

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading

ISAIAH 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2b-7

A Reading from the Scroll of Isaiah

Lord, you are our God! You are the one that saved us. Why did you let us stray (wander) from you? Why did you make us so stubborn that we are not afraid of you? Come back to us! We are your servants. Help us. We need you.

Open the sky and come down! Come and show your power to your enemies and make people tremble in front of you. The time you came you did scary things that we did not expect. No person has (already) seen or heard of God like you. You welcome people doing what is right and show them how you want them to live. But we are sinners and you are angry with us. We all are dirty with sin. Because of our sins, we are like dead leaves blown away by the wind. We did not worship you. So you hid yourself from us. We are helpless because of our sins.

The Word of the Lord

First Sunday of Advent

RESPONSE: Lord, Let us see your face and we shall
be saved.

Show yourself to the people of Ephraim, Benjamin
and Manasseh.

Show us your power.

Come and save us.

Show us your mercy and we will be saved.

RESPONSE:

With your hands you planted your vine.

You made it grow so strong.

The enemies chopped it down and burned it.

You were angry so you destroyed the enemies.

RESPONSE:

We will never ignore you.

Keep us alive and we will praise you.

Lord, God all powerful, show us your mercy.

And we will be saved.

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Paul said, “May God, our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, bless you with peace!

I always give thanks to God for you because of the grace he gave you through Jesus Christ. He helps you speak and understand so well. For in union with Jesus Christ you become rich.

Now you are certain (sure) that everything we told you about our Lord Jesus Christ is true. You will not be left out on any blessings as you wait for his return. He will also keep you firm (strong) to the end so that you will be innocent on the Day of the Lord. God is to be trusted. He chose you to have fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

First Sunday of Advent

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

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

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 13:33-37

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

Jesus said, “Watch out! Be ready! You do not know the day or time will happen.

It is like a man leaving his home for a trip. He gave his servants some work to do. He told the doorkeeper to watch out and be ready. You do not know the time the master of the house will come back home. It could happen in the evening or at midnight or before dawn or in the morning. But if he (the man) comes home suddenly (unexpectedly), don’t let him catch you sleeping.

I tell everyone just as I have told you to watch out. So always be ready!”

The Good News of the Lord

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading

ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11

A Reading from the Scroll of Isaiah

Our God says, “Comfort my people! Comfort them! Encourage the people of Jerusalem! Tell them that their bad days are over. Their sins are forgiven. I have punished them for their sins.”

A voice shouts, “Prepare a way for the Lord in the desert! Make the way straight for the Lord! Let every valley be filled. Make all mountains flat. Make the rough road smooth. Then the people will see the glory of the Lord.”

Jerusalem, “Go up on a high mountain and shout the good news!”

Shout with a loud voice, Zion. Speak out and do not be afraid. Tell the news to the cities in Judah that their God is coming!”

The Lord is coming to rule with power. He will use his power to save his people. He will take care of his flock like a shepherd gathering the lambs and bring them to their mothers.

The Word of the Lord

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Lord, save the people worshipping you.
His salvation will be with us.
Love and faithfulness will be together.
Justice and peace will unite.

RESPONSE:

Kindness and truth will be together.
Justice and peace will unite.
Truth will show from this world.
Justice will look down from heaven.

RESPONSE:

The Lord will bless us with many good things.
Our land will give wonderful crops.
Justice will be with us.
Prepare the way for the Lord.

RESPONSE:

A Reading from the Second Letter of St. Peter

Dear Friends, don't forget! For the Lord one day can mean a thousand years and a thousand years can be like one day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promises as some people think. God is patient because he wants everyone to stop sinning so they will not be lost.

The day the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a loud noise and the heat will destroy the whole universe (world). Everything will be destroyed. So you should serve and honor God by the way you live. You should look forward to the day God judges everyone and you should try to make it happen. On that day the heavens will be destroyed by fire and everything else will melt in the heat. But God has promised us a new heaven and a new earth, the home of justice.

