

St. Mary of the Angels Geelong

Monday 1st December 2025
Saturday 6th December 2025



Daily Reflections

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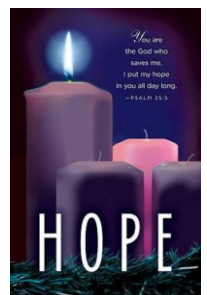
MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2025

1st Week of Advent

Isaiah 29: 17-24, Psalm 26: 1, 4, 13-14. R. v.1, Matthew 8:5-11

Reflection: And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God

‘I tell you solemnly, nowhere in Israel have I found faith like this.’ The faith Jesus refers to is that of a pagan Roman centurion. This man, considered by the religious Jewish people to be outside the pale of salvation, is the one who recognises something special- perhaps divine- about Jesus and comes seeking healing for his servant. The centurion’s faith and humility lead him to dissuade Jesus from coming in person to heal his servant. He feels unworthy to have Jesus spiritually defile himself by entering his home. Moreover, he trusts that Jesus has universal divine authority and so can heal from a distance. This centurion’s faith and humility come down to us. We pray his words and sentiments when preparing to receive Jesus into our souls in the Eucharist. The centurion reminds us that saving faith is personal not institutional and comes from entrusting oneself to Jesus.



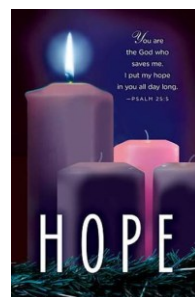
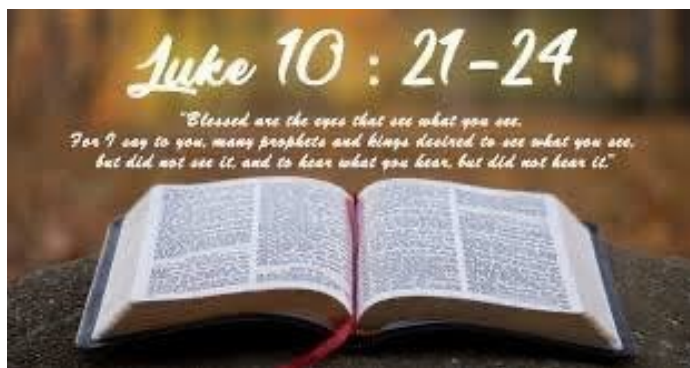
TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2025

1st Week of Advent

*Isaiah 11: 1-10, Psalm 71: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17. R. cf. v. 7,
Luke 10: 21-24.*

Reflection: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

Jesus reveals the intimate relationship that exists between himself, as Son, and the Father. As Son, Jesus alone truly knows the Father and makes him known. Not everyone, of course, accepts Jesus as the revealer of the Father. The learned and the clever are those who are unteachable; they have devised and cling to their own theology. They are not open to the revelation of 'the God of Jesus'. Those who accept Jesus and his revelation are the mere children. These are the little ones who are teachable, and so are the beneficiaries of the Father's grace. Jesus also reminds us, his disciples- the little ones- of how privileged and blessed we are to be the recipients of God's revelation which he embodies. Many holy men and women waited for long years but did not see and hear what we now take for granted. Do we appreciate how blessed we are?



WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2025

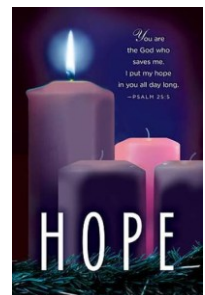
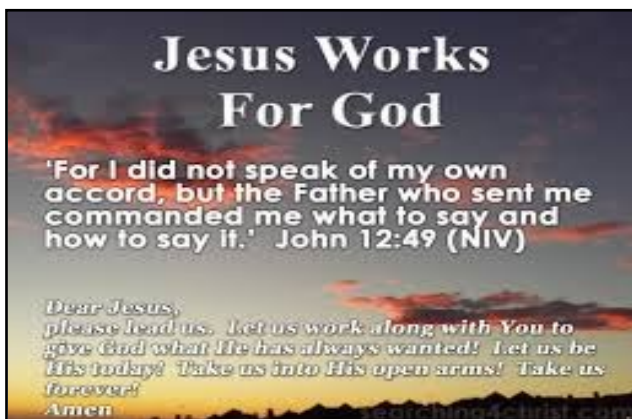
ST FRANCIS XAVIER

1st Week of Advent

Isaiah 25: 6-10, Psalm 22: R. v. 6, Matthew 15: 29-37.

