

2016

Sunday Lectionary Readings - Liturgical Year C

Date/Reading	Sunday or Solemnity/Reading Summary
November 29, 2015	1st Sunday of Advent
Jer 33:14-16 1 Thess 3:12—4:2 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36	I shall raise up a just shoot and do what is right and just in the land. May the Lord make you abound in love, to be blameless before God There will be signs. Stand up for salvation is at hand. Be vigilant.
December 6, 2015	2nd Sunday of Advent
Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6	Up Jerusalem! Stand on the heights and see God leading your children home. The good work will continue until the day of Christ. May love and wisdom grow. John appeared, proclaiming a baptism of repentance: "Prepare the way of the Lord"
December 8 (Tuesday)	Immaculate Conception of Mary
Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38	I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your seed and her seed. God chose and blessed us in Christ to praise his glory. Hail, full of grace! / I am the servant of the Lord!
December 13, 2015	3rd Sunday of Advent
Zeph 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18	Shout for joy, daughter Zion! The Lord is in your midst, rejoicing over you. Rejoice in the Lord. Make your petitions known to God. Peace will guard you. John: "I baptize with water, but one mightier than me is coming."
December 20, 2015	4th Sunday of Advent
Mic 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45	From you, Bethlehem, shall come a ruler who shall shepherd his flock. Jesus says: "Sacrifice and offering you do not desire," and "I come to do your will." Elizabeth: "When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb leapt for joy."
December 24 (Thursday)	Vigil of Christmas
Isaiah 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Matt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25	No longer will you be "forsaken", but "espoused". Your builder shall marry you. God led Israel from Egypt, raised up David, and brought forth a savior, Jesus The genealogy of Jesus. An angel appears to Joseph in a dream.
December 25 (Friday)	Christmas (Midnight)
Isaiah 9:1-6 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14	The people in darkness have seen a great light. A child is born to us. God's grace saves us to live justly, waiting for our savior, Jesus Christ. You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laying in a manger.
December 25	Christmas (Dawn)
Isa 62:11-12 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:15-20	Zion, your savior comes, bearing his reward! You shall be called the redeemed. Our savior appeared, not by our righteous deeds, but through God's mercy. The shepherds found the infant in the manger, the returned, praising God.
December 25 (Friday)	Christmas (During the Day)
Isa 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14	How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of one who bears glad tidings... God once spoke through prophets, now, through a son, greater than the angels. In the beginning was the Word. All came to be through him, the light of humanity.
December 27, 2015	Holy Family
Sir 3:3-7, 14-17a (or) 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 (or) 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 Matt 2:13-15, 19-23 (or) Luke 2:41-52	Kindness to a parent is not forgotten, atoning for sin and bringing comfort. Hannah bore a son, Samuel, then presented him in gratitude at the Lord's temple. Bear with and forgive one another. Over all this, put on love. God calls us children. Later, we will be like him. God's commandment is: love. Mary, Joseph and Jesus flee to Egypt until Herod dies. Young Jesus was found in the Temple. "I must be in my Father's house."
January 1, 2016 (Friday)	Mary, Mother of God (ABC)
Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21	Bless the Israelites this way: "The LORD bless you and keep you..." God sent his Son to ransom from the Law. You are now not slaves but sons. The shepherds spread the message. Mary pondered. The child was named Jesus.
January 3, 2016	Epiphany (ABC)
Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12	Rise up Jerusalem! God shines on you. Nations shall stream toward you. The mystery is revealed: The Gentiles are co-heirs with the Jews! The magi prostrated themselves and offered their treasures to the child Jesus.
January 10, 2016	Baptism of Jesus
Isa 42:1-4, 6-7 (or) Isa 40:1-5, 9-11 (new) Acts 10:34-38	A bruised reed he shall not break until he establishes justice on the earth. Comfort my people. Prepare the way of the Lord. Here comes the Lord God. I see that God shows no partiality. You know how Jesus went about doing good.

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(or) Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 (new)

God's grace trains us to live devoutly, awaiting our glorious savior, Jesus Christ.

Matt 3:13-17

The baptism of Jesus

(or) Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

John's preaching and the baptism of Jesus

January 17, 2016**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 62: 1-5

No longer called "Forsaken" but "Espoused", your builder shall marry you.

1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

There are different gifts but the same Spirit. To one he gives faith, to another...

John 2: 1-11

The wedding at Cana, Jesus' first miracle

January 24, 2016**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Nehemiah 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra read the scroll of the Law all morning and the people wept.

