

# Liturgy & Music Planning Guide November 2010 to November 2011 (A)

## Part 1 of 5

### First Sunday of Advent through Baptism of the Lord

September 30, 2010 (Saint Jerome)

Dear Pastors and Liturgical Ministers,

I am truly amazed at how time passes. As I have been writing you this afternoon, a literal shower of buttery gold and bright orange leaves have been dropping from the trees outside my window; and I know that we could all be seeing the landscape covered with snow in a bit more than a month. All these are the cycles of the years passing, flowing forward to the day of Christ's coming in glory.

And it is thus that we send you this newest installment of our liturgy and music planner—with ever renewed hope—for “*the Church is called to be strong in faith, ‘as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ’.*”<sup>1</sup>

#### An Advent Thought:

*The reign of God is already among us but is not yet made manifest in its fullness. As Christians, we celebrate what already is while standing in expectation of what is to be revealed. For on this earth that Kingdom is already present in mystery. When the Lord returns it will be brought into full flower.<sup>2</sup> Though we cannot bring about the fullness of God's reign through our own efforts alone we can cooperate with God's grace to be ready and vigilant for its advent (coming).<sup>3</sup> Ultimately, it has its center in Christ himself, who is to be known loved and imitated, so that in him we may live the life of the Trinity, and with him transform history until its fulfillment in the heavenly Jerusalem.<sup>4</sup>*

#### A Christmas Thought:

*When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, the Word made flesh, anointed by the Holy Spirit, to preach the Gospel to the poor, to heal the contrite of heart, [see Isa. 61:1 & Luke 4:18] to be a bodily and*

<sup>1</sup> *Order of Mass, Communion Rite. cf. Saint Paul's Letter to Titus 2:13: “as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of the great God and of our savior Jesus Christ”.* (NAB)

<sup>2</sup> Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, [Gaudium et Spes].* no.39.

<sup>3</sup> National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the United States. *Lectionary for Masses with Children, [hereafter LMC] Introduction,* no. 40. given the *recognitio* from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 27 May 1992.

<sup>4</sup> Venerable Pope John Paul II, Apostolic Letter, *Novo Millennio Ineunte.* no. 29: AAS 93 (2001), 285.

*spiritual medicine: [see St. Ignatius of Antioch: Letter to the Ephesians, 7:2] the Mediator between God and man. [see 1 Tim. 2:5] For his humanity united with the Person of the Word was the instrument of our salvation. Thus in Christ “there came forth the perfect satisfaction needed for our reconciliation and we received the means for giving worthy worship to God.” [Sacramentarium Veronese, 1265]<sup>5</sup>*

And so we begin another year, another liturgical year. It is Year ‘A’ again in the Sunday cycle of readings, and Year (II) 2 in the daily Lectionary.

In the pages that follow you will find important information relating to each Sunday's Mass, and other relevant information regarding other liturgical topics which are meant to be reminders for you not only know, but to share.

If you have comments, questions, suggestions, or the like, either Bonnie Lee or I are always happy to do what we are able to be of assistance. Contact one or the other:

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## Liturgical Formation-Information Advent Season

### Day of Prayer November 30th Bishop Hoepfner Ordination Anniversary:

#### From the Ceremonial of Bishops

“Each year in the cathedral church and in all the churches and communities of the diocese there is to be a celebration of the anniversary of the bishop's episcopal ordination.” *Since Bishop Hoepfner's Anniversary day is the Feast of the Apostle Andrew, the Mass formula for Various Needs and Occasions (“I. For the Church, 3. For the Bishop, on the anniversary of ordination”) is not to be celebrated.*

It is recommended that on this day the bishop of the place preside at a stationary Mass in the cathedral church.

