

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT < A

December 20 - 21, 2025

and bring her to the fullness of charity,
together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop
and all the clergy

For the Departed Souls

Remember also our brothers and sisters
who have fallen asleep in the hope of the
resurrection, and all who have died in your
mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

In Communion with the Saints

Have mercy on us all, we pray,
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God, with the Blessed Joseph,
her spouse, with the Blessed Apostles,
and all the Saints who have pleased you
throughout the ages,
we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life,
and may praise and glorify you
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Concluding Doxology

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
for ever, and ever.

Amen

Communion Rite

STAND

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Priest:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant us peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People:

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and for ever.**

Sign Of Peace

Priest : Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your
Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace
I give you; look not on our sins, but

on the faith of your Church, and
graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will. Who live
and reign for ever and ever.

People : **Amen**

Priest : The peace of the Lord be with you
always

People : **And with your Spirit.**

Priest : Let us offer each other the sign of
peace

Breaking of the Bread

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world: Have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world: Have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world: Grant us peace.*

Reception of Communion

KNEEL

Priest : Behold the Lamb of God, behold him
who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the
supper of the Lamb.

People : **Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

Priest : The body of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

Priest : The blood of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

Communion

Prayer after Communion

[Worthy Celebration]

STAND

Having received this pledge of eternal
redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the
feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer,
so we may press forward all the more eagerly
to the worthy celebration of the mystery of
your Son's Nativity. Who lives and reigns for
ever and ever. **R/ Amen.**

General Announcements

SIT

Blessing

STAND

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing

May your peace which is so much greater than
we can understand guard our hearts and
thoughts in Christ Jesus our Lord. **R/ Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the
Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. Come
upon you and remain with you for ever.

R/ Amen.

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
R/ Thanks be to God.

MC: Greeting

Entrance song

STAND

Introduction by the Celebrant

ENTRANCE ANT.

[The Advent Plea]

**Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let
the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be
opened and bring forth a Savior.**

Penitential Act

If the Lord is with us,
why do we act so often as if he was not?
Let us ask the Lord to forgive us:

(pause)

Lord Jesus,
why are we still so often groping in the dark?
Be our light:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ,
why do we too often not know where we are?
Be our way:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus,
why do we not recognize you in good
people?
Be our truth:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Lord,
show us your forgiving mercy.
Be our companion on the road
and lead us to everlasting life.
Amen.

The Gloria is not said

C: Collect

[From Suffering to Glory]

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your
Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
R/ Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

SIT

First Reading Is 7:10-14 [The Virgin with Child]

*The words of the prophet spoken to the king are
applied to the birth of the Savior.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah
The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a
sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep
as the netherworld, or high as the sky! But
Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt
the LORD!" Then Isaiah said: Listen, O house
of David! Is it not enough for you to weary
people, must you also weary my God?
Therefore the Lord himself will give you this
sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and shall name him Emmanuel.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24 [The King of Glory]

R./ Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;
the world and those who dwell in it.
For he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers. **(R.)**

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?
or who may stand in his holy place?
One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is
clean,
who desires not what is vain. **(R.)**

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,
a reward from God his savior.
Such is the race that seeks for him,
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 1:1-7 [Jesus the Savior]

*The Messiah is a descendant of David according to
the flesh and the Son of God according to the Spirit.
His salvation is for all humankind.*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the
Romans

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an
apostle and set apart for the gospel of God,
which he promised previously through his
prophets in the holy Scriptures, the gospel
about his Son, descended from David
according to the flesh, but established as Son
of God in power according to the Spirit of
holiness through resurrection from the dead,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him we have
received the grace of apostleship, to bring
about the obedience of faith, for the sake of
his name, among all the Gentiles, among whom
are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus
Christ; to all the beloved of God in Rome, called
to be holy. Grace to you and peace from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*The word of the Lord.
R/ Thanks be to God.*

Alleluia Mt 1:23 [*Emmanuel*] **STAND**

R/ Alleluia, alleluia.

The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel.

R/ Alleluia, alleluia.



