph took his family and went to Galilee in a town of Nazareth. Again this proved that God had told through the prophet years ago, “He will be called Nazarene.”

## The Good News of the Lord



## MOTHER OF GOD

First Reading

NUMBERS 6:22-27

### A Reading from the Scroll of Numbers

The Lord called Moses to tell Aaron and his sons on how to use the words of blessings on the people of Israel,

“May the Lord bless you and take care of you.

May the Lord be kind and good to you.

May the Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.”

Then the Lord said, “If you use my name as a blessing upon the people of Israel, I will bless you.”

### The Word of the Lord

Mother of God

**RESPONSE:** Lord, have mercy on us and bless us

Lord, have mercy on us and bless us.  
May the face of the Lord shine upon us.  
May we know your way and salvation.

**RESPONSE:**

Make everyone praise you and shout your praises.  
Let all peoples celebrate with joyful songs.

**RESPONSE:**

Let all peoples praise you.  
Let God bless us forever.

**RESPONSE:**

A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians

Paul said, “God sent his Son to a woman and she gave a birth to him. He lived under the Jewish laws so we can become children of God. Now we are children of God.

God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts. His Spirit tells us that God is our Father. You are not slaves anymore but children of God. God will give you all that he has for his children.”

The Word of the Lord

Mother of God





Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets. Now God speaks to us through his Son, Jesus Christ.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

### A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Luke

The shepherds left the field and hurried to the town of Bethlehem to look for the baby. They saw the baby lying in the manger. They told Mary and Joseph what the angels told them about the baby. They were surprised to hear what the shepherds said. Mary remembered and wondered what the shepherds said. Then the shepherds went back to the field praising God for all that had happened.

Eight days later Mary and Joseph brought the baby to the temple to be circumcised according to the Law of Moses. The baby was named Jesus, the name that the angel gave before Jesus was conceived.

The Good News of the Lord

Mother of God



## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

First Reading

SIRACH 24:1-2,8-12

### A Reading from the Scroll of Sirach

Listen to Wisdom! She sings her own praises among her people, the Israelites. In front of the Most High God and in the presence of his power Wisdom shows her glory.

Then God, the creator, told me where I was to live. He said, "Make your home in Israel. The family of Jacob will be your people."

In the beginning he created me in eternity and I will live forever. I served him in the sacred tent and made my home on Mount Zion.

He put me in the beloved city and gave me authority over Jerusalem.

My roots are in special people that God had chosen as his own.

### The Word of the Lord

Second Sunday after Christmas

**RESPONSE:** The Word became human and lived  
among us.

O Jerusalem, praise the Lord!  
O Zion, praise your God!  
He keeps your gates strong.  
He blesses your people.

**RESPONSE:**

He keeps your borders safe.  
He satisfies you with finest wheat.  
He gives a command to the earth.  
What he says is quickly done.

**RESPONSE:**

He gives his message to his people.  
He gives his laws to Israel.  
He has not given his laws to other nations.  
They do not know his laws.

**RESPONSE:**

## A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Paul said, “Blessed be God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He has blessed us in Christ. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you peace. Let us give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! God chose us before the world was made to be holy and be his children. Because of his love God had already decided that through Jesus Christ he would make us his children. Let us praise God for his glorious grace and for the free gift he gave us in his dear Son!

I have heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and your love for all the people of God. I have not stopped thanking God for you. I remember you in my prayers and ask God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ to give you the Spirit to make you wise so you will understand what it means to know God. I ask that your minds be opened to see his light so you will understand the hope that God has given you as his children.

### The Word of the Lord

Second Sunday after Christmas

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! You came into  
the world and the world believed in you.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

JOHN 1:1-18

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John  
(Short form-Read in black)

In the beginning the Word was there. The Word was with God and the word was God. He was in the beginning with God. God made all things through him and without him not one thing was made. In him all things lived. His life gave light to the people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness could not overpower the light.

God sent his messenger, a man named John. John came to tell about the light and to lead all people to have faith. John himself was not the light. He came to tell the people about the light.

The Word was the true light. It came into this world to give light to all people. The Word was in the world.

Second Sunday after Christmas

The world was made through him but the world did not know him. He came into the world but his people did not accept him. Some accepted him and believed in him so they became children of God. They did not become children of God naturally. God was the one that made them his children.

The Word became a human being and lived among us. We saw his glory; the glory as the only Son of God.

John spoke about him. He shouted, “This is the one I told you would come! He is greater than I am because he was alive before I was born.”

For all that we received grace and blessings. God gave the Law through Moses but Jesus Christ gave us kindness and truth. No one has ever seen God. The only Son is truly God and is the same as God. He has shown us what God is like.

The Good News of the Lord

Second Sunday after Christmas





## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading

ISAIAH 60:1-6

### A Reading from the Scroll of Isaiah

Jerusalem, get up and shine like the sun. The glory of the Lord is shining on you!

