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## Liturgical Calendar for Sundays and feasts

<b>December</b>		18 W ..... 4	26 Th ..... 12	<b>January</b>
1 Su .....	1	20 F ..... 5	27 F ..... 13	1 W ..... 17
8 Su .....	2	22 Su ..... 7	28 Sa ..... 14	5 Su ..... 18
15 Su .....	3	24 Tu ..... 8	29 Su ..... 15	6 M ..... 19
		25 W ..... 9		

<b>November</b>		13 Su ..... 3	24 Th ..... 8	29 Tu ..... 16
29 Su .....	1	16 W ..... 4	25 F ..... 9	<b>January</b>
<b>December</b>		18 F ..... 5	26 Sa ..... 12	1 F ..... 17
6 Su .....	2	19 Sa ..... 6	27 Su ..... 15	3 Su ..... 18
		20 Su ..... 7	28 M ..... 14	6 W ..... 19

<b>November</b>		12 Su ..... 3	24 F ..... 8	29 W ..... 16
28 Su .....	1	15 W ..... 4	25 Sa ..... 9	<b>January</b>
<b>December</b>		17 F ..... 5	26 Su ..... 15	1 Sa ..... 17
5 Su .....	2	18 Sa ..... 6	27 M ..... 13	2 Su ..... 18
		19 Su ..... 7	28 Tu ..... 14	6 Th ..... 19

<b>November</b>		11 Su ..... 3	24 Sa ..... 8	29 Th ..... 16
27 Su .....	1	14 W ..... 4	25 Su ..... 9	<b>January</b>
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4 Su .....	2	17 Sa ..... 6	27 Tu ..... 13	2 M ..... 18
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10 Su .....	2	23 Sa ..... 6	28 Th ..... 14	2 Tu ..... 18
17 Su .....	3	24 Su ..... 8	29 F ..... 16	6 Sa ..... 19
		25 M ..... 9	31 Su ..... 15	

<b>December</b>		15 Su ..... 3	22 Su ..... 7	26 Th ..... 12
1 Su .....	1	18 W ..... 4	24 Tu ..... 8	27 F ..... 13
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## **FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS**

*Acts 4:10-11*

Then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is 'the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.'



The Chief Cornerstone

**READINGS FOR  
SUNDAYS AND FEASTS  
EXTRAORDINARY FORM  
OF THE ROMAN RITE  
CHRISTMAS SEASON**

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## **OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS** **January, 1st**

*Lc 2:21*

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.



LordShadowblade, The Most Holy Name of Jesus, 2008 - ©LordShadowblade



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## FIFTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

*Lc 2:19*

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.



Joseph Stella, Holy Mary Mother of God, 1926 (Brooklyn Museum)

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Lc 21:25-26*

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.



Larry Landolfi, Medjugorje Moonrise

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Mt 11:2-6*

Of the works of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to him with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."



Samuel van Hoogstraten, St. John the Baptist in Prison receives Christ's answer, 1627-1678

## SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

*Lc 2:40*

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.



pinkvynliangel, St. Joseph + Jesus - ©pinkvynliangel

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## **FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS** **December, 28th**

*Mt 2:16-17*

When Herod realized that he had been deceived by the magi, he became furious. He ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had ascertained from the magi. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet.



Rene van Tol, Kindermoord bij Bethlehem - ©Rene van Tol

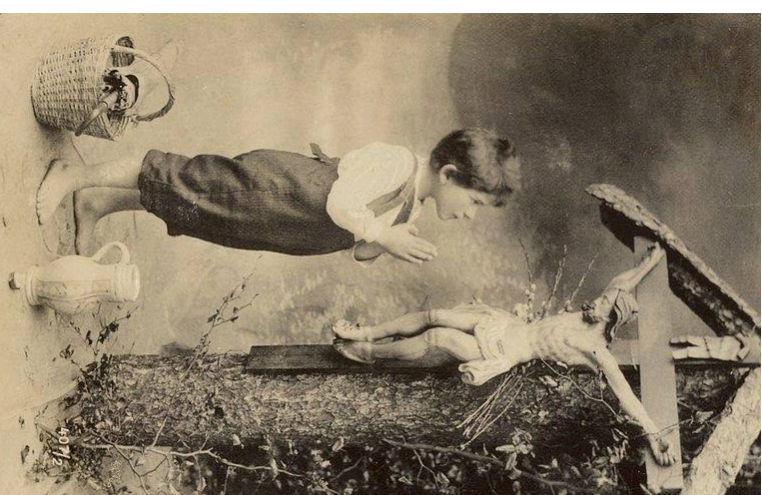
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## **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Phil 4:5-7*

Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.



