

MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 2024
MONDAY OF THE 1ST WEEK OF ADVENT

ENTRANCE VERSE: Hear the word of the Lord, O Nations; Declare it to the distant lands: Behold, our Saviour will come; you need no longer fear.

First Reading: ***Isaiah 2:1-5***

PSALM RESPONSE Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Come and save us, Lord our God; let us see your face, and we shall be saved. Alleluia!

The Gospel: ***Matthew 8: 5-11***

COMMUNION VERSE: Come, O Lord, visit us in peace, that we may rejoice before you with a blameless heart.

TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2024
ST FRANCIS XAVIER

Born in 1506 in Navarre (Spain). Died on this day in 1552 off the coast of China. Met Saint Ignatius of Loyola (31 July) while studying in Paris, became one of the first Jesuits, and went to Goa (India) as a missionary. Travelled extensively through Southeast Asia to Japan, winning many converts and leaving behind organised Christian communities. Remembered for the witness of his poverty and for his tireless efforts as a missionary.

ENTRANCE VERSE: I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of your name to my kin.

First Reading: ***Isaiah 11: 1-10***

PSALM RESPONSE: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Behold, our Lord shall come with power; he will enlighten the eyes of his servants. Alleluia!

The Gospel: ***Luke 10: 21-24***

COMMUNION VERSE: What I say to you in the darkness speak in the light, says the Lord, what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2024
WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK ON ADVENT

ENTRANCE VERSE

The Lord will come, and he will not delay.
He will illumine what is hidden in darkness
And reveal himself to all the nations.

First Reading: *Isaiah 25: 6-10*

PSALM RESPONSE:

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord is coming to save his people;
Happy are those prepared to meet him.
Alleluia!

The Gospel: *Matthew 15: 29-37*

COMMUNION VERSE:

Behold, our Lord will come with power and will enlighten the
eyes of his servants.

THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER 2024
THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ADVENT

ENTRANCE VERSE

You, O Lord, are close, and all your ways are truth.
From of old I have known of your decrees, for you are eternal

First Reading: ***Isaiah 26: 1-6***

PSALM RESPONSE:

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Seek the Lord while he can be found.

Call on him while he is near.

Alleluia!

The Gospel: ***Matthew 7: 21, 24-27***

COMMUNION VERSE:

Let us live justly and devoutly in this age,

As we await the blessed hope

And the coming of the glory of our great God.

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 2024
FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ADVENT

ENTRANCE VERSE: Behold the Lord will come descending with splendour to visit his people with peace, and he will bestow on them eternal life

First Reading: ***Isaiah 29: 17-24***

PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord is my light and my salvation

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Behold, Our Lord shall come with power; he will enlighten the eyes of his servants. Alleluia!

The Gospel: ***Matthew 9: 27-31***

COMMUNION VERSE: We await a saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our mortal bodies to conform with his glorified body.

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 2024
SAINT AMBROSE

Born about 340, Ambrose, while still a catechumen, was elected Bishop of Milan. His baptismal instructions are famous. He received St Augustine into the Church. His writings reveal a man of great faith and energy.

ENTRANCE VERSE: In the midst of the Church, he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.

First Reading: ***Isaiah 30: 19-21, 23-26***

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord will judge us by his law; he is our King and Saviour. Alleluia!

The Gospel: ***Matthew 9: 35-10:1, 6-8***

COMMUNION VERSE: He who ponders the law of the Lords Day and night will yield fruit in due season.