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A Vicarious Descant

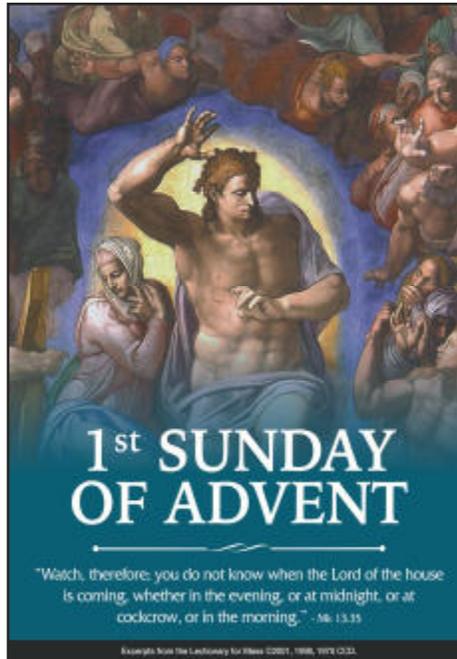
The end of the Liturgical cycle was filled with scriptural mediations on the end times. The readings and prayers at Mass focused our prayer and attention on the second coming of Christ. Yet, as we begin the new liturgical year, the readings at Mass continue to be about the end times.

Advent is from the Latin word “adventus” meaning “to come.” Of course, it means the coming of the Lord. But not just at Christmas, but the second coming of our Lord—which is what we pray for always.

The Catechism teaches us, “The coming of God’s Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the “First Covenant” He announces him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, he awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming” (CCC 522).

The Advent season is a penitential season, which means we pay particular attention to penance and conversion. This, of course, finds its fullest and most complete expression through the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion, but it is also expressed in many other ways, as in Lent. Advent is a more joyful penitential season—it is shorter, and, except for the little ones, the time goes by rather quickly.

During this season of Advent, the Church calls us to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus. We do this by meditating on how he first came into the world, that we



might be prepared when he comes again as he taught through parables and the direct words spoken to his disciples.

We must be vigilant and watchful, for we know not the day or the hour when the Son of Man will come. Our Lord gave us the Eucharist, and if we are properly prepared to receive Holy Communion, then we are properly prepared for Christ’s return to earth. Think about that: frequent Holy Communion keeps us prepared for when Christ will come again. If we are properly prepared to receive Holy Communion, we are properly prepared for the second coming. If we are not prepared to receive Holy Communion, we are not prepared for the second coming. Holy Communion is not just about being free from mortal and venial sin, but it is about a heart that seeks conversion constantly. It

is about loving God with one’s heart, soul, mind and strength, and loving one’s neighbor as oneself. Preparation for Holy Communion involves our whole life—every moment of the day. It is fulfilled when we approach the altar of the Lord and worthily receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

In the Gospel of the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite today, our Lord says, “this generation shall not pass away till all things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but My words shall not pass away.”

The Fathers of the Church and Commentators point out that there are two parts to what Our Lord said. First, our Lord was speaking of what He had said earlier in this chapter 21 of Luke’s Gospel where he referred to the very real and very near destruction of Jerusalem—a calamity that would take place in the lifetimes of those who heard our Lord speak these words. The non-Christian historians of the time in their descriptions of what took place in the year 72 confirm that every word of our Lord in this chapter came to pass during that event—which is why our Lord said that this generation shall not pass away—it was within that generation that Jerusalem was destroyed.

Second, the Lord spoke prophetically referring to this “generation” as all of mankind from that point forward—that is, the point of the culmination of the old Law symbolized by the abolition of Jerusalem and the founding of the eternal covenant, Christianity. While the end of the Old Law was marked by the coming of Christ, the culmination of the Church herself will be

Mass Intentions for the Week



Monday, - November 30, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Fr. David Pellican (L)

Tuesday, - December 01, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Anthony Santine (L)

Wednesday, - December 02, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Christine Beckley (L)

Thursday, - December 03, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Ryan Poniewierski (L)

Friday, - December 04, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Poor Souls

7:00 p.m.—The Faculty and Students at Chesterton Academy

Saturday, - December 05, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Reparation for the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary

4:00 p.m.— St. Monica Sodality

Sunday, - December 06, 2020

6:30 a.m.— Special Intention; 9:30 a.m. - People of the Parish; 12:00 p.m.— Special Intention

“When we leave the holy banquet of Communion, we are as happy as the wise men would have been if they could have carried away the infant Jesus.” -St. John Vianney

“You will never be happy if your happiness depends on getting solely what you want. Change the focus. Get a new center. Will what God wills, and your joy no man shall take from you.” - Venerable Fulton Sheen

“Mary, who is the Virgin Most Pure, is also the Refuge of Sinners. She knows what sin is, not by the experience of its fall, not by tasting its bitter regrets, but by seeing what it did to her Divine Son.” -Venerable Fulton Sheen

Mass Servers

Saturday, December 05, 2020

4:00 p.m. D. Bastuba, J. Praet, J. Cline

Sunday, December 06, 2020

6:30 a.m. R. Jacek, M. Pomeroy.

