



# Memo

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**To:** Priests, Deacons and Liturgy Coordinators

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**Re:** Preparation Aids for Advent and Christmas

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Please view the attached liturgy preparation aid for the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

This aid contains:

- A full presider's text for the *Rite of Reconciliation for Several Penitents with Individual Confession and Absolution*
- Alternate readings
- Music suggestions
- Sample penances
- A liturgical calendar advisory for the seasons of Advent and Christmas
- A summary of Lectionary citations for Sundays and Solemnities of the seasons (Year B)
- The text of the Christmas Proclamation (to be sung before the Mass at Midnight)
- The text of the Proclamation of the Date of Easter (to be sung before the Mass on Epiphany)

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FOR THE SEASONS OF  
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**LORD, MAKE US TURN TO YOU**



**A PENANCE SERVICE  
FOR ADVENT 2017**

**Rite of Reconciliation of Several Penitents  
with Individual Confession and Absolution**

**Introductory Rites**

**Opening Hymn  
Greeting  
Introduction  
Opening Prayer**

**Celebration of the Word of God**

**First Reading  
Responsorial Psalm  
Second Reading  
Gospel Verse  
Gospel  
Homily  
Examination of Conscience**

**Rite of Reconciliation**

**General Confession of Sin  
Litany of Repentance  
Lord's Prayer  
Concluding Prayer  
Individual Confessions of Sin and Absolution  
Proclamation of Praise for God's Mercy  
Concluding Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Concluding Rite**

**Blessing  
Dismissal  
Closing Hymn**

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## PREPARATION

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- *Hospitality Ministers should be recruited to welcome the assembly as they arrive and to distribute worship aids.*
- *At least two readers should be appointed to proclaim the reading(s), to read the Examination of Conscience, and to lead the Litany of Repentance. They are to be seated in the assembly.*
- *A musician and cantor(s) should lead the assembly in song. Instrumental music may be played during individual confession. (A list of music suggestions is included herein.)*
- *A Bible or Lectionary should be readied with the appropriate readings.*
- *Lighting may be subdued. Candle(s) should be lit at the ambo. The appropriate number of candles should be lit on the Advent Wreath.*
- *Stations for confessors should be prepared. Priests might stand or sit in isolated areas around the main body of the church to receive penitents. In this way, the communal nature of the rite is maintained. Candles may light these stations.*
- *For the sake of simplicity, the presider alone or the presider and preacher could participate in the procession. Other priests could be seated in the sanctuary or in a reserved area before the liturgy begins.*

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

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### OPENING HYMN

*see suggestions herein*

### GREETING

**Presider:** **Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**All:** **And with your spirit.**

## INTRODUCTION

**Presider:** *In these or similar words...*

**Sometimes it all seems like too much. Our nation and our world have been rocked by terrorist attacks. Senseless gun violence has afflicted small rural towns, schools, resorts, and major cities. Scandals dominate the headlines. Refugees flee war zones in order to seek safe harbor and, instead, find more danger or closed borders. No place seems safe. No policy makes sense. What are we to do?**

**Tonight [today], let us be still and listen to the voice of God. Let us listen to words which give us clear direction for how we are to live. If our sinfulness has made God seem out of reach or out of sight, let us turn to him and return to him. He will, once again, focus our priorities and open his arms.**

**Let us trust in God's mercy, remember his kindness, and be grateful for his faithfulness.**

**In this sacrament of reconciliation, let us be mindful of those times when we have failed to follow God's commandments and have contributed to strife and disunity. And let us resolve, once again, to cooperate in God's plan for our salvation.**

## OPENING PRAYER

**Presider:** **My brothers and sisters,  
God calls us to conversion;  
let us therefore ask him  
for the grace of sincere repentance.**

*Silent prayer*

**Father of mercies and God of all consolation,  
you do not wish the sinner to die  
but to be converted and live.  
Come to the aid of your people,  
that they may turn from their sins and live for you alone.  
May we be attentive to your word,  
confess our sins,  
receive your forgiveness,  
and always be grateful for your loving kindness.  
Help us to live the truth in love  
and grow into the fullness of Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. Amen.**

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## CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

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*The following are suggested readings. Alternative readings may be selected. The preacher may wish to use one, two, or three readings. If only one is chosen, it is preferable that it be the gospel.*

*For ease of rehearsal, the readings are printed elsewhere in this booklet. A Lectionary or Bible should be used during the liturgy.*

