



# MISA DE AGUINALDO 2024

(English)

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# ORDO

## December 15, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### Evening Mass

**MASS:** Use the liturgy of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of Adv, GL, CR, Pf II of Adv. White.

**RDGS:** Zep 3:14-18 / Is 12:2-3. 4. 5-6 / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18

## December 16, Monday

### Dawn Mass (Liturgy of December 16)

**MASS:** Comm of BVM in Adv, GL, Pf II of Adv. White. (Phil. RM p. 1268-1269)

**RDGS:** Is 56:1-3. 6-8 / Ps 67:2-3. 5. 7-8 / Jn 5:33-36

### Evening Mass (Liturgy of December 17)

**MASS:** Comm of BVM in Adv, GL, Pf II of Adv. White. (Phil. RM p. 1270)

**RDGS:** Gn 49:2. 8-10 / Ps 72:3-4. 7-8. 17 / Mt 1:1-17

## December 17, Tuesday

### Dawn Mass (Liturgy of December 17)

**MASS:** Comm of BVM in Adv, GL, Pf II of Adv. White. (Phil. RM p. 1270)

**RDGS:** Gn 49:2. 8-10 / Ps 72:3-4. 7-8. 17 / Mt 1:1-17

### Evening Mass (Liturgy of December 18)

**MASS:** Comm of BVM in Adv, GL, Pf II of Adv. White. (Phil. RM p. 1271)

**RDGS:** Jer 23:5-8 / Ps 72:1-2. 12-13. 18-19 / Mt 1:18-25

## December 18, Wednesday

### Dawn Mass (Liturgy of December 18)

**MASS:** Comm of BVM in Adv, GL, Pf II of Adv. White. (Phil. RM p. 1271)

**RDGS:** Jer 23:5-8 / Ps 72:1-2. 12-13. 18-19 / Mt 1:18-25

### **Evening Mass (Liturgy of December 19)**

**MASS:** Comm of BVM in Adv, GL, Pf II of Adv. White. (Phil. RM p. 1272)

**RDGS:** Jgs 13: 2-7. 24-25 / Ps 71: 3-4. 5-6. 16-17 / Lk 1:5-25

### **December 19, Thursday**

#### **Dawn Mass (Liturgy of December 19)**

**MASS:** Comm of BVM in Adv, GL, Pf II of Adv. White. (Phil. RM p. 1272)

**RDGS:** Jgs 13:2-7. 24-25 / Ps 71:3-4. 5-6. 16-17 / Lk 1:5-25

### **Evening Mass (Liturgy of December 20)**

**MASS:** Comm of BVM in Adv, GL, Pf II of Adv. White. (Phil. RM p. 1273)

**RDGS:** Is 7:10-14 / Ps 24:1-2. 3-4. 5-6 / Lk 1:26-38

### **December 20, Friday**

#### **Dawn Mass (Liturgy of December 20)**

**MASS:** Comm of BVM in Adv, GL, Pf II of Adv. White. (Phil. RM p. 1273)

**RDGS:** Is 7:10-14 / Ps 24:1-2. 3-4. 5-6 / Lk 1:26-38

### **Evening Mass (Liturgy of December 21)**

**MASS:** Comm of BVM in Adv, GL, Pf II of Adv. White. (Phil. RM p. 1274)

**RDGS:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18 / Ps 33:2-3. 11-12. 20-21 / Lk 1:39-45

### **December 21, Saturday**

#### **Dawn Mass (Liturgy of December 21)**

**MASS:** Comm of BVM in Adv, GL, Pf II of Adv. White. (Phil. RM p. 1274)

**RDGS:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18 / Ps 33:2-3. 11-12. 20-21 / Lk 1:39-45

### **Evening Mass**

**MASS:** Use the liturgy of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sun of Adv, GL, CR, Pf II of Adv. White.

**RDGS:** Mi 5:1-4 / Ps 80:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45

## **December 22, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

### **Dawn Mass**

**MASS:** Use the liturgy of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sun of Adv, GL, CR, Pf II of Adv. White.

**RDGS:** Mi 5:1-4 / Ps 80:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45

### **Evening Mass**

**MASS:** Use the liturgy of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sun of Adv, GL, CR, Pf II of Adv. White.

**RDGS:** Mi 5:1-4 / Ps 80:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45

## **December 23, Monday**

### **Dawn Mass (Liturgy of December 23)**

**MASS:** Comm of BVM in Adv, GL, Pf II of Adv. White. (Phil. RM p. 1276)

**RDGS:** Mal 3:1-4. 23-24 / Ps 25:4-5. 8-9.10. 14 / Lk 1:57-66

### **Evening Mass (Liturgy of December 24)**

**MASS:** Comm of BVM in Adv, GL, Pf II of Adv. White. (Phil. RM p. 1277)

**RDGS:** 2 Sm 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16 / Ps 89:2-3. 4-5. 27. 29 / Lk 1:67-79

## **December 24, Tuesday**

### **Dawn Mass (Liturgy of December 24)**

**MASS:** Comm of BVM in Adv, GL, Pf II of Adv. White. (Phil. RM p. 1277)

**RDGS:** 2 Sm 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16 / Ps 89:2-3. 4-5. 27. 29 / Lk 1:67-79



# THE ORDER OF MASS

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

When the people are gathered, the Priest approaches the altar with the ministers while the Entrance Chant is sung.

When he has arrived at the altar, after making a profound bow with the ministers, the Priest venerates the altar with a kiss and, if appropriate, incenses the cross and the altar. Then, with the ministers, he goes to the chair.

When the Entrance Chant is concluded, the Priest and the faithful, standing, sign themselves with the Sign of the Cross, while the Priest, facing the people, says:

**I**n the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The people reply:

Amen.

Then the Priest, extending his hands, greets the people, saying:

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.**

The people reply:

And with your spirit.

The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, may very briefly introduce the faithful to the Mass of the day.





## PENITENTIAL ACT

Then follows the Penitential Act, to which the Priest invites the faithful, saying:

**Brethren (brothers and sisters),  
let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare ourselves  
to celebrate the sacred mysteries.**

A brief pause for silence follows. Then all recite together the formula of general confession:

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The absolution of the Priest follows:

**May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.**

The people reply:

Amen.



## KYRIE ELEISON

The Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy) invocations follows.

**℣. Lord, have mercy.**

**℣. Christ, have mercy.**

**℣. Lord, have mercy.**

**℟. Lord, have mercy.**

**℟. Christ, have mercy.**

**℟. Lord, have mercy.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is either sung or said:

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.



## COLLECT

When this hymn is concluded, the Priest, with hands joined, says:

**Let us pray.**

And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while.

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Collect prayer, at the end of which the people acclaim:

Amen.



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Then the reader goes to the ambo and reads the First Reading, while all sit and listen.

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

**The word of the Lord.**

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The psalmist or cantor sings or says the Psalm, with the people making the response.

## SECOND READING

After this, if there is to be a Second Reading, a reader reads it from the ambo, as above.

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

**The word of the Lord.**

All reply:

Thanks be to God.



## ALLELUIA

There follows the Alleluia or another chant laid down by the rubrics, as the liturgical time requires.

Meanwhile, if incense is used, the Priest puts some into the thurible. After this, the Deacon who is to proclaim the Gospel, bowing profoundly before the Priest, asks for the blessing, saying in a low voice:

**Your blessing, Father.**

The Priest says in a low voice:

**May the Lord be in your heart and on your lips  
that you may proclaim his Gospel worthily and well,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.**

The Deacon signs himself with the Sign of the Cross and replies:

**Amen.**

If, however, a Deacon is not present, the Priest, bowing before the altar, says quietly:

**Cleanse my heart and my lips, almighty God,  
that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel.**

## GOSPEL

The Deacon, or the Priest, then proceeds to the ambo, accompanied, if appropriate, by ministers with incense and candles. There he says:

**The Lord be with you.**

The people reply:

And with your spirit.

The Deacon, or the Priest:

✠ **A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.**

and, at the same time, he makes the Sign of the Cross on the book and on his forehead, lips, and breast.

The people acclaim:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then the Deacon, or the Priest, incenses the book, if incense is used, and proclaims the Gospel.

At the end of the Gospel, the Deacon, or the Priest, acclaims:

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

All reply:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then he kisses the book, saying quietly:

**Through the words of the Gospel  
may our sins be wiped away.**





## HOMILY

Then follows the Homily, which is to be preached by a Priest or Deacon on all Sundays and Holydays of Obligation; on other days, it is recommended.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

At the end of the Homily, the Symbol or Profession of Faith or Creed, when prescribed, is either sung or said:

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow up to and including and became man, all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.  
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Then follows the Universal Prayer, that is, the Prayer of the Faithful or Bidding Prayers.



# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

When all this has been done, the Offertory Chant begins. Meanwhile, the ministers place the corporal, the purificator, the chalice, the pall, and the Missal on the altar.

It is desirable that the faithful express their participation by making an offering, bringing forward bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist and perhaps other gifts to relieve the needs of the Church and of the poor.

The Priest, standing at the altar, takes the paten with the bread and holds it slightly raised above the altar with both hands, saying in a low voice:

**B**lessed 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.

Then he places the paten with the bread on the corporal.

If, however, the Offertory Chant is not sung, the Priest may speak these words aloud; at the end, the people may acclaim:

Blessed be God for ever.

The Deacon, or the Priest, pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:

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.



The Priest then takes the chalice and holds it slightly raised above the altar with both hands, saying in a low voice:

**B**lessed 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.

Then he places the chalice on the corporal.

If, however, the Offertory Chant is not sung, the Priest may speak these words aloud; at the end, the people may acclaim:

Blessed be God for ever.

After this, the Priest, bowing profoundly, says quietly:


**With humble spirit and contrite heart  
may we be accepted by you, O Lord,  
and may our sacrifice in your sight this day  
be pleasing to you, Lord God.**

If appropriate, he also incenses the offerings, the cross, and the altar. A Deacon or other minister then incenses the Priest and the people.

Then the Priest, standing at the side of the altar, washes his hands, saying quietly:

**Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.**





Standing at the middle of the altar, facing the people, extending and then joining his hands, he says:

**Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.**

The people rise and reply:

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**

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Prayer over the Offerings, at the end of which the people acclaim:

Amen.

## PREFACE II OF ADVENT

The twofold expectation of Christ

Then the Priest begins the Eucharistic Prayer.

Extending his hands, he says:

✠ **The Lord be with you.**

✠ **And with your spirit.**

The Priest, raising his hands, continues:

✠ **Lift up your hearts.**

✠ **We lift them up to the Lord.**

The Priest, with hands extended, adds:

✠ **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

✠ **It is right and just.**


The Priest, with hands extended, continues the Preface.

**I**t 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 and Powers of heaven,  
we sing the hymn of your glory,  
as without end we acclaim:

## SANCTUS

At the end of the Preface he joins his hands and concludes the Preface with the people,  
singing or saying aloud:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts.  
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

The Priest, with hands extended, says:

Celebrant alone

**Y**ou are indeed Holy, O Lord,  
the fount of all holiness.

He joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, says:

Celebrant with concelebrants

**M**ake holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,  
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,

He joins his hands and makes the Sign of the Cross once over the bread and the chalice together, saying:

so that they may become for us  
the Body and ✠ Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

He joins his hands.

In the formulas that follow, the words of the Lord should be pronounced clearly and distinctly, as the nature of these words requires.

At the time he was betrayed  
and entered willingly into his Passion,

He takes the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

He bows slightly.

**T**AKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

He shows the consecrated host to the people, places it again on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.



After this, he continues:

**In a similar way, when supper was ended,**

He takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

**he took the chalice  
and, once more giving thanks,  
he gave it to his disciples, saying:**

He bows slightly.

**T**AKE 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.**

He shows the chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.

Then he says:

Celebrant alone

**The mystery of faith.**

And the people continue, acclaiming:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says:

Celebrant with concelebrants

**T**herefore, 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.

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

Celebrant or one concelebrant

Remember, Lord, your Church,  
spread throughout the world,  
and bring her to the fullness of charity,  
together with **Francis** our Pope and **N.** our Bishop,  
and all the clergy.



Celebrant or one concelebrant

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.  
Have mercy on us all, we pray,  
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,  
with 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

He joins his hands.

through your Son, Jesus Christ.

He takes the chalice and the paten with the host and raising both, he says:

Celebrant with concelebrants

**T**HROUGH 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.

The people acclaim:

Amen.



## COMMUNION RITE

After the chalice and paten have been set down, the Priest, with hands joined, says:

**A**t the Savior's command  
and formed by divine teaching,  
we dare to say:

He extends his hands and, together with the people, continues:

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.

With hands extended, the Priest alone continues, saying:

**D**eliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant 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.

He joins his hands.

The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming:

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



## SIGN OF PEACE

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says aloud:

**L**ord 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.

He joins his hands.

**Who live and reign forever and ever.**

The people reply:

Amen.

The Priest, turned towards the people, extending and then joining his hands, adds:

**The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

The people reply:

And with your spirit.

Then, if appropriate, the Deacon, or the Priest, adds:

**Let us offer each other the sign of peace.**

And all offer one another a sign, in keeping with local customs, that expresses peace, communion, and charity. The Priest gives the sign of peace to a Deacon or minister.

Then he takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice, saying quietly:

**May this mingling of the Body and Blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ  
bring eternal life to us who receive it.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Meanwhile the following is sung or said:

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.

The invocation may even be repeated several times if the fraction is prolonged. Only the final time, however, is grant us peace said.

## PRIVATE PREPARATION

Then the Priest, with hands joined, says quietly:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,  
who, by the will of the Father  
and the work of the Holy Spirit,  
through your Death gave life to the world,  
free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood,  
from all my sins and from every evil;  
keep me always faithful to your commandments,  
and never let me be parted from you.

Or:

May the receiving of your Body and Blood,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
not bring me to judgment and condemnation,  
but through your loving mercy  
be for me protection in mind and body  
and a healing remedy.



## COMMUNION

The Priest genuflects, takes the host and, holding it slightly raised above the paten or above the chalice, while facing the people, says aloud:

**B**ehold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

And together with the people he adds once:

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

The Priest, facing the altar, says quietly:

**May the Body of Christ  
keep me safe for eternal life.**

And he reverently consumes the Body of Christ.

Then he takes the chalice and says quietly:

**May the Blood of Christ  
keep me safe for eternal life.**

And he reverently consumes the Blood of Christ.

After this, he takes the paten or ciborium and approaches the communicants. The Priest raises a host slightly and shows it to each of the communicants, saying:

**The Body of Christ.**

The communicant replies:

Amen.

And receives Holy Communion.



If a Deacon also distributes Holy Communion, he does so in the same manner.

While the Priest is receiving the Body of Christ, the Communion Chant begins.

When the distribution of Communion is over, the Priest or a Deacon or an acolyte purifies the paten over the chalice and also the chalice itself.

While he carries out the purification, the Priest says quietly:

**What has passed our lips as food, O Lord,  
may we possess in purity of heart,  
that what has been given to us in time  
may be our healing for eternity.**

Then the Priest may return to the chair. If appropriate, a sacred silence may be observed for a while, or a psalm or other canticle of praise or a hymn may be sung.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Then, standing at the altar or at the chair and facing the people, with hands joined, the Priest says:

**Let us pray.**

All pray in silence with the Priest for a while, unless silence has just been observed. Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Prayer after Communion, at the end of which the people acclaim:

**Amen.**



# THE CONCLUDING RITES

If they are necessary, any brief announcements to the people follow here.

Then the dismissal takes place. The Priest, facing the people and extending his hands, says:

**The Lord be with you.**

All reply:

And with your spirit.

The Deacon or, in his absence, the Priest himself, says the invitation:

**Bow down for the blessing.**

Then the Priest, with hands extended over the people, says the blessing:

**May God,  
who through the childbearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
willed in his great kindness to redeem the human race,  
be pleased to enrich you with his blessing.**

All reply:

Amen.

The Priest says:

**May you know always and everywhere the protection of her,  
through whom you have been found worthy  
to receive the author of life.**

All reply:

Amen.

The Priest says:

May you, who have devoutly gathered on this day,  
carry away with you the gifts of spiritual joys  
and heavenly rewards.

All reply:

Amen.

The Priest blesses the people, saying:

**A**nd may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All reply:

Amen.

## DISMISSAL

Then the Deacon, or the Priest himself, with hands joined and facing the people, says:

**G**o in peace,  
glorifying the Lord by your life.

The people reply:

Thanks be to God.

Then the Priest venerates the altar as usual with a kiss, as at the beginning. After making a profound bow with the ministers, he withdraws.









# MISA DE AGUINALDO

(Formularies and Readings)



DECEMBER 15

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, may very briefly introduce the faithful to the Mass of the day.

**B**rothers and sisters,  
today is Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of rejoicing.  
As we draw closer to Christmas,  
the liturgy invites us to cry out to God with joy and gladness.  
We should rejoice because our salvation is at hand.