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - is *always a Holy day of Obligation*

It is no wonder therefore that the usage prevailed among the Fathers whereby they called the Mother of God entirely holy and free from all stain of sin, as though fashioned by the Holy Spirit and formed as a new creature (Origen, Tertullian, *et al*). Embracing God's salvific will with a full heart and impeded by no sin, she devoted herself totally as a handmaid of the Lord to the person and work of her Son, under Him and with Him, by

<sup>5</sup> Second Vatican Council, *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, [Sacrosanctum Concilium].* no.5. December 4, 1963

the grace of almighty God, serving the mystery of redemption. Rightly therefore the holy Fathers see her as used by God not merely in a passive way, but as freely cooperating in the work of human salvation through faith and obedience.<sup>6</sup>

## Day of Prayer & Special Offering For Retired Religious Sunday December 12, 2010

**Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR).** The Retirement Fund for Religious has generated an unprecedented response from U.S. Catholics. Since pioneer days in the United States, Catholic religious orders of women and men have been a vivid and influential presence, especially in education and health care. They contributed immeasurably to the rise of a vast immigrant population, providing the education and support necessary to bring U.S. Catholics from poverty to the middle class and beyond. The decisive role that sisters, nuns, brothers, and religious order priests played was undertaken in a spirit of service and selflessness. According to 2008 data, 85% of Catholic women and men religious are past age 60.

For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/nrro](http://www.usccb.org/nrro)

## Advent & Christmas at School & other Classes

School and other communities unable to be together on Christmas Day itself are encouraged to arrange Christmas celebrations within the season of Christmas, i.e. between the time of Christmas Day and the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, rather than during Advent. This is to avoid compromising the keeping of the season of Advent, and provide an opportunity to better indicate the distinction between the Christian feast of Christmas and the associated secular celebrations.<sup>7</sup>

## Liturgy of the Word with Children (LWWC) on Major Feasts

The *Directory for Masses with Children (DMC)* acknowledges that the Church must show a special concern for children and offers foundational principles for the adaptation of the liturgy for children so that they may participate in it more fully and meaningfully. While recognizing the need for adaptations according to age, psychological development and social situations of children, the *DMC* makes clear that the resulting celebrations are not entirely different rites. "It is always necessary to keep in mind that these Eucharistic celebrations must lead children toward the celebration of Mass with adults, especially the Masses at which the Christian community must come together on Sundays [and Holy days]." (*DMC*, #21)

In the name of including children, sometimes Christmas pageants and plays insert themselves into Masses at Christmas.

<sup>6</sup> Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [Lumen Gentium]* no. 56.

<sup>7</sup> Conference of Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, National Liturgical Office. Season of Advent: Pastoral Notes. <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Seasons/Advent.pdf>

These have a more effective and less distracting of place in a separate *catechetical* setting. The *Lectionary for Masses with Children* reminds:

"Mass is not an historical reenactment of the events of salvation history and care should be taken not to give the impression that the liturgy of the word is a play. ...However, the use of costumes, etc., [do not belong to the liturgy, and]...care should be taken especially at Christmas and during Holy Week and the Easter Triduum not to stage the various liturgies as plays. The Christmas Mass[es] should not be presented as a birthday party for Jesus, nor should secular notions of Santa Claus be introduced into the Christmas liturgy." (*LMC* #52)

Please take note that the Letter from the Congregation approving the *Lectionary for Masses with Children* includes this directive regarding the dismissal of children for the Liturgy of the Word: "**These celebrations in a separate place are forbidden on Christmas, Epiphany, Passion Sunday, the Easter Triduum, Ascension, and Pentecost.**"<sup>8</sup>

<sup>8</sup> Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. Letter granting permission for the experimental use of the *Lectionary for Masses with Children*. 27 May 1992. (Prot. N. 1259/91). *The Lectionary for Masses with Children*, which includes this directive in the *Introduction* regarding the dismissal of children for the Liturgy of the Word: "These celebrations in a separate place are forbidden on Christmas, Epiphany, Passion Sunday, the Easter Triduum, Ascension, and Pentecost." (#26)

It has always been taught that the dismissal of young people from the assembly for a separate Children's Liturgy of the Word is *not* something that should be done every Sunday or every Holy Day as stated in number 17 of the *Directory for Masses with Children*: "**Sometimes**, moreover, if the place itself and the nature of the individuals permit, it possibly will be appropriate to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word, including a homily, with the children in a separate, but not too distant, location." And further clarified in number 26 of the new *Introduction*: "Such celebrations for children in a separate place **may be celebrated occasionally, but not exclusively**, lest children's experience of the Liturgy of the Word in the full liturgical assembly be compromised."