### **FIRST READING**

#### **Isaiah 55:1-11**

*Let him turn to the Lord for mercy;  
to our God who is generous in forgiving*

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

#### **Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19**

*"Lord,, make us turn to you and we will be saved."*

### **SECOND READING**

#### **Romans 6:2-14**

*You must think of yourselves as dead to sin and  
living for God.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

#### **Mark 1:15**

*The kingdom of God is at hand;  
repent and believe in the Gospel!*

### **GOSPEL**

#### **Mark 1:1-8, 14-15**

*After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee  
preaching the Gospel of God" "This is the time of  
fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent  
and believe in the Gospel."*

### **HOMILY**

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## EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

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*The assembly is now invited to make an examination of conscience. This can be done in silence or by using the examination below. One reader alone may read the questions or two readers might alternate. Allow a brief period of silence between each one.*

### **Reader #1: How have I failed to worship God in private and communal prayer?**

- **Do I receive the sacraments regularly?**
- **Do I keep Sundays and holy days sacred?**
- **Do I value the sacrament of reconciliation? Do I sincerely want to be set free from sin, to turn again to God and to begin a new life in deeper friendship with God?**
- **Have I tried to grow in my faith through prayer and the reading of the word of God?**
- **Do I pray daily?**
- **Do I trust God's goodness and providence, even in times of crisis and doubt?**

### **Reader #2: How have I failed to use the gifts of God in daily living?**

- **Do I respect my own body as a gift from God?**
- **Do I control my vices, including abuses of food and drink?**
- **Have I made good use of the gifts God has given me?**
- **Do I work too hard and too long? Do I neglect my family and health?**
- **Have I been lazy and given too much time to leisure or entertainment?**

### **Reader #1: How have I failed in my relationships with others?**

- **In my household, have I contributed to the well-being and happiness of the rest of my family? Am I patient? Am I loving?**



- **Do I treat my parents [children] with respect?**
- **Am I ever angry with those I love?**
- **Have I been faithful in my relationships?**
- **Have I imposed my will on others without respecting their freedom and rights? Am I intolerant of other's ideas or needs?**
- **Have I perpetuated racism, prejudices and stereotypes?**
- **Do I treat people with disabilities with respect?**
- **Have I indulged in reading, conversation, or entertainments that are contrary to Christian decency and respect for human life?**

**Reader #2: Have I failed to share God's love with the world?**

- **Do I share my time and my treasure with others in need?**
- **When I saw someone hungry, did I give them food?**
- **When I saw someone thirsty, did I give them drink?**
- **When I saw someone needing clothing, did I clothe them?**
- **When I saw a stranger, did I welcome them?**
- **When someone was homebound or imprisoned, did I visit them?**
- **When someone was ill, did I care for them?**
- **Do I fail to speak out on behalf of the poor or the oppressed?**
- **Do I use the earth's resources wisely?**



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## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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### GENERAL CONFESSION OF SINS

**Presider:** God who is infinitely merciful  
pardons all who are repentant  
and takes away their guilt.  
Confident in his goodness,  
let us ask him to forgive all our sins  
as we confess them with sincerity of heart.

**All:** I confess to almighty God  
and to you my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
and I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### LITANY OF REPENTANCE

**Presider:** Let us turn to Christ with confidence and ask his mercy.

**Minister:** You came into the world to seek and save what was lost.  
**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Minister:** You came to give us life, life in its fullness.  
**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Minister:** You became the source of salvation for all who obey you.  
**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Minister:** Once and for all you died for our sins,  
the innocent one for the guilty.  
**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Minister:** In your mercy free us from the past  
and enable us to begin a new life of holiness.  
**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Minister:** Make us a living sign of love for all to see:  
people reconciled with you and with each other.  
**All:** Lord, have mercy.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Presider:** Now, in obedience to Christ himself,  
let us join in prayer to the Father,  
asking him to forgive us as we forgive others.  
Our Father, ...

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

**Presider:** Almighty and eternal God,  
you sent your only-begotten Son  
to reconcile the world to yourself.  
Lift from our hearts the oppressive gloom of sin,  
so that we may celebrate the approaching  
dawn of Christ's birth with fitting joy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

## INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The presider or other minister might tell the assembly where the confessors will be located. Some brief words regarding the manner of confession should be given. The people may be encouraged to accept one of the penances which are found in the worship aid or the confessors may give a penance suited to the individual. The assembly may be advised to remain in church if there is to be a common ending. Quiet instrumental music might be played during this time.*

## PRAYER OF ABSOLUTION

**Confessor:** God, the Father of mercies,  
through the death and resurrection of his Son  
has reconciled the world to himself  
and sent the Holy Spirit among us  
for the forgiveness of sins;  
through the ministry of the Church,  
may God grant you pardon and peace,  
and I absolve you from your sins  
in the name of the Father  
and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**Penitent:** Amen.

## PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE FOR GOD'S MERCY

**Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6**

*The Lord has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness.*

**R: The Lord has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness.**

Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done wondrous deeds;  
his right hand has won victory for him,  
his holy arm.

**R: The Lord has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness.**

The LORD has made his salvation known:  
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.  
He has remembered his kindness and faithfulness  
toward the house of Israel.

**R: The Lord has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness.**

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation by our God.  
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;  
break into song; sing praise.

**R: The Lord has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness.**

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and melodious song.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
sing joyfully before the King, the LORD.

*ALTERNATES: The Magnificat, a hymn, litany or psalm may be prayed in acknowledgment of God's power and compassion. See the enclosed music suggestions or use one of the Scripture citations below.*

**Psalm 28:6-7**

**Psalm 32: 1-7, 10-11**

**Psalm 54**

**Psalm 66**

**Psalm 95**

**Psalm 100:1-5**

**Psalm 103:1-4, 8-18**

**Psalm 100: 1-5**

**Psalm 119: 1, 10-16, 18, 33, 105, 169-170, 174-175**

**Psalm 136: 1-9, 13-14, 16, 25-29**

**Psalm 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-13**

**Psalm 146:2-10**

**Tobit 13:1-8**

**Isaiah 12: 1b-6**

**Isaiah 61: 10-11**

**Jeremiah 31: 10-14**

**Daniel 3:52-57**

**Ephesians 1:3-10**

**Revelation 15: 3-4**

## CONCLUDING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Presider:** Almighty and merciful God,  
how wonderfully you created man  
and still more wonderfully remade him.  
You do not abandon the sinner,  
but seek him out with a father's love.  
You sent your Son into the world  
to destroy sin and death by his Passion  
and to restore life and joy by his Resurrection.  
You sent the Holy Spirit into our hearts  
to make us your children and heirs of your kingdom.  
You constantly renew our spirit  
in the sacrament of your redeeming love,  
freeing us from the slavery of sin  
and transforming us ever more closely  
into the likeness of your beloved Son.  
We thank you for the wonders of your mercy,  
and with heart and hand and voice  
we join with the whole Church in a new song of praise:  
Glory to you through Christ  
in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**All:** Amen.

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## CONCLUDING RITE

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### BLESSING

**Presider:** May the Father bless us  
for we are his children, born to eternal life.

**All:** Amen.

**Presider:** May the Son show us his saving power,  
for he died and rose for us.

**All:** Amen.

**Presider:** May the Spirit give us his gift of holiness  
and lead us by the right path, for he dwells in our hearts.

**All:** Amen.

### DISMISSAL

**Presider:** The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

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## READINGS

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### FIRST READING

**A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.**

**Isaiah 55:1-11**

**Thus says the LORD:**

**All you who are thirsty,  
come to the water!**

**You who have no money,  
come receive grain and eat;  
come, without paying and without cost,  
drink wine and milk!**

**Why spend your money on what is not bread,  
your wages for what fails to satisfy?**

**Heed me, and you shall eat well,  
you shall delight in rich fare.**

**Come to me heedfully,  
listen that you may have life.**

**I will renew with you the everlasting covenant,  
the benefits assured to David.**

**As I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander of nations,  
so shall you summon a nation you knew not  
and nations that knew you not shall run to you,  
because of the LORD, your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.**

**Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call him while he is near.**

**Let the scoundrel forsake his way,  
and the wicked man his thoughts;  
let him turn to the LORD for mercy;  
to our God who is generous and forgiving.**

**For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.**

**As high as the heavens are above the earth  
so high are my ways above your ways  
and my thoughts above your thoughts.**

**For just as from the heavens  
the rain and snow come down  
and do not return there  
till they have watered the earth,  
making it fertile and fruitful,  
giving seed to the one who sows  
and bread to the one who eats,  
so shall my word be  
that goes forth from my mouth;  
my word shall not return to me void,  
but shall do my will,  
achieving the end for which I sent it.**

**The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19**

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,  
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.  
Rouse your power,  
and come to save us.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

Once again, O LORD of hosts,  
look down from heaven, and see;  
take care of this vine,  
and protect what your right hand has planted  
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

May your help be with the man of your right hand,  
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.  
Then we will no more withdraw from you;  
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

**Romans 6:2-14**

**Brothers and sisters:**

**How can we who die to sin yet live in it?**

**Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus  
were baptized into his death?**

**We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death,  
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father,  
we too might live in newness of life.**