1 Corinthians 12: 12-30

As a body has many parts, yet all are one body, so is Christ.

Luke 1: 1-4, 4:14-21

Jesus read: "The Lord has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

January 31, 2016**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19

Before your birth I knew you. I have fortified you so that they will not prevail.

1 Corinthians 12: 31 - 13: 13

If I have not love, I am nothing. Love is patient and kind and never fails.

Luke 4: 21-30

Jesus: "This prophecy is fulfilled." "No prophet is accepted in his native place."

February 7, 2016**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8

An angel touched an ember to Isaiah's mouth, saying, "Your sin is purged."

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

I hand on what I received: Christ died, was buried, rose and appeared to many.

Luke 5: 1-11

Master, we have worked all night and caught nothing, but we will lower the nets.

February 10, 2016**Ash Wednesday**

Joel 2:12-18

Even now, return to me, fasting, weeping. Rend your hearts, not your garments.

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Be reconciled to God!

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Do your good deeds in secret, and the Father who sees will reward you.

February 14, 2016**1st Sunday of Lent**

Deut 26:4-10

The offering of firstfruits: "My father was a wandering Aramean..."

Rom 10:8-13

If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe, you will not be shamed.

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus is tempted in the desert by the devil.

February 21, 2016**2nd Sunday of Lent**

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18

Abraham makes a covenant with God. "To your descendants I give this land."

Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1

Imitate the model you have in us. Our citizenship is in heaven.

Luke 9:28b-36

The transfiguration of Jesus

February 28, 2016**3rd Sunday of Lent (C)**

Exod 3:1-8a, 13-15

The burning bush: God commands Moses to free his people.

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Our ancestors were baptized into Moses, yet God was not pleased with all.

Luke 13:1-9

The parable of the gardener and the barren fig tree.

February 28, 2016**3rd Sunday of Lent (A)**

Exod 17:3-7

The Israelites grumble: "Why did you make us leave Egypt, to die of thirst?"

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

God proved his love: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

John 4:5-42

Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well.

March 6, 2016**4th Sunday of Lent (C)**

Josh 5:9a, 10-12

The first celebration of Passover in Canaan

2 Cor 5:17-21

He who did not know sin became sin, that we might be reconciled to God.

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The parable of the prodigal son

March 6, 2016**4th Sunday of Lent (A)**

1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Samuel anoints young David in Bethlehem.

Eph 5:8-14

You were once darkness but are now light in the Lord. Awake and arise!

John 9:1-41 or 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Jesus heals a man born blind.

March 13, 2016**5th Sunday of Lent (C)**

Isa 43:16-21

The Lord says: Remember not the past, see, I am doing something new!

Phil 3:8-14

I consider all things rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him.

John 8:1-11

Jesus and the woman caught in adultery

March 13, 2016**5th Sunday of Lent (A)**

Ezek 37:12-14

My people, I will open your graves and have you rise. You shall know I am God.

Rom 8:8-11

Those in the flesh cannot please God, but the Spirit gives life.

John 11:1-45 or

Jesus raises Lazarus from death.