My friends, as you wait for that day, do your best to live without sin so the Lord will see you pure, clean and living at peace.

The Word of the Lord

Second Sunday of Advent

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Prepare the way for the Lord. Make the way
straight for him.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 1:1-8

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

This is the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The Good News began with the Prophet Isaiah saying, “God will send you his messenger ahead and he will prepare the way for you. That messenger will shout in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord. Make the way straight for him’.”

John the Baptist showed up in the desert preaching, “Stop sinning and be reconciled (united) to God!” Many people from Judea and the city of Jerusalem came to John. They confessed their sins and John baptized them in the Jordan River.

John wore clothes made of camel’s hair with a large leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locust and wild honey.

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John said to the people around him, “The man will come soon and he is greater than me. I am not worthy (good enough) to kneel and untie his sandals. I baptize you with water but the man will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Good News of the Lord

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

First Reading

GENESIS 3:9-15, 20

A Reading from the Scroll of Genesis

The Lord God called out to the man, Adam, “Where are you?” Adam answered, “I heard you walking in the garden. I was afraid so I hide from you because I was naked.” God replied, “Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat the fruit I told you not to eat?” Adam answered, “The woman you made for me gave me the fruit and I ate it.” God asked the woman, “Why did you do this?” The woman replied, “The snake tempted me so I ate it.”

Then God said to the snake, “You will be punished for that. Of all animals you are condemned (punished). You will crawl on your belly and eat dust all the days of your life. 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 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

Psalm

PSALM 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

RESPONSE: Sing to the Lord a new song
He has done marvelous deeds

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

RESPONSE:

The Lord has shown his power.
All the people saw the power of our God.
He used his power to save his people.

RESPONSE:

His power is seen everywhere
Tell everyone to sing with joy to the Lord.
Praise him with songs!

RESPONSE:

Immaculate Conception

Second Reading

EPHESIANS 1:3-6, 11-12

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

Paul said, “Let us give thanks to the God, the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ! For in our union with Jesus Christ he has blessed us with spiritual blessings the spiritual blessings that Jesus brought us from heaven! Before the world was created (made), God chose us through Jesus to live with him so we can be his holy and loving (precious) children.

God loves us so he decided that through Christ we would be his children. That was his pleasure and for that we should praise God for that.

God did as he planned. That is why he had Christ choose us. He did this so that we Jews would be the first ones to have hope in Jesus 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 the angel named Gabriel to a young girl living in a town of Nazareth in Galilee. Her name was Mary and 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 could not understand what the angel was telling her. Then the angel said to her, “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 most high. God will make him king like his ancestor David was. He will reign over Israel forever. His kingdom will never end.”

Immaculate Conception

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

Mary said, “I am the servant of the Lord. Let it happen to me as you said.” Then the angels left.

The Good News of the Lord

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading

ISAIAH 61:1-2, 10-11

A Reading from the Scroll of Isaiah

The Spirit of the Lord is with me. He has chosen me to announce the good news to the poor and comfort the people that are sad. He chose me to free slaves and the prisoners. He sent me to proclaim that the time is now the Lord will save his people.

Jerusalem, rejoice what the Lord has done. She is like a bride dressed for her wedding. God has blessed her with salvation and victory. Like the seeds that sprout and grow, the Lord will save his people and they will praise him.

The Word of the Lord

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RESPONSE: My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul praises the Lord.
My spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.
He looked over his humble servants.
From the day all the people will call me blessed.

RESPONSE:

God has done great things for me.
His name is holy.
He has mercy for people in awe (fear) of him.

RESPONSE:

He satisfied hungry people with good things.
He sent rich people away with nothing.
He came to help his servant Israel.
He remembered his promise of mercy.

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

I THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

Paul said, “Be happy and keep on praying. No matter what happens keep thanking God because of Jesus Christ. This is what God wants from you in your union with Jesus Christ.”

“Don’t hold back the spirit of God. Do not ignore his message. Accept all that is good and avoid anything that is evil (bad).”

