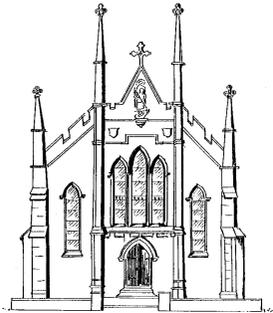


DAILY PRAYERS

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Sunday - Advent Week 2 (Year C)

Collect:

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet Your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to His company.
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 3:1-6

Today's prayer:

God our strength and our hope,
grant us the courage of St John the Baptist,
constantly to speak the truth,
boldly to rebuke vice
and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord
who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit
God for ever and ever. Amen.

Monday - Advent Week 2

St Nicholas, Bishop of Myra

Patron saint of sailors, children, wolves and pawnbrokers, among others - as well as the inspiration for the figure of Santa Claus.

Collect:

Grant that Your people, we pray, almighty God,
may be ever watchful
for the coming of Your Only Begotten Son,
that, as the author of our salvation Himself has taught us,
we may hasten, alert and with lighted lamps,
to meet Him when he comes.
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 5:17-26

Today's prayer:

Father of orphans, Guardian of the young,
who through St Nicholas rescued girls in danger,
make us aware of children's hidden cries for help,
inspire us to give our young people a good start in life,
and revive in us the true spirit of Santa Claus.

St Nicholas, Pray for all children

*From The Celtic Prayer Book Volume Two:
Saints of the Isles: a year of feasts, by Ray Simpson*

*Saint Nicholas of Myra, (15th March 270 Patara, Turkey
- 6th December 343, Myra, Turkey)*

*He is also known as St Nicholas of Bari, was an early Christian bishop
of Greek descent from the maritime city of Myra in Asia Minor
during the time of the Roman Empire.*

*Because of the many miracles attributed to his intercession,
he is also known as Nicholas the Wonderworker.*

Tuesday – St Ambrose

Bishop - Patron saint of Milan and of beekeepers.

Collect:

O God, who made the Bishop Saint Ambrose
a teacher of the Catholic faith
and a model of apostolic courage,
raise up in Your Church men after Your own heart
to govern her with courage and wisdom.
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. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: John 10:11-16

Today's prayer:

Healing Prayer of Saint Ambrose of Milan

You alone I follow, Lord Jesus, Who heals my wounds.
For what shall separate me from the love of God, which is in You?
Shall tribulation, or distress, or famine?
I am held fast as though by nails and fettered by the bonds of charity.
Remove from me, O Lord Jesus, with Your potent sword,
the corruption of my sins.
Secure me in the bonds of Your love; cut away what is corrupt in me.
Come quickly and make an end of my many, my hidden and secret afflictions.
Open the wound lest the evil humor spread.
With Your new washing, cleanse in me all that is stained.
Hear me, you earthly men, who in your sins bring forth drunken thoughts:
I have found a Physician.
He dwells in Heaven and distributes His healing on earth.
He alone can heal my pains Who Himself has none.
He alone Who knows what is hidden can take away the grief of my heart,
the fear of my soul: Jesus Christ.
Christ is grace! Christ is life! Christ is Resurrection! Amen.

St Ambrose, Pray for us

*St Ambrose, (339, in Augusta Treverorum, Belgica, Gaul [now Trier, Germany] -
397, Milan). Hde was the bishop of Milan, biblical scholar, and the initiator of
ideas that provided a model for medieval conceptions of church–state relations.
His literary works have been acclaimed as masterpieces of Latin eloquence, and
his musical accomplishments are remembered in his many hymns. Ambrose is also
remembered as the teacher who converted and baptised St. Augustine of Hippo,
the great Christian theologian. St Ambrose was a model bishop who viewed the
church as rising above the ruins of the Roman Empire.*

Wednesday - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Collect:

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for Your Son, grant, we pray, that as You preserved her from every stain by virtue of the Death of Your Son, which You foresaw, so, through her intercession, we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to Your presence. 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. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 1:29-38

Today's prayer:

God of us all,
Thank You for the gift of Mary in my life.
I rely on her to intercede for me with her Son,
and to guide me, especially in my family.
Help me to learn the grace of humility,
and give me the courage to say "yes" to You
without always knowing where it will lead.
Release me from the fears that grip me,
the pride and stubbornness
that keep me from You and others.
Let me turn to Mary, so human,
for an example of how I might live my own life
more freely, more loving and more aware of You.