**For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his,  
we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.**

**We know that our old self was crucified with him,  
so that our sinful body might be done away with,  
that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.**

**For a dead person has been absolved from sin.**

**If, then, we have died with Christ,  
we believe that we shall also live with him.**

**We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more;  
death no longer has power over him.**

**As to his death, he died to sin once and for all;  
as to his life, he lives for God.**

**Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as being dead to sin  
and living for God in Christ Jesus.**

**Therefore, sin must not reign over your mortal bodies  
so that you obey their desires.**

**And do not present the parts of your bodies to sin  
as weapons for wickedness,  
but present yourselves to God as raised from the dead to life  
and the parts of your bodies to God as weapons for righteousness.**

**For sin is not to have any power over you,  
since you are not under the law but under grace.**

**The word of the Lord.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Mark 1:15**

**The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel.**

## GOSPEL

✠ **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

**Mark 1:1-8, 14-15**

**The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.**

**As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:**

***Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;  
he will prepare your way.  
A voice of one crying in the desert:  
“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.”***

**John the Baptist appeared in the desert  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.  
People of the whole Judean countryside  
and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem  
were going out to him  
and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River  
as they acknowledged their sins.**

**John was clothed in camel’s hair,  
with a leather belt around his waist.  
He fed on locusts and wild honey.  
And this is what he proclaimed:  
“One mightier than I is coming after me.  
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.  
I have baptized you with water;  
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.**

**After John was arrested,  
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God:  
“This is the time of fulfillment.  
The Kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the Gospel.”**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



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## **ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE: ALTERNATIVE READINGS**

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### **OLD TESTAMENT**

Isaiah 25:6-10a	The LORD will save us.
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10	God will come to save us.
Isaiah 40:1-11	God consoles his people
Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25	There is no just and saving God but me.
Isaiah 54: 1-10	The LORD calls you back.
Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7	O, that you would rend the heavens and come down
Jeremiah 7:21-26	Listen to my voice...I will be your God and you will be my people
Jeremiah 23:5-8	I will raise up a righteous shoot to David...
Joel 2: 12-18	For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness
Zephaniah 3:14-18a	The Lord has removed judgment against you...the Lord is in your midst

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 25	Teach me your ways, O Lord.
Psalm 36:2-13	How precious is your unfailing love, O Lord.
Psalm 51: 3-21	Give back to me the joy of your salvation.
Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17	Justice shall flourish in his time and fullness of peace for ever.
Psalm 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14	Lord, let us see your kindness.
Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10	The Lord is kind and merciful.
Psalm 130: 1-8	With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption
Psalm 145: 1, 9, 10-11, 12-13	The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and of great kindness.
Psalm 147:1-6	Blessed are all who wait for the LORD.

### **NEW TESTAMENT**

Romans 3: 22-26	Justified by the gift of God, Christ Jesus
Romans 4:13-17, 20-25	Inheritance through faith
Romans 6:2-14	You must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God
Romans 12:1-2, 9-19	Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction...
2 Corinthians 5:17-21	God reconciled the world to himself through Christ.
Ephesians 1: 3-14	The Father's plan of salvation
Ephesians 2:1-10	But God who is rich in mercy brought us to life with Christ
Ephesians 4: 22-32	Forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ
Philippians 1:4-11	Show yourself pure and blameless for the day of Christ
Philippians 4: 6-9	Have no anxiety at all
James 5:7-10	Make your hearts firm, the coming of the LORD is at hand
1 Peter 1: 13-23	You have been redeemed...by the precious blood of Christ
1 Peter 1: 14-21	You were ransomed from your futile conduct
1 John 1:5 -2:2	If we acknowledge our sins he is faithful and just

### **GOSPEL**

Matthew 3:1-12	Reform your lives, the reign of God is at hand
Matthew 9:1-8	Have confidence, my son, your sins are forgiven.
Matthew 13:24-30	Weeds and wheat growing together
Matthew 18:12-14	The shepherd seeks one lost sheep
Matthew 21:28-32	A man had two sons... John came and sinners believed in him
Luke 7: 18b-23	Go tell John what you have seen and heard
Luke 19: 1-10	The Son of Man has come to search out and save what was lost
John 1:29-34	Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world
John 5:33-36	I have testimony greater than John's
John 15: 9-14	You will live in my love, if you keep my commandments

### **PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE**

Psalm 32: 1-7, 10-11	Rejoice in the Lord and sing for joy, friends of God
Psalm 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13	The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and of great kindness.