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March 20, 2016	Passion/Palm Sunday
Luke 19:28-40	Jesus rides triumphantly into Jerusalem.
Isa 50:4-7	I gave my back to those who beat me. The Lord is my help, I am not disgraced.
Phil 2:6-11	Christ emptied himself, becoming a slave. Therefore God has exalted him.
Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49	The passion and death of Jesus
March 24, 2016	Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper (ABC)
Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14	God proclaims the order and purpose of the first Passover to Moses and Aaron..
1 Corinthians 11:23-26	The Lord Jesus took the bread and the cup and said, "Do this in memory of me."
John 13:1-15	Jesus washes the feet of his disciples.
March 25, 2016	Good Friday (ABC)
Isaiah 52:13-53:12	It was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured.
Hebrew 4:14-16; 5:7-9	We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses.
John 18:1-19:42	The Passion and Death of Jesus
March 26, 2016	Easter Vigil (ABC) "
1) Genesis 1:1-2:2	The creation of the world
2) Genesis 22:1-18	Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac
3) Exodus 14:15-15:1	The Israelites cross the sea, pursued by Pharaoh's army
4) Isaiah 54:5-14	Israel, your maker is now your husband. I abandoned you but now take you back.
5) Isaiah 55:1-11	Thirsty? Come to the water! Seek the Lord. My ways are not your ways.
6) Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4	How has Israel grown old in a land of foes? You have forsaken Wisdom!
7) Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28	Not for your sakes do I act, but for my name. I will replace your stony hearts.
E) Romans 6:3-11	We were baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, dead to sin, alive for God.
G) Luke 24:1-12 (Year C)	The women at the empty tomb
March 27, 2016	Easter Sunday (ABC)
Acts 10:34a, 37-43	Jesus went about doing good. We are the witnesses of his death and resurrection.
Colossians 3:1-4	If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, for you have died.
(or) 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8	Celebrate the Lamb, not with the yeast of malice, but with the new bread of truth.
John 20:1-9	Peter and the other disciple investigate the empty tomb.
(or) Luke 24:13-35	Jesus appears to two disciples on the road to Emmaus.
April 3, 2016	2nd Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:12-16	They carried the sick into the streets, that Peter's shadow might fall on them.
Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19	The Son of Man said: "Do not be afraid. I am First and Last, the one who lives."
John 20:19-31	"You believe because you see. More blessed are believers who have not seen."
April 10, 2016	3rd Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41	"We ordered you not to use His name!" "We must obey God rather than men."
Rev 5:11-14	I heard every creature in the world cry: "Blessing and honor to the Lamb!"
John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14	"Simon, do you love me?" "Yes, Lord!" "Feed my sheep."
April 17, 2016	4th Sunday of Easter
Acts 13:14, 43-52	"Since you reject the word of God, we now turn to the Gentiles."
Rev 7:9, 14b-17	"This great multitude has survived the time of great distress, sheltered by God."
John 10:27-30	"My sheep hear my voice and follow me. No one can take them away from me."
April 24, 2016	5th Sunday of Easter
Acts 14:21-27	Paul and Barnabas travelled, exhorting, appointing elders, reporting God's work.
Rev 21:1-5a	I saw a new Jerusalem, descending from heaven. "I make all things new!"
John 13:31-33a, 34-35	"This is how you will be seen as my disciples: if you love one another."
May 1, 2016	6th Sunday of Easter
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29	"Some have upset you with unauthorized teachings. We will not burden you."
Rev 21:10-14, 22-23	The new city had a high wall with 12 gates for the 12 tribes of Israel.
John 14:23-29	"The Advocate will teach you. Do not be troubled. I will come back to you."
May 8, 2016	Ascension
Acts 1:1-11	As they watched, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.
Eph 1:17-23	May God show you the wisdom and hope in his great work of power and glory.
(or) Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 (new)	Our great high priest offers himself once, for all, removing the sins of many.
Luke 24:46-53	"Stay in the city until you receive God's power." Then he was taken up.

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May 8, 2016	7th Sunday of Easter
Acts 7:55-60	The martyrdom of Stephen.
Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20	“Behold, I am coming soon!” “Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!”
John 17:20-26	“Father, I pray for them and for those who will believe, that they may be one!”
May 15, 2016	Pentecost
Acts 2:1-11	There appeared tongues of fire, which parted and came to rest on each of them.
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13	There are many gifts but one Spirit. As the body is one, in the Spirit we are one.
(or) Rom 8:8-17 (new)	Those who live in the flesh cannot please God, but you are in the spirit.”
John 20:19-23	“Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you.”
(or) John 14:15-16, 23b-26 (new)	“Who loves me will keep my word. The Advocate will teach you everything.”
May 22, 2016	Holy Trinity
Prov 8:22-31	Wisdom: “Before the earth, I was there, playing before the Lord.”
Rom 5:1-5	Justified by faith, we have peace with God, boasting in hope and even affliction.
John 16:12-15	“In coming, the Spirit will guide you to truth, declaring from what is mine.”
May 29, 2016	Body & Blood of Christ
Gen 14:18-20	King Melchizedek brought out bread and wine and blessed Abram.
1 Cor 11:23-26	When you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death.
Luke 9:11b-17	Jesus feeds 5000 with five loaves and two fish.
June 5, 2016	10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17:17-24	Elijah prays to revive the son of the widow of Zarephath.
Gal 1:11-19	This gospel is no human invention, but from Christ, who chose and called me to preach.
Luke 7:11-17	Jesus revives the son of the widow of Naim.
June 12, 2016	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Sam 12:7-10, 13	Nathan accuses David of murder and adultery. David repents.
Gal 2:16, 19-21	We are justified by faith, not observance of the law. I now live not my life, but Christ’s.
Luke 7:36-8:3 or 7:36-50	At Simon’s house, a penitent woman perfumes Jesus’ feet.
June 19, 2016	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zech 12:10-11; 13:1 (diff)	They shall look on him whom they have thrust through, and shall mourn as for a first-born.
Gal 3:26-29	Each of you, Jew or Greek, is a child of God, baptized in Christ, a descendant of Abraham.
Luke 9:18-24	Who do you say I am? The Messiah of God. Whoever follows me must take up his cross.
June 26, 2016	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21	At God’s command, Elijah commissions Elisha as his successor.
Gal 5:1, 13-18	Christ set us free. Do not use your freedom for flesh, but in loving service.
Luke 9:51-62	“Who sets hand to plow and looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God.”
July 3, 2016	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isa 66:10-14c	:Rejoice with Jerusalem! As a mother comforts her child, I will comfort you.”
Gal 6:14-18	May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9	Jesus instructs and sends out 72 disciples to the towns he intends to visit.
July 19, 2016	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deut 30:10-14	This command I enjoin on you is not remote and mysterious, but very near to you.
Col 1:15-20	Christ is the image of God, before all things, sustaining, the head of his church.
Luke 10:25-37	“Who is my neighbor?” The parable of the Good Samaritan.
July 17, 2016	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gen 18:1-10a	Abraham entertains three visitors, who promise him a son.
Col 1:24-28	I rejoice in my sufferings, perfecting any lack for the sake of the church.
Luke 10:38-42	“Martha, you are anxious and worried. Mary has chosen the better part.”
July 24, 2016	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gen 18:20-32	Abraham pleads with God to spare Sodom for the sake of a few innocents.
Col 2:12-14	Buried with him, you are raised with Christ, who nailed our bond to the cross.
Luke 11:1-13	“Lord, teach us to pray.” “Ask and you shall receive.”
July 31, 2016	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ecc 1:2, 2:21-23	Vanity of vanities, all is vanity!
Col 3:1-5, 9-11	Put to death earthly passions and ways. Put on the new self. Christ is all in all.
Luke 12:13-21	“Do not store up treasure, but be rich in the things that matter to God.”

