

Hope  
Peace  
Joy  
Love

First Sunday of Advent



## ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

### DECEMBER 1, 2019

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm (Closed 12:00 - 1:00 pm)

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#### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

We, the Eucharistic Community of St. Joan of Arc Parish, by the grace of God and through our participation in His Word, the Church's sacraments, and prayer, seek our eternal salvation.

We live out the doctrines and traditions of our Faith in communion with the holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, established by Our Lord Jesus Christ.

With courage, we follow the example of our patron saint and invoke her intercession as we strive to know God, love God, and serve God which moves us to actively promote and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the midst of our every day life.



#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

#### Daily Mass:

Monday - Friday: 6:45 am, 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

#### Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Monday - Friday: 6:00 pm

Sunday: after 9:30 am Mass

#### Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 9:30 am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday: 5:00 - 5:30 pm

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm

#### Sacrament of the Sick: Call the office.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Parents are required to attend one class. Call the office to register.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Call the office 9 to 12 months prior to the proposed wedding date.



# FROM THE PASTOR

Advent is upon us! The four weeks of Advent are a special time for us to prepare for the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time AND the celebration of his birth in Bethlehem two thousand years ago. Advent kind of makes our brains multi-task by reflecting on the two different comings of the Lord but we are used to doing this in our life as Christians. We are a Church which speaks about Jesus as BOTH God AND man; Mary as BOTH virgin AND mother; God as BOTH one God AND a Trinity of Persons. Perhaps Advent is a good time for us to reflect on the great mystery of our faith. The days grow shorter at this time of year and the darkness settles in earlier and earlier. Take some time each night to sit quietly in prayer, light a candle or dim the lights, calm your body and soul from the labors of the day—and contemplate the great mystery of the transcendent God taking on our human nature in that little babe in Bethlehem and of His coming again at the end of time to be the Judge of all creation. Slow down during this season of Advent (you know how hard that is to do when the world is pushing you to go faster, faster, faster!) and gently dwell in the presence of the Lord in prayer. It will, without a doubt, be the best preparation for Christmas you could ever imagine!

*Father Al*



## PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of our parish, in your prayers: **Annalise, Joan Spandra, Rose Marie Smith, Geraldine Ingaglio, and Clara Hissick.**

## ALTAR FLOWERS

**Main Altar Vase 1:** In loving memory of Kenneth Willi from Kevin, Marisol, Jesse, and Schuyler Willi

**Main Altar Vase 2:** In loving memory of Joseph and Hazel Dyer from their daughter, Anne-Marie

**Blessed Mother:** In loving memory of our son Brad Tully from Clay and Linda Tully

**Saint Joseph:** In celebration and thanksgiving of the occasion of Kate and Kobe Miller's marriage from their grandparents, Ed & Vi Gliot

**Respect Life Rose 1:** In loving memory of Mary Hixon and Mae Piconi from Linda



*With Much Gratitude...*

We wish to thank the sponsor of the week for advertising in our parish bulletin:

**ENHANCED HEARING SOLUTIONS**



## ALTAR FLOWERS

### AVAILABLE DATES

	January	February
<b>Main Altar Vase 1</b>	26	2, 9
<b>Main Altar Vase 2</b>	26	2, 9
<b>Blessed Mother</b>	12, 19	9, 16
<b>Saint Joseph</b>	12, 19	9, 16
<b>Respect Life Rose 1</b>	26	16
<b>Respect Life Rose 2</b>	12, 19, 26	2, 9, 16

Call the Parish Office at (717) 533-7168 Ext. 100 to request.  
Updated 11/20/2019

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on  
**Monday, December 2**

The office will re-open on  
**Tuesday, December 3 at 8:00 am**



**WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS**

**This Week In Our Parish**



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2**

**Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11**  
 6:45 AM Carl Burkhart  
 9:00 AM Barney Warnimont

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3: MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST**

**Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24**  
 6:45 AM Matthew R. Prang, Sr.  
 9:00 AM People of the Parish

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4: SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37**  
 6:45 AM Veronica McDonald  
 9:00 AM Dick Ingaglio