As we make time for external preparations,  
we also do our best to be spiritually prepared.  
We heed John the Baptist's challenge  
of translating renewal into concrete deeds.  
We strive to be kind, honest, and truthful  
in our day-to-day living.



## COLLECT

○ God, who see how your people  
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,  
enable us, we pray,  
to attain the joys of so great a salvation  
and to celebrate them always  
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

The Lord will rejoice over you with gladness.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah

**S**hout for joy, O daughter Zion!  
Sing joyfully, O Israel!  
Be glad and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
The LORD has removed the judgment against you  
he has turned away your enemies;  
the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst,  
you have no further misfortune to fear.  
On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged!  
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a mighty savior;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
and renew you in his love,  
he will sing joyfully because of you,  
as one sings at festivals.

The word of the Lord.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

**R** Cry out with joy and gladness:  
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

God indeed is my savior;  
I am confident and unafraid.  
My strength and my courage is the LORD,  
and he has been my savior.  
With joy you will draw water  
at the fountain of salvation.

**R** Cry out with joy and gladness:  
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;  
among the nations make known his deeds,  
proclaim how exalted is his name.

**R** Cry out with joy and gladness:  
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement;  
let this be known throughout all the earth.  
Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

**R** Cry out with joy and gladness:  
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.



## SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7  
The Lord is near.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

**B**rothers and sisters:  
Rejoice in the Lord always.  
I shall say it again: rejoice!  
Your kindness should be known to all.  
The Lord is near.  
Have no anxiety at all,  
but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,  
make your requests known to God.  
Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding  
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.



## ALLELUIA

Isaiah 61:1 (cited in Luke 4:18)

℟ Alleluia, alleluia.  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.  
℟ Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

Luke 3:10-18  
What should we do?

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The crowds asked John the Baptist,  
“What should we do?”  
He said to them in reply,  
“Whoever has two cloaks  
should share with the person who has none.  
And whoever has food should do likewise.”  
Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him,  
“Teacher, what should we do?”  
He answered them,  
“Stop collecting more than what is prescribed.”  
Soldiers also asked him,  
“And what is it that we should do?”  
He told them,  
“Do not practice extortion,  
do not falsely accuse anyone,  
and be satisfied with your wages.”  
  
Now the people were filled with expectation,  
and all were asking in their hearts  
whether John might be the Christ.



John answered them all, saying,  
“I am baptizing you with water,  
but one mightier than I is coming.  
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.  
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.  
His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor  
and to gather the wheat into his barn,  
but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”  
Exhorting them in many other ways,  
he preached good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.



## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

As we draw close to the coming of Jesus,  
the one who baptized us with the Holy Spirit and fire,  
let us ask our heavenly Father  
to intensify our joy, hope, and love.  
With humility and trust, we ask:

✠ Listen to the prayer of your Church, Lord.

That like John the Baptist,  
may Church leaders always acknowledge  
Jesus' presence in their endeavors  
and humbly recognize their unworthiness and sinfulness,  
we pray to the Lord:

✠ Listen to the prayer of your Church, Lord.

That government and civil leaders  
may share joyfully their material resources  
with the poor, the hungry,  
and the victims of natural calamities,  
we pray to the Lord:

✠ Listen to the prayer of your Church, Lord.

That we may courageously live our prophetic role  
in order to shun corruption, extortion, fake news,  
and a lifestyle that is beyond our means,  
we pray to the Lord:

✠ Listen to the prayer of your Church, Lord.

That victims of injustices be filled with hope  
through the sincere support of their families  
and local authorities,  
we pray to the Lord:

**R** Listen to the prayer of your Church, Lord.

Listen to us, Almighty Father,  
for through your Son,  
you bring light and joy to our lives.  
Help us to live up to our Advent resolutions  
until he comes again in glory.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.





## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**M**ay the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,  
be offered to you unceasingly,  
to complete what was begun in sacred mystery  
and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**W**e implore your mercy, Lord,  
that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults  
and prepare us for the coming feasts.  
Through Christ our Lord.



# DECEMBER 16

The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, may very briefly introduce the faithful to the Mass of the day.

**B**rothers and sisters,  
*Misa de Aguinaldo* or *Simbang Gabi*  
is our immediate spiritual preparation  
for the birth of our Savior,  
God's greatest gift to humankind.

Let us prepare for Jesus' coming  
by heeding Advent's call for repentance,  
reflecting on God's word,  
and living the Christmas spirit of joy and generosity.  
At these Masses in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
let us pray more intensely for the Filipino family  
and for peace in our country.





## COLLECT

From December 16 of Phil. RM, p. 1268:

**L**et your tireless grace accompany us, Lord God,  
let it go before us and follow after,  
that in union with the Blessed Virgin Mary  
we who long for the coming of your Son  
may be sustained by your love  
in this life and in the life to come.  
Grant this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

Or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent:

**O** God, who willed that at the message of an Angel  
your Word should take flesh  
in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
grant that we, who pray to you  
and believe her to be truly the Mother of God,  
may be helped by her interceding before you.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1-3. 6-8

My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

**T**hus says the LORD:

Observe what is right, do what is just;  
for my salvation is about to come,  
my justice, about to be revealed.  
Blessed is the man who does this,  
the son of man who holds to it;  
Who keeps the sabbath free from profanation,  
and his hand from any evildoing.  
Let not the foreigner say,  
when he would join himself to the Lord,  
“The LORD will surely exclude me from his people.”

The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
ministering to him,  
Loving the name of the LORD,  
and becoming his servants—  
All who keep the sabbath free from profanation  
and hold to my covenant,  
Them I will bring to my holy mountain  
and make joyful in my house of prayer;  
Their burnt offerings and sacrifices  
will be acceptable on my altar,  
For my house shall be called  
a house of prayer for all peoples.  
Thus says the LORD GOD,  
who gathers the dispersed of Israel:  
Others will I gather to him  
besides those already gathered.

The word of the Lord.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 67:2-3. 5. 7-8

**R** O God, let all the nations praise you!

**May God have pity on us and bless us;  
may he let his face shine upon us.  
So may your way be known upon earth;  
among all nations, your salvation.**

**R** O God, let all the nations praise you!

**May the nations be glad and exult  
because you rule the peoples in equity;  
the nations on the earth you guide.**

**R** O God, let all the nations praise you!

**The earth has yielded its fruits;  
God, our God, has blessed us.  
May God bless us,  
and may all the ends of the earth fear him!**

**R** O God, let all the nations praise you!

## ALLELUIA

℟ Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Lord, bring us your peace  
that we may rejoice before you with a perfect heart.

℟ Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

John 5:33-36

John was a burning and shining lamp.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**J**esus said to the Jews:  
“You sent emissaries to John, and he testified to the truth.  
I do not accept testimony from a human being,  
but I say this so that you may be saved.  
John was a burning and shining lamp,  
and for a while you were content to rejoice in his light.  
But I have testimony greater than John’s.  
The works that the Father gave me to accomplish,  
these works that I perform testify on my behalf  
that the Father has sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.





## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray to our heavenly Father  
that, reflecting the light of the Lord Jesus,  
we may also become like lighted lamps  
for men and women, as John the Baptist was.  
With confidence, we pray:

℟ Lord, hear our prayer.

That as a Church we may celebrate the *Misa de Aguinaldo*  
with praise and thanksgiving to God  
for the gift of faith and our love and devotion  
to the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
we pray to the Lord:

℟ Lord, hear our prayer.

May our government and Church leaders  
work towards helping our country  
rise above the evils of corruption, division, and violence,  
we pray to the Lord:

℟ Lord, hear our prayer.

May families, communities, and the whole nation  
work for goodwill and reconciliation  
as we all prepare for the Lord's coming  
with peaceful and joyful hearts,  
we pray to the Lord:

℟ Lord, hear our prayer.



That every *Misa de Aguinaldo* in which we participate  
fill us with joy and peace,  
and that we may share them with every person  
—the desperate, the lonely, and the unforgiven  
that they too may experience the joy of Christmas,  
we pray to the Lord:

℟ Lord, hear our prayer.

That the faithful departed may find pardon and peace  
and be numbered among the saints in heaven,  
we pray to the Lord:

℟ Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord,  
fill our hearts with your love.  
As we prepare for the coming of your Son as man,  
lift our minds in watchful hope and in fervent prayer.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.





## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

From December 16 of Phil. RM, p. 1269:

**G**od our strength,  
in you is our hope of salvation.  
As we present these gifts,  
renew your joy within us  
and make us a living sacrifice of praise.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord.