Now, the new *Lectionary for Masses with Children* has specifically named the above days, including Christmas, on which the dismissal of the children is not permitted. Note also from number 23 of the new *Introduction* that, "While the *Lectionary for Masses with Children* may be used in a separate Liturgy of the Word (at Sunday and Holy Day Masses at which children are present), only the *Lectionary for Mass* (adult *Lectionary*) may be used in the full liturgical assembly. *The Lectionary for Masses with Children* may never be used in the full liturgical assembly on Sundays and Holy Days."

The *occasional celebration* of the Children's Liturgy of the Word separate from the assembly is very helpful to young people, but the ultimate purpose of LWWC is to prepare children to fully participate in the regular Sunday (and Holy Day) assembly. Christmas is a day when the young people should experience the Eucharistic Liturgy in its fullness with the entire assembly. It is also a day to keep families together when they come to celebrate the joy of Christmas.

## November 28: First Sunday of Advent (A)

### Gathering Song:

Gather Your People O Lord  
Jesus My Everything  
A Season of Light  
Let the King of Glory Come  
People of the Night  
O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
Be Light For Our Eyes  
Wake, Awake, The Night Is Flying  
The Kingdom Comes  
Come, O Long Expected Jesus

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Isaiah 2:1-5 *They shall beat their swords into plowshares.*

**Psalm of the Day: 122:** [R. I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.]

Respond and Acclaim: 4

Gather Comprehensive: 121

Psalms for the Church Year, Vol. I, pg. 83

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 13:11-14 *Cast off the deeds of darkness.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 24:37-44 *Stay awake, keep a watchful eye, and be prepared.*

### Preparation of Gifts:

Silence or Instrumental Music  
Come, O Lord  
Center of my Life  
Maranatha! Alleluia!  
Canticle of Zachary  
Patience People  
God of Day God of Darkness  
My Soul In Stillness Waits  
Wait for the Lord

### Communion Song:

Now In This Banquet –Advent refrain  
To Be Your Bread Now  
Christ Be Our Light  
The Cry of the Poor  
God of Abraham  
Those Who See Light  
Song of The Body Of Christ  
Eat This Bread

### Song of Praise or Sending Forth:

The Coming Of Our God;  
Come, O Long Awaited Jesus  
Come Thou Almighty King  
Sing, O Sing  
Creator Alme Siderum/Conditor alme siderum  
Rain Down, Blessings  
City of God  
When The King Shall Come Again  
Soon and Very Soon

## December 5: Second Sunday of Advent (A)

### Gathering Song:

The Coming of Our God  
Come to Set Us Free  
Creator of the Stars of Night  
A Voice Cries Out  
On Jordan's Bank  
Every Valley  
Jesus, My Everything  
Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn  
Let The King of Glory Come  
Ready The Way  
Walk In The Reign

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Isaiah 11:1-10 *"A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse."*

**Psalm of the Day: 72: R:** *Lord, every nation on earth will adore you, and all peoples walk by your light.*

Respond and Acclaim: 8

Gather Comprehensive: 72

Psalms for the Church Year, Vol. I, pg. 16

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 15:4-9 *Instruction from scripture.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 3:1-12 *"A voice cries out in the desert."*

### Preparation of Gifts:

Silence or Instrumental Music  
By Name I Have Called You  
Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness  
They Who Do Justice  
A Time Will Come For Singing  
The Cry of the Poor  
Comfort, Comfort O My People  
God Of All People

### Communion Song:

A Banquet is Prepared  
Gift of Finest  
Come To The Water  
Hold Me In Life  
Song of isaiah  
The River Will Rise  
Our God Reigns  
Justice Shall Flourish  
I Lift Up My Soul

