

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, B

**Priest Celebrant** Call on the name of the Lord -  
the Shepherd who comes to save us:

**Deacon/Cantor/Reader** **Option:** “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:

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

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

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:

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

For our war-injured and our sick,  
we pray:

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

**Priest Celebrant** 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, as your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior,  
to enlighten our hearts and dispel the darkness of ignorance and sin:  
pour forth your blessings upon us, as we light the candles of this wreath;  
Grant that their light reflect the splendor of Christ.  
Who is Lord for ever and ever.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, B

**Priest Celebrant** Speak to the Lord,  
who proclaims peace to his people;  
whose salvation is near to those who fear him:

**Deacon/Cantor/ Reader**

**Option:** “Our Advent response is, **Come, Lord Jesus!**”

For the gift of repentance and the grace to prepare the way of the Lord,  
we pray:

For renewed fervor in our Parish and (Arch)diocese;  
for the fruitful proclamation of the Word wherever the Holy Spirit directs us,  
we pray:

For elected and appointed officials;  
for honest government and dedication to the common good,  
we pray:

For the healing of conflicts in the Mid-East, Central Asia,  
and every threatened part of the world;  
for the safe return of the armed forces,  
we pray:

For grateful use and conservation of earth’s resources;  
for world-wide sharing and responsibility,  
we pray:

For the stability of marriages and families;  
for every child’s access to healthcare, nourishment, education,  
we pray:

For our sick, their families, and the many who take care of them,  
we pray:

For the war dead [; for  
and everyone who has died this past week, ,]  
we pray:

**Priest Celebrant** Preserve us, Lord, in holiness and devotion,  
as we await the new heavens and earth.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, B

**Priest Celebrant** Heed St Paul's teaching, brothers and sisters:  
Rejoice always! Pray without ceasing:

**Deacon/Cantor/Reader**

**Option:** "Our Advent response is, **Come, Lord Jesus!**"

For Christ's Body, the Church -  
the sign of glad tidings to the poor, and of healing to the brokenhearted,  
we pray:

For moral governments and the equitable sharing of food and housing,  
of health care and education among the peoples of the world,  
we pray:

For protection of the environment  
and the preservation of its resources for future generations,  
we pray:

For peace in the land of Jesus' birth and its neighbors;  
for an end to terrorism; for the release of political captives and prisoners,  
we pray:

For immigrants and displaced peoples,  
for racial, ethnic, and religious tolerance,  
we pray:

For the relief of civilians wherever war rages  
and the safe home-coming of our armed forces,  
we pray:

For our sick and their families, their care-givers and medical personnel.  
we pray:

For [ , and]  
everyone who has died this week,  
we pray:

**Priest Celebrant** May the God of peace make you perfectly holy,  
and preserve you blameless  
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, B

**Priest Celebrant** With confidence, speak to God our Father -  
our Rock and Savior -  
whose covenant stands firm forever:

**Deacon/Cantor/Reader**

**Option:** "Our Advent response is, **Come, Lord Jesus!**"

For renewed dedication to the sacred birth of Emmanuel,  
the Incarnate God-with-us,  
we pray:

For fidelity to our vocations;  
for the healing of broken relationships,  
we pray:

For parents and the married desirous of parenthood;  
for the nurturing of every child, born and to come,  
we pray:

For honest and responsible government at every level;  
for our police, fire-fighters, and all public servants,  
we pray:

For peace and justice in Jesus' homeland and its neighbors;  
for victims of economic, political, or religious oppression,  
we pray:

For our brothers and sisters who bear Christ's sufferings,  
we pray:

For those whose lives grow short and everyone who has died recently  
[today, in particular: \_\_\_\_\_ ],  
we pray:

For whoever mourns spouse or child, parent, relative or friend,  
we pray:

**Priest Celebrant** To the only wise God and Father,  
be glory through Christ our Lord,  
now, and for ever and ever.