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## **SAMPLE PENANCES**

**Choose one of the following penances as a way of accepting God's mercy.**

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### **◆ SUGGESTED PENANCES FOR ADULTS ◆**

- **Pray Psalm 51, 63, 72, 80, 122, 145, or 146 and reflect on its meaning in your life.**
- **Plan a visit or make a call to someone who is ill or alone.**
- **During the next week, spend an hour in prayer for those who are the victims of gun violence. Read Matthew 25: 31-46.**
- **Make a commitment to bring food to the parish food bank.**
- **As a family, prepare a basket of food or toiletries and give it to a family in need.**
- **Skip a meal at your favorite restaurant. Use the money to purchase a Christmas gift for a person served by a parish organization or local charity.**
- **Identify a person whom you have offended since your last confession and pray for them each day for a week.**
- **Pray the Our Father once a day for a month in thanksgiving for the joy of reconciliation.**
- **Reflect on one of the following Advent readings:**

<b>Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7</b>	<b>Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11</b>
<b>1 Corinthians 1:3-9</b>	<b>1 Thessalonians 5:16-24</b>
<b>Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11</b>	<b>2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16</b>
<b>2 Peter 3:8-14</b>	<b>Romans 16:25-27</b>

### **◆ SUGGESTED PENANCES FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS ◆**

- **Every morning until Christmas, say a Hail Mary for peace.**
- **Reach out to a lonely person at school. Invite him or her to sit with you and your friends.**
- **Donate your next babysitting wages to the poor.**
- **For one whole week, do the dishes or set the table without being asked.**
- **Donate the money you would have spent on a video game to a local shelter. Send it anonymously.**
- **Share some of your Christmas treats with a schoolmate you find difficult to like.**
- **Give up some leisure time to shovel an elderly neighbor's driveway.**

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**MUSIC SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE 2017**

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**HYMNS**

A Voice Cries Out	Michael Joncas	OCP
All You Who Are Thirsty	Michael Connelly	RS644
Amazing Grace	John Newton	various
Christians, Let Us Love One Another	Foltz/Nigro	OCP
Clear the Voice	Hagan/Walker	OCP
Come to the Water	Grayson Brown	OCP
Come to Us, Emmanuel	Light/Tate	GIA
Come, Emmanuel	Light/Tate	WLP
Come, O Long Expected Jesus	Wesley/Witt	various
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come	Henry Alford	various
Comfort, Comfort, O My People	Olearius/Goudimel	various
Deep Within	David Haas	GIA
Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing	Jones. Dudley-Smith	Hope
Find Us Ready	Tom Booth	GIA
Gift of God	Marty Haugen	GIA
God is Love	David Haas	GIA
God's Holy Mountain We Ascend	Omar Westendorf	WLP
Help Me, Lord	Jerry Galipeau	WLP
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	Kathleen Thomerson	various
I Will Be Your God	Gerard Chiusano	OCP
Lead Us to Your Light	Carol Browning	GIA
Let Desert Wasteland Now Rejoice	Delores Duffer	GIA
Let Justice Roll Like a River	Marty Haugen	GIA
Maranatha, Come	Francis P. O'Brien	GIA
My Soul in Stillness Waits	Marty Haugen	GIA
O Beauty, Ever Ancient	Roc O'Connor	OCP
On Jordan's Bank	Coffin/Wittwe	OCP, various
Our Darkness	Taize	GIA
Our Father, We Have Wandered	Kevin Nichols/ICEL	OCP
Patience, People	John Foley	OCP
Praise the Lord, My Soul	Tom Parker	GIA
Ready the Way	Bob Hurd	OCP
Seek the Lord	Roc O'Connor	various
Sion, Sing	Lucien Deiss	WLP
The Advent of Our God	Coffin/Mercer	WLP
The King of Love My Shepherd Is	Henry W. Baker	various
The Master Came to Bring Good News	Ralph Finn	GIA; various hymnals
The Reign of God	Delores Dufner	GIA
The Trumpet in the Morning	Rory Cooney	GIA
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	Frederick Faber	various
This is My Will	Henry James	GIA; various
Though the Mountains May Fall	Dan Schutte	OCP
Treasures Out of Darkness/ <i>Tesoros Ocultos</i>	Alan Revering	WLP
Tree of Life	Aaron Thompson	WLP
Turn to Me	John Foley	OCP
Wait While the Seed is Planted	Delores Dufner	GIA
Walk in the Reign	Rory Cooney	GIA
We Are God's Work of Art	Marty Haugen	GIA
When Jesus Passed Through Jericho	Herman Stuempfle	GIA, various