### Song of Praise or Sending Forth:

Every Valley  
Let There Be Peace on Earth  
Sing Out Earth and Skies  
God Has Chosen Me  
People Look East  
Let the Valleys Be Raised  
Save Us, O Lord  
Walk in the Reign  
A Voice Cries Out

**Wednesday, December 8: Immaculate  
Conception of the Virgin Mary**

**Gathering Song:**

Immaculate Mary  
All That is Hidden  
I Sing A Maid  
Mary, Full of Grace  
All the Ends of the Earth  
A Season of Light  
Song of Mary  
Mary, Woman of Promise

\*\*\*REMEMBER TO SING THE GLORIA AT MASS TODAY \*\*\*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Genesis 3:9-15,20 *The man called the wife  
Eve.*

**Psalm of the Day: 98: R: Sing to the Lord a new  
song, for he has done marvelous deeds.**

Respond and Acclaim: 6  
Gather Comprehensive: 95  
Psalms or Church Year, Vol. I, pg. 12

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** *Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 Thank God for all  
the blessings bestowed on us.*

**Gospel:** *Luke 1:26-38 – “Let it be done to me as you  
say.”*

**Preparation of Gifts:**

I Am For You  
Tell Out My Soul  
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman  
Canticle of Mary  
I Am the Servant Of The Lord  
Mary, Woman of the Promis  
Canticle of the Turning

**Communion Song:**

Pan de Vida  
Song Of The Body Of Christ  
Ave Verum Corpus  
Blest Are They  
Dwelling Place  
Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming  
One Bread, One Body

**Song of Praise or Sending Forth:**

Sing A New Song  
Sing of Mary  
I Say “Yes” Lord/Digo Si, Senor  
O Sanctissima  
Sing We of the Blessed Mother  
The God Whom Earth and Sea and Sky  
Mighty Lord  
Let heaven Rejoice  
Stainless the Maiden

**December 12: Third Sunday of Advent (A)**  
**Special Offering: Retirement Fund for Religious.**

**Gathering Song:**

Come, O Long-Awaited Savior  
Creator of the Stars of Night  
Advent Gathering  
Wake, O Wake, and Sleep No Longer (*Wachet Auf*)  
The Coming of Our God  
Advent Song  
Comfort, Comfort O My People  
Await the Lord With Hope  
Every Valley  
The Day Is Near

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** *Isaiah 35:1-6,10 The desert shall exult &  
burst into flower.*

**Psalm of the Day: 146: Bless the Lord, my soul,  
who heals the broken hearted.**

Respond and Acclaim: 10  
Gather Comprehensive: 139, 140  
Psalms for the Church Year, Vol. II, pg. 48

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** *James 5:7-10 The coming of the Lord is at  
hand.*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 11:2-11 Effects of the Lord’s coming.*

**Preparation of Gifts:**

Silence or Instrumental Music  
A Time Will come For Singing  
Rise Up Jerusalem  
Patience People  
Make Straight the Way  
Creator of the Stars of Night  
Like A Shepherd  
The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns  
My Soul in Stillness Waits

**Communion Song:**

(Communion or Seasonal hymns)  
Good News  
Maranatha! Alleluia!  
Prepare the Way of the Lord  
Soon and Very Soon  
Bread for the World Broken  
Hold Me In Life  
Shelter Me, O God  
O Antiphons  
Come to Set Us Free

**Special Offering: Retirement Fund for Religious.**

**Song of Praise or Sending Forth:**

Let Heaven Rejoice  
People, Look East  
Save Us, O Lord  
Come O Divine Messiah  
The King Shall Come  
A Season of Light  
On Jordan’s Banks  
O Come Divine Messiah  
Rain Down  
Sing Out Earth and Skies  
Lord, Come and Save Us

## December 19: Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)

### Gathering Song:

O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
Lift up Your heads, Ye Mighty Gates  
At The Name of Jesus  
God Has Chosen Me  
We Wait For You  
An Advent Round of Rejoicing  
God It Was  
Mary's Song  
Save us, O Lord  
Song of Good News  
Come, O Long-Awaited Savior  
The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 7:10-14 *The Virgin is with child.*

