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✠ **DECEMBER 26, THURSDAY**  
**Saint Stephen, The First Martyr**, red, *Feast*  
Mass: of Saint Stephen  
**Readings: (696)**  
**Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59**  
**Matthew 10:17-22**  
Hours: proper to Saint Stephen

✠ **DECEMBER 27, FRIDAY**  
**Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**, white, *Feast*  
Mass: of Saint John  
**Readings: (697)**  
**1 John 1:1-4**  
**John 20:1a, 2-8**  
Hours: proper to Saint John

✠ **DECEMBER 28, SATURDAY**  
**The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**, red, *Feast*  
Mass: of the Holy Innocents  
**Readings: (698)**  
**1 John 1:5—2:2**  
**Matthew 2:13-18**  
Hours: proper to the Holy Innocents  
Evening Prayer I of the Holy Family

✠ **DECEMBER 22, SUNDAY – MFP**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**, violet  
Mass: of the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Creed, Preface II  
of Advent  
**Readings: (12)**  
**Micah 5:1-4a**  
**Hebrews 10:5-10**  
**Luke 1:39-45**  
Hours: Week IV of psalter and of the Fourth Sunday  
of Advent

✠ **DECEMBER 23, MONDAY**  
**Advent Weekday**, violet, [*Saint John of Kanty, Priest*]  
Mass: of December 23. Preface II of Advent  
**Readings: (199)**  
**Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24**  
**Luke 1:57-66**  
Hours: Week IV of psalter and proper for December 23

✠ **DECEMBER 24, TUESDAY**  
**Advent Weekday**, violet  
**Morning:**  
Mass: of December 24. Preface II of Advent  
**Readings: (200)**  
**2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16**  
**Luke 1:67-79**  
Hours: Week IV of psalter and proper for December 24  
Evening Prayer I of the Nativity of the Lord

✠ **DECEMBER 14, SATURDAY**  
**Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the**  
**Church**, white, *Memorial*  
Mass: of Saint John of the Cross  
**Readings: (186)**  
**Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11**  
**Matthew 17:9a, 10-13**  
Hours: Week II of psalter and of Saint John of the Cross  
Evening Prayer I of the Third Sunday of Advent

✠ **DECEMBER 15, SUNDAY – MFP**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**, violet or rose  
Mass: of the Third Sunday of Advent. Gloria omitted,  
Creed, Preface I of Advent  
**Readings: (9)**  
**Zephaniah 3:14-18a**  
**Philippians 4:4-7**  
**Luke 3:10-18**  
Hours: Week III of psalter and of the Third Sunday  
of Advent

✠ **DECEMBER 16, MONDAY**  
**Advent Weekday**, violet  
Mass: of Monday of the Third Week of Advent  
**Readings: (187)**  
**Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a**  
**Matthew 21:23-27**  
Hours: Week III of psalter and Advent proper

✠ **DECEMBER 17, TUESDAY**  
**Advent Weekday**, violet  
Mass: of December 17. Preface II of Advent  
**Readings: (193)**  
**Genesis 49:2, 8-10**  
**Matthew 1:1-17**  
Hours: Week III of psalter and proper for December 17

✠ **DECEMBER 8, SUNDAY – MFP**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**, violet  
Mass: of the Second Sunday of Advent. Gloria omitted,  
Creed, Preface I of Advent  
**Readings: (6)**  
**Baruch 5:1-9**  
**Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11**  
**Luke 3:1-6**  
Hours: Week II of psalter and of the Second Sunday  
of Advent

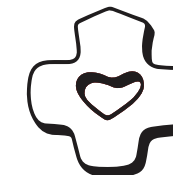
✠ **DECEMBER 9, MONDAY**  
**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE**  
**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** (Patronal Feast day of  
the United States of America), white, *Solemnity* [not a  
Holyday of Obligation this year]  
Mass: of the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Gloria, Readings proper,  
Creed, Preface proper  
**Readings: (689)**  
**Genesis 3:9-15, 20**  
**Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12**  
**Luke 1:26-38**  
Hours: proper to the solemnity of the Immaculate  
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

