

SATURDAY

Our Lady of Guadalupe

The shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe, near Mexico City, is one of the most celebrated places of pilgrimage in North America. Devotion to Mary under this title has continually increased, and today she is the patroness of the Americas.

Entrance Antiphon:

May I never boast except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

First Reading: Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11
Elijah will come again.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! The day of the Lord is near; Look, he comes to save us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 17: 10-13

Elijah has come already and they did not recognise him.

Communion Antiphon:

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me, says the Lord.

A PRAYER IN TIME OF DANGER & ILLNESS

God Our Father, each person is precious to You.
You are the Giver of life.

Have mercy on us and protect us at this time,
as the Coronavirus threatens health and life.
You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble.

Watch over those who are suffering,
give strength to those who are aiding the sick
and give courage to all in this time of anxiety.
We ask this of you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen

SYNOD PRAYER

Father, we thank you for the love you have shown us
in the gift of Jesus, your Son.
We thank you for the gift of the Church,
through which you show us that you are always with us
and are always at work in our lives.

As we journey together to Synod 2020
help us to become the Church
that you are calling us to be.
May your Holy Spirit be powerfully
at work among us.
Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope
and Malcolm, our Archbishop.

Help us to respond
to the challenges of our times in new ways
to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers.
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen

WEEKDAY MASS SHEET



SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

6th December – 12th December 2020

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

Evangelisation - *For a life of prayer
We pray that our personal relationship
with Jesus Christ be nourished by the
Word of God and a life of prayer.*

MONDAY

St Ambrose

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Son of a Roman prefect, he was born in c.340 and worked as a lawyer in Milan. In 374 he was chosen to be Bishop of Milan despite not having been baptised. He proved to be an outstanding bishop and was uncompromising in the struggle against Arianism. His converts included St Augustine and his teachings have led him to be numbered as one of the Latin doctors of the church.

Entrance Antiphon:

In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.

First Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-10
God himself is coming to save you.

Responsorial Psalm:

Look, our God is coming to save us.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 5: 17-26

We have seen strange things today.

Communion Antiphon:

He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night will yield fruit in due season.

TUESDAY

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is that the Virgin Mary was conceived without original sin. It was this grace that enabled Mary to give a true, considered "Yes" to the request, conveyed by the Angel Gabriel that she should consent to be the mother of the incarnate God.

Entrance Antiphon:

I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in a mantel of justice, like a bride adorned with her jewels.

The Gloria

First Reading: Genesis 3: 9-15, 20

I will make you enemies of each other; your offspring and her offspring.

Responsorial Psalm:

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 3-6.11-12

Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hail, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women. Alleluia!

The Creed

Communion Antiphon:

Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary, for from you arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.

WEDNESDAY

St John Diego Cuahtlatotzin

He was an Indian convert to whom the Virgin Mary appeared as he was going to Mass in Mexico. She left a portrait of herself on his mantle as a sign to the Bishop that she wished a shrine to be built. The image is kept at the Basilica at Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord will come and he will not delay. He will illumine what is hidden in darkness and reveal himself to all the nations.

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 25-31

The Lord almighty gives strength to the wearied.

Responsorial Psalm:

My soul, give thanks to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Behold, our Lord will come with power and will enlighten the eyes of his servants. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 11: 28-30

Come to me, all you who labour.

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, our Lord will come with power and will enlighten the eyes of his servants.

THURSDAY

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon:

You, O Lord, are close, and all your ways are truth. From of old I have known of your decrees, for you are eternal.

First Reading: Isaiah 41:13-20

I, the Holy One of Israel, am your redeemer.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Come, Lord, with your peace that we may rejoice in your presence with sincerity of heart. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 11: 11-15

A greater than John the Baptist has never been seen.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

FRIDAY

St Damasus I, Pope

Born in 305 in Spain, Damasus joined the Roman Clergy. He was elected pope in 366. He held many synods against heretics and schismatics. He promoted devotion to the martyrs. He died in 384.

Entrance Antiphon:

Behold, now she follows the Lamb who was crucified for us, powerful in virginity, modesty her offering, a sacrifice on the altar of chastity.

First Reading: Isaiah 48: 17-19

If only you had been alert to my commandments.

Responsorial Psalm:

Anyone who follows you, O Lord, will have the light of life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! See, the king, the Lord of the world, will come. He will free us from the yoke of our bondage. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 11: 16-19

They heed neither John nor the Son of Man.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lamb who is at the centre of the throne will lead them to the well springs of the waters of life.