When John Baptized by Jordan's River	Timothy Dudley-Smith	OCP, various
When the King Shall Come Again	Christopher Idle	GIA, various
Where Charity and Love Prevail	Benoit	various
Wild and Lone the Prophets Voice	Carl P. Daw	Hope, GIA

**OTHER SPANISH-LANGUAGE HYMNS**

<i>Abranse los Cielos</i>	tradicional	OCP, various
<i>Amanecerá el Señor</i>	Mariano Fuertes	San Pablo, OCP
<i>Levántate</i>	Cesareo Gabarin	OCP
<i>Oh Ven, Oh Ven, Emmanuel</i>	tr. Johnson/Martinez	OCP
<i>Preparen el Camino</i>	Carlos Rosas	OCP
<i>Tiempo de Esperanza</i>	Emilio Vicente Matéu	OCP
<i>Toda la Tierra</i>	Rogelio Zelada/Rodriguez	OCP

**LITANIES**

Gather Us in Mercy, Lord	Huck/trad chant	GIA
Gift of God	Marty Haugen	GIA
Litany of the Word	Bernadette Farrell	OCP
<i>Letania de Adviento</i>	Jaime Cortez	OCP

**PROCLAMATIONS OF PRAISE**

Cry out with Joy and Gladness	Paul Tate	WLP, 007381
Cry out with Joy and Gladness	Rudy Borkowski	WLP, 006272
I Turn to You	Joe Mattingly	WLP, 003679
I Turn to You, Lord	Craig and Kristen Colson	OCP, 20267 Z2
I Turn to You, O Lord	Jeremy Young	GIA, G-2896
Isaiah 12	Robert Batastini	GIA, G-2443
Let Us Sing to the Lord/ <i>Cantemos al Señor</i>	Alonso/Mahler	GIA, G-6129
Psalm 32	Isele, Westminster	<i>Psalms &amp; Canticles for Singing</i>
Those Who Seek Your Face	Christopher Walker	OCP, 7150

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**A LITURGICAL YEAR CALENDAR ADVISORY  
FOR THE SEASONS OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS**

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DAY	DATE	LITURGICAL DAY	RANK*	COMMENTS
Sunday	Dec 3	First Sunday of Advent – Year B	2	Lect #2 Pss I
Monday	Dec 4	Monday of the First Week of Advent	13	Lect #175
Tuesday	Dec 5	Tuesday of the First Week of Advent	13	Lect #176
Wednesday	Dec 6	Wednesday of the First Week of Advent <i>St. Nicholas, Bishop</i>	13 12	Lect #177 <i>Lect #687</i>
Thursday	Dec 7	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	10	Lect #688
Friday	Dec 8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM (Patronal Feast of the USA)	3	Lect #689 Pss Proper Holy day of obligation Funeral Mass not permitted
Saturday	Dec 9	Saturday of the First Week of Advent <i>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin</i>	13 12	Lect #687 <i>Lect #689A</i>
Sunday	Dec 10	Second Sunday of Advent	2	Lect #5 Pss II
Monday	Dec 11	Monday of the Second Week of Advent <i>St. Damasus, I, Pope</i>	13	Lect #181 <i>Lect #690</i>
Tuesday	Dec 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe (Feast)	7	Lect #690A or Com of BVM
Wednesday	Dec 13	St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	10	Lect #692
Thursday	Dec 14	St. John of the Cross	10	Lect #184
Friday	Dec 15	Friday of the Second Week of Advent	13	Lect #185
Saturday	Dec 16	Saturday of the Second Week of Advent	13	Lect #186
Sunday	Dec 17	Third Sunday of Advent ( <i>Gaudete Sunday</i> )	2	Lect # 8 Pss III <i>O Antiphons begin</i>
Monday	Dec 18	Monday of the Third Week of Advent	9	Lect #194
Tuesday	Dec 19	Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent	9	Lect #195
Wednesday	Dec 20	Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent	9	Lect #196
Thursday	Dec 21	Thursday of the Third Week of Advent <i>St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>	9 12	Lect #197 <i>Lect #694</i>
Friday	Dec 22	Friday of the Third Week of Advent	9	Lect #198
Saturday	Dec 23	Saturday of the Third Week of Advent <i>St. John Kanty, Priest</i>	9 12	Lect #199 <i>Lect. #695</i>
Sunday	Dec 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent	2	Lect #11—Mass in Morning Pss IV

