

First Sunday in Advent

Blessing



Priest: On that day beholding from afar I shall see the Power of God coming and covering the whole earth like a cloud. Go ye out to meet Him and say unto Him: Tell us if Thou are He Who is to reign over the people of Israel.

People: On that day beholding from afar I shall see the Power of God coming and covering the whole earth like a cloud. Go ye out to meet Him and say unto Him: Tell us if Thou are He Who is to reign over the people of Israel.

Priest: And, all ye dwellers upon earth, sons of men, rich and poor.

People: Go ye out to meet Him and say unto Him: Tell us if Thou art He Who is to reign over the people of Israel.

Priest: Hear, O Thou shepherd of Israel: Thou who leadest Joseph like a sheep.

People: Behold the Lord shall come and all His saints with Him: and there shall be a great light on that day.

Priest: All ye who thirst come to the waters: seek ye the Lord while He may be found.

People: The mountains and the hills shall sing praise before God, and all the trees of the forest shall clap their hands, because the Lord, the Ruler, will come into His eternal kingdom.

Priest: The Lord will come and will not delay, and He will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will manifest Himself to all nations.

People: Let us live justly and godly, looking for the blessed hope and coming of the Lord.

Priest: Sound the trumpet in Sion, for the day of the Lord is near, Behold, He will come to save us. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: The Lord will come, go forth to meet Him, and say: Great is His dominion, and His kingdom shall have no end. He is God, the Mighty, the Ruler, the Prince of Peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Priest: The people shall fear Thy Name, O Lord.

People: And all the kings of the earth Thy glory.

Priest: LET US PRAY: As we Thy servants, O Lord, ask Thee for thy blessing to descend upon this symbol of our hope and expectation, put forth Thy power, we beseech Thee, and come, that with Thee as our protector we may be rescued from the impending danger of our sins: and with Thee as our deliverer, may we obtain our salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.
(PRIEST LIGHTS FIRST CANDLE - SPRINKLES WREATH AND PEOPLE)

1. Friday, Dec. 8, 2000 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception - a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses in Abbey Church, only:
6:00 A.M.-8:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.
2. CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF MASSES:
Abbey Church: 12:00 Midnight
10:00 A.M.
NOTE WELL - there will be NO 6:00 A.M. Mass in the Abbey Church - Christmas Morning.
St. Pius V Chapel - Birmingham
9:00 A.M.
3. Brianna Kelley and Andrew Winlan will bring Baby Jesus into the Church and place Him in the Manger at Midnight Mass.
4. Please pray for the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels.
5. ADVENT WREATH BLESSING - at the 10:00 A.M. Mass this morning- This is a highly recommended ceremony for each household, especially where children are present.
6. Meat may be eaten on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Thursday, Dec. 7, 2000 is the Vigil of the Feast, and is therefore, a day of Fast and Abstinence.
7. Some Calendars are still available.
8. MASSES FOR THE WEEK:
(Abbot Leonard's Schedule)
SUNDAY: For the People of the Chapels.
MONDAY: Spec. Int of Donor
TUESDAY: For the Poor Souls
WEDNESDAY: Welfare Donald Howard
THURSDAY: Dec. Judy McCann
FRIDAY: Welfare of our Monastic Communities
SATURDAY: Dec. Lucia Chavira



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2000 is the Feast Day of Saint Nicholas (Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor). He was and continues to be a beloved Saint - especially of the children. In many parts St. Nicholas once upon a time visited with and talked with the little children on the evening before (December 5) and then left little goodies for the children. This is no longer possible - that is the little visits - so now he passes quickly through the houses, and each place he finds a tiny shoe, or little basket, he places the goodies in it, and then passes quickly on to the next house where good little children live. He was a wonderful Saint and he loved to do good things, and everywhere he visited he left the people feeling wonderful and full of joy, and everybody waited anxiously for his next visit on December 6 - next year. In the meantime, the children behave properly in honor of the love of the good St. Nicholas. Later in life, the little ones find out that St. Nicholas is an elder family member, the knowledge does not really cause any shock or harm. The thrill of the beautiful childhood excited custom is retained in the memory of many who have grown old and grey, and it remains to the days of old age - in all of its beauty and fantasy. The old folks enjoy St. Nicholas very much - also. A little party on St. Nicholas Day is always wonderful and it pleases St. Nicholas very much.