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5**

**Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27**  
 6:45 AM Deceased Pham Family  
 9:00 AM Gertrude Foster

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6: SAINT NICHOLAS, BISHOP**

**Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31**  
 6:45 AM Eithne Shank  
 9:00 AM Joseph Kunetz and Attilio & Maddalena Nucci

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7: MEMORIAL OF SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8**  
 9:00 AM For the Intentions of all our parish volunteers  
 5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Dezagottis and Vitiello Families

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12**  
*Let us rejoice in the Lord's peace; let us live honorably as we await his return.*  
 7:30 AM Special Intention for Fr. Roth  
 9:30 AM Theresa Freisen  
 11:30 AM Mary Doris Family  
 5:00 PM Rudy & Della Sonni

❖ MONDAY, DECEMBER 2		
<i>Parish Office Closed</i>		
7:00 PM	Daisy Scouts	-
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	-
❖ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3		
9:30 AM	Little Rock Scripture Study	SJC
9:45 AM	Legion of Mary	SJC
12:00 PM	Prayer Shawl	SJC
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts	-
7:00 PM	Faith Enrichment	SJC
❖ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4		
7:15 AM	Wednesday Morning Coffee	SJC
7:45 AM	Gospel Reflection	SJC
3:00 PM	Girl Scouts	SJC
4:15 PM	REP (K-6 <sup>th</sup> )	-
6:30 PM	RCIA	PC
7:00 PM	Edge	MRC
7:00 PM	I Thirst	CAF
❖ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5		
6:30 PM	Girl Scouts	SJC
7:00 PM	Adult Choir	CHR
7:30 PM	Knights of Columbus	MRC
❖ FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6		
9:30 AM	First Friday Adoration	PC
3:30 PM	Junior Legion of Mary	SJC
❖ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7		
6:30 AM	That Man Is You	MRC
❖ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8		
7:00 AM	Gift Wrapping for Mini-Thon	SJC
10:30 PM	REP (K-6 <sup>th</sup> )	-
6:30 PM	Confirmation REP (7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> )	-
9:00 PM	Night of Prayer For Life	PC

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 8, 2019

	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	5:00 PM
<b>Lector</b>	J. Dezagottis	Sr. Salvatoris	P. Graybash	D. Dix	A. Zimmerman
<b>EMHC</b>	G. Bixler	N. Chandler	Need Substitute	M. DeAngelis	T. Crum-Ewing
	E. Frauenhoffer	K. McCarthy	J. Frola	T. DeAngelis	V. Felice
	T. Kilcoyne	B. McCarthy	A. Gould	G. Holobetz	Sr. Eileen
<b>Altar Servers</b>	E. Kopp	S. O'Hara	E. Jones	S. Hanner	D. Stinson
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	D. Bagatta	B. O'Hara	M. Pegher	D. Kreiss	M. Tressler
<b>MC</b>	M. Bagatta	M. O'Hara	J. Pegher	D. Kreiss	

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**STEWARDSHIP**

*We Are A Tithing Parish Following God's Plan For Giving*

**Weekly Tithing:** \$22,235

**Weekly Budget:** \$30,385

**Weekly Heart of the Parish:** \$1,180

*Stewardship numbers for November 16 & 17*

*Upcoming Special Collection*

December 8

**Retirement Fund for Religious**

Give in thanksgiving. "The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education." Please join in thanksgiving the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests, who work tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week's collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.

† **SCHOOL NEWS**

**DINNER FOR DOLLARS**

The next Dinner for Dollars is at Texas Roadhouse in Palmyra on **Thursday, December 5.**

† **MINISTRY NEWS**

**CAELORUM**

The next Caelorum will be held on **Wednesday, December 11** at 7:00 pm in the church.

ⓞ **More Information:** (717) 583-0240

**YOUTH NEWS**

**LIFE TEEN (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH)**

**This Week:** No Life Teen—I pray you had a blessed Thanksgiving.

**Next Week:** Parish Reconciliation Service—Happy Advent! This week we will join the Parish in a Reconciliation Service. It is always a great idea to go to Confession before Christmas.

ⓞ **John:** Ext. 128 | [stjoanofarclifeteen@gmail.com](mailto:stjoanofarclifeteen@gmail.com)



**EDGE (MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH)**

EDGE is for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders and meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:15 pm in Meeting Room C. Invite your friends!