Or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent:

**A**cept, O Lord, these offerings,  
and by your power  
change them into the Sacrament of salvation,  
in which, fulfilling the sacrifices of the Fathers,  
is offered the true Lamb, Jesus Christ your Son,  
born of the ever-Virgin Mary in a way beyond all telling.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

From December 16 of Phil. RM, p. 1269:

**O** God,  
we have received in word and sacrament  
the One whose coming John the Baptist so urgently announced.  
By the presence of Christ among us, reform our lives  
and give us courage to announce in the world  
that your kingdom is near.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord.

Or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent:

**M**ay the mysteries we have received, O Lord our God,  
always show forth your mercy in us,  
that we, who commemorate in faith the Mother of your Son,  
may be saved by his Incarnation.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## DECEMBER 17

The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, may very briefly introduce the faithful to the Mass of the day.

**B**rothers and sisters,  
today's Gospel presents to us  
the genealogy of our Lord Jesus.  
The evangelist Matthew tells us  
that the culmination of Israel's history  
is the coming of the Messiah.  
In Jesus, the history of salvation  
finds its fullness and ultimate meaning



## COLLECT

From December 17 of Phil. RM, p. 1270:

**C**reator and Redeemer of the human race,  
it was your holy will that your Word should take flesh  
in the womb of the ever-Virgin Mary.  
Look with kindness on our prayers  
and grant that your only Son,  
who came to share our human nature,  
may lead us to share in his divine life.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

Or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent:

**O** God, who, fulfilling the promise made to our Fathers,  
chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to become the Mother of the Savior,  
grant that we may follow her example,  
for her humility was pleasing to you  
and her obedience profitable to us.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Genesis 49:2. 8-10

The scepter shall not depart from Judah.

A reading from the Book of Genesis

**J**acob called his sons and said to them:  
“Assemble and listen, sons of Jacob,  
listen to Israel, your father.

“You, Judah, shall your brothers praise  
—your hand on the neck of your enemies;  
the sons of your father shall bow down to you.  
Judah, like a lion’s whelp,  
you have grown up on prey, my son.  
He crouches like a lion recumbent,  
the king of beasts—who would dare rouse him?  
The scepter shall never depart from Judah,  
or the mace from between his legs,  
While tribute is brought to him,  
and he receives the people’s homage.”

The word of the Lord.





## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72:1-2. 3-4. 7-8. 17

**R** Justice shall flourish in his time,  
and fullness of peace for ever.

**O God, with your judgment endow the king,  
and with your justice, the king's son;  
He shall govern your people with justice  
and your afflicted ones with judgment.**

**R** Justice shall flourish in his time,  
and fullness of peace for ever.

**The mountains shall yield peace for the people,  
and the hills justice.  
He shall defend the afflicted among the people,  
save the children of the poor.**

**R** Justice shall flourish in his time,  
and fullness of peace for ever.

**Justice shall flower in his days,  
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.  
May he rule from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

**R** Justice shall flourish in his time,  
and fullness of peace for ever.

**May his name be blessed forever;  
as long as the sun his name shall remain.  
In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed;  
all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.**

**R** Justice shall flourish in his time,  
and fullness of peace for ever.

## ALLELUIA

℟ Alleluia, alleluia.

O Wisdom of our God Most High,  
guiding creation with power and love:  
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

℟ Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 1:1-17


The genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David.

✠ A reading from the beginning of the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew

**T**he book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ,  
the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham became the father of Isaac,  
Isaac the father of Jacob,  
Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers.  
Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah,  
whose mother was Tamar.  
Perez became the father of Hezron,  
Hezron the father of Ram,  
Ram the father of Amminadab.  
Amminadab became the father of Nahshon,  
Nahshon the father of Salmon,  
Salmon the father of Boaz,  
whose mother was Rahab.  
Boaz became the father of Obed,  
whose mother was Ruth.  
Obed became the father of Jesse,  
Jesse the father of David the king.





David became the father of Solomon,  
whose mother had been the wife of Uriah.  
Solomon became the father of Rehoboam,  
Rehoboam the father of Abijah,  
Abijah the father of Asaph.  
Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat,  
Jehoshaphat the father of Joram,  
Joram the father of Uzziah.  
Uzziah became the father of Jotham,  
Jotham the father of Ahaz,  
Ahaz the father of Hezekiah.  
Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh,  
Manasseh the father of Amos,  
Amos the father of Josiah.  
Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers  
at the time of the Babylonian exile.

After the Babylonian exile,  
Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel,  
Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,  
Zerubbabel the father of Abiud.  
Abiud became the father of Eliakim,  
Eliakim the father of Azor,  
Azor the father of Zadok.  
Zadok became the father of Achim,  
Achim the father of Eliud,  
Eliud the father of Eleazar.  
Eleazar became the father of Matthan,  
Matthan the father of Jacob,  
Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary.  
Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ.

Thus the total number of generations  
from Abraham to David is fourteen generations;  
from David to the Babylonian exile, fourteen generations;  
from the Babylonian exile to the Christ,  
fourteen generations.

The Gospel of the Lord.





## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We bring our petitions before our heavenly Father  
who, in his great love for us has sent his Son,  
so that we may be saved and come to the knowledge of truth.  
With confidence, we pray:

℟️ Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Church,  
embracing saints and sinners alike in her bosom,  
may strengthen herself by encouraging her children  
to incessantly pursue the path of penance and renewal,  
we pray to the Lord:

℟️ Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may allow neither the sins and scandals  
in our family life and in the Church  
nor the corruption in our community and society  
to overcome the goodness and goodwill in our hearts,  
we pray to the Lord:

℟️ Lord, hear our prayer.

That members of families who are separated  
by distance, misunderstanding, or apathy  
may experience homecoming, reconciliation,  
and togetherness this holy season of Christmas,  
we pray to the Lord:

℟️ Lord, hear our prayer.



That our participation in the *Misa de Aguinaldo*  
may promote among us a spirituality of communion,  
making us able to share the joys and sufferings  
of our brothers and sisters  
in the community and in the parish,  
we pray to the Lord:

℟ Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who have died may be forgiven of their sins  
and rest in peace in the Kingdom of God,  
we pray to the Lord:

℟ Lord, hear our prayer.

Father,  
you decreed, and your Word became man,  
born of the Virgin Mary.  
May we follow the example of Christ  
who humbled himself to save us from our sins.  
You who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.



## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

From December 17 of Phil. RM, p. 1270:

**L**ord,  
sanctify the gifts of your Church,  
that through these sacred mysteries  
our life may be renewed  
by the true bread from heaven.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord.

Or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent:

**A**cept, O Lord, these offerings,  
and by your power  
change them into the Sacrament of salvation,  
in which, fulfilling the sacrifices of the Fathers,  
is offered the true Lamb, Jesus Christ your Son,  
born of the ever-Virgin Mary in a way beyond all telling.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

From December 17 of Phil. RM, p. 1270:

**G**od of power,  
you have fed us with heavenly gifts.  
Fill us now with this desire:  
that, aflame with your Spirit,  
we may shine like stars in the heavens  
at the coming of Christ your Son,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent:

**M**ay the mysteries we have received, O Lord our God,  
always show forth your mercy in us,  
that we, who commemorate in faith the Mother of your Son,  
may be saved by his Incarnation.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## DECEMBER 18

The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, may very briefly introduce the faithful to the Mass of the day.

**B**rothers and sisters,  
the Gospel recounts the annunciation to Joseph,  
whom God chooses to be the legal father of Jesus  
and the guardian of the Holy Family.  
We admire Joseph for his attentiveness  
and docility to the voice of God.  
After receiving the angel's message,  
Joseph does everything the Lord wants him to do.  
Joseph takes Mary and the Child under his care.



## COLLECT

From December 18 of Phil. RM, p. 1271:

**A**ll powerful God,  
we are oppressed and weighed down  
by the ancient yoke of sin.  
Grant that the birth of your only Son,  
so long awaited, yet always new,  
may deliver us and set us free.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

Or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent:

**O** God, who willed that at the message of an Angel  
your Word should take flesh  
in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
grant that we, who pray to you  
and believe her to be truly the Mother of God,  
may be helped by her interceding before you.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:5-8

I will raise up a righteous shoot to David.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

**B**ehold, the days are coming, says the LORD,  
when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David;  
As king he shall reign and govern wisely,  
he shall do what is just and right in the land.  
In his days Judah shall be saved,  
Israel shall dwell in security.  
This is the name they give him:  
“The LORD our justice.”

Therefore, the days will come, says the LORD,  
when they shall no longer say, “As the LORD lives,  
who brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt”;  
but rather, “As the LORD lives,  
who brought the descendants of the house of Israel  
up from the land of the north”—  
and from all the lands to which I banished them;  
they shall again live on their own land.

