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✠ **DECEMBER 27, SATURDAY**
Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist. Feast, white
Mass: of Saint John
Readings: (697)
1 John 1:1-4
John 20:1a, 2-8
Hours: proper to the feast of Saint John
Evening Prayer I of the Holy Family

✠ **DECEMBER 28, SUNDAY – MFP**
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND
JOSEPH. Feast, white
Mass: of the Holy Family. Gloria, Creed, Preface proper.
Readings: (17)
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
Hours: proper to the feast of the Holy Family

✠ **DECEMBER 29, MONDAY**
Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord,
white, [Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr]
Mass: of the Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity
of the Lord
Readings: (202)
1 John 2:3-11
Luke 2:22-35
Hours: proper to the Fifth Day within the Octave of the
Nativity of the Lord

✠ **DECEMBER 22, MONDAY**
Advent Weekday, violet
Mass: of December 22. Preface of Advent II
Readings: (198)
1 Samuel 1:24-28
Luke 1:46-56
Hours: Week IV of psalter and of December 22

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

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

✠ **DECEMBER 14, SUNDAY – MFP**
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, violet or rose
Mass: of the Third Sunday of Advent. Gloria omitted,
Creed, Preface I or II of Advent
Readings: (7)
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Jas 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11
Hours: Week III of psalter and of the Third Sunday of
Advent

✠ **DECEMBER 15, 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 16, TUESDAY**
Advent Weekday, violet
Mass: of Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent
Readings: (188)
Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13
Matthew 21:28-32
Hours: Week III of psalter and Advent proper

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

✠ **DECEMBER 8, MONDAY – MFP**
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Patronal Feastday of the
United States of America) Solemnity, white. Holyday of
Obligation.
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

✠ **DECEMBER 9, TUESDAY**
Advent Weekday, violet; or Saint Juan Diego
Cuahtlatoatzin. Optional memorial, white
Mass: of Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent or of
Saint Juan Diego Cuahtlatoatzin
Readings: (182)
Isaiah 40:1-11
Matthew 18:12-14
Hours: Week II of psalter and Advent proper

✠ **DECEMBER 10, WEDNESDAY**
Advent Weekday, violet; or Our Lady of Loreto. Optional
memorial, white
Mass: of Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent or of Our
Lady of Loreto [usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/our-lady-of-loreto]
Readings: (183)
Isaiah 40:25-31
Matthew 11:28-30
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.

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
texts for the current liturgical day are 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.

✠ DECEMBER 1, MONDAY

Advent Weekday, violet

Mass: of Monday of the First Week of Advent

Readings: (175)

Isaiah 4:2-6 (second choice)

Matthew 8:5-11

Hours: Week I of psalter and Advent proper

✠ DECEMBER 2, TUESDAY

Advent Weekday, violet

Mass: of Tuesday of the First Week of Advent

Readings: (176)

Isaiah 11:1-10

Luke 10:21-24

Hours: Week I of psalter and Advent proper

✠ DECEMBER 3, WEDNESDAY

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest. Memorial, white

Mass: of Saint Francis Xavier

Readings: (177)

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Matthew 15:29-37

Hours: Week I of psalter and of Saint Francis Xavier

✠ DECEMBER 4, THURSDAY

Advent Weekday, violet; or Saint John Damascene, Priest

and Doctor of the Church. Optional memorial, white

Mass: of Thursday of the First Week of Advent or of Saint

John Damascene

Readings: (178)

Isaiah 26:1-6

Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Hours: Week I of psalter and Advent proper

✠ DECEMBER 5, FRIDAY

Advent Weekday, violet

Mass: of Friday of the First Week of Advent

Readings: (179)

Isaiah 29:17-24

Matthew 9:27-31

Hours: Week I of psalter and Advent proper

✠ DECEMBER 6, SATURDAY

Advent Weekday, violet; or Saint Nicholas, Bishop.

Optional memorial, white

Mass: of Saturday of the First Week of Advent or of Saint

Nicholas

Readings: (180)

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26

Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Hours: Week I of psalter

Evening Prayer I of the First Sunday of Advent

✠ DECEMBER 7, SUNDAY – MFP

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, violet

Mass: of the Second Sunday of Advent. Gloria omitted,

Creed, Preface I of Advent

Readings: (4)

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

Hours: Week II of psalter and of the Second Sunday of

Advent

Evening Prayer I of the First Sunday of Advent

✠ DECEMBER 11, THURSDAY

Advent Weekday, violet; or Saint Damasus I, Pope.

Optional memorial, white

Mass: of Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent or of

Saint Damasus

Readings: (184)

Isaiah 41:13-20

Matthew 11:11-15

Hours: Week II of psalter and Advent proper

✠ DECEMBER 12, FRIDAY

USA: Our Lady of Guadalupe. Feast, white

Mass: 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 Reading from the Common of the Blessed Virgin

Mary (707-712)

Hours: proper to the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

✠ DECEMBER 13, SATURDAY

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr. Memorial, red

Mass: of Saint Lucy

Readings: (186)

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11

Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Hours: Week II of psalter and of Saint Lucy

Evening Prayer I of the Third Sunday of Advent

✠ DECEMBER 18, THURSDAY

Advent Weekday, violet

Mass: of December 18. Preface of Advent II

Readings: (194)

Jeremiah 23:5-8

Matthew 1:18-25

Hours: Week III of psalter and of December 18

✠ DECEMBER 19, FRIDAY

Advent Weekday, violet

Mass: of December 19. Preface of Advent II

Readings: (195)

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a

Luke 1:5-25

Hours: Week III of psalter and of December 19

✠ DECEMBER 20, SATURDAY

Advent Weekday, violet

Mass: of December 20. Preface of Advent II

Readings: (196)

Isaiah 7:10-14

Luke 1:26-38

Hours: Week III of psalter and of December 20

Evening Prayer I of the Fourth Sunday of Advent

✠ DECEMBER 21, SUNDAY – MFP

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, violet

Mass: of the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Gloria omitted,

Creed, Preface II of Advent

Readings: (10)

Isaiah 7:10-14

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24

Hours: Week IV of psalter and of the Fourth Sunday of

Advent

✠ DECEMBER 25, THURSDAY – MFP

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas).

Solemnity, white. 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 Vigil: (13)

Isaiah 62:1-5

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Readings during the Night: (14)

Isaiah 9:1-6

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14

Readings at Dawn: (15)

Dawn: Isaiah 62:11-12

Titus 3:4-7

Luke 2:15-20

Readings during the Day: (16)

Day: 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 to each day

Evening Prayer II of Christmas with proper for the

particular day

✠ DECEMBER 26, FRIDAY

Saint Stephen, the First Martyr. Feast, red

Mass: of Saint Stephen

Readings: (696)

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59

Matthew 10:17-22

Hours: proper to the feast of Saint Stephen

✠ DECEMBER 30, TUESDAY

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord,

white

Mass: of the Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity

of the Lord

Readings: (203)

1 John 2:12-17

Luke 2:36-40

Hours: proper to the Sixth Day within the Octave of the

Nativity of the Lord

✠ DECEMBER 31, WEDNESDAY

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the

Lord, white [Saint Sylvester I]

Mass: of the Seventh Day within the Octave of the

Nativity of the Lord

Readings: (204)

1 John 2:18-21

John 1:1-18

Hours: proper to the Seventh Day within the Octave of the

Nativity of the Lord

Evening Prayer I of Mary, Mother of God.