

Behold the Lord cometh down with
glory... to visit His people in peace
and establish them in everlasting life.

ADVENT

SUGGESTED ADVENT READINGS

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT:

Sunday:	St. Luke	Chap. 21 v(25-33)
Monday:	Isaiah	Chap. 2 v(1-5)
Tuesday:	Isaiah	Chap. 11 v(1-10)
Wednesday:	Sophonias	Chap. 3 v(14-20)
Thursday:	Isaiah	Chap. 61 v(1-11)
Friday:	Isaiah	Chap. 7 v(10-14)
Saturday:	Isaiah	Chap. 35 v(1-10)

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT:

Sunday:	St. Matthew	Chap. 11 v(2-10)
Monday:	Isaiah	Chap. 64 v(1-11)
Tuesday:	Jeremiah	Chap. 3 v(14-16)
Wednesday:	St. Paul to the Philippians	Chap. 4 v(4-9)
Thursday:	Baruch	Chap. 5 v(1-9)
Friday:	Isaiah	Chap. 40 v(1-12)
Saturday:	Isaiah	Chap. 52 v(7-10)

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT:

Sunday:	St. John	Chap. 1 v(19-28)
Monday:	St. Luke	Chap. 1 v(5-26)
Tuesday:	St. Luke	Chap. 1 v(27-38)
Wednesday:	St. Luke	Chap. 1 v(39-45)
Thursday:	St. Luke	Chap. 1 v(46-56)
Friday:	St. Luke	Chap. 1 v(57-66)
Saturday:	St. Luke	Chap. 1 v(67-80)

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT:

Sunday:	** (Christmas Eve) **	
	St. Matthew	Chap. 1 v(18-25)
Monday:	*** (Christmas Day) ***	
	St. Luke	Chap. 2 v(1-14)

AFTER THE READING SCHEDULED TO BE READ ON CHRISTMAS EVE, THE FOLLOWING CEREMONY TAKES PLACE -- TO BE LED BY THE FATHER OF THE FAMILY OR THE MOTHER.

"In the forty-second year of the empire of Octavian Augustus, in the Sixth Age of the world while all the earth was at peace, JESUS CHRIST, Eternal God, and Son of the Eternal Father, willed to consecrate the world by His gracious coming; having been conceived of the Holy Ghost, and the nine months since His conception having now passed (**ALL KNEEL**), He was born as Man of the Virgin Mary at Bethlehem of Juda: -
(**READ VERY SOLEMNLY THE FOLLOWING:**)

THE BIRTHDAY ACCORDING TO THE FLESH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

After this has been completed, the Father of the Family blesses the Christmas Tree - all full of beautiful decorations and things. He says:

"Let us pray:

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who by dying on the Tree of the Cross didst overcome the death of sin caused by our first parents' eating of the forbidden tree of paradise, bless this our Christmas Tree, so that in its use we can obtain even more of the Graces of Thy Holy Nativity. Keep Thy holy peace and joy in our home and be with us forever. Amen.

The next day (Christmas Day), after all have given glory to God and to His Son, Jesus Christ, by attending the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - wherever possible - - all should gather around the Christmas Tree once again, and all should open the various gifts brought there by none other than **SANTA CLAUS**.