The word of the Lord.





## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72:1-2. 12-13. 18-19

℟️ Justice shall flourish in his time,  
and fullness of peace for ever.

**O God, with your judgment endow the king,  
and with your justice, the king's son;  
He shall govern your people with justice  
and your afflicted ones with judgment.**

℟️ Justice shall flourish in his time,  
and fullness of peace for ever.

**For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,  
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.  
He shall have pity for the owly and the poor;  
the lives of the poor he shall save.**

℟️ Justice shall flourish in his time,  
and fullness of peace for ever.

**Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous deeds.  
And blessed forever be his glorious name;  
may the whole earth be filled with his glory.**

℟️ Justice shall flourish in his time,  
and fullness of peace for ever.

## ALLELUIA

℟ Alleluia, alleluia.  
O Leader of the House of Israel,  
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:  
come to rescue us with your mighty power!  
℟ Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

Jesus will be born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.


✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**T**his 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.  
He had no relations with her until she bore a son,  
and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Confident in the Father's goodness,  
we now bring before him our prayers.  
Let us pray especially for fathers that they may mirror  
the love of the heavenly Father here on earth.  
We pray:

✠ Graciously hear our prayer, O Lord.

That our Holy Father Pope **Francis**, our bishops, priests,  
deacons, consecrated persons, and lay leaders  
may, like St. Joseph, mirror your love  
by their fatherly care of your people, their spiritual children,  
we pray to the Lord:

✠ Graciously hear our prayer, O Lord.

That government officials and civil leaders  
may be sensitive and discerning of God's plan  
as it unfolds in the events of our national life,  
we pray to the Lord:


✠ Graciously hear our prayer, O Lord.

That fathers working abroad or far from home  
may remain faithful to their families  
and be filled with the consolation of St. Joseph  
as they celebrate Christmas away from their loved ones,  
we pray to the Lord:

✠ Graciously hear our prayer, O Lord.







That those who are undergoing crises  
in their personal and family lives  
may have the faith and hope of St. Joseph  
who sought to see God's will  
in unexpected and even painful realities,  
we pray to the Lord:

✠ Graciously hear our prayer, O Lord.

That as we continue to face the difficult economic,  
social, and political realities of our nation,  
we may hold on to the virtue of hope  
which does not disappoint,  
we pray to the Lord:

✠ Graciously hear our prayer, O Lord.

Fill us with your Spirit, O Father.  
Teach us to do your will that we may become united  
as one family under your fatherhood.  
This we ask through Christ your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. Amen.



## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

From December 18 of Phil. RM, p. 1271:

**O** Lord,  
let the sacrifice to be offered to your name  
make us acceptable to you,  
that we may share in the immortal life of your Son,  
who healed our mortal nature by his death.  
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent:

**A** ccept, O Lord, these offerings,  
and by your power  
change them into the Sacrament of salvation,  
in which, fulfilling the sacrifices of the Fathers,  
is offered the true Lamb, Jesus Christ your Son,  
born of the ever-Virgin Mary in a way beyond all telling.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

From December 18 of Phil. RM, p. 1271:

**I**n this gathering of your Church,  
the living temple of your presence,  
may we find in your mercy, Lord,  
and so approach with fitting reverence  
the coming feast of our redemption.  
Grant this in the name of Jesus our Lord.

Or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent:

**M**ay the mysteries we have received, O Lord our God,  
always show forth your mercy in us,  
that we, who commemorate in faith the Mother of your Son,  
may be saved by his Incarnation.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



## DECEMBER 19

The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, may very briefly introduce the faithful to the Mass of the day.

**B**rothers and sisters,  
God's messenger announces to Zechariah  
that he will have a son.  
He cannot bring himself to believe this extraordinary news.  
The name given to the promised son is John or "Yohanan,"  
which means "God is gracious."  
Indeed, the conception of John the Baptist  
is a manifestation of God's graciousness  
which will reach its culmination  
in the birth of the Messiah.  
With the conception of the messenger  
who will prepare the way of the Lord,  
we are filled with joy and gladness,  
for indeed salvation is very close.



## COLLECT

From December 19 of Phil. RM, p. 1272:

**G**od of life,  
in the child who was born of the Virgin Mary  
you revealed to the world the radiance of your glory.  
Grant that we may celebrate with full and reverent faith  
this great mystery of the Word made flesh,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

Or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent:

**O** God, who, fulfilling the promise made to our Fathers,  
chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to become the Mother of the Savior,  
grant that we may follow her example,  
for her humility was pleasing to you  
and her obedience profitable to us.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Judges 13:2-7. 24-25

The birth of Samson is announced by an angel.

A reading from the Book of Judges

**T**here was a certain man from Zorah,  
of the clan of the Danites,  
whose name was Manoah.  
His wife was barren and had borne no children.  
An angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her,  
“Though you are barren and have had no children,  
yet you will conceive and bear a son.  
Now, then, be careful to take no wine or strong drink  
and to eat nothing unclean.  
As for the son you will conceive and bear,  
no razor shall touch his head,  
for this boy is to be consecrated to God from the womb.  
It is he who will begin the deliverance of Israel  
from the power of the Philistines.”

The woman went and told her husband,  
“A man of God came to me;  
he had the appearance of an angel of God, terrible indeed.  
I did not ask him where he came from,  
nor did he tell me his name.  
But he said to me,  
‘You will be with child and will bear a son.  
So take neither wine nor strong drink,  
and eat nothing unclean.  
For the boy shall be consecrated to God from the womb,  
until the day of his death.’”



The woman bore a son and named him Samson.  
The boy grew up and the LORD blessed him;  
the Spirit of the LORD stirred him.

The word of the Lord.





## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 71:3-4. 5-6. 16-17

**R** My mouth shall be filled with your praise,  
and I will sing your glory!

**Be my rock of refuge,  
a stronghold to give me safety,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.  
O my God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked.**

**R** My mouth shall be filled with your praise,  
and I will sing your glory!

**For you are my hope, O LORD;  
my trust, O God, from my youth.  
On you I depend from birth;  
from my mother's womb you are my strength.**

**R** My mouth shall be filled with your praise,  
and I will sing your glory!

**I will treat of the mighty works of the LORD;  
O God, I will tell of your singular justice.  
O God, you have taught me from my youth,  
and till the present I proclaim your wondrous deeds.**

**R** My mouth shall be filled with your praise,  
and I will sing your glory!

## ALLELUIA

℟ Alleluia, alleluia.  
O root of Jesse's stem,  
sign of God's love for all his people:  
God to save us without delay!  
℟ Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

Luke 1:5-25


The birth of John the Baptist is announced by Gabriel.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**I**n the days of Herod, King of Judea,  
there was a priest named Zechariah  
of the priestly division of Abijah;  
his wife was from the daughters of Aaron,  
and her name was Elizabeth.  
Both were righteous in the eyes of God,  
observing all the commandments  
and ordinances of the Lord blamelessly.  
But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren  
and both were advanced in years.

Once when he was serving as priest  
in his division's turn before God,  
according to the practice of the priestly service,  
he was chosen by lot  
to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to burn incense.  
Then, when the whole assembly of the people  
was praying outside  
at the hour of the incense offering,  
the angel of the Lord appeared to him,  
standing at the right of the altar of incense.  
Zechariah was troubled by what he saw,  
and fear came upon him.





But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah,  
because your prayer has been heard.  
Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son,  
and you shall name him John.  
And you will have joy and gladness,  
and many will rejoice at his birth,  
for he will be great in the sight of the Lord.  
He will drink neither wine nor strong drink.  
He will be filled with the Holy Spirit  
even from his mother’s womb,  
and he will turn many of the children of Israel  
to the Lord their God.  
He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah  
to turn the hearts of fathers toward children  
and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous,  
to prepare a people fit for the Lord.”

Then Zechariah said to the angel,  
“How shall I know this?  
For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.”  
And the angel said to him in reply,  
“I am Gabriel, who stand before God.  
I was sent to speak to you  
and to announce to you this good news.  
But now you will be speechless and unable to talk  
until the day these things take place,  
because you did not believe my words,  
which will be fulfilled at their proper time.”  
Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah  
and were amazed that he stayed so long in the sanctuary.  
But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them,  
and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary.  
He was gesturing to them but remained mute.

Then, when his days of ministry were completed,  
he went home.

After this time his wife Elizabeth conceived,  
and she went into seclusion for five months, saying,  
“So has the Lord done for me at a time when he has seen fit  
to take away my disgrace before others.”

The Gospel of the Lord.







## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**God is never outdone in generosity.  
In due time, he will grant the aspirations of his people.  
With confidence, we implore him:**

**R/** Lord, be gracious to us.

**That we may be a people well-disposed  
for the birth of our Savior this Christmas  
and for our encounter with him in our daily lives,  
we pray to the Lord:**

**R/** Lord, be gracious to us.

**That more and more people of goodwill  
may collaborate cordially and courageously  
in serving the family,  
devote themselves to the family's welfare,  
and live the values of the Gospel and of the human person,  
we pray to the Lord:**

**R/** Lord, be gracious to us.

**That parents may welcome children  
with love and responsibility  
and help them discover the will of God for them,  
we pray to the Lord:**

**R/** Lord, be gracious to us.



That the Lord may bless married couples  
who, like Zechariah and Elizabeth,  
long for children to love and care for,  
we pray to the Lord:

℟ Lord, be gracious to us.

That the Lord may continue to bless our people,  
prosper our initiatives for peace and progress,  
and protect us from calamities and the evils of corruption,  
terrorism, illegal drugs, and kidnappings,  
we pray to the Lord:

℟ Lord, be gracious to us.

Fill us with your Spirit, Father,  
so that we may welcome our Savior  
with joy and gladness and may be true to you  
now and for ever. Amen.



## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

From December 19 of Phil. RM, p. 1272:

**L**ook mercifully, Lord,  
on the gifts we lay upon your altar  
and by your power consecrate  
what we bring to you in our weakness.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent:

**A**ccept, O Lord, these offerings,  
and by your power  
change them into the Sacrament of salvation,  
in which, fulfilling the sacrifices of the Fathers,  
is offered the true Lamb, Jesus Christ your Son,  
born of the ever-Virgin Mary in a way beyond all telling.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

From December 19 of Phil. RM, p. 1272:

**A**lmighty God,  
we give you thanks for the gifts you have bestowed.  
Create in us a desire for blessings yet to come,  
That we may welcome the birth of Christ our Savior  
with free and devoted hearts.  
We make our prayer in the name of Jesus our Lord.

Or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent:

**M**ay the mysteries we have received, O Lord our God,  
always show forth your mercy in us,  
that we, who commemorate in faith the Mother of your Son,  
may be saved by his Incarnation.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## DECEMBER 20

The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, may very briefly introduce the faithful to the Mass of the day.

**B**rothers and sisters,  
today we celebrate what used to be known  
as the “Golden Mass” (*Missa Aurea*)  
which in Advent commemorates the Annunciation  
and the actual start of the life of Jesus, God-made-man.  
Let us pray in this Eucharist  
that our devotion to Mary  
may proceed from true faith,  
by which we are led to know  
the excellence of the Mother of God  
and are moved to filial love  
toward our mother  
and to the imitation of her virtues.



## COLLECT

From December 20 of Phil. RM, p. 1273:

○ God,  
by consenting to the message of an angel  
the Immaculate Virgin became the dwelling  
of your eternal Word  
and was filled with the light of the Holy Spirit.  
Give us the grace to follow her example  
and devote ourselves humbly to your will.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

Or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent:

○ God, who, fulfilling the promise made to our Fathers,  
chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to become the Mother of the Savior,  
grant that we may follow her example,  
for her humility was pleasing to you  
and her obedience profitable to us.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10-14

Behold, the virgin shall be with child.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

**T**he LORD spoke to Ahaz:  
Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God;  
let it be deep as the nether world, 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 men,  
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.





## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24:1-2. 3-4. 5-6

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

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

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

**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** Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.

## ALLELUIA

℟ Alleluia, alleluia.

O Key of David,  
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:  
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

℟ Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL


Luke 1:26-38

You will conceive in your womb and bear a son.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**I**n the sixth month,  
the angel Gabriel was sent from God  
to a town of Galilee called Nazareth,  
to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph,  
of the house of David,  
and the virgin's name was Mary.  
And coming to her, he said,  
"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."  
But she was greatly troubled at what was said  
and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.  
Then the angel said to her,  
"Do not be afraid, Mary,  
for you have found favor with God.  
Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,  
and you shall name him Jesus.  
He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High,  
and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father,  
and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever,  
and of his Kingdom there will be no end."





But Mary said to the angel,  
“How can this be,  
since I have no relations with a man?”  
And the angel said to her in reply,  
“The Holy Spirit will come upon you,  
and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.  
Therefore the child to be born  
will be called holy, the Son of God.  
And behold, Elizabeth, your relative,  
has also conceived a son in her old age,  
and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren;  
for nothing will be impossible for God.”

Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me according to your word.”  
Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray to the Father  
that we may be able to follow the example of Mary,  
who is humble, full of faith,  
and always ready to do the Lord's will.  
Full of confidence, we pray:

℟️ Listen to the prayer of your people, Lord.

May Pope **Francis**, bishops, priests, and deacons  
guide and assist us in witnessing to our faith in Christ  
by their inspiring words and exemplary lives,  
we pray to the Lord:

℟️ Listen to the prayer of your people, Lord.

May those who work in government  
see their office as a public trust,  
and may their decisions be for the peace  
and well-being of our people,  
we pray to the Lord:


℟️ Listen to the prayer of your people, Lord.

May consecrated men and women,  
by living faithfully their vows of poverty,  
chastity, and obedience,  
be true witnesses of the priority of God in life,  
we pray to the Lord:

℟️ Listen to the prayer of your people, Lord.







**May the Lord guide and protect  
migrant Filipinos and seafarers  
and fill them with consolation  
especially this Christmas and the coming New Year,  
we pray to the Lord:**

**R** Listen to the prayer of your people, Lord.

**Like Mary, may young people be firm in their faith,  
generous in their love, and steadfast in their hope,  
we pray to the Lord:**

**R** Listen to the prayer of your people, Lord.

**Father,  
your eternal Word took flesh on our earth  
when the Virgin Mary placed her life  
at the service of your plan.  
May we follow her example  
in preparing for the coming of Jesus,  
your Son and our Lord. Amen.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

From December 20 of Phil. RM, p. 1273:

**L**ook with favor, Lord,  
upon the one sacrifice of Christ,  
that, by sharing in this mystery,  
we may receive the blessings  
which we long for in faith and in hope.

Or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent:

**A**ccept, O Lord, these offerings,  
and by your power  
change them into the Sacrament of salvation,  
in which, fulfilling the sacrifices of the Fathers,  
is offered the true Lamb, Jesus Christ your Son,  
born of the ever-Virgin Mary in a way beyond all telling.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

From December 20 of Phil. RM, p. 1273:

**L**ord God,  
defend with you divine power  
those whom you nourish with heavenly gifts,  
so that, blessed by this sacrament,  
we may rejoice in the peace  
which you alone can give.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent:

**M**ay the mysteries we have received, O Lord our God,  
always show forth your mercy in us,  
that we, who commemorate in faith the Mother of your Son,  
may be saved by his Incarnation.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



## DECEMBER 21

The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, may very briefly introduce the faithful to the Mass of the day.

**B**rothers and sisters,  
today we pray to the Father  
to grant us the grace  
to recognize his Son when he comes.  
Like Elizabeth who welcomed the pregnant Mary,  
and the child in her womb,  
who leapt for joy in the womb,  
may we be sensitive always to his presence in our lives.



## COLLECT

From December 21 of Phil. RM, p. 1274:

**M**erciful Lord,  
hear the prayers of your people,  
who celebrate the coming of your Son in human flesh,  
that when he comes again in glory  
we may gain the prize of eternal life.  
We ask this through our Lord Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

Or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent:

**O** God, who willed that at the message of an Angel  
your Word should take flesh  
in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
grant that we, who pray to you  
and believe her to be truly the Mother of God,  
may be helped by her interceding before you.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.





# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Song of Songs 2:8-14

Hark! my lover comes, springing across the mountains.

A reading from the Song of Songs

**H**ark! my lover—here he comes  
springing across the mountains,  
leaping across the hills.

My lover is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.

Here he stands behind our wall,  
gazing through the windows,  
peering through the lattices.

My lover speaks; he says to me,  
“Arise, my beloved, my dove, my beautiful one,  
and come!”

For see, the winter is past,  
the rains are over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth,  
the time of pruning the vines has come,  
and the song of the dove is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines, in bloom, give forth fragrance.

Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one,  
and come!

“O my dove in the clefts of the rock,  
in the secret recesses of the cliff,

Let me see you,  
let me hear your voice,  
For your voice is sweet,  
and you are lovely.”

The word of the Lord.

Or:

Zephaniah 3:14-18  
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst.

