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*Readings from the Bible for the Roman  
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## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*Lc 3:22*

And the holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."



Gerard David, Doopsel van Christus, 1502 - 1508 (Groeningemuseum Brugge)

## Liturgical Calendar for Sundays and feasts

		— 2021 — 2022 —			
<b>November</b>	28 Su ..... 1	5 Su ..... 8	15 W ..... 18	24 F ..... 30	
	29 M ..... 2	6 M ..... 9	16 Th ..... 19	25 Sa ..... 31	
<b>December</b>	1 W ..... 4	7 Tu ..... 10	17 F ..... 22	26 Su ..... 37	
	2 Th ..... 5	9 Th ..... 12	18 Sa ..... 23	27 M ..... 35	
	3 F ..... 6	10 F ..... 13	19 Su ..... 21	28 Tu ..... 36	
	4 Sa ..... 7	11 Sa ..... 14	20 M ..... 25	<b>January</b>	
		12 Su ..... 15	21 Tu ..... 26	2 Su ..... 38	
		13 M ..... 16	22 W ..... 27	9 Su ..... 39	
		14 Tu ..... 17	23 Th ..... 28	10 M ..... 40	

		— 2024 — 2025 —			
<b>December</b>	1 Su ..... 1	8 Su ..... 8	17 Tu ..... 22	25 W ..... 31	
	2 M ..... 2	10 Tu ..... 10	18 W ..... 23	26 Th ..... 34	
	3 Tu ..... 3	11 W ..... 11	19 Th ..... 24	27 F ..... 35	
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	5 Th ..... 5	13 F ..... 13	21 Sa ..... 26	29 Su ..... 37	
	6 F ..... 6	14 Sa ..... 14	22 Su ..... 21	<b>January</b>	
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		16 M ..... 16	24 Tu ..... 30	12 Su ..... 40	

		— 2027 — 2028 —	
<b>November</b>	28 Su ..... 1	16 Th ..... 19	
	29 M ..... 2	17 F ..... 22	
<b>December</b>	1 W ..... 4	18 Sa ..... 23	
	2 Th ..... 5	19 Su ..... 21	
	3 F ..... 6	20 M ..... 25	
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## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*Isa 60:1-3*

Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the L. has dawned upon you. Though darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds, the peoples, Upon you the L. will dawn, and over you his glory will be seen. Nations shall walk by your light, kings by the radiance of your dawning. The Nations Come to Zion.



Ezio Anichini, Epiphany of the Lord - ©Ezio Anichini

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

*Jn 1:15-18*

John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.



Lucas Cranach the Elder, *The Law and the Gospel*, 1529 (Národní galerie, Sternberg Palace, Prague)

# READINGS FOR SUNDAYS AND FEASTS ORDINARY FORM OF THE ROMAN RITE YEAR C CHRISTMAS SEASON

## THE HOLY FAMILY

*Lc 2:46-47*

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.



Emil Nolde, *Jesús ante los doctores*



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## THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS December, 28th

*Mt 2:16*

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.



Pieter Bruegel de Oude, De Moord op de Onnozele Kinderen, 1566 (Kunsthistorisches Museum, Wien)

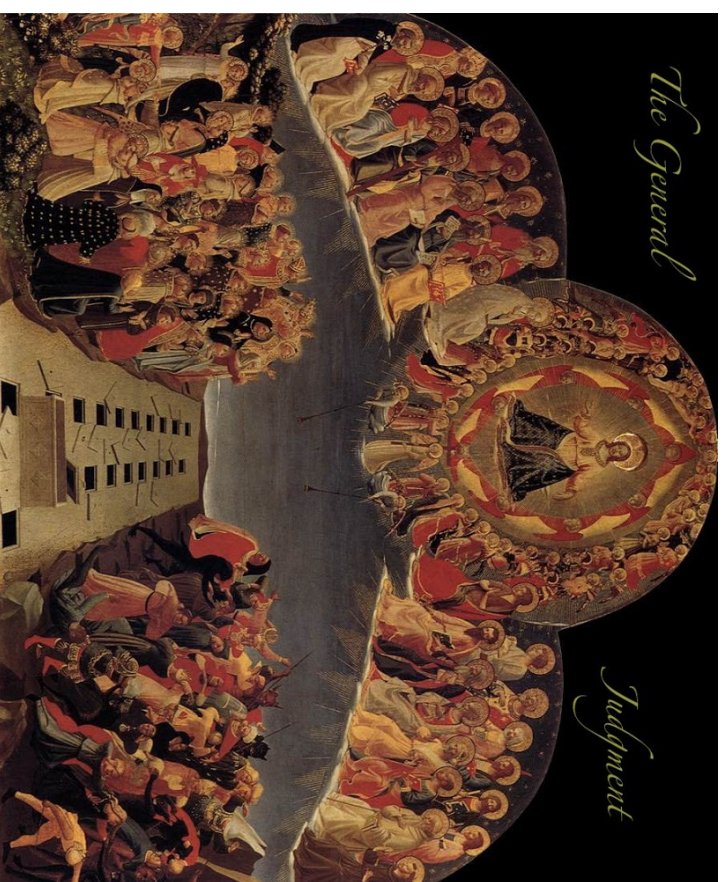
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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Lc 21:34-36*

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."