“May the peace of God make you holy. May your spirit, soul and body protect you from sins for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has chosen you and he will keep his promise.”

The Word of the Lord

Third Sunday of Advent

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

The Spirit of the Lord is with me. He has
anointed me to bring the Good News to the poor.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

JOHN 1:6-8; 19-28

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John

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

The Jewish leaders in Jerusalem heard about John. So they told their priests and Levites to go to John and asked him who is he. The priests and Levites went to John and asked him, “Are you the Messiah?”

John answered, “No, I am not the Messiah.” Then the Jewish priests asked him, “Are you Elijah?” John answered, “No, I am not.”

Again they asked him, “Are you the prophet? John replied, “No”.

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Finally (at last) the Jewish priests said to John, “Tell us who you are! Give us your answer so we can go back to Jerusalem and tell the Jewish leaders who you are. Tell us about yourself”.

John answered, as the prophet Isaiah said years ago, “I am the voice shouting in the desert, ‘Prepare the way straight for the Lord!’”

Then the Jewish priests said to John, “If you are not the Messiah, if you are not Elijah, and if you are not the prophet, then why do you baptize people?” John answered, “I use water to baptize people but the person is here and you don’t know him. He is the one that will come and I am not worthy (good enough) to untie his sandals.”

All that happened in Bethany on the east side of Jordan River. That is where John was baptizing.

The Good News of the Lord

Third Sunday of Advent

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First reading

2 SAMUEL 7:1-5, 8-12, 14-16

A Reading from the Second Scroll of Samuel

King David moved into a new house and the Lord protected him from all his enemies. Then King David said to the prophet Nathan, “Look, here I am living in a fancy house of cedar wood and the ark (holy box) is out in a tent! We should build a nice building for the ark.”

Nathan said to King David, “Go and do what you want. The Lord will be with you.”

The night the Lord said to Nathan, “Go and tell my servant David not to build a temple for me to live in. I chose him (David) to be the ruler of my people Israel. I was with him in every place he went. I have destroyed his enemies. I will make him famous. I have chosen a place for my people Israel so they will live without oppression. I will be his father and he will be my son. He will have descendants and I will make his kingdom last forever. His dynasty (reign) will never end.”

The Word of the Lord

Fourth Sunday of Advent

RESPONSE: I will sing the goodness of the Lord
forever.

Your love lasts forever.
Your promise is forever.
I will proclaim your faithfulness.
Your kindness is established forever.
You have confirmed your faithfulness.

RESPONSE:

I have made David as my chosen one,
He will be the greatest of all kings.
My love for him will last forever.

RESPONSE:

His kingdom will last forever.
His descendant will rule forever.
My covenant with him will be strong.

RESPONSE:

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

Paul said, “Let us praise God! He can make your faith strong with the Good News. The Good News is the message about Jesus Christ. For many years this message was kept secret. Now it has been told. The eternal God has commanded (ordered) his prophets to write about the Good News so that all the people would obey and have faith.

Because of Jesus Christ, we can praise the wise God forever!”

Amen!

The Word of the Lord

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Here I am the servant of the Lord. Let it happen
to me as you wish.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

LUKE 1:26-38

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Luke

God sent the angel named Gabriel to a young girl living in a town of Nazareth in Galilee. Her name was Mary and she was engaged to Joseph. Joseph, himself, was from the family of King David. God had a special message for Mary. 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 heard that message and she was confused. She could not understand what the angel was telling her. Then the angel said to her, "Don't be afraid. God has (already) 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 reign over Israel forever. His kingdom will never end."

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mary asked the angel, “How can I have a baby? I am not married.” 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 he wants me to do.”

Then the angel left.

The Good News of the Lord

Fourth Sunday of Advent

CHRISTMAS VIGIL

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. 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, the name the Lord, himself, will give. 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”. Your new name will be “God is happy with her”. He will be like a young man marrying a virgin. God made you and he will marry you. He, as a groom, will be delighted (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 own glorious power makes us strong.
With your kindness we become stronger.

