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# Granville Catholic Church Record

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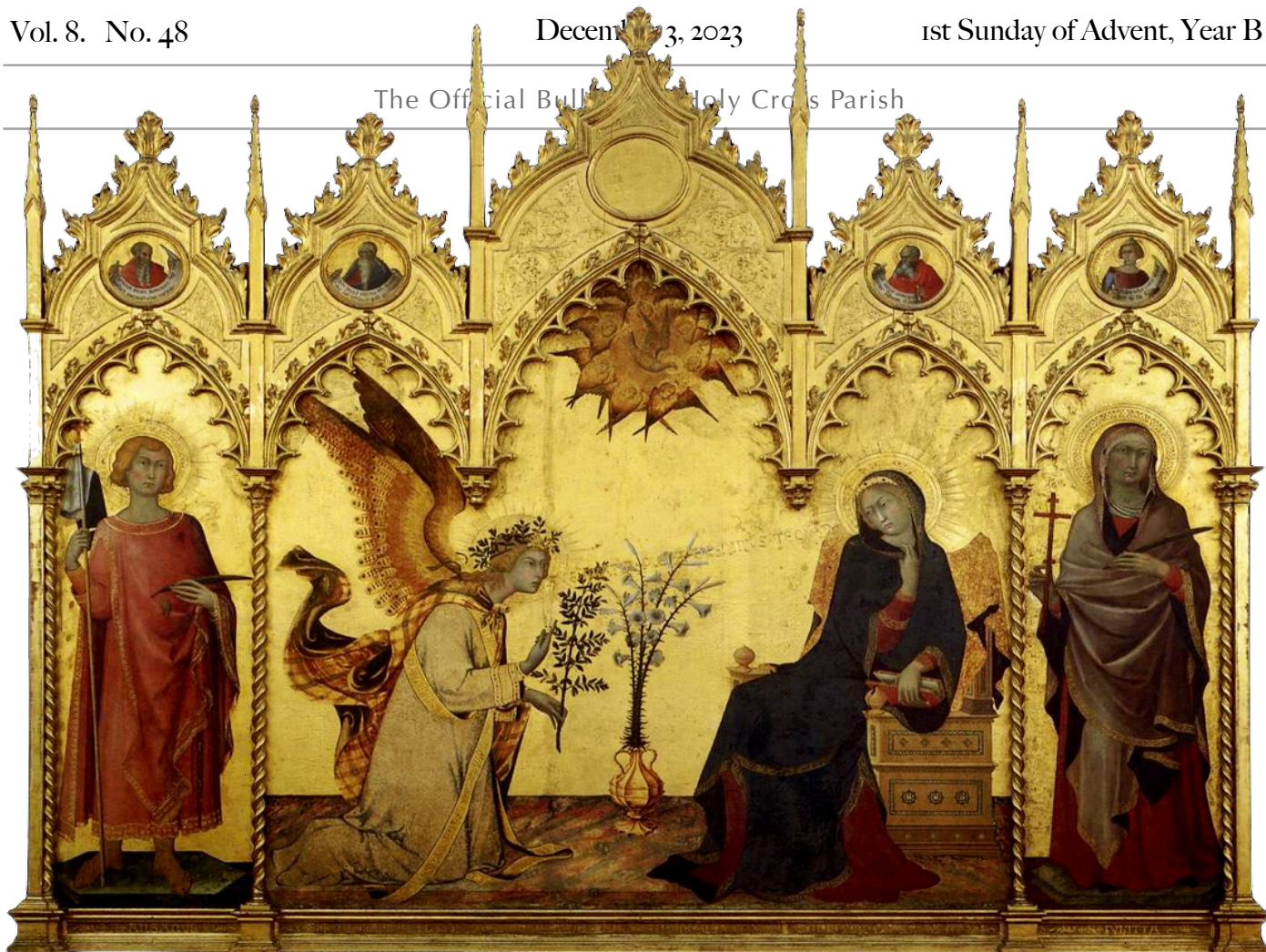
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1st Sunday of Advent, Year B

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## THE SEASON OF *A*DVENT

“Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.” With this prayer the Church begins the season of Advent and a new liturgical year. And with this new season, the first of the seasons, the Church acquires a new colour—violet—the colour not only of penance and preparation but the colour of kings and emperors. Because with this season we are reminded that we live in a time

in-between the birth of our Lord and His coming again.