\*Cf. *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*, no. 59

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DAY	DATE	LITURGICAL DAY	RANK*	COMMENTS
Monday	Dec 24 and Dec 25	The Nativity of the Lord/ Christmas	2	Holy day of obligation Funeral Mass not permitted Genuflect at “ <i>and by the Holy Spirit...became man</i> ” Vigil: Lect #13 Midnight: Lect #14 Dawn: Lect #15 Day: Lect #16
Tuesday	Dec 26	St. Stephen, The First Martyr	7	Lect #696
Wednesday	Dec 27	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist	7	Lect #697
Thursday	Dec 28	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	7	Lect 698
Friday	Dec 29	Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord <i>St. Thomas Becket, bishop and martyr</i>	9 12	Lect #202 <i>Lect #699</i>
Saturday	Dec 30	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	9	Lect #203
Sunday	Dec 31	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	7	Lect #17
Monday	Jan 1, 2018	The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord: Mary, The Holy Mother of God	3	Lect #18 Not a holy day of obligation
Tuesday	Jan 2	St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church	10	Lect #510
Wednesday	Jan 3	Christmas Weekday <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	13	Lect #206 <i>Lect #983</i>
Thursday	Jan 4	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	10	Lect #510A Com of HMW
Friday	Jan 5	St. John Neumann, Bishop (USA)	10	Lect #510B
Saturday	Jan 6	Christmas Weekday <i>Blessed André Bessette, religious (USA)</i>	13 12	Lect #213 <i>Lect #510C</i>
Sunday	Jan 7	The Epiphany of the Lord	3	Vigil or Mass During Day, Lect #20, Proper Preface, Epiphany Proclamation
Monday	Jan 8	The Baptism of the Lord	5	Lect #21, one reading before the gospel; Proper Preface

# CHRISTMAS TIME

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## **LECTIONARY -- YEAR B**

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### **First Sunday of Advent (December 3, 2017)**

First Reading                    Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7  
Psalm                                Psalm 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)  
Second Reading                1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Gospel                                Mark 13:33-37

**Lectionary #2**

### **Solemnity: The Immaculate Conception of the BVM (Friday, December 8, 2017)**

First Reading                    Genesis 3: 9-15, 20  
Responsorial Psalm                Psalm 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4  
Second Reading                Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12  
Gospel                                Luke 1: 26-38

**Lectionary #689**

### **Second Sunday of Advent (December 10, 2017)**

First Reading                    Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
Psalm                                Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)  
Second Reading                2 Peter 3:8-14  
Gospel                                Mark 1:1-8

**Lectionary #5**

### **Feast: Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12, 2017)**

First Reading                    Zechariah 2: 14-17 or Revelation 11: 19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab  
Responsorial Psalm                Judith 13: 18bcde, 19  
Gospel                                Luke 1: 26-38 or Luke 1: 39-47

**Lectionary #690 A or  
Common of BVM 707-712**

### **Third Sunday of Advent (December 17, 2017)**

First Reading                    Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11  
Responsorial Psalm                Psalm 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54  
Second Reading                1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
Gospel                                John 1:6-8, 19-28

**Lectionary #8**

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 24, 2017)**

First Reading                    2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
Responsorial Psalm                Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)  
Second Reading                Romans 16:25-27  
Gospel                                Luke 1:26-38

**Lectionary #11**



**The Nativity of the Lord – Vigil Mass****Lectionary #13, ABC**

First Reading Isaiah 62:1-5  
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 89: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29  
Second Reading Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25  
Gospel Matthew 1: 1-25 [or 1: 18-25]

**The Nativity of the Lord – Mass during the Night****Lectionary #14, ABC**

First Reading Isaiah 9: 1-6  
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13  
Second Reading Titus 2: 11-14  
Gospel Luke 2: 1-14

**The Nativity of the Lord – Mass at Dawn****Lectionary #15, ABC**

First Reading Isaiah 62: 11-12  
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 97: 1, 6, 11-12  
Second Reading Titus 3: 4-7  
Gospel Luke 2: 15-20

**The Nativity of the Lord – Mass During the Day****Lectionary #16 ABC**

First Reading Isaiah 52: 7-10  
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6  
Second Reading Hebrews 1: 1-6  
Gospel John 1: 1-18 [or John 1: 1-5, 9-14]

**Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
(Sunday, December 31, 2017)****Lectionary # 17 B**

First Reading Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14  
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (7a, 8a) or Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5  
Second Reading Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17  
Gospel Luke 2:22-40 or Luke 2:22, 39, 40

**The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord:****Mary, the Holy Mother of God (January 1, 2018)****Lectionary #18, ABC**

First Reading Numbers 6: 22-27  
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8  
Second Reading Galatians 4: 4-7  
Gospel Luke 2: 16-21

**The Epiphany of the Lord (Sunday, January 7, 2018)****Lectionary #20 ABC**

First Reading Isaiah 60: 1-6  
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13  
Second Reading Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6  
Gospel Matthew 2: 1-12

**The Baptism of the Lord (Monday, January 8, 2018)****Lectionary #21 B**

First Reading Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 55:1-11  
or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9  
Responsorial Psalm Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)  
Gospel Mark 1:7-11

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## THE CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

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The *Roman Martyrology* for December 24 contains a formal announcement of the birth of Christ in the style of a proclamation. It begins with the creation of the world, mentions key events in the history of the people of Israel, and concludes with the birth of Jesus during the Roman Era.