**Psalm of the Day: 24: Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.**

Respond and Acclaim: 14  
Gather Comprehensive: 34  
Psalms for The Church Year, Vol. I, pg. 4-7

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 1:1-7 *Jesus the Savior.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 1:18-24 *Emmanuel - God with us.*

### Preparation of Gifts:

I Am For You  
Sing of Mary  
Christ Be Our Light  
God of Adam, God of Joseph  
O Queen of Heaven  
See How the Virgin Waits  
Savior of the Nations  
Wake Your Power  
Come, O Lord  
Within Our Hearts Be Born  
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

### Communion Song:

(Communion or Seasonal hymns)  
Advent Song  
At the Name of Jesus  
Bread for the World  
Like A Child Rests  
Maranatha!  
My Soul in Stillness Waits  
O, How I Long to See  
One Bread, One Body  
City of my Heart  
How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place

### Song of Praise or Sending Forth:

City of God  
People, Look East  
Let Heaven Rejoice  
Rain Down  
Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn  
Praised Be the Father  
O Come Divine Messiah  
Great is the Lord  
Come to Set Us Free  
Let Heaven Rejoice

## Liturgical Formation-Information Christmas Season

### Character of the Christmas Season

Next to the yearly celebration of the paschal mystery, the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations. This is the purpose of the Christmas season. The Christmas season runs from Evening Prayer I of Christmas until the Sunday after Epiphany or after 6 January (The Baptism of the Lord), inclusive. The solemnity of the Lord's birth celebrates the mystery of the incarnation by which the Word of God humbled himself to share in our humanity, in order that he might enable us to become sharers in his divinity.<sup>9</sup>

**Days of Prayer  
National Migration Week  
January 2-8, 2011**



### National Migration Week - First [full] week of January

Since 1980, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has set aside the first [full] week of January each year as National Migration Week (NMW). The goal of NMW is to educate the native-born U.S. population about the similarities between them, immigrants in their community, and refugees around the world. The week provides an opportunity to reflect on the positive aspects and contributions of immigrants and refugees in this country.

For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/mrs/nmw.shtml](http://www.usccb.org/mrs/nmw.shtml)

### *Prayer intentions of Pope Benedict XVI for January 2011*

#### **For God's Creation**

General Intention: That the riches of creation be preserved, valued and made available to all, as a precious gifts from God to mankind.

#### **For the Unity of Christians**

Missionary Intention: That Christians may achieve full unity, bearing witness of the universal fatherhood of God to the entire human race.

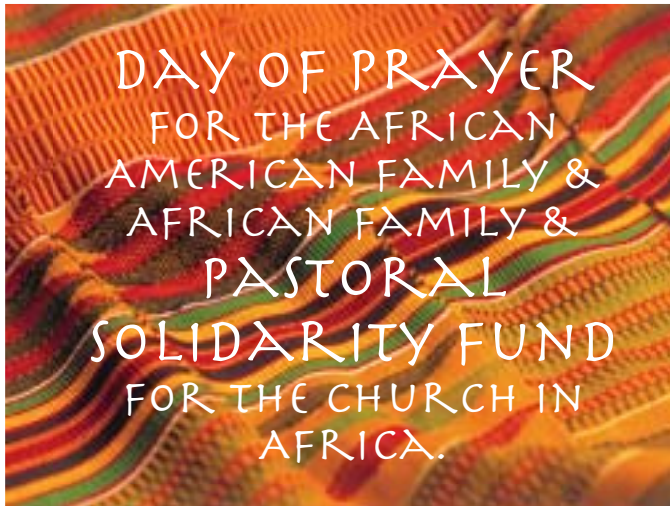
<sup>9</sup> *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar* [hereafter *GNLY*], no. 32. *Ceremonial of Bishops* [hereafter, *CB*], no. 237. cf. Phil. 2:6-ff; *Order of Mass -Preparation of the Gifts*, no. 24: "By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity."