Advent is not only a preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ but also a preparation for the day when our Lord will return. Just as the Archangel Gabriel declared to the Blessed Virgin Mary that the Lord’s name would be Emmanuel—meaning “God is with us”—we await the day when the Angels will sing again, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.”

So as the Church undergoes these four weeks of Advent, as the violet and rose candles of the Advent wreath slowly burn away to reveal the white candle of the true light of the world, let us join ourselves to that holy preparation by making our confession, by attending one more Mass during the week, by praying the holy Rosary, and by attending to the material needs of the parish and the poor, so that we can make ourselves fit to kneel along side the shepherds and the kings and adore God made man, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, at Christmas.

## THE PARISH OFFICE

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Lana Leatherby

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## DONATIONS

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**BSB:** 067-950

**Account:** 00007247

**Name:** Granville Catholic Parish

## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

### Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, 5:45 p.m.

### Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,  
11:00 a.m.

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### Rosters

**Church Cleaning** Group 1: C. Takchi  
and M. Wehbe

### Readers

**4:30 p.m.** Rosemary Wehbe

**8:30 a.m.** Rose Succar

**5:00 p.m.** Claudette Takchi

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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HolyCrossGranville



Holy Cross Parish App



@holycrossgranville

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

### Confessions

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

### Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

### Holy Mass in Latin

First Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

### Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,  
11:30 a.m.

### Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

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### Rosters

**Church Cleaning** Group 2: P. Zaiter,  
N., Chidiac, C. Buultjens

### Readers

**Vigil** Racquel La Rosa, Rosette Chidiac,  
Rebecca Hanson

**10:00 a.m.** Ingrid Bifulco,  
Hind Dagher-Hadchiti, Sisters

**Children's Liturgy** Sr. Susanne and  
Victor Liu

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,  
John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Antonio Bifulco, Ann  
Blesson, John Borg, Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia,  
Carmel Galea, Carmello Giovenco, Evangeline Grabato,  
Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins, Therese  
Khalil, Kay King, Ruth La Rosa, Jacob Lee, Josephine  
Magro, Ester Matos, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Tony  
Moussa, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Flory Pinto,  
Don Provest, Therese Smeal, Ricardo Tognini, Lorraine  
Vella, Sam Wardan.



*Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,  
by the grace of your Holy Spirit  
cure the weaknesses of your servants,  
and mercifully restore them to full health.*

## IN MEMORIAM

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Therese Akkary, Victor Azzopardi, Betty Borg, Kathleen  
Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Eniketi Brown, Jim Brown, Dick  
Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Lazarus Camilleri, Nazirah  
El-Hallal, Salim El-Hallal, Marcus El-Khoury, Alan Frost, Sita  
Futu'u, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, Raymond Gee, Joe  
Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Chahid Habib, Fay Irons, Lex  
Irons, Salim Karaki, Paul Kassis, Nouhad Khoury, Rustica La  
Rosa, Jim Mackie, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna  
Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Paul Mathews, Sam Munro, Joseph  
Nammour, Jack Newell, Jean Newell, Tony Newell, Haydee  
Nursoo, Mary Elizabeth Olsen, Herbert Pidgeon, Laura  
Pestano, Rogelio Pestano, Rolando Pestano, Edward (Tom)  
Pidgeon, Noel So, Alex Taktak, Joseph Vella, Phyllis Webb,  
Mershed Wehbe, Yesmine Wehbe, Dib Zaiter.