### A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah

**S**hout for joy, O daughter Zion!  
Sing joyfully, O Israel!  
Be glad and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
The LORD has removed the judgment against you,  
he has turned away your enemies;  
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst,  
you have no further misfortune to fear.  
On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged!  
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a mighty savior;  
He will rejoice over you with gladness,  
and renew you in his love,  
He will sing joyfully because of you,  
as one sings at festivals.

The word of the Lord.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 33:2-3. 11-12. 20-21

**R** Exult, you just, in the Lord!  
Sing to him a new song.

**Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;  
with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.  
Sing to him a new song;  
pluck the strings skillfully, with shouts of gladness.**

**R** Exult, you just, in the Lord!  
Sing to him a new song.

**But the plan of the LORD stands forever;  
the design of his heart, through all generations.  
Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.**

**R** Exult, you just, in the Lord!  
Sing to him a new song.

**Our soul waits for the LORD,  
who is our help and our shield,  
For in him our hearts rejoice;  
in his holy name we trust.**

**R** Exult, you just, in the Lord!  
Sing to him a new song.

## ALLELUIA

℟ Alleluia, alleluia.

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:  
come to save us, Lord our God!

℟ Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-45

And how does this happen to me,  
that the mother of the Lord should come to me?

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**M**ary set out in those days  
and traveled to the hill country in haste  
to a town of Judah,  
where she entered the house of Zechariah  
and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,  
the infant leaped in her womb,  
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
cried out in a loud voice and said,  
"Most blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

And how does this happen to me,  
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?  
For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears,  
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.  
Blessed are you who believed  
that what was spoken to you by the Lord  
would be fulfilled."

The Gospel of the Lord.







## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**Let us glorify the Father,  
who chose the Virgin Mary  
to be the Mother of his Son.  
Let us ask him:**

**℟️** Lord, hear your people.

**May the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
protect and strengthen the mission of the Church,  
we pray to the Lord:**

**℟️** Lord, hear your people.

**May parents foster love and holiness in their homes;  
may children offer their own precious contribution  
to the building up of the family;  
and may the elderly be seen as guardians  
of our collective memory  
and offer young people precious advice and guidance,  
we pray to the Lord:**

**℟️** Lord, hear your people.

**May our homes be havens of love  
and places of welcome for those who come in need,  
we pray to the Lord:**

**℟️** Lord, hear your people.

**May we give thanks to God for the blessings we have received  
by sharing our time, talents, treasure,  
and love with our brothers and sisters,  
we pray to the Lord:**

**R** Lord, hear your people.

**May the Filipino family become a genuine “domestic Church”  
by humbly and lovingly living out the Christian vocation,  
we pray to the Lord:**

**R** Lord, hear your people.

**Father,  
hear the prayers of your people.  
May we who celebrate with joy  
the birth of your Son as man  
rejoice in the gift of eternal life  
when he comes again in glory.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

From December 21 of Phil. RM, p. 1274:

**L**ord,  
accept from your Church these gifts  
which in your mercy you have given us to offer  
and which by your power  
you transform into the sacrament of our salvation.  
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent:

**A**cept, O Lord, these offerings,  
and by your power  
change them into the Sacrament of salvation,  
in which, fulfilling the sacrifices of the Fathers,  
is offered the true Lamb, Jesus Christ your Son,  
born of the ever-Virgin Mary in a way beyond all telling.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

From December 21 of Phil. RM, p. 1274:

**L**ord,  
may the divine mysteries we have shared  
keep your people safe from harm,  
so that, ever faithful to your service,  
we may enjoy salvation of mind and body.  
Grant this in the name of Jesus our Lord.

Or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent:

**M**ay the mysteries we have received, O Lord our God,  
always show forth your mercy in us,  
that we, who commemorate in faith the Mother of your Son,  
may be saved by his Incarnation.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

DECEMBER 22

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, may very briefly introduce the faithful to the Mass of the day.

**B**rothers and sisters,  
the example of Mary and Elizabeth  
challenges us to respond with joy and generosity.  
Like Mary, we should share the good news of salvation  
with those in need.  
Like Elizabeth, we should thank God  
and the bearers of glad tidings into our lives.







## COLLECT

**P**our 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.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Micah 5:1-4a

From you shall come forth the ruler of Israel.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah

**T**hus says the LORD:

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah  
too small to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel;  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient times.

Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time  
when she who is to give birth has borne,  
and the rest of his brethren shall return  
to the children of Israel.

He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock  
by the strength of the LORD,  
in the majestic name of the LORD, his God;  
and they shall remain, for now his greatness  
shall reach to the ends of the earth;  
he shall be peace.

The word of the Lord.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

**R** Lord, make us turn to you;  
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

**O** shepherd of Israel, hearken,  
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.  
Rouse your power,  
and come to save us.

**R** Lord, make us turn to you;  
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

**O**nce again, O LORD of hosts,  
look down from heaven, and see;  
take care of this vine,  
and protect what your right hand has planted,  
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

**R** Lord, make us turn to you;  
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

**M**ay your help be with the man of your right hand,  
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.  
Then we will no more withdraw from you;  
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

**R** Lord, make us turn to you;  
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10  
Behold, I come to do your will.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

**B**rothers and sisters:  
When Christ came into the world, he said:  
“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,  
but a body you prepared for me;  
in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight.  
Then I said, ‘As is written of me in the scroll,  
Behold, I come to do your will, O God.’”

First he says, “Sacrifices and offerings,  
holocausts and sin offerings,  
you neither desired nor delighted in.”  
These are offered according to the law.  
Then he says, “Behold, I come to do your will.”  
He takes away the first to establish the second.  
By this “will,” we have been consecrated  
through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The word of the Lord.





## ALLELUIA

Luke 1:38

℟ Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word.

℟ Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-45

And how does this happen to me,  
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**M**ary set out  
and traveled to the hill country in haste  
to a town of Judah,  
where she entered the house of Zechariah  
and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,  
the infant leaped in her womb,  
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
cried out in a loud voice and said,  
"Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

And how does this happen to me,  
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears,  
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.

Blessed are you who believed  
that what was spoken to you by the Lord  
would be fulfilled."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us lift our intentions to God the Father,  
so that like Mary and Elizabeth  
we may welcome our Savior with joy  
and open our hearts to his saving Word.  
With confidence, we pray:

℟ Lord, hear our prayer.

May the Church — the People of God —  
be bearers of glad tidings to all peoples,  
especially the lonely, the sick, the suffering,  
and the victims of injustice,  
we pray to the Lord:

℟ Lord, hear our prayer.


May our government leaders  
be sensitive to the needs of our people  
and hear their cry for a just, transparent,  
participatory, and caring government,  
we pray to the Lord:

℟ Lord, listen to our prayer.

May all of us respect and defend the rights of the unborn,  
be sensitive to the situation of pregnant women,  
and provide better opportunities for younger Filipinos,  
we pray to the Lord:

℟ Lord, listen to our prayer.





May families and friends who come together this Christmas  
feel more united, more supportive of each other,  
and more generous with under-standing and forgiveness,  
we pray to the Lord:

℟ Lord, listen to our prayer.

May the Lord welcome to the joy of Paradise  
those who have gone ahead of us,  
we pray to the Lord:

℟ Lord, listen to our prayer.

Father,  
heed the prayer of your people.  
Strengthen our weak knees and fickle hearts  
that we may receive you with joy and renewed strength.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**M**ay 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.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**H**aving 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.





## DECEMBER 23

The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, may very briefly introduce the faithful to the Mass of the day.

**B**rothers and sisters,  
today's Gospel describes the birth  
and the naming of John.  
Relatives and neighbors assume  
that the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth  
will be named after his father.  
Instead, in obedience to God's will,  
the child is given the name *Yohanan*, or John,  
which means "the Lord is gracious."  
As we come closer to celebrating the birth of the Savior,  
may we experience the Lord's graciousness in our lives.



## COLLECT

From December 23 of Phil. RM, p. 1276:

**A**lmighty and everlasting God,  
as the nativity of your Son according to flesh draws near,  
grant our humble prayer,  
that we may know the mercy of the Word incarnate,  
who took flesh of the Virgin Mary  
and came to dwell among us.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

Or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent:

**O** God, who willed that at the message of an Angel  
your Word should take flesh  
in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
grant that we, who pray to you  
and believe her to be truly the Mother of God,  
may be helped by her interceding before you.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4. 23-24

I will send you Elijah, the prophet, before the day of the LORD comes.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi

**T**hus says the Lord GOD:

Lo, I am sending my messenger  
to prepare the way before me;  
And suddenly there will come to the temple  
the LORD whom you seek,  
And the messenger of the covenant whom you desire.  
Yes, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.  
But who will endure the day of his coming?  
And who can stand when he appears?  
For he is like the refiner's fire,  
or like the fuller's lye.  
He will sit refining and purifying silver,  
and he will purify the sons of Levi,  
Refining them like gold or like silver  
that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD.  
Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem  
will please the LORD,  
as in the days of old, as in years gone by.