Fra Angelico, Last Judgement, 1431 (Museo di San Marco, Florence)

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## MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

*Mt 8:5-8*

A centurion approached him and appealed to him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering dreadfully." He said to him, "I will come and cure him." The centurion said in reply, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed.



Healing of Centurion's Servant

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

*Jn 20:3-4*

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first.



Eugene Burnand, Les Disciples Pierre et Jean courant au sépulcre le matin de la Résurrection, 1898 (Musée d'Orsay, Paris)

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## **SAINT STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR** **December, 26th**

*Mt 10:19-20*

When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say. For it will not be you who speak but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.



Peter-Paul Rubens, The Martyrdom of St. Stephen, 1620 (Musée des Beaux-Arts, Valenciennes)

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## **TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT**

*Isa 11:6-7*

Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; The calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors; together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox.



Sawat Chimnawong, Creation, 2011 - ©Sawat Chimnawong

## WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

*Isa 25:7-8*

On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, The web that is woven over all nations. He will destroy death forever. The Lord G will wipe away the tears from all faces; The reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the L has spoken.



Sieger Köder, Friedhof - ©Sieger Köder

## CHRISTMAS DAY MASS December, 25th

*Heb 1:5-6*

For to which of the angels did God ever say: "You are my son; this day I have begotten you"? Or again: "I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me"? And again, when he leads the first-born into the world, he says: "Let all the angels of God worship him." .



Brian Kershnik, Nativity, 2007 - ©Brian Kershnik

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## **CHRISTMAS DAWN MASS** December, 25th

*isa 62:11*

See, the LORD proclaims to the ends of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, your savior comes! Here is his reward with him, his recompense before him.



Hosanna!

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## **THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT**

*isa 26:2*

Open up the gates to let in a nation that is just, one that keeps faith.



Open Ye the Gates (Harvard)

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## FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

*isa 29:18-19*

On that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book; And out of gloom and darkness, the eyes of the blind shall see. The lowly will ever find joy in the LORD, and the poor rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.



Be blessed

## CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS December, 25th

*Lc 2:10-14*

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." .



Bradi Barth, Gloria - ©Herbrommen vzw.

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## VIGIL FOR CHRISTMAS December, 24th

*Mt 1:20*

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.



Marriage of Mary & Joseph

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## SATURDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

*Mt 10:3*

Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus.

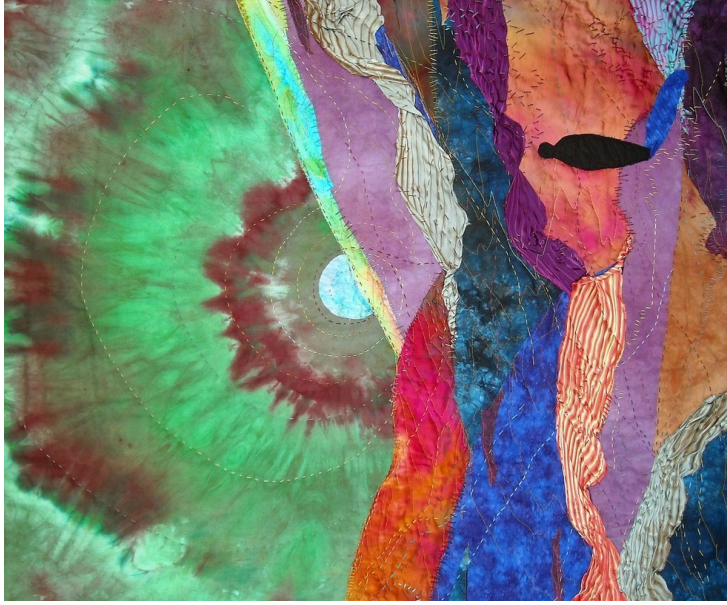


Caravaggio, St. Matthew and the Angel, 1602 (San Luigi dei Francesi, Rome)

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Lc 3:4-6*

As it is written in the book of the words 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

## DECEMBER 24TH (MORNING MASS)

*Lc 1:76*

And you, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.