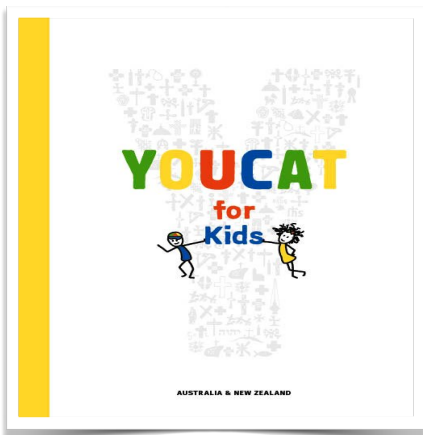


*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

## **The Holy Cross Parish Catechism Project YouCat for Kids Now Available**

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Last year we launched the first Holy Cross Parish Catechism Project which made copies of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* freely available to all those who sought to participate and support this pastoral work of the parish.



This year we have expanded the reach of this project and are offering copies of *YouCat*, the catechism for adolescents and young people which summarises the most important elements of the faith in a question-and-answer format so making the truths of the faith accessible to a younger generation, as well as *YouCat for Kids*, which is intended for primary school aged children.

These books have been donated by Fr. Andrew and are made available to all those who seek to know and to love the Catholic faith ever more deeply. In a world which abhors truth and seeks to destroy Christianity, at a time when the teachings of the Church are questioned and formation in the faith is sorely lacking, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and education in the faith is needed more than ever.

The Church needs men and women ready to make a stand in defence of the Faith, of the Church, and of Our Lord.

## **First Thursday Holy Mass in Latin**

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This Thursday, being the first Thursday of the month, Holy Mass in Latin will be said at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m.

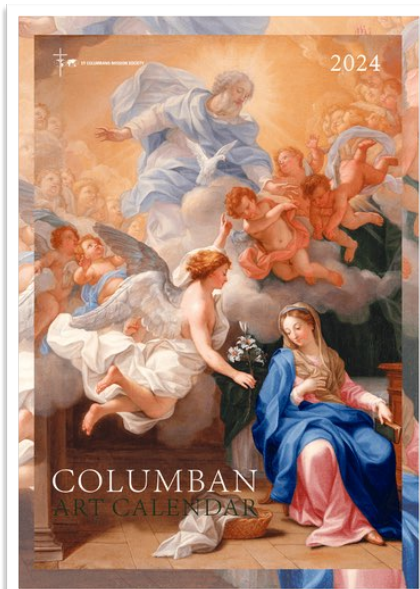
The first Thursday of the month is traditionally offered as an act of reparation for the wounds of Our Lord and in honour of the Blessed Sacrament.

It is also offered as day to pray for Priests in honour of Our Lord Jesus Christ, High and Eternal Priest.

## **2024 Columban Art Calendars for Sale in our Piety Shops**

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The 2024 Columban Art Calendar is on sale for \$10 from our piety shops. The Columban Art Calendar is a major fundraiser for the Missionary Society of St. Columban—an order of Priests who work with the poor and the exploited around the world.

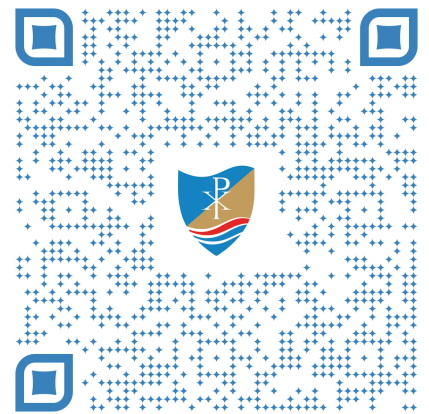


The calendars are available for sale in our piety shops and the sale of these supports the work of the Columban Missionaries and of the parish. While you are there, be sure to have a look at the beautiful items available as gifts and decorations for Christmas.

## **The Catholic Foundation Christmas Appeal**

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The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta are undertaking their annual Christmas appeal. This year's appeal is in support of Catholic Care to provide care to those in hospitals and in prisons. If you would like to support this appeal, you can use the envelopes provided on the pews and place this in either of the collections or in the boxes by the doors of the churches. If you prefer to make a donation online, visit [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au) or scan the QR code below.