Boy praying on his way home

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## EMBER WEDNESDAY IN ADVENT

*Ic 1:35*

And the angel said to her in reply, "The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.



Annunciation (ORATORIO DELLA SS. TRINITÀ NEL PALAZZO VESCOVILE)

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## FEAST OF SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST December, 27th

*Jn 21:20*

Peter turned and saw the disciple following whom Jesus loved, the one who had also reclined upon his chest during the supper and had said, "Master, who is the one who will betray you?":



Master Heinrich of Konstanz, St John Resting on Jesus' Chest, c. 1320 (Museum Mayer van den Bergh, Antwerp)

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## **FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN, DEACON AND PROTOMARTYR** **December, 26th**

*Acts 7:55-60*

But he, filled with the holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out in a loud voice, covered their ears, and rushed upon him together. They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. The witnesses laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them"; and when he said this, he fell asleep.



Domenico Ghirlandaio, Christ in Heaven with Four Saints and a Donor, 1492 (Pinacoteca Comunale, Volterra)

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## **EMBER FRIDAY IN ADVENT**

*Isa 11:1-2*

But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, A spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD.



Giotto, Nativity, 1305 (Scrovegni Chapel)

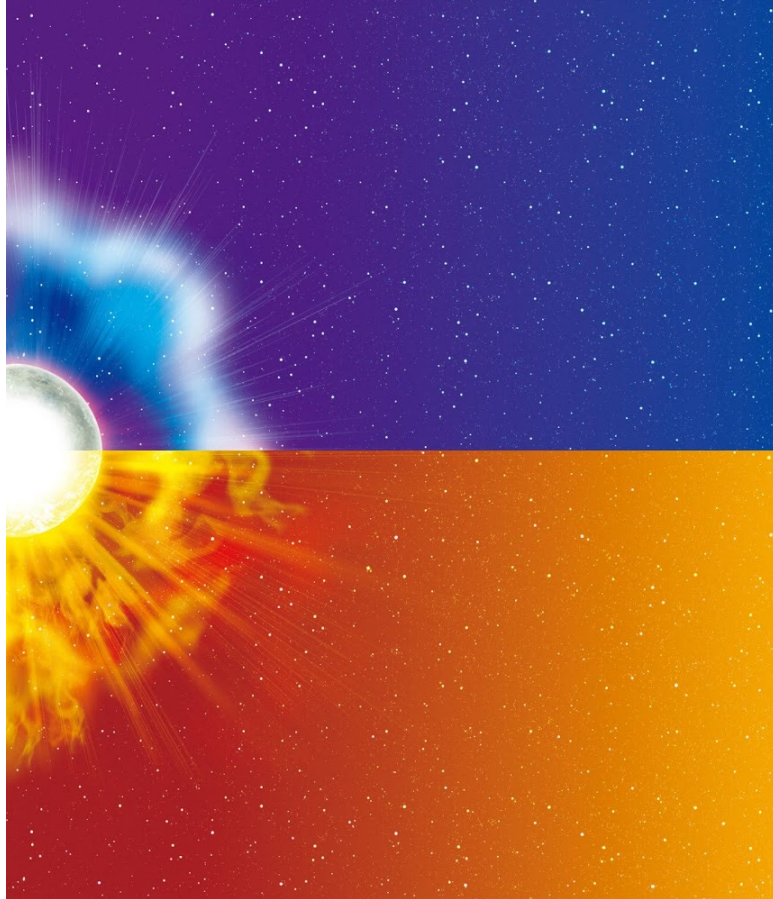
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## EMBER SATURDAY IN ADVENT

*isa 30:26*

The light of the moon will be like that of the sun and the light of the sun will be seven times greater (like the light of seven days). On the day the LORD binds up the wounds of his people, he will heal the bruises left by his blows.



Pokémon Sun and Pokémon Moon

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## CHRISTMAS DAY MASS December, 25th

*Jn 1:1*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.



Raul Berzosa, Niño Jesús, 2007 - ©Raul Berzosa

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## CHRISTMAS DAWN MASS December, 25th

*Lc 2:19*

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Joseph Stella, Holy Mary Mother of God, 1926 (Brooklyn Museum)

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Lc 3:4-6*

As it is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"



Lorie McCown, A voice in the wilderness, 2012 - @Lorie McCown

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## VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS December, 24th

*Mt 1:20-21*

Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins".



François-Xavier de Boissoudy, L'Annonciation à Joseph, 2014 - ©François-Xavier de Boissoudy

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## CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS December, 25th

*Lc 2:8-14*

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests".



Amber Pine, Glory to God in the Highest - ©Amber Pine