**EDGE Nights: Dec 4 & 18**

ⓞ **John:** Ext. 128 | [jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org](mailto:jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org)



*Vocations Cross*

**Dec. 2-9: Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Pavone**

**Dec. 9 -16: Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Frola**

The Vocations Cross is taken into the home of a parish member each week to pray for religious vocations. If you would like to join this rotation, please contact the parish office.

† **MINISTRY NEWS**

**LITURGICAL MINISTER REFLECTION**

A morning of reflection for Liturgical Ministers will be held on **Saturday, December 14** beginning with 9:00 am Mass. Coffee and donuts will be provided in the cafeteria and the event will end by 12:00 pm. **Adult Choir members, Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, and Ushers are invited to attend.** RSVP to the Parish Office by December 12 if you plan to attend.

ⓞ **Parish Office:** (717) 533-7168 | Ext. 100



Because of the holiday printing schedule, we are unable to update our Centennial Project 2020 "Thermometer." It will be updated in next week's bulletin.

We hope you were able to spend quality, low stress time with your loved ones on the Thanksgiving Holiday. As we begin Advent, let us remember that even as we are swamped in our busy schedule, it is a time for renewal in preparation for the arrival of Our Savior.

2020 is a month away. Right now is a good time to consider a tax deductible gift to our capital campaign. As we mentioned last week, decision time is close at hand for the wonderful opportunity to purchase the thirty-five plus acre Hershey Campus of the Lancaster Mennonite School. Our near term goal is to raise an additional \$1.2 million to support financing of the purchase. Our longer term goal is to pay down the mortgage as rapidly as possible and continue to make improvements. Please continue to pray for the success of the Centennial Project and the upcoming decision making.

A sacrificial gift to the Centennial Project is an investment in the ministerial and educational infrastructure needed to address the growth and expansion of the next few decades, including the changing demographic of our parish.

Gifts and checks can be made payable to St. Joan of Arc Parish. On the check memo line, or on the envelope, please note "Centennial Project." You are welcome to place gifts in the collection basket, or mail them to the parish office. Online Giving instructions and the App are available on our parish website, under the stewardship menu. You can use credit or debit, and automatic payments can be planned. Please make sure to select the Centennial Project Fund. For any questions regarding electronic giving options, please contact Michelle Gutshall at (717) 533-7168, Ext. 103, or mgutshall@stjoanhershey.org. If you would like to contribute in some other form, (e.g., appreciated securities, RMDs, etc.), please contact our Parish Manager, Jerry Crawford, at (717) 533-7168, Ext. 107, or jcrawford@stjoanhershey.org.

To learn more and to see pictures of the Lancaster Mennonite School, please visit our website.

[www.stjoanhershey.org/TheCentennialProject](http://www.stjoanhershey.org/TheCentennialProject)

## ✝ ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 21 - 39)

Calling all young adults of the parish between the ages of 21-39, married or single!!! Young Adults meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:30 pm in Meeting Room C. We will gather next on **December 11** as we celebrate the Christmas season with a White Elephant Gift Exchange.

📞 **John: Ext. 128 | jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org**

🏠 **Parish Ministries - Young Adults**

## ✝ MINISTRY NEWS

### CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

If you would like to memorialize flowers for a loved one on Christmas, please pick up a form at the back of the church, from the parish office, or on the parish website. Return the form by **Friday, December 6, 2019** at 4:00 pm.

### ROSARY PRAYER

**Starting today, December 1,** the Rosary will be prayed as a group on Sunday after the 9:30 am Mass. We will use the pews in the front of the church, near the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please join us and bring your family and friends.

📞 **(917) 346-8157 | george.holobetzjr@gmail.com**

## Christmas & New Year Deadlines

### Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines

December 22 - Due Thursday, December 12  
 December 29 - Due Monday, December 16  
 January 5 - Due Monday, December 16

### Articles due at 8:00 AM

Early deadlines for the Thanksgiving Holiday (Nov 24 & Dec 1) bulletins were not published in the bulletin as they usually are. The early deadlines were only published on our website homepage, the bulletin article submission page, and our Facebook page. We sincerely apologize for this mistake and any inconvenience this may have caused. Because of this mistake, we did our best to include any late submissions. But, unfortunately, any articles for the December 1 bulletin that were submitted after November 21 are not included in this week's bulletin. Again, we apologize for this oversight.