In 1994, a new translation was approved for use in the dioceses of the United States by the USCCB. Later that year, it was confirmed by the Apostolic See. It was published in the 2004 *Sacramentary Supplement*. The translation that appears in the Roman Missal's third edition returns to the original.

The announcement of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord draws upon Sacred Scripture to declare in a formal way the birth of Christ. It begins with creation and relates the birth of the Lord to the major events and personages of sacred and secular history. The particular events contained in the announcement help pastorally to situate the birth of Jesus in the context of salvation history.

This text, The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, may be chanted or recited most appropriately on December 24, during the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours. It may also be chanted or recited before the beginning of Christmas Mass during the Night. It may not replace any part of the Mass.

*After the greeting, the presider may introduce the Mass and the proclamation in these or similar words:*

**Presider: Throughout the season of Advent,  
the Church reflected on God's promises,  
so often spoken by the prophets,  
to send a savior to the people of Israel who would be Emmanuel,  
that is, God with us.  
In the fullness of time, those promises were fulfilled.  
With hearts full of joy,  
let us listen to the proclamation of our Savior's birth.**



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**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
(THE CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION)**

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*From the Roman Martyrology Please see the Roman Missal Appendix (p. 1450 USCCB edition)*

*This proclamation is chanted or recited on December 24 during the Liturgy of the Hours or before the beginning of Midnight Mass. It may not replace any part of the Mass. The underlines are provided here to assist the minister who will chant it.*

**The Twenty-fifth Day of December,**  
**when ages beyond number**  
**had run their course from the creation of the world,**  
**when God in the beginning created heaven and earth**  
**and formed man in his own likeness;**  
**when century upon century had passed**  
**since the Almighty set his bow in the clouds after the Great Flood,**  
**as a sign of covenant and peace;**  
**in the twenty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith,**  
**came out of the Ur of the Chaldees;**  
**in the thirteenth century since the People of Israel**  
**were led by Moses**  
**in the Exodus from Egypt;**  
**around the thousandth year since David was anointed King;**  
**in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel;**  
**in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;**  
**in the year seven hundred and fifty-two**  
**since the foundation of the City of Rome;**  
**in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus;**  
**the whole world being at peace,**  
**JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father,**  
**desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence,**  
**was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**  
**and when nine months had passed since his conception,**  
**was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah,**  
**and was made man:**  
**The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.**



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## PROCLAMATION OF THE DATE OF EASTER

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*This proclamation is to be sung on the Solemnity of the Epiphany.  
After the singing of the Gospel, the deacon or cantor may chant the following.  
For chant notation, please see the Roman Missal, Appendix, pages 1448-1449.*

### THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER AND THE MOVABLE FEASTS

**Know, dear brethren, [brothers and sisters],  
that as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
so by leave of God's mercy  
we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection,  
who is our Savior.**

**On the fourteenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday,  
and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.**

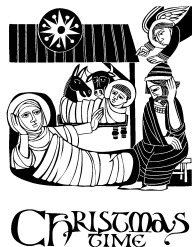
**On the first day of April, you will celebrate with joy Easter Day,  
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**On the thirteenth [tenth] day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus  
Christ.**

**On the twentieth day of May, the feast of Pentecost.**

**On the third day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.**

**On the second day of December,  
the First Sunday of Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
to whom is honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.**



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## ADVENT ALLELUIA VERSES & THE O ANTIPHONS

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**O Wisdom of our God Most High,  
guiding creation with power and love:  
come to teach us the path of knowledge!**



**O Leader of the House of Israel,  
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:  
come to rescue us with your mighty power!**



**O Root of Jesse's stem,  
sign of God's love for all his people  
come to save us without delay!**



**O Key of David,  
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:  
come and free the prisoners of darkness!**



**O Radiant Dawn,  
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:  
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death!**



**O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:  
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!**



**O Emmanuel, our King, and Giver of Law:  
come to save us, Lord our God!**

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