## **Holy Trinity Primary School Year 6 Farewell Mass**

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Holy Trinity Primary School will farewell their year 6 students at Holy Mass on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Please note the change of time for this Mass from the usual 6:30 p.m. time to 6:00 p.m.

## **Holy Family Primary School Year 6 Farewell Mass**

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Holy Mass for the year 6 farewell will be said on Wednesday, 13 December at 6:30 p.m. Please note the change of time for this Mass from the usual 6:00 p.m. time to 6:30 p.m. Because of this Mass and the presentations to follow, the Sacrament of Penance (confessions) will not be available that evening.



# PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION



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**\$25**

Can provide **companionship** for the lonely.



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Can help fill a chaplain's petrol tank, **enabling more outreach visits** to the isolated, sick, elderly, or dying.



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Can provide **comfort, prayer and spiritual nourishment** for people in need.



**\$100**

Can provide **pastoral care and hope** to people in prison.



**\$200**

Can help provide **chaplaincy support for patients' and inmates' families**.



**\$250**

Can enable chaplains to **support people to nurture their spirituality**.



**\$500**

Can help provide **weekly Mass services in prisons**.



**\$1,250**

Can help chaplains **support health professionals** through distressing times.



**\$2,500**

Can provide **spiritual and emotional care and the sacraments** for those coping with life-threatening illness, grief, and loss.



**\$5,000**

Can help **train more chaplains and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist to serve in hospitals and prisons**.

Your Christmas gift will provide comfort, faith, and hope to those facing traumatic times.

Please give generously to the Catholic Foundation Christmas Appeal  
[yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)