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us
Our Lady Queen of Christendom, pray for us

Thursday - Advent Week 2

St Juan Diego Cuauhtatoatzin
Patron Saint of Indigenous Peoples

Collect:

Almighty God, who command us to prepare the way for Christ the Lord, grant in Your kindness, we pray, that no infirmity may weary us as we long for the comforting presence of our heavenly physician. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 11:11-15

Today's prayer:

Prayer to St Juan Diego

Saint Juan Diego, the first indigenous American saint.
Pray that God the Father would protect all migrants through His Son, Jesus Christ.
Ask the Father to pour out the love of the Holy Spirit upon all who are isolated, alone and separated by choice or necessity from their native lands.
May those torn away from their families and forced to leave their country to find work elsewhere be reunited: husbands with wives and parents with children.
We ask especially for migrant women and children who are particularly vulnerable to the dangers of human trafficking.
Give them your protection and shield them from evil.
May we as a Church receive the grace to welcome with love migrants who enter into our country, seeking a home in our parishes and communities.
We ask for your prayers and intercession for all immigrants who are desperate, alone and in need of God's loving support.
And we ask Our Lady, who appeared to you as your Mother and Mother of all, to wrap her mantle of protection around all migrant people.
We beg for her love, compassion, help and protection on all immigrants who today experience great sufferings, sorrows, necessities and misfortunes. Amen.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for us
Saint Juan Diego, Pray for us

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, also known as St Juan Diego (1474–1548), a native of Mexico, is the first Catholic indigenous saint from the Americas. He is said to have been granted an apparition of the Virgin Mary on four occasions in December 1531 at the hill of Tepeyac, then a rural area but now within the borders of Mexico City

Friday – Advent Week 2

Our Lady of Loreto

Collect:

Stir up our hearts, O Lord,
to make ready the paths
of Your Only Begotten Son,
that through His coming,
we may be found worthy to serve You
with minds made pure.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19

Today's prayer:

Prayer to Our Lady of Loreto

O God, whose ever-watchful Providence rules all things,
we humbly implore You
through the prayer of the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of Your son,
to remove from us whatever is harmful
and to bestow on us only that which will be helpful.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Lady of Loreto, Pray for us

Pope Francis decreed that the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto be observed as an optional memorial on December 10th. He said that the Shrine of the Holy House of Loreto, venerated by generations of pilgrims and honoured by numerous Popes, “recalls the mystery of the Incarnation, leading all those who visit it to consider ‘the fullness of time’, when God sent His Son, born of a woman, as well as to meditate both on the words of the Angel announcing the Good News and on the words of the Virgin in response to the divine call”.

Saturday - Advent Week 2

Pope St Damasus I

Patron Saint of Archaeologists

Collect:

Grant that Your people, we pray, almighty God,
may be ever watchful
for the coming of Your Only Begotten Son,
that, as the author of our salvation Himself has taught us,
we may hasten, alert and with lighted lamps,
to meet Him when he comes.
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Today's prayer:

Father,
as Saint Damasus loved and honoured Your martyrs,
so may we continue to celebrate their witness for Christ,
who lives and reigns with You
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

St Damasus was born in around 305. He was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome in 366. He summoned synods to suppress various heresies rife at the time, particularly Arianism and Donatism. He commissioned St Jerome to undertake his translation of the Bible. He embellished and conserved the tombs of the martyrs. St Damasus died in 384.