Lo, I will send you  
Elijah, the prophet,  
Before the day of the LORD comes,  
the great and terrible day,  
To turn the hearts of the fathers to their children,  
and the hearts of the children to their fathers,  
Lest I come and strike  
the land with doom.

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14

**R** Lift up your heads and see;  
your redemption is near at hand.

**Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my savior.**

**R** Lift up your heads and see;  
your redemption is near at hand.

**Good and upright is the LORD;  
thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice,  
he teaches the humble his way.**

**R** Lift up your heads and see;  
your redemption is near at hand.

**All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy  
toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees.  
The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him,  
and his covenant, for their instruction.**

**R** Lift up your heads and see;  
your redemption is near at hand.





## ALLELUIA

℟ Alleluia, alleluia.

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:  
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

℟ Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

Luke 1:57-66  
The birth of John the Baptist.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**W**hen the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child  
she gave birth to a son.

Her neighbors and relatives heard

that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her,  
and they rejoiced with her.

When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child,  
they were going to call him Zechariah after his father,  
but his mother said in reply,  
“No. He will be called John.”

But they answered her,

“There is no one among your relatives who has this name.”

So they made signs,

asking his father what he wished him to be called.

He asked for a tablet and wrote, “John is his name,”  
and all were amazed.

Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed,  
and he spoke blessing God.

Then fear came upon all their neighbors,  
and all these matters were discussed  
throughout the hill country of Judea.

All who heard these things took them to heart, saying,  
“What, then, will this child be?  
For surely the hand of the Lord was with him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.





## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**Zechariah called his son “John,” meaning “God is gracious.”  
Trusting in God’s graciousness and generosity, we pray:**

**℟️** Lord, hear our prayer.

**That all members of the Church  
may come to appreciate their Christian name and dignity  
and live up to their baptismal promises,  
we pray to the Lord:**

**℟️** Lord, hear our prayer.

**That Church and government leaders  
may show God’s graciousness  
by their loving and persevering service to God’s people,  
we pray to the Lord:**

**℟️** Lord, hear our prayer.

**That we may become a united and caring community  
where sorrow is halved and joy is multiplied,  
we pray to the Lord:**

**℟️** Lord, hear our prayer.

**That families who gather together  
at Christmas and the New Year  
may renew their love, solidarity,  
and support for one another,  
we pray to the Lord:**

**℟️** Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord may bring to eternal peace  
those who have died in his name,  
especially those persecuted for being his disciples,  
we pray to the Lord:

**R** Lord, hear our prayer.

Loving Father,  
watch over your people.  
May we strive to please you at all times.  
This we ask through your Christ our Lord. Amen.







## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

From December 23 of Phil. RM, p. 1276:

**L**ord God,  
let the sacrifice you have given  
as the full expression of the Church's worship  
establish us firmly in your peace,  
that we may celebrate with untroubled hearts  
the coming birth of our savior,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent:

**A**ccept, O Lord, these offerings,  
and by your power  
change them into the Sacrament of salvation,  
in which, fulfilling the sacrifices of the Fathers,  
is offered the true Lamb, Jesus Christ your Son,  
born of the ever-Virgin Mary in a way beyond all telling.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

From December 23 of Phil. RM, p. 1276:

**G**rant pardon and peace, O Lord,  
to those you have fed with heavenly gifts,  
so that, at the coming of your beloved Son,  
we may hasten to greet him  
with lamps alight in our hands.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent:

**M**ay the mysteries we have received, O Lord our God,  
always show forth your mercy in us,  
that we, who commemorate in faith the Mother of your Son,  
may be saved by his Incarnation.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

# DECEMBER 24

The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, may very briefly introduce the faithful to the Mass of the day.

**B**rothers and sisters,  
As we stand at the threshold of Christmas,  
we salute with Zechariah the coming of the Lord.  
He is the Dayspring who will shine on humanity  
enveloped in the shadow of sin and death.  
And now that we see the first streaks of dawn,  
we rejoice greatly, for our salvation is at hand.



## COLLECT

From December 24 of Phil. RM, p. 1277:

**C**ome quickly, Lord Jesus, do not delay!  
We entrust ourselves to your love:  
strengthen us by your coming and raise us up,  
you who live and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

Or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent:

**O** God, who willed that at the message of an Angel  
your Word should take flesh  
in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
grant that we, who pray to you  
and believe her to be truly the Mother of God,  
may be helped by her interceding before you.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16

The Kingdom of David shall endure forever in the sight of the LORD.

A reading from the second Book of Samuel

**W**hen King David was settled in his palace,  
and the LORD had given him rest  
from his enemies on every side,  
he said to Nathan the prophet,  
“Here I am living in a house of cedar,  
while the ark of God dwells in a tent!”

Nathan answered the king,

“Go, do whatever you have in mind,  
for the LORD is with you.”

But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said:

“Go, tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD:  
Should you build me a house to dwell in?’

“‘It was I who took you from the pasture  
and from the care of the flock  
to be commander of my people Israel.  
I have been with you wherever you went,  
and I have destroyed all your enemies before you.  
And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth.  
I will fix a place for my people Israel;


I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place  
without further disturbance.

Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them  
as they did of old,

since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel.  
I will give you rest from all your enemies.







The LORD also reveals to you  
that he will establish a house for you.  
And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors,  
I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins,  
and I will make his Kingdom firm.  
I will be a father to him,  
and he shall be a son to me.  
Your house and your Kingdom shall endure forever before me;  
your throne shall stand firm forever.”

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89:2-3. 4-5. 27. 29

**R** For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

**The favors of the LORD I will sing forever;  
through all generations  
my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.  
For you have said, “My kindness is established forever;”  
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.**

**R** For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

**“I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
Forever will I confirm your posterity  
and establish your throne for all generations.”**

**R** For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

**“He shall say of me, ‘You are my father,  
my God, the rock, my savior.’  
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,  
and my covenant with him stands firm.”**

**R** For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.



## ALLELUIA

℟ Alleluia, alleluia.

O Radiant Dawn,  
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:  
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death.

℟ Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

Luke 1:67-79

The daybreak from on high has visited us.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Z**echariah his father,  
filled with the Holy Spirit, prophesied, saying:

“Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
for he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his prophets he promised of old  
that he would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hand of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

The Gospel of the Lord.







## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**The dawn announces the Savior's coming from on high.  
We welcome him with eager longing as we pray:**

**℟️** Faithful Lord, hear us.

**May the Church, the People of God,  
be set free from fear, hatred, anxiety,  
and attachment to sin,  
we pray to the Lord:**

**℟️** Faithful Lord, hear us.

**May political and civil leaders  
receive unwavering support from their constituents  
whom these leaders must serve  
with integrity, justice, and peace,  
we pray to the Lord:**

**℟️** Faithful Lord, hear us.

**As the season of Christmas draws near,  
may we strive to live moderately,  
prudent in our gift-giving  
in order to avoid wasteful spending,  
we pray to the Lord:**

**℟️** Faithful Lord, hear us.

Attend to the souls of our dead brothers and sisters.  
May you reward them eternal life,  
we pray to the Lord:

✠ Faithful Lord, hear us.

Faithful God,  
help us to be strong and patient in our difficulties.  
May we never lose hope in your promise.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.





## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

From December 24 of Phil. RM, p. 1277:

**G**raciously accept, O Lord, the gifts we offer,  
that our partaking of them may free us from sin  
and purify our hearts  
for the glorious coming of your Son,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent:

**A**cccept, O Lord, these offerings,  
and by your power  
change them into the Sacrament of salvation,  
in which, fulfilling the sacrifices of the Fathers,  
is offered the true Lamb, Jesus Christ your Son,  
born of the ever-Virgin Mary in a way beyond all telling.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

From December 24 of Phil. RM, p. 1277:

**Y**ou have renewed us, Lord,  
by these wonderful gifts.  
As we prepare for the mystery of Christ's birth,  
grant that we may rejoice  
in his gift of eternal life.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord.

Or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent:

**M**ay the mysteries we have received, O Lord our God,  
always show forth your mercy in us,  
that we, who commemorate in faith the Mother of your Son,  
may be saved by his Incarnation.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



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