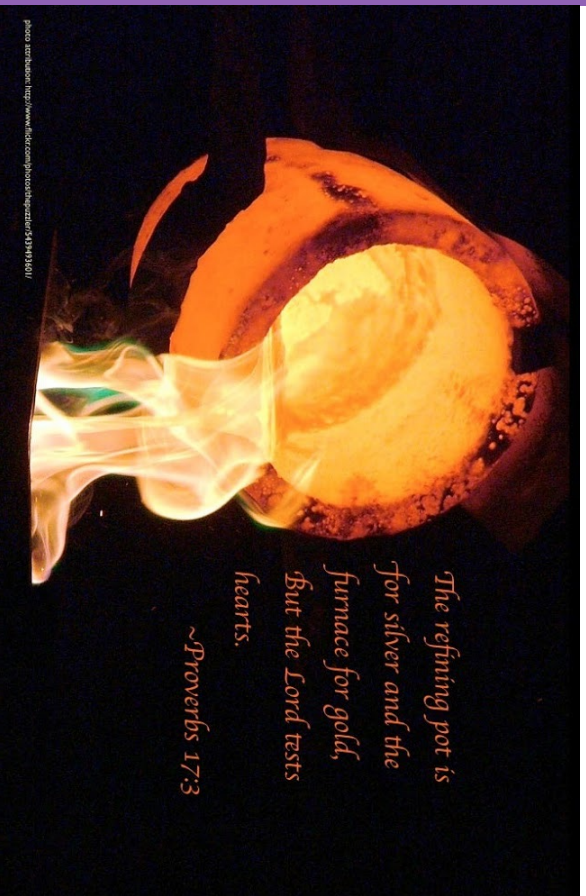
Jacob Jordaens, John the Baptist (Rubenshuis, Antwerpen)



## DECEMBER 23RD

*mal 3:2-3*

But who will endure the day of his coming? And who can stand when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire, or like the fuller's lye. He will sit refining and purifying (silver), and he will purify the sons of Levi, Refining them like gold or like silver that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD.

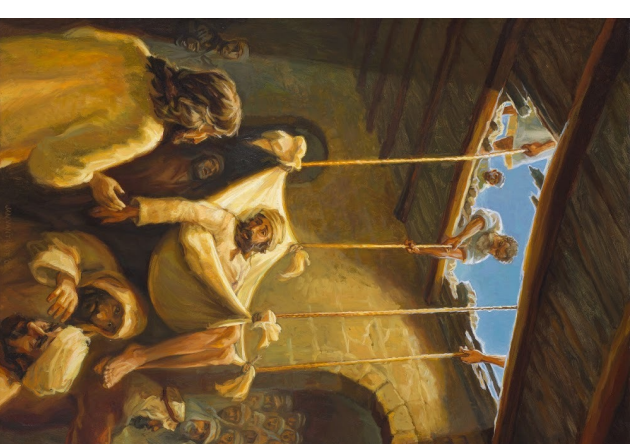


Proverbs 17:3

## MONDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

*Lc 5:17-20*

One day as Jesus was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and Jerusalem, and the power of the Lord was with him for healing. And some men brought on a stretcher a man who was paralyzed; they were trying to bring him in and set (him) in his presence. But not finding a way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on the stretcher through the tiles into the middle in front of Jesus. When he saw their faith, he said, "As for you, your sins are forgiven.."



Jan van't Hoff, De verlande - @Jan van't Hoff

## TUESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

*Isa 40:11*

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, Carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.



Philippe de Champaigne, The Good Shepherd, 17th c.

## DECEMBER 22ND

*1 sam 1:24-28*

Once he was weaned, she brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh. After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said, "Pardon, my lord! As you live my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD, as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." She left him there.



And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli

# DECEMBER 21ST

*Lc 1:41*

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit.