RESPONSE:

I have made David my first-born son.
He will be the ruler of all kings on earth.
My love for him will last forever.
My covenant with him will never be broken.

RESPONSE:

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul arrived at Antioch in Pisidia. On the Sabbath he went into 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 God with his great power freed them from slavery in Egypt.

Later God chose David king in place of Saul. God 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 and he would save the people of Israel. 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. 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 worthy (good enough) to take off the sandals from his feet.

The Word of the Lord

Christmas Vigil Mass

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Tomorrow the sin of the world will be destroyed.
The savior of the world will reign over us.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MATTHEW 1:18-25
(SHORT FORM)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Matthew

This is how Jesus was born. A young woman named Mary and she was engaged to Joseph. Joseph, himself, was from the family of King David. Before they were 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 in front of the people. So he decided to quietly call off the wedding.

Joseph was thinking on how to call off the wedding. Then an angel appeared to Joseph in his dream and said to him, “Don’t be afraid! Marry her. The baby Mary will have is from the Holy Spirit. She will have a son and you will name him Jesus. He will be great because he will save people from their sins.”

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

Joseph woke up and he married Mary. But they did not live together with her until the baby was born son. Joseph named the baby Jesus.

The Good News of the Lord

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

First Reading

ISAIAH 9:1-6

A Reading from the Scroll of Isaiah

The people living in darkness will see a great light. The light will guide them and they will be happy. 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 you will take away from them heavy yoke (burden). You will take away the rod that the enemy uses to beat your people. This will happen on a day a special child is born. God will give us his son and he will lead his people. His name will be:

“Wonderful Counselor”

“Powerful God”

“Father who lives forever”

“Prince of Peace”

The Word of the Lord

Christmas Midnight Mass

Psalm

PALM 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13

RESPONSE: Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Sing a new song to the Lord!
Praise the Lord.
Sing and praise his name.

RESPONSE:

Proclaim the Good News that he The Lord saved us.
Tell everyone on earth of his mighty deeds,
The Lord is wonderful.

RESPONSE:

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

RESPONSE:

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

RESPONSE:

Christmas Midnight Mass

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to Titus

Look, God has shown us that he is kind to us. He came to save all people. He taught us to give up all things that are evil and to live the right way in this world.

We look forward with hope 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 (holy). He wants us to be his people to be eager to do what is right.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

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 2:1-20

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Luke

The 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. He has to leave Nazareth in Galilee and go to Bethlehem in Judea to register. Mary was engaged to Joseph so she traveled with him. Mary was pregnant and she gave a birth to her first-born son in Bethlehem. She wrapped him with a swaddling cloth and put him in a feeding box because there was no room for them to stay at 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 the shepherds.

The shepherds 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 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 a manger (feeding box).

Several angels appeared and began to sing with the first angel,

“Glory to God in the highest! On earth peace to all people praising God.”

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 of Jerusalem. Tell them that the Lord is coming to save you. He will bring with him the people he had (already) saved.”

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

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSE: Today a light will shine. 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:

The heavens proclaim the goodness of the Lord.
All the people has seen his glory.
Be glad and honor his holy name.

RESPONSE:

The light shines on good people.
You are the people of God!
Celebrate and praise him!

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

TITUS 3:4-7

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to Titus

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 good things we have done.

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

With Jesus Christ we are united with God and in our union with God we can have eternal life. That is what we hope for.

The Word of the Lord

Christmas Dawn Mass

Gospel Acclamation

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 to look for the baby. They saw the baby sleeping in a manger (feeding box). The shepherds began to tell Mary and Joseph what the angel said about the baby. They were surprised but Mary remembered all these and wondered what it meant.

The Shepherds left and went back to the field singing praises to God for all that had happened.

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. They will see the Lord coming. They can see with their own eyes that he will save Jerusalem.