**Days of Prayer  
National Vocation Awareness Week  
January 9-15, 2011**



The National Coalition for Church Vocations (NCCV) sponsors and provides materials for three observances throughout the year: National Vocation Awareness Week, World Day for Consecrated Life, and World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Vocations Awareness week happens in the second week of January.

For more information, visit [www.nccv-vocations.org](http://www.nccv-vocations.org)



**Day of Prayer and Special Offering  
Sunday January 16, 2011**

The National Day of Prayer for the African American Family & African Family was created by Fr. James E. Goode, OFM in 1989. "This day is set aside to gather in prayer to celebrate faith, families, and respect for the value of life. Individuals are asked to attend church, worship as a family, gather at meal time, share family history and make a resolution that the entire family will strive to fulfill throughout the year." For more information, visit

[www.usccb.org/saac/nationaldayofprayer.shtml](http://www.usccb.org/saac/nationaldayofprayer.shtml)

**Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.** was founded on the principles of Venerable John Paul II's call to action in *Ecclesia in Africa* and the adoption of the statement *Call to Solidarity with Africa* from the bishops of the United States in 2001. Our solidarity is necessary to help the Church in Africa realize its potential as a "light of the world." for more information visit: <http://www.usccb.org/churchinafrica/> or for promotional materials visit: <http://www.usccb.org/churchinafrica/resources.shtml>

**THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS  
NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

Remember, there are 4 sets of Mass texts (prayers) and Lectionary texts (readings) for 4 different times and focuses for celebrating Christmas.

1. The Vigil of Christmas: For Masses in the late afternoon (4pm) through late evening (~8pm)
2. Christmas Mass at Midnight: for Mass late evening (after ~8pm through Midnight)
3. Christmas Mass at Dawn: for the earliest/first morning Mass Christmas Day.
4. Christmas Mass during the Day: for Mass (~9am) & later.

**Today's liturgies should be full of the sound of familiar carols, hymns and songs.**

~For the Masses at Midnight and at Dawn, choose carols that evoke the images of the Christmas story: Bethlehem, manger, angels, shepherds.

~For the Mass during the Day, look for hymns and songs that proclaim that Christ is born this day, as the Word made flesh continues to dwell among us.

**Christmas Hymns & Songs:**

SC 18, 43, 96, 125, 141, 166, 169, 176, 185, 215, 238, 242, 258, 268, 271.

GC 341-370;

GCII 353-379

**Sung Proclamation of the Birth of Christ  
on Christmas Eve**

1. The Roman Martyrology for Christmas contains a formal announcement of the birth of Christ in the style of a proclamation. 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 proclamation help to situate the birth of Jesus in the context of salvation history.

2. *The Proclamation of the Birth of Christ* may be sung or proclaimed after the greeting and introduction of the Christmas Midnight Mass. The *Gloria* and opening prayer immediately follow the proclamation.

It can be found in English at:

<http://www.nccbuscc.org/liturgy/christmasproclamation.pdf>

It can be found in Spanish at:

<http://www.nccbuscc.org/liturgy/natividad.pdf>

**December 24: Vigil of Christmas (A)**

See music lists for Masses below:

Isaiah 62:1-5

**Psalm of the Day: 89: *Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.***

Acts 13:16-17,22-25

Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

## December 24: Christmas Mass at Midnight (A)

### Gathering Song:

O Come All Ye Faithful  
Another Strong Christmas hymn/song  
**Isaiah 9:1-6 "For a child is born to us."**

### Psalm of the Day *Psalm 96: Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.*

Respond and Acclaim: 18  
Gather Comprehensive: 90, 91, 92  
Psalm for the Church Year, Vol. I, pg. 12-15

### Titus 2:11-14 *The grace of God has appeared, offering salvation for all.*

### Luke 2:1-14 *Bethlehem.*

### Preparation of Gifts:

Seasonal or Instrumental Music  
The People That Walk in Darkness  
Patience People  
God It Was  
In Deepest Night  
Child of My Heart  
Peace, Peace, Peace  
Peace Child

