

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

1996

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 11v(1-10)
Wednesday	Sophoinas	Chap 3v(14-20)
Thursday	Isaiah	Chap 61v(1-11)
Friday	Isaiah	Chap 7v(10-14)
Saturday	Isaiah	Chap 35v(1-10)

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT:

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Sunday:	St. John	Chap 1v(19-28)
Monday	Micah	Chap 5 v(1-4)
Tuesday	St. Luke	Chap 1v(5-26)
Wednesday	St. Luke	Chap 1v(27-38)
Thursday	St. Luke	Chap 1v(39-45)
Friday	St. Luke	Chap 1v(46-56)
Saturday	St. Luke	Chap 1v(57-66)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Sunday:	St. Luke	Chap 3v(1-6)
Monday	St. Luke	Chap 1 v(67-80)
Tuesday	*** (Christmas Eve) ***	
	St. Matthew	Chap 1v(18-25)
Wednesday	*** (Christmas Day) ***	
	St. Luke	Chap 2v(1-20)

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.