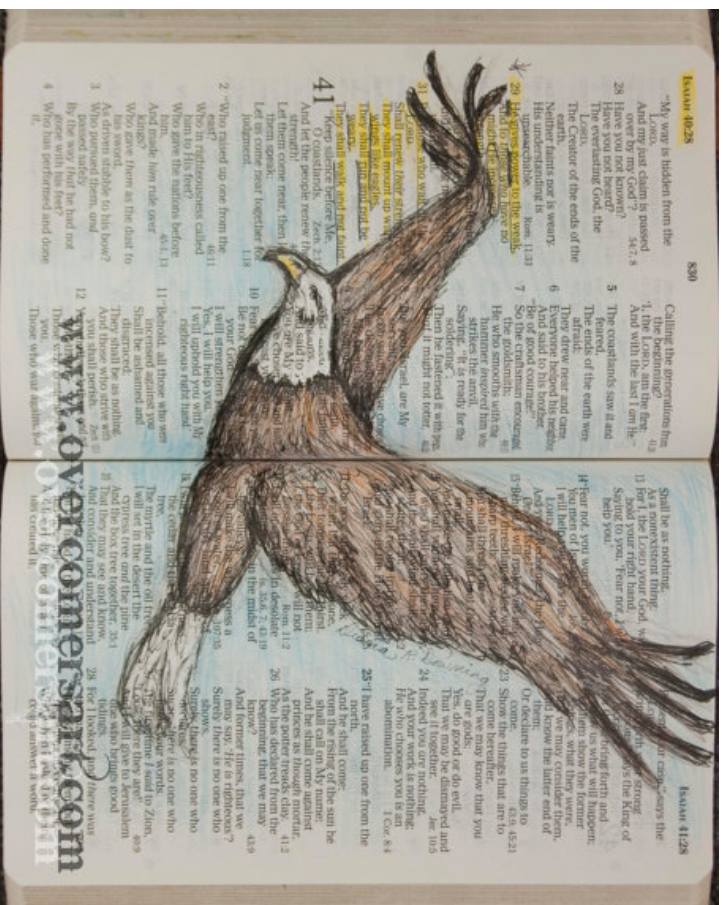


Arcabas, Visitation - ©Arcabas

# WEDNESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

*isa 40:29-31*

He gives strength to the fainting; for the weak he makes vigor abound. Though young men faint and grow weary, and youths stagger and fall, They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings; They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.



They shall mount up with wings like eagles - ©Governersart.com

## THURSDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

*Mt 11:11*

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.



Eric Armusik, Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist, 2015 - ©Eric Armusik

## DECEMBER 20TH

*Lc 1:31-33*

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father; and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."



Coroação de Maria

## DECEMBER 19TH

*Lc 1:16-17*

And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn the hearts of fathers toward children and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to prepare a people fit for the Lord."



Greta Maria Leffko, Contemporary Polish iconography - ©Greta Maria Leffko

## FRIDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

*isa 48:17-18*

Thus says the LORD, your redeemer: the Holy One of Israel. I, the LORD, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go. If you would hearken to my commandments, your prosperity would be like a river and your vindication like the waves of the sea.



River with stepping stones

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## SATURDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

*sirach* 48:9-11

You were taken aloft in a whirlwind, in a chariot with fiery horses. You are destined, it is written, in time to come to put an end to wrath before the day of the LORD. To turn back the hearts of fathers toward their sons, and to reestablish the tribes of Jacob. Blessed is he who shall have seen you before he dies.



Prophet Elijah (Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Louis, MO)

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## DECEMBER 18TH

*jer* 23:6

In his days Judah shall be saved, Israel shall dwell in security. This is the name they give him: "The LORD our justice."



Jehova Tsidkenu

## DECEMBER 17TH

*Mt 1:2*

Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers.



Govert Flinck, *Isaak zegent Jakob*, ca. 1638 (Rijksmuseum Amsterdam)

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Lc 3:15-17*

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water; but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."



Holy Spirit in Fire

## MONDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

*num* 24:2-5

When he raised his eyes and saw Israel encamped, tribe by tribe, the spirit of God came upon him, and he gave voice to his oracle: The utterance of Balaam, son of Beor, the utterance of the man whose eye is true, The utterance of one who hears what God says, and knows what the Most High knows, Of one who sees what the Almighty sees, enraptured, and with eyes unveiled: How goodly are your tents, O Jacob; your encampments, O Israel!



Christina Mattison Ebert, Parashat Balak - ©Christina Mattison Ebert

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Heb* 10:7

Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, Behold, I come to do your will, O God.' .



Frank Humphrey Allen, Annunciation III



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## FRIDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

*isa 56:1-2*

Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. Happy is the man who does this, the son of man who holds to it; Who keeps the sabbath free from profanation, and his hand from any evil-doing.



Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

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## TUESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

*zeph 3:13*

the remnant of Israel. They shall do no wrong and speak no lies; Nor shall there be found in their mouths a deceitful tongue; They shall pasture and couch their flocks with none to disturb them.



The tongue

## WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

*isa 45:22-23*

Turn to me and be safe, all you ends of the earth, for I am God, there is no other! By myself I swear, uttering my just decree and my unalterable word. To me every knee shall bend, by me every tongue shall swear.



Kacper Pempel, People kneel on the street as they take part in a Corpus Christi procession, 2013 (Gora Kalwaria, Poland) - ©CNS photo/Kacper Pempel, Reuters

## THURSDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

*isa 54:1-5*

Raise a glad cry, you barren one who did not bear; break forth in jubilant song, you who were not in labor. For more numerous are the children of the deserted wife than the children of her who has a husband, says the LORD. Enlarge the space for your tent, spread out your tent cloths unsparingly; lengthen your ropes and make firm your stakes. For you shall spread abroad to the right and to the left; Your descendants shall dispossess the nations and shall people the desolate cities. Fear not, you shall not be put to shame; you need not blush, for you shall not be disgraced. The shame of your youth you shall forget, the reproach of your widowhood no longer remember. For he who has become your husband is your Maker; his name is the LORD of hosts; Your redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, called God of all the earth.



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