



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell and on the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and from thence He shall come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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DEC 24TH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE ETERNAL GOD

King David wished that the ark of God might have a more permanent home. David may have envisioned something like the cedar palace where he resided. God had in mind something more: a throne where David's descendants would rule for ever, a kingdom where Jews and Gentiles alike would be welcome.

Mary's prayerful nature led to an even more disturbing message. She would conceive and bear a Son though she was not yet married. "How can this come about?" Mary wondered. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you," she was told (Luke 1:35).

Mary's acceptance of this difficult challenge ushered in this, the final age of God's reign. What was once a secret known only by chosen people like King David and his descendants must now be made clear to all so that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, we can be brought to the "obedience of faith" "according to the command of the eternal God" (Romans 16:26).

FEAST OF FAITH

Gathering

When Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States in 2008, tens of thousands gathered in Yankee Stadium to celebrate the Eucharist with him. What made them different from all the other excited crowds who have assembled there through the years? When they began to sing together, to listen together, to pray together, they ceased to be a crowd, and became a liturgical assembly. It was not where they were but what they did that set them apart.

The Gospels speak of many instances when Jesus prayed alone to his Father. But Jesus also put a special value on communal prayer. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name," he told his disciples, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Jesus gave his own mission to his followers, sending them forth to do everything he did: to heal, to teach, to proclaim the kingdom. Jesus wants us to meet God in and through each other. So the Christian community continues to gather, Sunday after Sunday. When we get up on Sunday morning and come to Mass, we respond to Jesus' invitation, and we express our trust in his promise that whenever we come together, he comes, too.

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CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART

Christmas! 'Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of charity in the heart.

TODAY'S REA

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people.

(2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Vigil; Reading 1: Iaaiah 62:1-5; Reading 2: Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25; Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Reading 2: Day: Reading 1: Isaiah 9:1-6;52:7-10; Hebrew 1:1-6; Gospel: John 1:1-5. 9-14

Tuesday: Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Gospel: Matthew 10:17-22

Wednesday: Reading 1: 1 John 1:1-4; Gospel: John 20:1a & 2-8

Thursday: Reading 1: 1 John 1:5-2:2 Gospel: Matthew 2:13-18

Friday: Reading 1: 1 John 2:3-11; Gospel: Luke 2:22-35

Saturday: Reading 1: 1 John 2:22-28; Gospel: John 1:19-28

Sunday: Reading 1: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Reading 2: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



Monday Dec 25th

Mass at 11:00 Nativity of the Lord

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JAN 7th

LECTOR MARK

SERVERS LESLIE & MARINA

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

JAN 14th

LECTOR PEGGY

SERVER CARLOS & MAX

COUNTER MARY & ANN F

JAN 21ST

LECTOR BEVERLY

SERVERS JESUS & LESLIE

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

JAN 28TH

LECTOR JEFF

SERVER CARLOS & MAX

COUNTER MARY & ANN F

No PRE on Dec 27th

There will be no weekday Masses during the month of January. Father Anthony will be on vacation.

**.The office will be closed
 December 18th through
 January 1st for the
 Christmas holidays.**

Dec 17TH 2023

Sunday collection
 NOT AVAILABLE