

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, B

Priest Celebrant

Call on the name of the Lord,
the Shepherd who comes to save us:

Deacon/Cantor/Priest

(**Optional:** “Our Advent response is, **Come, Lord Jesus!**”)

For the Advent grace to recognize the Lord in our midst,
to serve him and desire his return,
we pray to the Lord:

For the Advent gift of repentance and reconciliation,
we pray to the Lord:

For our local, state, and national leaders;
for the preferential treatment of the poor,
we pray to the Lord:

For the protection of human life from its beginnings;
for parents, teachers, and everyone who serves our children;
for the healing of sexual, physical, mental, verbal abuses,
we pray to the Lord:

For racial, ethnic, and religious tolerance;
for an end to terrorism, and the safe return of the military,
we pray to the Lord:

For our war-injured and our sick
[today in particular, _____],
we pray to the Lord:

For civilian and military victims of war;
for [_____], and]
everyone who has died recently,
we pray to the Lord:

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Keep us firm to the end, Father,
irreproachable on the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns at your Right Hand
now and for ever.

Or, at the First Mass

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior,
who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.
Pour forth your blessings upon us, as we light the candles of this wreath;
May their light reflect the splendor of Christ,
who is Lord for ever and ever.