9:30 a.m. K. Garavaglia, A. Santine, M. Grado, J. Prevo, D. Grado, C. Bueche

12:00 p.m. M. Chambers, A. & M. Arrigoni, A. & W. Remske, G. Welsing, J. & D. Berch

Readings for the week of November 29, 2020

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b -4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35— 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

“The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day.” -St. Gianna Molla

“Do not lay too much store on the favorable judgments of men, for I love thee with a perfect love. I spent My earthly existence in humiliations and scorn and in a hidden life. It was thus that I glorified My Father, laid the foundations of My Church, and remedied the evils of pride. This is the path that thou must follow.” Our Lord to Blessed Maria Celeste Crostarosa

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SUNDAY MASSES: Saturdays at 4:00; Sundays at 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), & Noon

HOLY DAY MASSES: 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), Noon & evening at 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 2:30-3:30, Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS: Every Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday after the Noon Mass. Arrange at the Rectory Office.

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: After the Noon Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

REGISTRATION: Visit the Rectory or call for a form to be sent out to you.

“The Lord is loving unto man, and swift to pardon, but slow to punish. Let no man therefore despair of his own salvation.” St. Cyril of Jerusalem

“I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love.” -St. Teresa of Calcutta

“A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God.”- St. Faustina

“Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul except sin. God commands you to pray, but He forbids you to worry.” -St. Francis de Sales

A Vicarious Descant (continued)

marked by the return of Christ “in the clouds of heaven.” Each year we devote a penitential season to this fact. It is called Advent, from the Latin, *adventus*, which means “coming.”

If you read the next three verses after today’s Gospel according to St. Luke you will find these words: “But take heed to yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a snare for it will come upon all who dwell upon the face of the whole earth. But watch at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of man.” (Luke 21:34-36).

“Cares of this life” can, indeed, weigh us down and obscure the need to be watchful. The ongoing uncertainty in our country on so many fronts certainly has caused much anxiety, but it must not delay our readiness and watchfulness at all times.

We must as a parish, a Church and a nation turn all the more to God and ask Him to not only guide us through these precarious times, but also grant an abundance of grace to so many people who are separated from Christ that they be converted and saved. This is the purpose of making reparation for sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary—we pray for those people who are not praying for themselves.

May Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception—the patroness of our country—intercede for us and as Mediatrix of God’s grace, bring many souls to Christ.

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The Knights are taking orders for Christmas Hams and Sausages, through December 10th. Orders will be ready for pick up after Masses on December 20th.

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Christmas Novena Mass cards will be available beginning December 1st. Please call or visit the Rectory.

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Come and Visit the Assumption Grotto to Secular Carmelites. If you would like to be a part of a Fraternal Community, be inspired by Carmelite Saints, seek the face of God through contemplative prayer, and have a special devotion to our Blessed Mother, call *Paula Zurawski* at 586.463.1770 and leave a message **to schedule a visit with the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Discalced Carmelite Seculars**, at Assumption Grotto, in Detroit. We meet on the First Saturday of each month, beginning with a Communion Service at 8:30 am. The richness of Carmelite teachings and spirituality will still the restlessness of your heart as you learn to rest in the Lord. We look forward to meeting you!

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Seven Sisters Apostolate

See the flyer on the side tables of the church for more information on our three parish Seven Sisters Groups. The groups are organized to pray for Archbishop Vigneron, Fr. John Bustamante and Fr. Perrone. We are in need of more women willing to commit an hour a week for one of our priests as a substitute or alternate. Please call and leave your name at the rectory if God is calling you to assist our priests in this Apostolate.

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The Fr. John A Hardon 36 Week Advanced Marian Catechism Course will begin on Saturday, January 9th at 1 p.m. in the Shrine Lounge. You must have a certificate that you completed the Basic 16 Week course in order to participate. All class course materials must be purchased in advance. The class will meet every other Saturday completing one chapter every two weeks. This gives a sufficient time for busy Catholics to reflect and study. For more information on the Advanced or Basic Courses, or if you need to purchase the course materials,

leave your name at rectory and someone will contact you.

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Morning Offering “O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father” (from “Manual of Prayers,” Midwest Theological Forum).



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