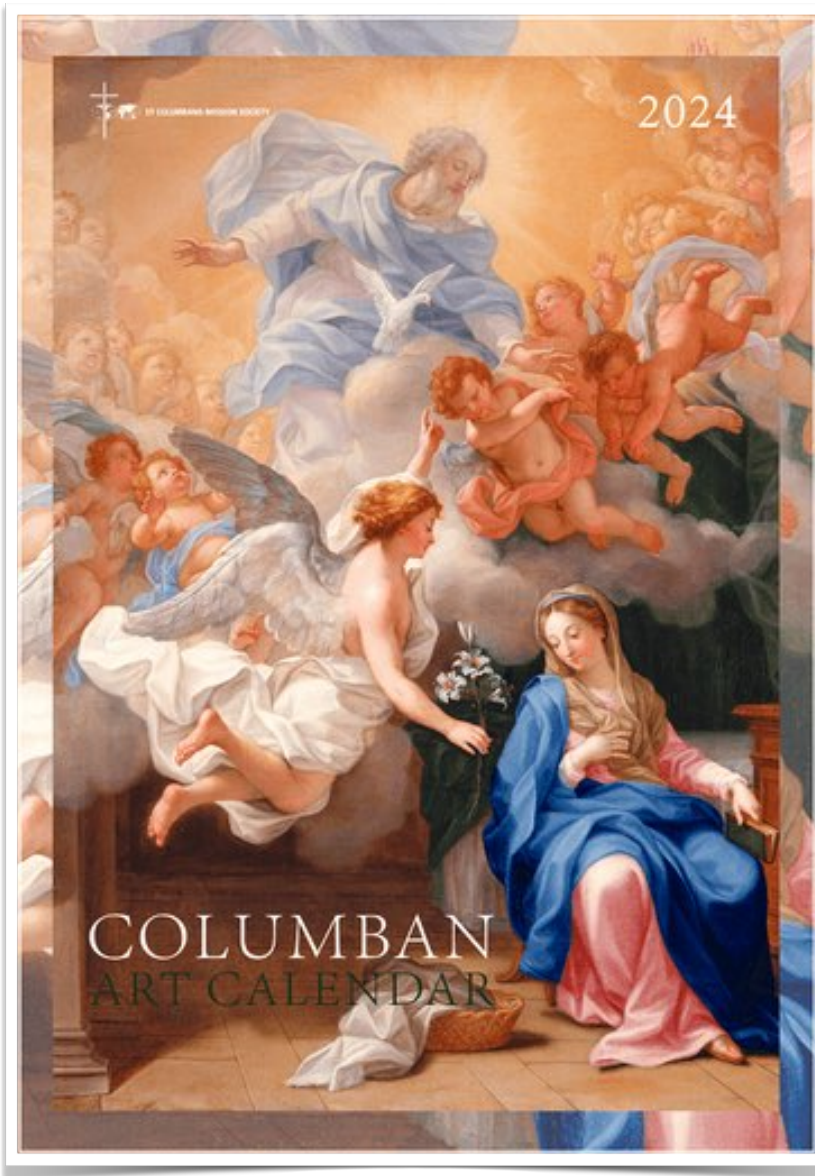
# *Prepare a Way!*

2023



A HOLY CROSS PARISH RESOURCE  
*for a* SPIRITUALLY NOURISHING ADVENT SEASON

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*Available free online or in the piety shop for \$10*

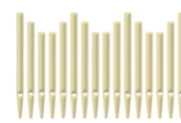


The 2024 Columban Art Calendar is on sale now at the piety shop for \$10.  
 The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar,  
 well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information.  
 2024 marks over 100 years of the calendar.

The money from the sale of these calendars supports the work  
 of the Missionary Society of St. Columban,  
 an order of Priests who work with the poor and the exploited around the world.

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A detailed illustration of the Nativity scene. In the center, the Virgin Mary is seated, holding the infant Jesus. To her right, Joseph is kneeling in prayer. To the left, a donkey and a ox are present. On the right, a shepherd holds a lamb. Two angels are positioned at the top, one on each side. The scene is framed by a decorative archway with Latin text: "ET VERBUM CARO FACTUM EST" on the left and "ALLELUIA!" on the right. The background is a warm, golden glow.

# Christmas

AT HOLY CROSS GRANVILLE

## CHRISTMAS EVE

5 p.m. Holy Family Church  
7 p.m. Holy Trinity Church

## CHRISTMAS DAY

Midnight Holy Trinity Church  
8:30 a.m. Holy Family Church  
10 a.m. Holy Trinity Church  
4:30 p.m. Holy Family Church



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## 1st Sunday of Advent, Year B

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### The Readings

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#### Introit (Cf. Ps. 24:1-3)

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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#### First Reading

##### The Prophet Isaiah (63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8)

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,  
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.  
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways  
and harden our hearts against fearing you?  
Return, for the sake of your servants,  
the tribes of your inheritance.  
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open  
and come down  
—at your Presence the mountains would melt.  
No ear has heard, no eye has seen  
any god but you act like this for those who trust him.  
You guide those who act with integrity  
and keep your ways in mind.  
You were angry when we were sinners;  
we had long been rebels against you.  
We were all like men unclean,  
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.  
We have all withered like leaves  
and our sins blew us away like the wind.  
No one invoked your name  
or roused himself to catch hold of you.  
For you hid your face from us  
and gave us up to the power of our sins.  
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;  
we the clay, you the potter,  
we are all the work of your hand.

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#### Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 79:2-3, 15-16, 181-9. R. v. 4)

R. Lord, make us turn to you,  
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help. R.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. R.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name. R.

#### Second Reading

##### The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (15:20-28)

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

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#### Gospel Acclamation (Ps. 84:8)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia!

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#### Gospel

##### The Gospel of St. Mark (13:33-37)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

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#### Communio (Ps. 84:13)

The Lord will bestow his bounty,  
and our earth shall yield its increase.

“Advent's intention is to awaken  
the most profound and basic  
emotional memory within us,  
namely, the memory of the God  
who became a child.”

—Pope Benedict XVI