

Response to the Psalm

The Lord is my light and my help.

Gospel Acclamation

Send victory like a dew, you heavens, and let the clouds rain it down. Let the earth open and bring forth the Saviour.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:27-31: Two blind men who believe in Jesus are cured.

Communion Antiphon

We await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our mortal bodies, to conform with his glorified body.

SATURDAY

Advent Weekday *or* Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Saint John Damascene: from Damascus (hence his name); a monk, philosopher and theologian, he sprang to the defence of Sacred Art in the Iconoclast crisis of the eighth century.

Entrance Antiphon

Come and show us your face, O Lord, who are seated upon the Cherubim, and we will be saved.

First Reading

Isaiah 30:19-21. 23-26: He will be gracious to you when he hears your cry.

Response to the Psalm

Happy are all who hope in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:35-10:1. 6-8: When he saw the crowds he felt sorry for them.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am coming soon and my recompense is with me, says the Lord, to bestow a reward according to the deeds of each.

SOME COMMON MASS TEXTS

PENITENTIAL RITE: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

THE GLORIA: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE MARIAN ANTHEM (Alma Redemptoris Mater)

**Loving mother of the Redeemer,
gate of heaven, star of the sea,
assist your people who have fallen—
yet strive to rise again.
To the wonderment of nature
you bore your Creator,
yet remained a virgin after as before.
You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting,
have pity on us poor sinners.**

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WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

29th November–4th December 2021



THE SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

In the first part of Advent there are readings from Isaiah, distributed in accord with the sequence of the book itself and including salient texts that are also read on the Sundays.' (GIL 94) The Gospels are then chosen to show how Our Lord was the fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecies: each day the Gospel narrative illustrates the fulfilment of the First Reading in Christ.

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions: Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (December)

Catechists: Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

MONDAY

Advent Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations; declare it to the distant lands; Behold, our Saviour will come; you need no longer fear.

First Reading

Isaiah 4:2-6: The fruit of the earth shall be the pride and adornment of Israel's survivors.

Response to the Psalm

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

Gospel Acclamation

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 8:5-11: Many will come from east and west to take their places in the kingdom of heaven.

Communion Antiphon

Come, O Lord, visit us in peace, that we may rejoice before you with a blameless heart.

TUESDAY

Saint Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland [FEAST]

Saint Andrew: Born at Bethsaida (Galilee), Andrew was a fisherman and perhaps a disciple of John the Baptist. He introduced his brother, Simon Peter, to Jesus and became one of the first to follow Christ. He is mentioned a number of times in the gospels, for example, in introducing some Gentiles to Christ. Widely venerated since ancient times, he is remembered as one of the twelve who bore witness to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. He became recognised as patron saint of Scotland because, according to legend, some of his bones were brought there and buried in the place that now bears his name.

Entrance Antiphon

Beside the Sea of Galilee, the Lord saw two brothers, Peter and Andrew, and he said to them; come after me and I will make you fishers of men.

The Gloria is sung or recited

First Reading

Wisdom 3:1-9: He accepted them as a holocaust.

Responsorial Psalm

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Second Reading

Romans 10:9-18: Faith comes from what is preached, and what is preached comes from the word of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you into fishers of men.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:18-22: And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Communion Antiphon

Andrew told his brother Simon: we have found the Messiah, the Christ, and he brought him to Jesus.

WEDNESDAY

Advent Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord will come and he will not delay. He will illumine what is hidden in darkness and reveal himself to all the nations.

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-10: The Lord invites us to his banquet and wipes away the tears from every cheek.

Response to the Psalm

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Gospel Acclamation

The Lord is our judge, the Lord our lawgiver, the Lord our king and our saviour.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:29-37: Jesus cures many and multiplies the loaves.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, our Lord will come with power and will enlighten the eyes of his servants.

THURSDAY

Advent Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of your name to my kin.

First Reading

Isaiah 26:1-6: Let the upright nation come in, she, the faithful one.

Response to the Psalm

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

Gospel Acclamation

Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Here is the Lord God coming with power.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 7:21.24-27: The person who does the will of my Father will enter the kingdom of heaven.

Communion Antiphon

What I say to you in the darkness speak in the light, says the Lord, what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

FRIDAY

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Saint Francis Xavier: a friend of St Ignatius Loyola and one of the first members of the 'Company of Jesus'; he preached in India and Japan and died in China in 1552.

Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord will come descending with splendour to visit his people with peace, and he will bestow on them eternal life.

First Reading

Isaiah 29:17-24: That day the eyes of the blind will see.