

### First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4. 23-24: I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the day of the Lord comes.

### Response to the Psalm

**Stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**O Emmanuel, our king and lawgiver, come and save us, Lord our God.**

### Gospel Reading

Luke 1:57-66: The birth of John the Baptist.

### Communion Antiphon

**Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.**

## FRIDAY

### Advent II Weekday

### Entrance Antiphon

**Behold, when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son into the world.**

### First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16: The kingdom of David will always stand secure before the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

**I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**O Morning star, radiance of eternal light, sun of justice, come and enlighten those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death.**

### Gospel Reading

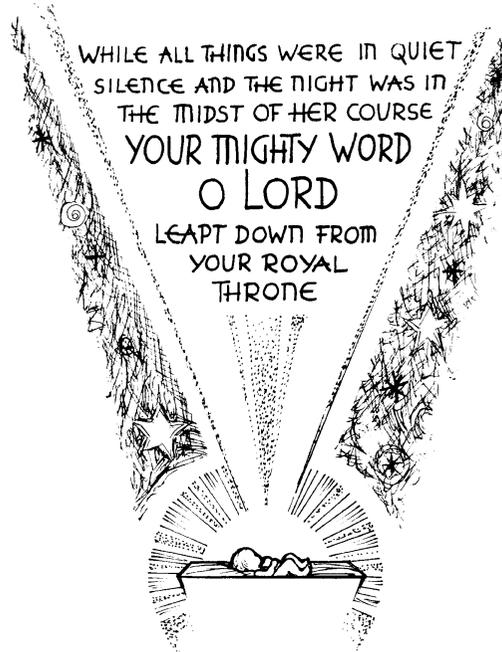
Luke 1:67-79: Our God from on high will bring the rising Sun to visit us.

### Communion Antiphon

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel! He has visited his people and redeemed them.**

## SATURDAY

### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



THE MARIAN ANTHEM (Alma Redemptoris Mater)

**Loving mother of the Redeemer, gate of heaven, star of the sea, assist your people who have fallen—yet strive to rise again. To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator, yet remained a virgin after as before. You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting, have pity on us poor sinners.**

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# WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT  
20th–25th December 2021



### THE SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

'In the last week before Christmas the events that immediately prepared for the Lord's birth are presented from Matthew and Luke. The texts in the first reading, chosen in view of the gospel reading, are from different Old Testament books and include important Messianic prophecies.' (GIL 94)

### OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions: Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers.

### HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (December)

Catechists: Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## MONDAY

### Advent II Weekday

#### Entrance Antiphon

**A branch shall sprout from the root of Jesse, and the glory of the Lord will fill the whole earth, and all flesh will see the salvation of God.**

#### First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-14: The maiden is with child.

#### Response to the Psalm

**Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory!**

#### Gospel Acclamation

**O Key of David, who open the gates of the eternal kingdom, come to liberate from prison the captive who lives in darkness.**

#### Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38: Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son.

#### Communion Antiphon

**The Angel said to Mary: behold, you will conceive and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.**



## TUESDAY

### Advent II Weekday

#### Entrance Antiphon

**The Lord and Ruler will be coming soon, and his name will be called Emmanuel, because he will be God-with-us.**

#### First Reading

Song of Songs 2:8-14: See how my beloved comes leaping over the mountains.

#### or First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-18: The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst.

#### Response to the Psalm

**Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; O sing him a song that is new.**

#### Gospel Acclamation

**O Morning star, radiance of eternal light, sun of justice, come and enlighten those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death.**

#### Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-45: Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

#### Communion Antiphon

**Blessed are you who have believed, that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.**

## WEDNESDAY

### Advent II Weekday

#### Entrance Antiphon

**O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!**

#### First Reading

1 Samuel 1:24-28: Hannah gives thanks for Samuel's birth.

#### Response to the Psalm

**My heart exults in the Lord my saviour.**

#### Gospel Acclamation

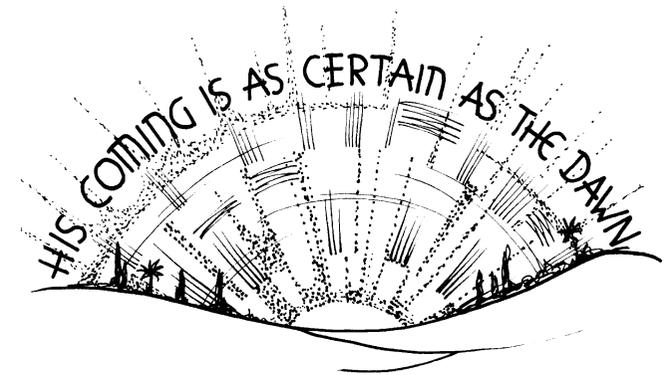
**O King of the peoples and corner-stone of the Church, come and save man, whom you made from the dust of the earth.**

#### Gospel Reading

Luke 1:46-56: The Almighty has done great things for me.

#### Communion Antiphon

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, for the Almighty has done great things for me.**



## THURSDAY

### Advent II Weekday

[Optional Commemoration of Saint John of Kenty]

**Saint John of Kenty:** Born near Krakow in Poland in 1390, after ordination he taught in the University there. He is remembered as an example not just of learning and erudition, but also of remarkable charity and holiness. He died in 1473.

#### Entrance Antiphon

**A child shall be born for us, and he will be called God, the Almighty; every tribe of the earth shall be blest in him.**