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prepare the way...



ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



December 21, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Is 7:10-14 | Rom 1:1-7 | Mt 1:18-24

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Throughout my life, I have had a litany of requests for God. I have asked for mundane and ultimately inconsequential favors and also for guidance in much more important matters. But I have often hesitated to ask for the deepest desires of my heart. Those requests feel too big, too impossible, and possibly too selfish — as though asking these things would take away from God's ability to provide for others. But in thinking this way, I am putting limits on a limitless God. In today's first reading, the Lord speaks to Ahaz and tells him to ask for a sign — "let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!" When Ahaz refuses, God speaks through the prophet Isaiah to deliver the most impossible promise — that "the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." God wants to give us everything we need to be close to him, so much so that he sent his Son to open the pathway to eternal life with him. God wants us to ask for him to do the impossible because he longs to give generously to us.

PRAY

As we begin this final week of Advent, the Church continues to pray with the O Antiphons, which we hear in the hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." Listen to the refrain, which speaks of Israel's immense longing to be set free and for her savior to appear. As you reflect on the first reading and upon this hymn, bring your own deepest desires to the Lord. Spend some time in prayer asking for what you need to draw closer to God.

IV Domenica di Avvento



Giuseppe si affida alle parole dell'Angelo e, obbediente, accoglie Marie e Gesù. La famiglia è un dono che va custodito con amore, sostenuti dalla fede.



Thank you for supporting your church. Collection for December 14th was \$2,867.70.

Grazie della generosità per la vostra Chiesa. L'offertorio della domenica 14 dicembre era \$2,867.70.

Holy Angels Building Repairs Fund: Second collection for December 14th was \$645.00.

La Seconda Raccolta per la Chiesa: Seconda raccolta della settimana 14 dicembre era \$645.00.



Sanctuary Lamp Prayer for the week of December 21st is offered in memory of Antonio & Carmela Natalizio requested by T.L.

La lampada del Santissimo Sacramento per la settimana del 21 dicembre e' offerta in memoria di Antonio e Carmela Natalizio, su richiesta di T.L.



Dr. Simone: We will be collecting canned goods for the month of December.

Questo mese vi invitiamo a partecipare alla raccolta dei prodotti in scatola a favore della missione del Dr. Simone.



Season of Advent: Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation. During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

Christmas Tree Toy Drive at Holy Angels 2025: We will be collecting brand new toys for the less fortunate children once again this Advent Season. We are asking for donations of unwrapped toys appropriate for children ages 1-12. We will be accepting donations until December 21st.

Welcome to Deacon Francesco Armenti who will be visiting Holy Angels Church on December 24th & 25th. Deacon Francesco is from Italy and he will be helping during the Christmas season.



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

December 24th:

5:00 p.m. Family Mass - English

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25th:

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass – Bilingual
9:30 a.m. Italian Mass
11:30 a.m. English Mass

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

December 28th:

9:30 a.m. Italian Mass
11:30 a.m. English Mass

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR 2025

December 31st:

5:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st:

9:30 a.m. Italian Mass
11:30 a.m. English Mass

Mass Intentions December 22nd to December 28th

Monday, December 22nd

Advent Weekday

8:00 am

For All Our Parishioners (Pro Populo)

Tuesday, December 23rd

St. John of Kenty

8:00 am

No Mass

Wednesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm - Christmas Vigil

† For All Our Parishioners who have passed away

Thursday, December 25th

12:00 am - Christmas Midnight Mass

For All Our Parishioners (Thanksgiving)

9:30 am - Christmas Day Mass

† Nicola De Rango by Wife Mina, Sons Fabio and Stan and family

11:30 am - Christmas Day Mass

† Christine Reclusado by Mom and Dad & Derrick

Friday, December 26th

St. Stephen

8:00 am

† Stefano & Rosa De Michino by Maria De Michino and sons

Saturday, December 27th

St. John the Apostle & Evangelist

5:00 pm

† Mariano & Esperanza Quodala by Reclusado Family

Sunday, December 28th

The Holy Family

9:30 am

† Innocenzo Sabatini by Moglie Nicolina e figlie Eva e Mary

11:30 am

† Lenny Di Filippo by Mom and Dad and family



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