## ✠ MINISTRY NEWS

### NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

Join with parishes across the country in praying for peace in our country and world, and for an end to abortion, during the National Night of Prayer for Life on **December 8** from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in the St. Lucy Chapel.

① **More information:** (717) 533-4846

### JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Are you a practicing Catholic male of age 18 years or older? You are invited to join the Knights of Columbus.

🔗 **More info:** [kofc6693.org/what-we-do](http://kofc6693.org/what-we-do)

🔗 **Apply online:** [www.kofc.org/join](http://www.kofc.org/join)

### THAT MAN IS YOU

We will complete the Fall Session with December 7 & 14. We meet in Meeting Room C. A light breakfast will be provided. All men are invited to attend.

### PRAY & PLAY

Are you interested in getting together with other Catholic moms to pray, chat, and share snacks while the kids play? Join us for play dates on **December 2 & 20** from 9:30–11:30 am.

① **Sarah Bonavia:** [sarah.bonavia@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.bonavia@gmail.com)

### CCW SAVE THE DATE

The Council of Catholic Women will hold their Christmas celebration on **Sunday, January 5, 2020** in the afternoon at Lisa's Café. The menu, price, and registration details will be announced.

### INDOOR SOCCER

We are looking for adults to play in an informal soccer game one night a week. You must be a parishioner. Contact John Wetherhold.

① **John:** [wetherhold@gmail.com](mailto:wetherhold@gmail.com)

### CONSOLATION/BEREAVEMENT

The holidays are upon us and we know that this can be a difficult time for many who are feeling the loss of a loved one. We at St. Joan of Arc understand this loneliness and pain. We invite you to join us on **Saturday, December 7** in the Parish Center after the 9:00 am Mass for coffee and friendship. Please RSVP.

① **RSVP:** (717) 533-2007

### I THIRST PRAYER COMMUNITY

Begin your Advent Season with us as we review Luke 3:1-20, *Expecting Jesus In Us*. We will meet on **Wednesday, December 4** at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. All are welcome, bring a friend.

① **Lynn Shuck:** (717) 503-1600

## ✠ MINISTRY NEWS

### GIFT WRAPPING FOR MINI-THON

Support local children with cancer by getting your Christmas presents wrapped by Bishop McDevitt Elves on **December 8 & 22** from 7:00 am - 1:00 pm in the St. Joseph Center. For a free-will offering, you will get a break from the holiday madness! The McDevitt Mini-Thon supports the Four Diamonds Foundation at Penn State Children's Hospital.

Bring your loose change to support the McDevitt Mini-Thon. Canners will be on-site **after morning Masses on December 8 & 22** to collect donations.

① **Delani Kulina:** [delanikulina@gmail.com](mailto:delanikulina@gmail.com)

### GIVING TREE PROGRAM

The Christmas Giving Tree Program, sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, is underway! St. Joan of Arc parishioners have been very generous in the past in creating a blessed Christmas for our neighbors in need!

Trees are decorated with ornaments that list recipients and suggested gifts will be placed in the church on **Saturday, November 30 and will remain until December 13**. If all ornaments are taken before December 13 and you have not gotten one, you can make a donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or the Hershey Food Bank and bring it to the cafeteria during gift collection times.

**Gifts and donations will be collected in the cafeteria before and after Masses on the weekend of December 14 (5:00 pm Mass only) and until 12:30 pm on Sunday, December 15.** Gifts will be distributed to local families in need. Thank you for your continued support.