Gospel Mt 1:18-24 [*God-with-Us*]

*Emmanuel means God is with us. He is conceived
by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.*

R/ The Lord be with you.

R/ And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

R/ Glory to you, O Lord

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.
When his mother Mary was betrothed to
Joseph, but before they lived together, she was
found with child through the Holy Spirit.
Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous
man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame,
decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his
intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord
appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph,
son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary
your wife into your home. For it is through the
Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived
in her. She will bear a son and you are to name
him Jesus, because he will save his people from
their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the
Lord had said through the prophet:

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear
a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,*
which means "God is with us." When Joseph
awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had
commanded him and took his wife into his
home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

SIT

I believe in God

STAND

General Intercessions

The Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and

she shall name him Emmanuel. With longing
for the Lord and his coming at Christmas, we
offer our prayers to the eternal Father:

(Pause)

For the Church, the Body of Christ: that she
will draw light and strength from the
intercession of Mary and Joseph and spread
the fire of God's love to all the nations. Let us
pray:

Loving Father, make us capable of great love.

For legislators and leaders of nations: that the
Lord will guide their decisions, in order to
uphold the dignity and to protect the sanctity
of human life at every stage, from conception
to natural death. Let us pray:

Loving Father, make us capable of great love.

For all Christian families: that they will bear
witness to the hope that is born from the fruit
of love; and extend their helping hands to the
isolated, the oppressed, the forgotten, the sick
and the needy. Let us pray:

Loving Father, make us capable of great love.

For an increase in vocations to the priesthood
and to consecrated life: that young men and
women will generously respond to the calling
of Jesus. Let us pray:

Loving Father, make us capable of great love.

Lord Jesus, You are the head of the Church,
we humbly seek Your providence of the St.
Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish,
for the grace of joy and peace on Your coming
this Christmas and to be the Light to the
nations. Let us pray:

Loving Father, make us capable of great love.

We pray for those intentions offered for the
Mass and for our personal intentions ...

(Pause)

Let us pray:

Loving Father, make us capable of great love.

Eternal Father, you so loved the world that you
sent your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our
Redeemer. In him all our expectations will be
fulfilled, now and for ever. **Amen.**

SL: Offertory hymn

SIT

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Bread

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread we offer you:

fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

All : Blessed be God for ever.

Preparation of the Wine

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:

fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

All : Blessed be God for ever.

Invitation To Prayer

STAND

Priest : Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and
yours may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

People : **May the Lord accept the sacrifice
at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his Holy Church**

**Prayer over the Offerings
[Power of the Spirit]**

STAND

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord,
sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar,
just as he filled with his power the womb of
the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

STAND

Introductory Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just

Preface II of Advent

It is truly right and just, our duty and our
salvation, always and everywhere to give you
thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal
God, through Christ our Lord.

For all the oracles of the prophets foretold him,
the Virgin Mother longed for him
with love beyond all telling,
John the Baptist sang of his coming
and proclaimed his presence when he came.

It is by his gift that already we rejoice
at the mystery of his Nativity,
so that he may find us watchful in prayer
and exultant in his praise.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,

with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the
hosts an Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn
of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....

Eucharistic Prayer No.2

KNEEL

Praise to the Father

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
the fount of all holiness.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by
sending down your Spirit upon them like the
dewfall, so that they may become for us the
Body and ✠ Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Supper

At the time he was betrayed and entered
willingly into his Passion, he took bread and,
giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his
disciples, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and eat of it,
for this is my Body,
which will be given up for you.**

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he
took the chalice and, once more giving thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and drink from it,
for this is the chalice of my Blood,
the Blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which will be poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.**

Do this in memory of me.

Memorial Acclamation

Priest : The mystery of faith.

All : *When we eat this Bread
and drink this cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.*

The Memorial Prayer

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his
Death and Resurrection, we offer you Lord,
the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,
giving thanks that you have held us worthy to
be in your presence and minister to you.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body
and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into
one by the Holy Spirit.

Intercessions: For the Church

Remember, Lord, your Church,
spread throughout the world,