



Wisdom

who camest out of the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end and ordering all things mightily and sweetly: come and teach us the way of prudence!

DECEMBER 18



Adonai

and Leader of the house of Israel, who didst appear to Moses in the flame of the burning bush, and didst give unto him the law on Sinai: come and with an outstretched arm redeem us!

Third Sunday in Advent - Gaudete Sunday

ALL: The Lamb descends from heaven above, to pardon sin with freest love; * For such indulgent mercy shewn, With tearful joy our thanks we own.

Priest: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men; for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous; but in everything by prayer let your requests be made known to God.

Priest: (V) Thou, O Lord, that sittest upon the Cherubim, stir up Thy might, and come.

People: (R) Give ear, O Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Priest: (V) Glory be to the Father, and the Son and the Holy Ghost.

People: (R) As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Priest: LET US PRAY: Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that the coming solemnity of our redemption may both bring us help for our present life, and bestow on us the rewards of everlasting blessedness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
(PRIEST LIGHTS THIRD CANDLE)

1. CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF MASSES:

Abbey Church: (St. Francis Chapel) 12:00 Midnight.
Church opens at 11:30 P.M. - - CHRISTMAS CAROLS

There will be no confessions before Midnight Mass.

NOTE VERY WELL: There will be NO 6:00 A.M. Mass Christmas Day.
St. Pius Chapel - Birmingham 9:00 A.M.
St. Francis Chapel (ABBEY Church) - 10:00 A.M.

2. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday are EMBER DAYS and Days of Fast and Abstinence. Meat may be eaten once on Wednesday and Saturday.
3. This year - 1997 - since Christmas falls on Thursday, meat may be eaten on Friday - the following day.
4. Please pray for the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels especially remembering Al Sachs and Ethel Wallace.
5. Kristin Victoria Roberts will carry the Baby Jesus into the Church and place Him in the Manger at the beginning of Midnight Mass.
6. In order to answer some questions concerning VOCAL PRAYER. Mental prayer is meditation. Vocal prayer is not. Example of Vocal Prayer are: the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Prayers in general, Aspirations. IN ORDER TO GAIN THE INTENDED INDULGENCES, the prescribed prayers MUST BE VOCAL, that is, the lips must move and the words must be at least mouthed silently. Simply to "read" the prayers is not sufficient to gain the intended indulgences. Therefore, in the case of Vocal Prayer, mental prayer is not sufficient to gain the intended indulgences. The usual prayers for the intention of the Pope are, of course, necessary. (Moral and Pastoral Theology).

DECEMBER 19



Root of Jesse

who standest for an ensign of the people, before whom kings shall keep silence, and unto whom the Gentiles shall make their supplication: come to deliver us and tarry not!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY: For the People of the Chapels

MONDAY: Dec. Mary Campbell

TUESDAY: Dec. Neal Evans

WEDNESDAY: Dec. Henrietta Faas

THURSDAY: Dec. Vandell Bitzer

FRIDAY: Dec. Welfare Alfred & Aurora Krebsback (safe trip)

SATURDAY: Dec. Gordon Tate

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Key of David

and Scepter of the house of Israel, who openest and no man shutteth, who shutteth and no man openeth: come and bring forth from his prison-house the captive that sitteth in darkness and in the shadow of death.