### ROAD TO KINDNESS

The Advent Season is such a special time of the year and one that connects perfectly into our kindness program. We are excited to commence our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Advent Kindness Program. We have prepared a List of 25 Acts of Kindness that can be done over the Advent Season. We have placed copies in the back of the church, and you can access it online. The more you participate, the more the beauty of the Advent Season will brighten your hearts and the hearts of those who are the receiving your kindness! Special activities and gifts are being coordinated at our school, as well as the REP, Life Teen, and Edge programs. Advent kindness cards are at the back of the church. These cards are a kindness gift on behalf of the Anthony R. Bellezza Memorial. Please take a few and spread your kindness throughout our community! As you listen to the sermons this weekend, become inspired and show someone that you care—this is God's Way! Embrace kindness this Advent Season and it will become contagious!

SPRINKLE KINDNESS DURING THIS CHRISTMAS ADVENT SEASON WITH THESE...

# 25 Acts of Kindness

Try to do one each day



- Make Cookies for Someone
- Visit an Elderly Person
- Donate toys to Charity
- Give a Compliment to a Friend
- Tape Change to a Vending Machine
- Donate to a Food Pantry
- Donate Supplies to an Animal Shelter
- Leave a Happy Note for Someone to Find
- Hand Out Free Candy Canes
- Tell someone to Have a Great Day
- Be Kind to Yourself
- Let Someone go ahead in Line
- Give Out Free Hugs
- Take Treats to a Police or Fire Station
- Pay for Someone's Coffee or Meal
- Give treats to your Mail Carrier
- Make Someone Laugh with a Joke
- Smile at Everyone You See Today
- Get Someone Else a Drink or Snack
- Do an Act of Kindness in secret
- Say Hello to Someone New at Work
- Leave Popcorn on a DVD Rental Machine
- Write a nice note to your child's Teacher
- Hold a door open for Someone
- Make a New Friend



*And be ye KIND one to another,  
TENDERHEARTED, FORGIVING one another,  
even as God for Christ's sake hath FORGIVEN you.*  
Ephesians 4:32

# CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS



If you would like to memorialize flowers for a loved one on Christmas, requests are due to the parish office no later than **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 before 4:00 PM.**

Christmas flower requests will not be taken over the telephone.

*Note: Please Print Clearly*

**In Loving Memory of:**

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**Dedicated from:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation enclosed of: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to St. Joan of Arc.*



# Our Advent Journey with Mary

## THE LITANY OF LORETO

Lord have mercy.  
 Christ have mercy.  
 Lord have mercy.  
 Christ hear us.  
 Christ graciously hear us.  
 God, the Father of heaven,  
 \* *have mercy on us.*  
 God the Son, Redeemer of the world,\*  
 God the Holy Spirit,\*  
 Holy Trinity, one God,\*  
 Holy Mary,\* *pray for us.*  
 Holy Mother of God,\*  
 Holy Virgin of virgins,\*  
 Mother of Christ,\*  
 Mother of the Church,\*  
 Mother of divine grace,\*  
 Mother most pure,\*  
 Mother most chaste,\*  
 Mother inviolate,\*  
 Mother undefiled,\*  
 Mother most amiable,\*  
 Mother admirable,\*  
 Mother of good counsel,\*  
 Mother of our Creator,\*  
 Mother of our Savior,\*  
 Mother of mercy,\*  
 Virgin most prudent,\*  
 Virgin most venerable,\*  
 Virgin most renowned,\*  
 Virgin most powerful,\*  
 Virgin most merciful,\*  
 Virgin most faithful,\*  
 Mirror of justice,\*  
 Seat of wisdom,\*  
 Cause of our joy,\*  
 Spiritual vessel,\*  
 Vessel of honor,\*  
 Singular vessel of devotion,\*  
 Mystical rose,\*  
 Tower of David,\*  
 Tower of ivory,\*  
 House of gold,\*  
 Ark of the covenant,\*  
 Gate of heaven,\*  
 Morning star,\*  
 Health of the sick,\*  
 Refuge of sinners,\*

Comfort of the afflicted,\*  
 Help of Christians,\*  
 Queen of Angels,\*  
 Queen of Patriarchs,\*  
 Queen of Prophets,\*  
 Queen of Apostles,\*  
 Queen of Martyrs,\*  
 Queen of Confessors,\*  
 Queen of Virgins,\*  
 Queen of all Saints,\*  
 Queen conceived without original sin,\*  
 Queen assumed into heaven,\*



