

November 30, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent 1

Putting on the Light of Christ

- **Zion, the Messianic Capital** • Isaiah 2:1-5
- Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4a, 4b-5, 6-7, 8-9
- **Christian Use of Time** • Romans 13:11-14
- **The Need for Watchfulness** • Matthew 24:37-44

Key Passage: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. (Romans 13:12b)

Adult Question: What will you do during Advent so that others can see that you have put on the light of Jesus Christ?

Child Question: What will you do during Advent so that others can see the light of Jesus in you?

December 07, 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent 4

Our Need to Change

- **The Rule of Emmanuel** • Isaiah 11:1-10
- Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
- **Prayer of Encouragement** • Romans 15:4-9
- **John the Baptist** • Matthew 3:1-12

Key Passage: This is the one [John the Baptist] of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." (Matthew 3:3)

Adult Question: What do you need to change so that others can learn from watching you that Christ walks among us?

Child Question: What could you do so that others will see in you what it means to follow Jesus?

December 14, 2025

3rd Sunday of Advent 7

Actions Worthy of Praise

- **Israel's Deliverance** • Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
- Psalm 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10
- **Patience** • James 5:7-10
- **Christ's Witness to John** • Matthew 11:2-11

Key Passage: Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." (Matthew 11:11)

Adult Question: How do you prepare yourself to meet Christ in those around you?

Child Question: What good thing have you done so far during Advent to be like Jesus?

December 21, 2025

4th Sunday of Advent 10

Welcoming Light

- **Birth of Emmanuel** • Isaiah 7:10-14
- Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
- **Greetings From Paul** • Romans 1:1-7
- **The Birth of Jesus** • Matthew 1:18-24

Key Passage: When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took Mary as his wife. (Matthew 1:24)

Adult Question: Whom do you find it difficult to welcome in your life? What can you do to overcome that?

Child Question: What could you do this week to make someone feel welcome, as Joseph welcomed Mary?

December 25, 2025

Christmas 15

Mass at Dawn

- **Your Salvation Comes** • Isaiah 62:11-12
- Psalm 97:1+6, 11-12
- **The Loving Kindness of God Our Savior Appeared** • Titus 3:4-7
- **The Birth of the Savior** • Luke 2:15-20

Key Passage: Mary treasures these events in her heart. (Luke 2:19)

Adult Question: What will you do during this Christmas season to reflect in your heart, as Mary did, on God's gift of the Savior?

Child Question: What would you say to Jesus as you stand before the nativity scene in your church?

December 25, 2025

Christmas 16

Mass During the Day

- **The One Who Brings Glad Tidings** • Isaiah 52:7-10
- Psalm 98:1, 2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6
- **God Speaks Through His Son** • Hebrews 1:1-6
- **In the Beginning Was the Word** • John 1:1-18

Key Passage: "His own did not accept him." (John 1:10-11)

Adult Question: If Jesus were to be born today, do you think you would accept him and follow him? Why or why not?

Child Question: What could you and your family do for others during the next week to celebrate the birth of Jesus?

December 28, 2025

The Holy Family 17A

Respect for Elders

- **Duties Toward Parents** • Sirach 3:3-7, 14-17a
- Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
- **The Practice of Virtues** • Colossians 3:12-21
- **The Finding in the Temple** • Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Key Passage: Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. (Luke 2:51a)

Adult Question: What does your family do to honor and respect its older members?

Child Question: Why did Joseph leave Israel? How can he be an example for you?

January 01, 2026

Solemnity Mary, Mother of God 18

Living With Uncertainty

- **The Priestly Blessing** • Numbers 6:22-27
- Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6+8
- **Free Sons of God in Christ** • Galatians 4:4-7
- **The Shepherds' Visit, the Circumcision** • Luke 2:16-21

Key Passage: Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. (Luke 2:19)

Adult Question: When have you found it difficult to understand or accept a teaching of the church? What helps you be faithful?

Child Question: Who teaches you to have faith in God?

January 04, 2026

Epiphany of the Lord 20

Overcoming Jealousy

- **Glory of the New Zion** • Isaiah 60:1-6
- Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
- **Commission to Preach God's Plan** • Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
- **The Visit of the Magi** • Matthew 2:1-12

Key Passage: Then Herod sent the [magi] to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." (Matthew 2:8)

Adult Question: When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?

Child Question: When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?