✠ **DECEMBER 10, TUESDAY**  
**Advent Weekday**, violet [*Our Lady of Loreto*, white]  
Mass: of Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent; for Our  
Lady of Loreto: [https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/  
liturgical-year/our-lady-of-loreto](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/our-lady-of-loreto)  
**Readings: (182)**  
**Isaiah 40:1-11**  
**Matthew 18:12-14**  
Hours: Week II of psalter and Advent proper

## AMERICAN ORDO

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The American Ordo is a guide to the Mass and  
the Liturgy of the Hours for each day in the U.S.  
Liturgical Calendar.

Optional Memorials are bracketed and in italics.

Weekdays of Advent before December 17: either  
the Mass of the weekday, or that of the Saint  
whose Memorial is observed, or that of any Saint  
inscribed in the Martyrology for that day may be  
chosen.

Weekdays of Advent after December 16: the Mass  
text for the current liturgical day is used; but the  
Collect may be taken from a Memorial inscribed  
in the General Calendar for that day.

Your comments on this Ordo are welcome.

YEAR C – WEEKDAYS I  
Liturgy of the Hours – Volume I  
Preface I of Advent until December 17  
unless indicated otherwise

✠ **DECEMBER 1, SUNDAY – MFP**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**, violet  
Mass: of the First Sunday of Advent. Gloria omitted,  
Creed, Preface I of Advent  
**Readings: (3)**  
**Jeremiah 33:14-16**  
**1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2**  
**Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**  
Hours: Week I of psalter and of the First Sunday of Advent

✠ **DECEMBER 2, MONDAY**  
**Advent Weekday**, violet  
Mass: of Monday of the First Week of Advent  
**Readings: (175)**  
**Isaiah 2:1-5**  
**Matthew 8:5-11**  
Hours: Week I of psalter and Advent proper

✠ **DECEMBER 3, TUESDAY**  
**Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**, white, *Memorial*  
Mass: of Saint Francis Xavier  
**Readings: (176)**  
**Isaiah 11:1-10**  
**Luke 10:21-24**  
Hours: Week I of psalter and of Saint Francis Xavier

✠ **DECEMBER 4, WEDNESDAY**  
**Advent Weekday**, violet, [*Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church*, white]  
Mass: of Wednesday of the First Week of Advent or of Saint John Damascene  
**Readings: (177)**  
**Isaiah 25:6-10a**  
**Matthew 15:29-37**  
Hours: Week I of psalter and Advent proper

✠ **DECEMBER 5, THURSDAY**  
**Advent Weekday**, violet  
Mass: of Thursday of the First Week of Advent  
**Readings: (178)**  
**Isaiah 26:1-6**  
**Matthew 7:21, 24-27**  
Hours: Week I of psalter and Advent proper

✠ **DECEMBER 6, FRIDAY**  
**Advent Weekday**, violet, [*Saint Nicholas, Bishop*, white]  
Mass: of Friday of the First Week of Advent or of Saint Nicholas  
**Readings: (179)**  
**Isaiah 29:17-24**  
**Matthew 9:27-31**  
Hours: Week I of psalter and Advent proper

✠ **DECEMBER 7, SATURDAY**  
**Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**, white, *Memorial*  
Mass: of Saint Ambrose  
**Readings: (180)**  
**Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26**  
**Matthew 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8**  
Hours: Week I of psalter and of Saint Ambrose  
Evening Prayer I of the Second Sunday of Advent

✠ **DECEMBER 11, WEDNESDAY**  
**Advent Weekday**, violet, [*Saint Damasus I, Pope*, white]  
Mass: of Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent or of Saint Damasus  
**Readings: (183)**  
**Isaiah 40:25-31**  
**Matthew 11:28-30**  
Hours: Week II of psalter and Advent proper