Look at the world and see all the people are still in the dark. But the light of the Lord will shine. The brightness of the presence of the Lord will be with you. People and the kings will see your light and they will come to your light.

Look around and see what is happening. Your people are coming to you. Your sons will come from far away. Your daughters will be carried like children.

You will see this and be filled with joy. You will tremble with excitement. The wealth of the nations will be brought to you. Many camels will come to you from Midian and Ephah. They will come from Sheba bringing gold and incense. People will tell the Good News of what the Lord has done!

The Word of the Lord

Epiphany

RESPONSE: Lord, all people will honor you.

Lord, help the king to be fair and honest.  
Help him to rule with justice.  
Let him be honest and fair with the poor.

RESPONSE:

Let the king be fair with everyone.  
Let there be peace as long as the moon give the light.  
May he rule from sea to sea,  
From the river to the ends of the earth.

RESPONSE:

Do this because the king rescues the poor.  
He helps poor people.  
The king has pity for the weak and poor people.  
He protects people in need.

RESPONSE:

## A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Paul said, “I am sure that you have heard that God was kind in choosing me to help you. This letter is to let you know a little about how God showed me his mysterious ways.

In the past no one knew about the mystery until the Spirit of God told it to his apostles and prophets. The secret is that, through Jesus Christ, the Gentiles have a share in the promise that God gave to the Jews. God has let the Gentiles be part of the same body.”

The Word of the Lord

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

We saw the star rising in the East so we want to go and show our respect to the new king.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MATTHEW 2:1-12

### A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Matthew

Jesus was born in Bethlehem during the time Herod was the king. The wise men saw the new star in the East. So they went to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the baby born to be the king of the Jews? We saw the star up in the East and we want to go and worship him.”

King Herod heard about that and he became very upset. All the people in Jerusalem were also upset. So King Herod called all the chief priests and teachers of the law and asked them, “Where will the Messiah be born?”

The chief priests and teachers of the law answered, “In the town of Bethlehem in Judea. That is what the prophets said, ‘From the town of Bethlehem a leader will come like a shepherd and he will lead my people’.”

Epiphany

King Herod then called the wise men and asked them about the star. He told to them, “Go to Bethlehem and look for the baby. Then come back and let me know so I can go and worship him.”

The wise men left and on their way they saw the same star. They were thrilled so they followed the star until it stopped over the house. They went into the house and saw the baby with his mother, Mary. They knelt and worshipped him. Then they took out their gifts – gold, frankincense and myrrh and gave them to the baby.

God warned the wise men in their dream not to go back to Herod. So they went home different ways.

## The Good News of the Lord



## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading

ISAIAH 42:1-4,6-7

### A Reading from the Scroll of Isaiah

The Lord says, “Here is my servant and I will give him strength. He is the one I have chosen and I am very pleased with him. I filled him with my Spirit and he will bring justice to everyone.

He will not shout or scream or make loud speeches in the streets. He will not break off a reed. He will not blow out the flame of a lamp. He will bring lasting justice to all people. He will not lose hope or courage. He will establish justice on earth. All the far away countries will eagerly looking forward to his teaching.”

I, the Lord, have called you and gave you power to see justice is done on earth. Through you I will make a covenant with all people and bring light to the nations. You will open the eyes of the blind and free the prisoners.

### The Word of the Lord

Baptism of the Lord

**RESPONSE:** The Lord will bless his people with  
peace.

All you people, praise the Lord.  
Praise his glory and power  
Praise and honor the wonderful name of the Lord!

**RESPONSE:**

The voice of the Lord is heard on the seas.  
The voice of the Lord is like thunder over the ocean.  
The voice of the Lord is full of power and glory.

**RESPONSE:**

The voice of the Lord shakes the trees.  
In the temple people sing “Glory to God”.  
The Lord is king forever.

**RESPONSE:**



## A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said, “I am sure that God is fair with everyone. God is happy with anyone worshiping him and doing right; no matter from what country they are from.

You know the message God gave to the people of Israel, proclaiming the Good News of peace through Jesus Christ.

You know what happened in Judea. It began in Galilee with John the Baptist. He told the people to be baptized. God gave the Holy Spirit and power to Jesus of Nazareth. He was with Jesus as he went around doing good work and healing everyone under the power of the devil.”

## The Word of the Lord



Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

The heavens opened and the Father said,  
“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MATTHEW 3:13-17

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Matthew

Jesus left Galilee and went to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. John objected and said that Jesus should baptize him. But Jesus said to John, “We must do what God wants us to do. So John agreed and he baptized Jesus.

Jesus came out of the water and he looked up. He saw the sky opened. The Spirit of God came down on him like a dove. Then a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son and I am very proud of him.”

The Good News of the Lord

Baptism of the Lord

