



# 1st Sunday in Advent December 2/3, 2017

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2—10, 2017

### FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Saturday,	Dec. 2	5:00 pm	For + Fr. Romano by Rose Hui
Sunday,	Dec. 3	9:30 am	For + Jaime & + Maria Araujo by Mike & Estrela
		11:30 am	For All St. John Bosco Parishioners
Tuesday,	Dec. 5	9:00 am	For Edna by her Auntie Doreen Allen
Wednesday,	Dec. 6	9:00 am	St. Nicholas, Bishop For + Daisy & + Alexon by Marie
Thursday,	Dec. 7	9:00 am	St. Ambrose, Bishop For + Soma Taylor by her daughter
Friday,	Dec. 8	7:00 pm	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass, Benediction, Confessions

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Saturday,	Dec. 9	5:00 pm	For All St. John Bosco parishioners
Sunday,	Dec. 10	9:30 am	For + Jacinto Pereira by Mike & Estrela
		11:30 am	For Mildred Ray by Sharon Prokop



**Grace Before Meals:** For December 3 This Week as we start the Advent Season, it is a good idea to put your Advent wreath on the table. Before we say our grace, ask a family

member to light the first candle on the wreath.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word.

You challenge us to "Keep awake" and to be ever ready. (*Mark 13:37*)

**All:** May we await your second coming in hope

**Together:** "Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen."

**After the meal:** "We give thanks, Almighty God, for all your gifts, who live and reign now and forever Amen."

## NEW LITURGICAL YEAR - NEW GOSPEL

### This Sunday, we start reading the Gospel of St. John (Cycle B)

John was the last one to write a Gospel, and his is the most theological of the four. The other three are so similar in content, style, and sequence that they're often called the *Synoptic Gospels*, from the Greek word *sunoptikos*, meaning *summary* or *general view*.

*John, who wrote his Gospel much later than the others*, was writing for a Christian audience. He presumed that people had already heard the basic facts, and he provided advanced information to complement the Jesus 101 material covered in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In other words, the Gospel According to John is like college calculus, and the Synoptic Gospels are like advanced high school algebra.

**John sets the tone by opening his Gospel with a philosophical concept of pre-existence:** Before Jesus became man by being conceived and born of the Virgin Mary, he existed from all eternity to his divinity, because he's the second person of the Holy Trinity. Take a look at the first line from the Gospel According to John: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God."

This is a very philosophical and theological concept. John wanted his audience to see Jesus as being the Word of God; as he says, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). He was saying that Jesus was the incarnate Word. The Word taking on flesh.

The first book of the Bible, Genesis, starts with the same phrase John uses in the opening of his Gospel: "in the beginning." According to Genesis 1:3, God said, "Let there be light, and there was light." In other words, by merely speaking the word, God *created*. John built on that in his Gospel, saying that Jesus *was* the Word. The Word of God wasn't a thing, but a person. The Word was creative and powerful: Just as God said the word and light was created, Jesus spoke the word and the blind received their sight, the lame walked, and the dead came back to life.

**In this new liturgical year** we do not just want to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, it endeavors us to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. The entire Liturgy of the Advent Season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life.

**'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now!'**

The Season of Advent is a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, **this light flows out into our dark, sinful lives to illuminate them**, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.



## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

### 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT:

Saturday, December 23 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 24 9:30 am & 11:30 am

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24 7:00 pm & 10:00 pm

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25 9:30 am & 11:30 am

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, December 30 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 31 9:30 am & 11:30 am

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

Sunday, December 31 5:00 pm

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday, January 1 10:30 am

## WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, Dec. 5 7:00 pm RCIA

Thursday, Dec. 7 7:00 pm Legion of Mary

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

**Winter Recollections at Mount Carmel:** As the winter encroaches upon us we should take care not to let the cold enter into our hearts. We invite you to join us at Mount Carmel Spirituality Centre for three separate days of Winter Recollections:

- 1) "Finding hope in a hopeless world," Saturday, December 16, in preparation for Christmas.
- 2) "An unexamined life is not worth living," Saturday, December 30, In preparation for the New Year, 2018
- 3) "Crucifying the flesh to the Cross of Christ," Saturday, February 3, in preparation for Lent

All recollections will start with Morning Prayer at 10 a.m. and end with Mass at 4:30 p.m. Facilitators: Father. Alwyn Sequeira OCD and Father Mario Fernandes OCD. (Lunch served at an affordable price to those who book in advance).  
For more information, contact Father Alwyn at 778 789 2018

**Quote for the week:** At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? **Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern.** — **Mother Teresa,**