✠ **DECEMBER 12, THURSDAY**  
USA: **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, white, *Feast*  
Mass: of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Gloria, Readings proper,  
Preface I or II of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Readings: (690A)**  
**Zechariah 2:14-17**  
**or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab**  
**Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47**  
**or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary (707-712)**  
Hours: proper to Our Lady of Guadalupe

✠ **DECEMBER 13, FRIDAY**  
**Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**, red, *Memorial*  
Mass: of Saint Lucy  
**Readings: (185)**  
**Isaiah 48:17-19**  
**Matthew 11:16-19**  
Hours: Week II of psalter and of Saint Lucy

✠ **DECEMBER 18, WEDNESDAY**  
**Advent Weekday**, violet  
Mass: of December 18. Preface II of Advent  
**Readings: (194)**  
**Jeremiah 23:5-8**  
**Matthew 1:18-25**  
Hours: Week III of psalter and proper for December 18

✠ **DECEMBER 19, THURSDAY**  
**Advent Weekday**, violet  
Mass: of December 19. Preface II of Advent  
**Readings: (195)**  
**Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a**  
**Luke 1:5-25**  
Hours: Week III of psalter and proper for December 19

✠ **DECEMBER 20, FRIDAY**  
**Advent Weekday**, violet  
Mass: of December 20. Preface II of Advent  
**Readings: (196)**  
**Isaiah 7:10-14**  
**Luke 1:26-38**  
Hours: Week III of psalter and proper for December 20

✠ **DECEMBER 21, SATURDAY**  
**Advent Weekday**, violet [*Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church*]  
Mass: of December 21. Preface II of Advent  
**Readings: (197)**  
**Song of Songs 2:8-14**  
**or Zephaniah 3:14-18a**  
**Luke 1:39-45**  
Hours: Week III of psalter and proper for December 21  
Evening Prayer I of the Fourth Sunday of Advent

✠ **DECEMBER 25, WEDNESDAY – MFP**  
**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD** (Christmas), white,  
*Solemnity*, [Holyday of Obligation]  
Mass: proper texts and readings for at the Vigil, during the Night, at Dawn and during the Day. Gloria, Creed,  
Preface of the Nativity, proper form of *Communicantes*  
in Roman Canon.  
**Readings at the Vigil: (13)**  
**Isaiah 62:1-5**  
**Acts 13:16-17, 22-25**  
**Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25**  
**Readings at Night: (14)**  
**Isaiah 9:1-6**  
**Titus 2:11-14**  
**Luke 2:1-14**  
**Readings at Dawn: (15)**  
**Isaiah 62:11-12**  
**Titus 3:4-7**  
**Luke 2:15-20**  
**Readings during the Day: (16)**  
**Isaiah 52:7-10**  
**Hebrews 1:1-6**  
**John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14**  
Hours: proper to the solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord.

*Throughout the Octave of the Nativity:*  
Mass: proper. Gloria, Preface of the Nativity, proper form of *Communicantes* in Roman Canon.  
Hours: proper  
Evening Prayer II of Christmas with proper for the particular day

✠ **DECEMBER 29, SUNDAY – MFP**  
**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**, white, *Feast*  
Mass: of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.  
**Readings: (17)**  
**Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14**  
**Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17**  
**Luke 2:41-52**  
or, in Year C,  
**1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28**  
**1 John 3:1-2, 21-24**  
**Luke 2:41-52**  
Hours: proper to the Holy Family

✠ **DECEMBER 30, MONDAY**  
**Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**, white  
Mass: of the Sixth Day within the Octave  
**Readings: (203)**  
**1 John 2:12-17**  
**Luke 2:36-40**  
Hours: proper to the Sixth Day within the Octave

✠ **DECEMBER 31, TUESDAY**  
**Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**, white, [*Saint Sylvester I, Pope*]  
Mass: of the Seventh Day within the Octave  
**Readings: (204)**  
**1 John 2:18-21**  
**John 1:1-18**  
Hours: proper to the Seventh Day within the Octave