Reflection: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Jesus is a man of loving compassion, attuned to the suffering of others. This is evident in his healing of the sick and his comforting of those brought to him. Moreover, Jesus wants to feed those who have been with him before sending them home, lest they collapse on the way. To his disciples, however, Jesus' compassionate desire seems hopeless and unrealistic. They say: 'Where could we get enough bread in this deserted place to feed such a crowd?' Interestingly, Jesus does not pull food out of thin air like a magician; he takes the disciples' little and multiplies it. The miraculous feeding reminds us that with Jesus, as with God, nothing is impossible. Love always finds a way to achieve its desire. Also, with Jesus, there is not excuse for apathy or inaction. Placed in God's hands our poverty is riches and our little can achieve much.



THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2025

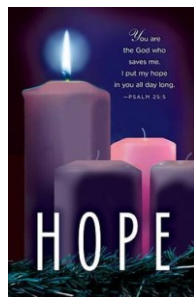
ST JOHN DAMASCENCE

1st Week of Advent

*Isaiah 26: 1-6, Psalm 117: 1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27. R. v. 26,
Matthew 7: 21, 24-27.*

Reflection: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Often there is a disjunction, a separation, between our words and our deeds, our desires and our lived reality. Jesus tells us that to experience and to enjoy the blessings of intimacy with God- to enter the kingdom of heaven- there must be a harmony between our words and deeds. And this means doing the will of God by living in obedience to the words of Jesus. Professions of faith in Jesus, then, by calling him LORD, are empty and fruitless without walking the way of Jesus. Living in obedience to Jesus, by listening and acting upon his words, gives us security and stability as we journey through the difficulties and disturbances of life. With Jesus we can withstand the hardships and negative experiences of life because we have the assurance of standing on God's firm ground. Who/want is your security in life?



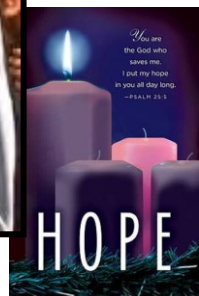
FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2025

1st Week of Advent

Isaiah 29: 17-24, Psalm 26: 1, 4, 13-14. R. v.1, Matthew 9: 27-31.

Reflection: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Blindness is a terrible affliction depriving us of the blessing of sight, namely the ability to see and appreciate the beauty that surrounds us. The plea of the two blind men for healing is a deep cry from the heart. This is evident in the fact that when questioned by Jesus: Do you believe I can do this?, they answered confidently: Sir we do. The blind men, then, placed all their hopes for sight with Jesus, and their hopes were realised. St Teresa of Avila teaches us the God wants us to be sincere and truthful in our prayer. This means that we come before the Lord with confidence and in humility, recognising both our poverty and our absolute need of and dependence on the Lord's saving help. The word of God reminds us that saving faith involves placing all our hopes for salvation in Jesus as our Saviour.



SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER 2025

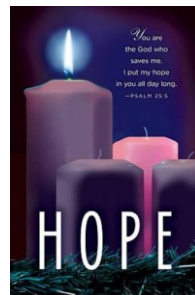
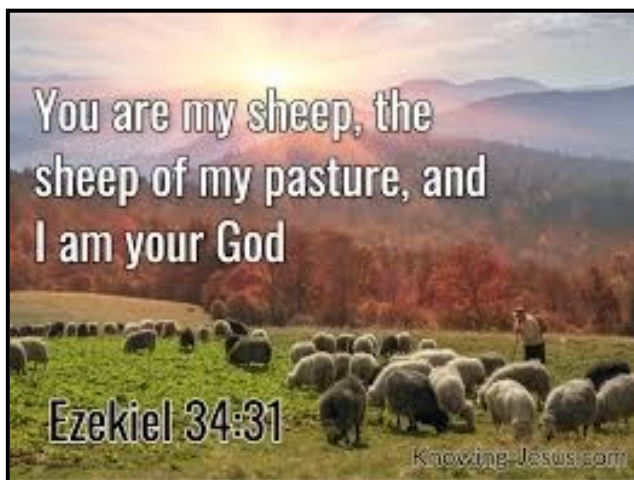
ST NICHOLAS

1st Week of Advent

*Isaiah 30: 19-21, 23-26, Psalm 146: 1-6. R. Isaiah 30: 18,
Matthew 9: 35- 10: 1, 6-8.*

Reflection: Happy are all who long for the coming of the Lord.

The prophet Isaiah speaks of a hopeful future to the Jewish people languishing in exile- a time when the Lord will redeem their situation of suffering and pour out his blessings upon them. Jesus is God's blessing, the liberator who comes to heal and make the people whole. He is deeply moved with compassion for the people because they are harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. They are deprived of good leaders to care for them and are ultimately left to their own devices. So, Jesus authorises twelve of his disciples to carry on his mission of healing and proclaiming the kingdom. Pope Francis reminded us that, through baptism, we are the 'missionary disciples' commissioned by Jesus to go to 'the peripheries of society' and proclaim to the lost, the marginalised, and the neglected God's loving care for them by attending to their physical and spiritual needs.



2nd Sunday in Advent