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August 7, 2016	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 18:6-9 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12 Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40	The Passover was known to our fathers, that they might hope for salvation Our faithful ancestors died in faith, saluting the promise from afar. Store treasure in heaven. Be like a faithful, prudent servant.
August 14, 2016	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Heb 12:1-4 Luke 12:49-53	King Zedekiah allows Jeremiah's enemies to throw him into a cistern. With such a cloud of witnesses, let us shed sin and persevere in the race of faith. "Do you think I have come to establish peace? Not peace, but division!"
August 15 (Monday)	The Assumption of Mary
Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a; 10ab 1 Cor 15:20-27 Luke 1:39-56	"A woman, clothed with the sun, gave birth, as a dragon stood before her." As in Adam, all die, in Christ the firstfruits, all will live. He must reign over all. Mary visits her kinswoman, Elizabeth. "My soul glorifies the Lord."
August 21, 2016	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isa 66:18-21 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Luke 13:22-30	I will send fugitives to nations that have never heard of me, and they will come. Endure your trials as discipline. Training brings righteousness and strength. Strive to enter through the narrow door. Some who are first will be last.
August 28, 2016	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a Luke 14:1, 7-14	Conduct your affairs with humility. Seek not what is too sublime. You have not approached storm, fire and darkness, but the mountain of God. When invited to a banquet, seek the lowest place. Invite the poor and lame.
September 4, 2016	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 9:13-18b Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Luke 14:25-33	Who can know God's counsel? Scarcely do we grasp the things of earth. Paul reluctantly sends Onesimus back to his master, pleading for his welcome. Who builds or fights without planning? You cannot follow without renouncing.
September 11, 2016	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Exod 32:7-11, 13-14 1 Tim 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10	Moses intercedes for the makers of the golden calf against God's wrath. I, Paul, an arrogant persecutor, was treated mercifully as an example for all. Parables: The lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son.
September 18, 2016	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Amos 8:4-7 1 Tim 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13	You say: "When will the new moon end, so we can resume cheating customers?" I ask prayers, petitions and thanks for all. There is but one mediator, Jesus Christ. The parable of the wily steward. No one can serve both God and mammon.
September 25, 2016	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Amos 6:1a, 4-7 1 Tim 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31	Woe to the complacent, comfortable and apathetic, the first to be exiled! Compete for the faith you professed before witnesses, as Christ did before Pilate. The parable of the rich man and Lazarus.
October 2, 2016	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Habb 1:2-3, 2:2-4 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14 Luke 17:5-10	Lord, I cry "Violence", but you don't intervene! / Patience, the vision has its time. Kindle God's gift. Don't be ashamed of your testimony or my imprisonment. When you have done what was commanded, say: "We are useless servants."
October 9, 2016	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 5:14-17 2 Tim 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19	Naaman, cured of leprosy, offers a gift to Elisha, then solicits earth from Israel. The word of God is not chained. I suffer for the chosen and for faithfulness. Out of ten cured lepers, only one, a Samaritan, returns to thank Jesus.
October 16, 2016	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Exod 17:8-13 2 Tim 3:14-4:2 Luke 18:1-8	As long as Moses' hands were raised, Israel prevailed over Amalek in the battle. All scripture is inspired by God, and useful for teaching and correction. The parable of the dishonest judge and the persistent widow.
October 23	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14	The Lord knows no favorites, hearing the prayer of the lowly and the oppressed. The time of my end is near. Though no one took my part, the Lord stood by me. The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector.