The Lord will save his city and comfort his people. The Lord will use his power. All the people will see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord

Psalm

PSALM 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

**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 has won the victory.

RESPONSE:

The Lord has shown people his power.
He used his power to bring justice.
God is 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:

Christmas Day Mass

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Many times in the past God spoke 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. With his mighty (powerful) word the Son gives life to the world. The Son had already destroyed the sin. He has gone to heaven and is now seated at the right side of God, the Father.

God gave him a name. His name is greater than anyone and he is greater than the angels in heaven.

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

The Word of the Lord

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. The Word was God. He (Jesus) was with God in the beginning. Through him (Jesus) God made all things. Nothing was created without the Word. Through him (Jesus) all things lived. His life gave light to the people. The light shines in the dark and the dark could not overpower the light.

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

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

Christmas Day Mass

God made the world through him (Jesus) but the world did not know him (Jesus). Jesus came into the world but some people did not accept him. Some accepted him (Jesus) 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 man and he lived with us. We saw his glory. He received the glory because he is the Son of God the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

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

The Good News of the Lord

Christmas Day Mass

HOLY FAMILY

First Reading

GENESIS 15:1-6: 21:1-3

A Reading from the Scroll of Genesis

Abram had a dream and he heard the Lord said to him, “Don’t be afraid. I will protect you from danger and give you a great reward.”

Abram answered, “Lord, how can the reward be good for me? I have no children. My only heir is Eliezer of Damascus. You gave me no children and one of my slaves will get my property.”

The Lord said to Abram, “The slave, Eliezer, will not get your property. You will have a son and he will get your property.” The Lord took Abram outside and said to him, “Look at the sky and try to count the stars. You will have as many descendants as the stars.”

Abram began to believe in God. The Lord was pleased with him and accepted him (Abram). The Lord blessed Sarah and she became pregnant. She gave a birth of a boy to Abram in his old age. Abram named the baby Isaac.

The Word of the Lord

Holy Family

RESPONSE: The Lord remembers his covenant.

Praise the Lord.
Proclaim his greatness.
Tell everyone what he has done.

RESPONSE:

Celebrate his holy name.
Worship him with all your heart.
Trust the Lord and his power.

RESPONSE:

Remember his wonderful work.
You belong to the family of Abraham.
You are the chosen ones from the family of Jacob.

RESPONSE:

The Lord will never forget his promises.
He will keep his agreement with Abraham.
He made his promise to Isaac.

RESPONSE:

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Abraham had faith and he obeyed God. God told him to go to the land that God said would be his. Abraham left and went to a country not knowing where to go.

Sarah was already too old to have children. But she had faith that God would do as he promised. She had a son. Her husband, Abraham, was almost dead but from him many descendants came, as many as the stars in the sky or grains of sand on the beach.

God had promised Abraham that his only son, Isaac, would continue his family. God tested Abraham and told him to sacrifice Isaac. Abraham had faith in God because he was sure that God could raise people to life. So he was sure that Isaac will rise from death.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

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

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

LUKE 2:22-40

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Luke
(Short Form—Read in black)

The time is now for Mary and Joseph to do what the Law of Moses says that every first born son must be presented before God. So Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to present him before God. The Law stated that the parents have to offer a sacrifice of two doves or two pigeons.

That time a man named Simeon living in Jerusalem. He was a good man and he loved God very much. He was waiting for Israel to be saved. The Holy Spirit was with him and promised him that he would not die before he sees the Messiah. The Holy Spirit told Simeon to go into the temple. Simeon saw Mary and Joseph with the baby. He took the baby Jesus in his arms and praised God,

Holy Family

“Lord, I am your servant. Now I can die in peace. You have kept your promise to me. I have already seen your salvation with my own eyes. He is the light to show all people the right way and bring joy to the Jews.”

Mary and Joseph were surprised to hear what Simeon had said. Then he blessed them and said to Mary, “God chose this child to destroy and save many in Israel. He will be like a warning sign that many people will not accept. You, Mary, will suffer like a sword going through you. Anything that will happen to him will break your heart.”

