

ADVENT READINGS

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT:

Monday    Isaiah:    Chap. 2 (1-5)  
Tuesday   Isaiah:    Chap. 11 (1-10)  
Wednesday Zephaniah: Chap. 3 (14-20)  
Thursday  Isaiah:    Chap. 61 (1-11)  
Friday    Isaiah:    Chap. 7 (10-14)  
Saturday  Isaiah:    Chap. 35 (1-10)

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT:

Monday    Isaiah:    Chap. 64 (1-11)  
Tuesday   Jeremiah:  Chap. 3 (14-16)  
Wednesday St. Paul to the Philippians  
            Chap. 4 (4-9)  
Thursday  Baruch:    Chap. 5 (1-9)  
Friday    Isaiah:    Chap. 40 (1-12)  
Saturday  Isaiah:    Chap. 52 (7-10)

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT:

Monday    Isaiah:    Chap. 62 (11-12)  
Tuesday   Micah:      Chap. 5 (1-4)  
Wednesday St. Luke Chap. 1 (26-38)  
Thursday  St. Luke Chap. 1 (39-45)  
Friday    St. Luke Chap. 1 (46-56)  
Saturday  St. Luke Chap. 1 (57-66)

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT:

Monday    St. Luke Chap. 3 (1-6)  
Tuesday   St. Paul to the Romans  
            Chap. 1 (1-6)  
Wednesday St. Luke Chap. 1 (67-80)  
Thursday ~~\*\*\*CHRISTMAS EVE\*\*\*\*\*~~  
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            St. Matthew Chap. 1 (18-25)  
Friday    ~~\*\*\*CHRISTMAS DAY\*\*\*\*\*~~  
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            St. Luke Chap. 2 (1-14)

This year - November 29 - is THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT. The Christmas Season begins with a period of PREPARATION - - SPIRITUAL PREPARATION - called ADVENT, A WORD THAT MEANS COMING - - the coming of the promised Redeemer. This first part of the NEW LITURGICAL YEAR emphasizes Advent (coming) because it is especially devoted to a study of those centuries during which God was preparing the world for the coming of His Son. Advent always begins on the Sunday nearest the Feast of the Apostle St. Andrew, which occurs on November 30 - it so happens that this is four weeks (or so) before Christmas Day. Besides reminding us of Christ's first coming at Betlehem, it prepares us for His Coming by Grace at Christmas and His final coming at the end of the world. The spirit of Advent is one of preparation to be sure, but preparation of a nature that is PENITENTIAL expectation and joy. In her liturgy the Church keeps repeating: HE IS COMING! The Saviour is coming to us ! for Advent represents those dark centuries following the Fall of Man, when the human race waited longingly for the Great Deliverer. A penitential spirit is preached by the Prophet Isaiah and St. John the Baptist. The spirit is manifested by the use of vestments of violet color - symbolic of penance and contrition.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY:       6:00 A.M. For Prayer Promises and Benefactors  
              9:30 A.M. For the People of the Chapels  
              12:30 P.M. Special Int. Willamina Ruiz  
MONDAY:       Dec. Mike Deak  
TUESDAY:      Dec. Gabriel Houle  
WEDNESDAY:   Dec. Florine Brisbois  
THURSDAY:    Special Int. Judith Judge  
FRIDAY:       Special Int. Ann Jernigan  
SATURDAY:    Dec. Arthur and Mark Moser

LORD, GRANT US MONKS! LORD, GRANT US HOLY MONKS! LORD, GRANT US MANY HOLY MONKS!

What is the good of a priest (MONK) who does not trust God,  
and who has no practical belief in the power of God????????????