### Communion Song:

(Communion or Seasonal)  
Child of Mercy  
God's Surprise  
Night of Silence/Silent Night

### Song of Praise or Sending Forth:

Christmas Hymns: see above  
Children, Run Joyfully  
O Come All Ye Faithful  
Joy to the World

## December 25: Christmas Mass at Dawn (A)

### Gathering Song:

Christmas Hymns: SC 17, 18, 43, 91, 96, 125, 141, 166, 169, 176  
85, 215, 225, 238, 242, 258, 271, 276  
GC 341-370;  
GCII 353-379;

### Isaiah 62:11-12 *Salvation is promised to "daughter Zion"* **Psalm of the Day *Psalm 97: A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.***

Respond and Acclaim: 20  
Gather Comprehensive: 94

### Titus 3:4-7 *When the kindness and love of God appeared.*

### Luke 2:15-20 *The angels and shepherds.*

### Preparation of Gifts:

Silence or Instrumental music or Seasonal Song

### Communion Song:

(Communion or Seasonal Song – see above)

### Song of Praise or Sending Forth:

Christmas Hymns: see above  
Children, Run Joyfully  
O Come All Ye Faithful  
Joy to the World

## December 25: Christmas Mass during the day (A)

### Gathering Song:

Christmas Hymns

### Isaiah 52:7-10 *How beautiful on the mountain top!* **Psalm of the Day *Psalm 98: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.***

Respond and Acclaim: 22  
Gather Comprehensive: 95

### Hebrews 1:1-6

**God's Word was made flesh.**

### John 1:1-18 *In the beginning was the Word....*

### Preparation of Gifts:

Seasonal Song (see above)

### Communion Song:

(Communion or Seasonal Song)

### Song of Praise or Sending Forth:

Christmas Hymns: see above

## Sunday December 26 - Feast of the Holy Family (A)

### Gathering Song:

*Christmas Hymns: see above*  
All the Ends of the Earth  
Angels We have Heard on High  
God's Holy Family  
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14 *The role of each member of the family*

### Psalm of the Day: **Psalm 128: Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his way.**

Respond and Acclaim: 24  
Gather Comprehensive: 125  
Psalms for the Church Year, Vol. II, pg. 43.  
Seasonal Psalm 98 (as above)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 *How to treat one another.*

### Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15,19-23 *Joseph took the child and his mother and fled.*

### Preparation of Gifts:

*Instrumental Music or seasonal*  
Once In Royal David's City  
Lover of us All  
The Aye Carol  
What Child is This?/Child of the Poor  
The First Noel  
Faith Hope and Love

### Communion Song:

(Communion or Seasonal)

### Song of Praise or Sending Forth:

Sing of Mary  
Good Christians All Rejoice  
With Drums and Dancing  
There Is Nothing Told  
*Christmas Hymns: SC 17, 18, 43, 91, 96, 125, 141, 166, 169, 176,  
85, 215, 225, 238, 242, 258, 271, 276  
GC 341-370; GCII 353-379*

**Saturday , January 1: Solemnity of Mary,  
Mother of God (A)**

**Gathering Song:**

*Christmas Hymns: SC 17, 18, 43, 91, 96, 125, 141, 166, 169, 176  
85, 215, 225, 238, 242, 258, 271, 276 GC 341-370;  
GCII 353-379; MI—see seasonal missal*

At the Name of Jesus

Great is the Lord

Mary's Joy

Sing A New Song

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Numbers 6:22-27 *The blessing of Aaron.*

**Psalm of the Day: Psalm 67: May God bless us in  
his mercy.**

Respond and Acclaim: 26

Gather Comprehensive 66

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Galatians 4:4-7 *Heirs by God's design.*

**Gospel:** Luke 2:16-21 *Mary treasured all these things.*

**Preparation of Gifts:**

Sing of Mary

Once In Royal David's City

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

I Sing a Maid

Magnificat

Within Our Hearts Be Born

*Silence, Christmas or Instrumental Music*

**Communion Song:**

Behold the Lamb

All Who Hunger

You Are our Living Bread

Gift of Finest

*(other Christmas hymns)*

**Song of Praise or Sending Forth:**

*Christmas Hymns: SC 17, 18, 43, 91, 96, 125, 141, 166, 169, 176,  
85, 215, 225, 238, 242, 258, 271, 276*