Also in the temple was an old prophet. Her name was Anna, daughter Phanuel from the tribe of Asher. She had been married for only seven years but her husband died. Now she was eighty-four years old. Day and night she worshipped God in the temple praying and often going without eating. That time Anna went into the temple to praise God. She spoke about the baby Jesus to everyone hoping for Jerusalem to be freed.

Mary and Joseph did everything according to the Law and they went home in Nazareth. Jesus grew and became strong and wise. God was with him.

The Good News of the Lord

Holy Family

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

First Reading

NUMBERS 6:22-27

A Reading from the Scroll of Numbers

The Lord ordered Moses to explain to Aaron and his sons to use the following words in 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 love and give you peace.”

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

The Word of the Lord

Mother of God

Psalm

PSALM 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

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.
Make everyone praise you and shout your praises.

RESPONSE:

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

RESPONSE:

Our God has blessed the earth.
Pray for his blessings
May all people honor him.

RESPONSE:

Mother of God

Second Reading

GALATIANS 4:4-7

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

God sent his Son to a woman and she gave a birth to him. He lived under the Jewish Law so he could free us. He freed us from the Law so we could become children of God. Now we are children of God.

God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts. The Spirit tells us that God is our Father. You are no more slaves but children of God. God will give you all that he has promised.

The Word of the Lord

Mother of God

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel

LUKE 2;16-21

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 sleeping in the manger (feeding box). The shepherds began to tell Mary and Joseph what the angels said about the baby. They were surprised to hear what the shepherds said. Mary remembered all these and wondered what it meant. 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 proudly sings her own praises among her people in Israel. She sings in the presence of the angels.

God, the creator of heaven and earth told me where I was to live. He told me to live in Israel. The descendants of Jacob will be your people. He made me in eternity and I will exist for all eternity.

I served him in the Holy Tent and made my home on Mount Zion. He put me in the Beloved City and gave me authority over Jerusalem. I live among honored people that the Lord has chosen as his own.

The Word of the Lord

Second Sunday after Christmas

RESPONSE: The Word became man and lived
among us.

O Jerusalem, Come and praise the Lord your God!
With his power he protects your city.
He blesses your people with children.

RESPONSE:

God lets you live in peace.
He gives you the best wheat.
He gives order to the people.
And the people obey.

RESPONSE:

He gives his laws to his people.
He did not give his laws to other people.
Shout praises to the Lord!

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

EPHESIANS 1:3-6, 15-18

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

Paul said, “Praise God, the Father of our Lord, for the spiritual blessings that Jesus gave us from heaven! Before the world was made, God chose us through Christ to live with him as his holy and loving children. God was kind so he decided to choose us through Jesus to be his children. For that we should praise God.”

“I have heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and your love for all the people of God. For that I’ll never stop thanking God for you. I will remember you in my prayer and ask God of our Lord Jesus Christ to give you wisdom so you’ll understand what it means to know God. My prayer is that your hearts may be opened to see his light so that you’ll know the hope that God gave in his choosing you. Then you will see the wonderful blessings that will be yours together with all the people of God.

The Word of the Lord

Second Sunday after Christmas

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Glory to you, O Lord Jesus Christ, proclaimed to the Gentiles. Glory to you, O Lord Jesus Christ, believed in throughout the world!

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

First Reading

JOHN 1:1-18

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

In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God. The Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him. Without him nothing was made. Through him was life and his life gave light to the people. The light shines in the dark and the dark could not overcome the light.

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

Second Sunday after Christmas

The Word was in the world but no one knew him. God made the world with his Word. He came into the world but some people did not welcome 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 true glory as the only Son of God the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

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

The Word of the Lord

Second Sunday after Christmas

THE 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 still in the dark. But the light of the Lord will shine. The brightness of his presence 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 to you.

You will see this and be filled with joy. You will tremble with excitement. The wealth of the nations will be brought to you. Long lines of camels will come to you from Midian and Ephah. From Sheba they will bring 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 saves the poor.
He helps everyone that is poor and in need.
The king has pity for the weak and poor.
He protects the people in need.