Traditional image of Our Lady of Loreto

Queen of the most holy Rosary,\*  
 Queen of families,\*  
 Queen of peace,\*  
 Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,  
*spare us, O Lord.*  
 Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,  
*graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,  
*have mercy on us.*

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
*That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray.  
 Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord God, that we, your servants, may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body; and by the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, may be delivered from present sorrow, and obtain eternal joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*This litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary was composed during the Middle Ages. The place of honor it now holds in the life of the Church is due to its faithful use at the shrine of the Holy House at Loreto. It was approved by Sixtus V in 1587, and all other Marian litanies were suppressed. Its titles and invocations set before us Mary's exalted privileges, her holiness of life, her amiability and power, her motherly spirit and queenly majesty.*

*Pope Pius IX taught: 'God enriched her so wonderfully from the treasury of His divinity, far beyond all angels and saints with the abundance of all heavenly gifts, that she...should show forth such fullness of innocence and holiness, than which a greater under God is unthinkable and which, beside God, no one can even conceive in thought.' Hence, whatever virtue and holiness is found in angels and saints must be present in Mary in an immeasurably higher degree.*

*On October 7, 2019, Pope Francis inserted the Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto into the Universal Calendar of the Church. The Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto is celebrated on December 10, two days after the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and two days before the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In a wonderful way, Our Lady is the perfect companion for our Advent journey.*

*"In the Church's liturgy, Advent is a Marian season. It is the season in which Mary made room in her womb for the world's Redeemer and bore the expectation and hope of humanity. To celebrate Advent means: to become Marian, to enter into that communion with Mary's Yes which, ever anew, is room for God's birth, for the fullness of time." — Pope Benedict XVI*

*This Advent season, may we follow Mary's example of humble faith. As Mary bore the Incarnate Word, let us also prepare a place in our hearts to carry Jesus.*

### ADVENT WREATH TABLE PRAYER

*As we make the Sign of the Cross, the leader says:*

Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
R/. Who made heaven and earth.

*A song may be sung as someone lights the candle(s). The rose candle is lighted during the Third Week of Advent.*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

R./ Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high  
And order all things, far and nigh  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And cause us in her ways to go. R./

*Opening Prayer*

Open our minds and our hearts, O Lord, to hear your word of promise! Send us the Holy Spirit to guide us through these holy days. Quiet our worries and anxieties and help us to wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ who is Lord for ever and ever. R/. Amen.

*Scripture Reading (chosen from the daily readings or from below).*

*The First Week: Isaiah 9:1-6*

*The Second Week: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*

*The Third Week: Luke 1:39-45*

*The Fourth Week: John 1:1-5, 9-14*

*A reflection may be shared about the Reading.*

*Concluding Prayer*

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:  
He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us, He is the Savior of every nation.  
Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May He come quickly and not delay.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.

*To conclude, we make the Sign of the Cross, saying:*

May the Lord bless us,  
protect us from all evil,  
and bring us everlasting life. R/. Amen.

### DAILY READINGS FOR ADVENT

*"Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path."  
- Psalm 119:105*

#### FIRST WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
<b>Monday</b>	Isaiah 2:1-5
<b>Tuesday</b>	Psalm 72
<b>Wednesday</b>	Isaiah 25:6-10
<b>Thursday</b>	Matthew 7:21-27
<b>Friday</b>	Psalm 27
<b>Saturday</b>	Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26

#### SECOND WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	Philippians 1:4-11
<b>Monday</b>	Psalm 85
<b>Tuesday</b>	Luke 1:26-38
<b>Wednesday</b>	Zechariah 2:14-17
<b>Thursday</b>	Psalm 145
<b>Friday</b>	Matthew 11:16-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Sirach 48:1-11

#### THIRD WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	Zephaniah 3:14-18
<b>Monday</b>	Genesis 49:2, 8-10
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jeremiah 23:5-8
<b>Wednesday</b>	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25
<b>Thursday</b>	Isaiah 7:10-14
<b>Friday</b>	Song of Songs 2:8-14
<b>Saturday</b>	Luke 1:26-38

#### FOURTH WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	Micah 5:1-4
<b>Monday</b>	Luke 1:57-66
<b>Tuesday</b>	Luke 1:67-79

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