

ADVENT

During the season of Advent, our Lord knocks at the door of all men's hearts, at one time so forcibly that they must needs notice Him, and at another so softly that it requires attention to know that He is asking admission. He comes to ask them if they have room for Him, for He wishes to be born in their house. The house, indeed, is His, for He built it and preserves it; yet He complains that His own refused to receive Him: at least the greater number of them. "But as many as received Him, He gave them power to be made the sons of God, born not of blood, nor of the flesh, but of God."

Make ready then to receive Him into your hearts and you will find in Him more beauty than you have hitherto perceived; He will bestow greater light and strength on you, His faithful ones, who hold Him within you as your only treasure, living in His life and shaping your thoughts and works on the model of His. You will feel the necessity of words to suit and express your love; such words as He delights to hear you speak to Him.

You, who have had Him within you without knowing Him, and have possessed Him without relishing the sweetness of His presence, open your hearts to welcome Him. Do it so this time, with more care and love. Each year He returns with an untiring tenderness; He has forgotten your past slights; He would that all things be new. Make room for the Divine Infant, for He desires to grow within your soul. The time of His coming is close at hand: let your heart, then, be on the watch; and lest you should slumber when He arrives, watch and pray and sing.

The grand feast of His birth will be a day of mercy for the whole world; at least, for all who will give Him admission into their hearts: they will rise to life again in Him, their past life will be destroyed, and where sin once abounded, there grace will more abound.

HE SHALL BE PEACE

8. 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. For the Poor Souls
MONDAY:	Dec. Odette Holcombe
TUESDAY:	Dec. Roberts McGraw
WEDNESDAY:	Dec. Minnie Veigl, B'day.
THURSDAY:	Dec. Byrdie Smith, Anniv.
FRIDAY:	Dec. Ronald Maniscalco
SATURDAY:	Special Int. Paul Roy Family

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