RESPONSE:

Second Reading

EPHESIANS 3:2-3, 5-6

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

Paul said, “I am sure that you have heard that God was kind to me. He chose me to help you. This letter is to let you know a little about God. He 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 (group of people).”

The Word of the Lord

Epiphany

Gospel Acclamation

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 the town, Bethlehem, during the time Herod was king. The wise men saw the new star in the East. So they went to Jerusalem to find out where the baby is born to be the king of the Jews. They want to go and worship the new born king.

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 scribes together and asked them, “Where will the Messiah be born?”

The chief priests and scribes answered, “In the town of Bethlehem in Judea.

Epiphany

That is what the prophets wrote years ago ‘From the town of Bethlehem a leader will appear like a shepherd and he will lead my people’”.

King Herod then called the wise men and ask them about the star. He said to them, “Go to Bethlehem and look for the baby. Then come back and let me know where 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 a 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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading

ISAIAH 55:1-11

A Reading from the Scroll of Isaiah

The Lord says, “Come, all of you thirsty people. Here is the water! Come, all of you that have no money. Take corn and eat. It is free! Come and drink wine and milk. They are free! Why spend money on things that you will not be satisfied?

Listen and do what I tell you. You will enjoy eating good food. Listen carefully. Come to me and you will have life! I will make a lasting covenant with you and give you the blessings I promised to David.

I made David leader and through him I showed my power. Now you call other countries. They do not know you but they will be running to join you. I, the Lord your God, the holy God of Israel, will make all this happen. I will give you honor and glory.

Look for the Lord before it is too late! Pray to him now that he is near.

Baptism of the Lord

Let the wicked (bad) people give up their way of life and change their way of thinking. Let them look to the Lord and he is quick to forgive.”

The Lord says, “My thoughts and my ways are not the same as your thoughts and your ways. The heavens are so high above the earth. In the same way my thoughts are so high above your thoughts and my ways are so high above your ways.”

“My word is like the snow and the rain from the sky to water the earth.

They make the crops grow and provide seed for planting and food to eat.

Also it will be the word that I will speak. It will not fail to do what I plan for it.

It will do everything I sent it to do.”

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSE: Cry out with joy. You are the holy
one of Israel.

God is my Savior.
I will trust him and not be afraid.
The Lord gives me power and strength;
He is my savior.

RESPONSE:

Give thanks to the Lord!
Call him to help you!
Tell all people how great he is!

RESPONSE:

Sing to the Lord.
He has done great things.
Let the whole world know the news.
Shout and sing!
Israel's holy God is great,
He lives among his people.

RESPONSE:

A Reading from the First Letter of St. John

If we really believe that Jesus is truly Christ, then we are children of God. Everyone loves the Father will also love his children.

If we love and obey God, we know that we will love his children. We show our love for God by obeying his commandments. His commandments are not too hard for us.

Every child of God can defeat the world. With faith we will have victory. With faith in Jesus as the Son of God we can defeat the world.

Water and blood came out from the side of Jesus. It was not just water but both water and blood. The Spirit tells about this because the Spirit is truthful.

The three witnesses told us about it: The Spirit, the water and the blood and they all agree.

We believe what the people told us but we believe what God told us is much stronger. God is the one that spoke about his Son.

The Word of the Lord

Baptism of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

John saw Jesus approaching. He said, “Look!
This is the Lamb of God. He takes away the sin
of the world.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MARK 1:7-11

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

John the Baptist was speaking to the people. He said, “The man will come soon and he is much greater than I am. I am not good enough to bend down and untie his sandals. I baptize you with water but the man will come and he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee. John baptized him in the Jordan River. Jesus came out of the water and he looked up at the sky. He saw the sky opened and the Holy Spirit came down on him like a dove. Then a voice from heaven said, “You are my beloved son and I am very pleased with you.”

The Good News of the Lord

Baptism of the Lord