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October 30, 2016	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 11:22-12:2 2 Thess 1:11-2:2 Luke 19:1-10	Before God, the universe is a drop, yet you love and spare all you have made! We pray always for your worthiness. Don't be alarmed by rumors of the endtime. Jesus meets Zacchaeus, the wealthy tax collector.
November 1 (Tuesday)	All Saints Day
Rev 7:2-4,9-14 1 John 3:1-3 Matt 5:1-12a	I saw a multitude, from all nations, wearing white and standing before the throne. We are God's children now. Later, we shall be like him, for we shall see him. The Beatitudes
November 6, 2016	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14 2 Thess 2:16-3:5 Luke 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38	Despite torture, the seven brothers and their mother defy King Antiochus. May God encourage you. Pray for our preaching and safety. God is faithful. Master, which of the seven brothers will be married to the widow in the next life?
November 13, 2016	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mal 3:19-20a 2 Thess 3:7-12 Luke 21:5-19	On that day, the evil will burn away, but the good will feel the sun of justice. Among you, we earned our keep. Imitate us. Keep busy, not idle and interfering. There will be signs and strife, but first persecution and betrayal. Persevere!
November 20, 2016	Christ the King
2 Sam 5:1-3 Col 1:12-20 Luke 23:35-43	The tribal commanders proclaim David the new king of Israel. Thank God, our deliverer, and Jesus, his image, the head of the church. Jesus, crucified, converses with the two criminals crucified with him.
Year A	
November 27, 2016	1st Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44	All peoples shall stream to the Lord's mountain, for instruction, judgment and peace. The night is spent. The day draws near. Cast off dark deeds and put on light. As in Noah's day, sudden will be the coming of the Son of Man. Stay awake!
December 4, 2016	2nd Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12	A shoot shall sprout from Jesse. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him. Christ served the Jews because of God's faithfulness. The Gentiles glorify God's mercy. John appeared in the desert, saying: "Reform your lives! The reign of God is at hand!"
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December 13, 2016	3rd Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11	The desert shall bloom. Eyes and ears will be opened. The lame will leap like a stag. Be patient, as a farmer awaiting his yield, as the prophets who spoke for God. "Are you the one to come?" "The blind see, lepers are cured, the poor hear good news."
December 20, 2016	4th Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24	The woman shall be with child and shall bear a son, and name him Emmanuel. I proclaim the gospel of God's son, descended from David, through whom we are apostles. "Joseph, do not fear to take Mary as your wife. She has conceived by the Holy Spirit."
December 24 (Saturday)	Vigil of Christmas
Isaiah 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Matt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25	No longer will you be "forsaken", but "espoused". Your builder shall marry you. God led Israel from Egypt, raised up David, and brought forth a savior, Jesus The genealogy of Jesus. An angel appears to Joseph in a dream.
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Christmas (During the Day)

Isa 52:7-10

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of one who bears glad tidings...

Heb 1:1-6

God once spoke through prophets, now, through a son, greater than the angels.

John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

In the beginning was the Word. All came to be through him, the light of humanity.

December 30, 2016 (Friday)

Holy Family

Sir 3:3-7, 14-17a

Kindness to a parent is not forgotten, atoning for sin and bringing comfort.

(or) 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28

Hannah bore a son, Samuel, then presented him in gratitude at the Lord's temple.

Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Bear with and forgive one another. Over all this, put on love.

(or) 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

God calls us children. Later, we will be like him. God's commandment is: love.

Matt 2:13-15, 19-23

Mary, Joseph and Jesus flee to Egypt until Herod dies.

(or) Luke 2:41-52

Young Jesus was found in the Temple. "I must be in my Father's house."