*GC 341-370;*

*GCII 353-379; MI—see seasonal missal*

Joy To the World

Take Christ to the World

Canticle of the Turning

**Christmastide**

This season begins with the Vigil of Christmas and ends with the Second Vespers for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The inauguration of the fullness we await was at long last disclosed in the incarnation and birth of Jesus (Christmas), born of Mary (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God), who became a part of the human family (Feast of the Holy Family), was manifested to the nations (Epiphany), and revealed as God's own beloved child (Baptism of the Lord). The Christmas season celebrates the appearance of God among us in the birth, epiphany, and baptism of the Lord Jesus: the beginning of our salvation in Christ.

**Sunday January 2: Epiphany of the Lord  
(A)**

**Gathering Song:**

Angels from the Realms of Glory

We Three Kings

As With Gladness Men of Old

Go Tell it on the Mountains

Christmas hymns – as above

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6 *Glory of God's Church.*

**Psalm of the Day: Psalm 72: Lord, every nation on  
earth will adore you.**

Respond and Acclaim: 28

Psalms for the Church Year, Vol. I, pg. 16

Gather Comprehensive 72

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 *Good News for all.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12 *Astrologers with gifts.*

**Preparation of Gifts:**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Lord, Today

What Star is This

Beautiful Savior

Christmas hymns

**Communion Song:**

What Child Is This

One Bread, One Body

Pan DeVida

Dwelling Place

O Come all ye Faithful

Christmas hymns

**Song of Praise or Sending Forth:**

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

The First Noel

City of God

Arise, Shine!

Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise

Sing Praise to our Creator

Take Christ to the World

*Christmas Hymns: SC 17, 18, 43, 91, 96, 125, 141, 166, 169, 176,  
85, 215, 225, 238, 242, 258, 271, 276*

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**Sung Proclamation of the Movable Feasts  
on Epiphany**

*The Proclamation of the Date of Easter on Epiphany* dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter. Its revival in many places would be opportune since it served to make the connection between the Epiphany and Easter, and orientate all feasts towards the greatest Christian solemnity. It can be found:

<http://www.nccbuscc.org/liturgy/epiphany2010.pdf>

## **Sunday January 9: Baptism of the Lord (A)**

### **Gathering Song:**

Good News  
On Jordan's Banks  
Song of Thanksgiving and Praise  
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  
All You Who Are Thirsty  
At the Name of Jesus  
Come to me, All You Weary  
River of Glory  
God, Our Fountain of Salvation  
Baptized in Water

**Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7** I formed you as a covenant of the people.

### ***Psalm of the Day: Psalm 29: The Lord Will Bless His People***

Respond and Acclaim: 30  
Psalms for the Church Year  
Gather Comprehensive: 40;

**Acts 10:34-38** God shows no partiality.

**Matthew 3:13-17** This is my beloved son.

### **Preparation of Gifts:**

We Have Been Told  
We Are Many Parts  
There is One Lord  
Jesus, the Lord  
O Healing River  
There Is One Lord  
The Voice of God Goes Out  
He Has Anointed Me  
You Have Anointed Me  
Dwelling Place

### **Communion Song:**

Song of the Body of Christ  
Taste and See  
Come To the Water  
I Am the Bread of Life  
Springs of Water  
Psallite Domino  
You Are Near  
Let Us Be Bread  
To Be Your Bread Now

### **Song of Praise or Sending Forth:**

Bring Forth the Kingdom  
Glory and Praise to our God  
All Creatures of Our God and King  
Go Make of All Disciples  
Go Make a Difference  
Servant Song  
I Am the Light of the World  
Great Is the Lord  
Mighty Lord  
Sing Praise to our Creator  
Take Christ to the World  
In Praise of His Name

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