

Advent Calendar - Gospel Extracts 2017

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>December 3 First Sunday of Advent</p> <p>"Be on your guard, stay awake, because you will never know when the time will come. What I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!"</p>	<p>December 4</p> <p>When Jesus entered Capernaum a centurion came up and pleaded with him.</p> <p>Jesus said: "I tell you solemnly, nowhere in Israel have I found faith like this".</p>	<p>December 5</p> <p>Filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit, Jesus said: "I bless you, Father, Lord of Heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children".</p>	<p>December 6</p> <p>They brought the lame, crippled, blind and dumb and he healed them</p> <p>They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected what was left of the scraps, seven baskets full.</p>	<p>December 7</p> <p>Jesus said to his disciples: "It is not those who say to me, 'Lord, Lord' who will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in Heaven".</p>	<p>December 8 The Immaculate Conception</p> <p>The angel Gabriel said to Mary: "Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen you are to conceive and bear a son and you must name him Jesus".</p>	<p>December 9</p> <p>These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them: "... proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils ... give without charge.</p>
<p>December 10</p> <p>It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look I am going to send my messengers before you: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.</p>	<p>December 11</p> <p>Some men appeared, carrying on a bed a paralysed man.</p> <p>Seeing their faith Jesus said "My friend, your sins are forgiven you".</p>	<p>December 12</p> <p>Jesus said to his disciples: "Suppose a man has a hundred sheep and one of them strays. If he finds the lost sheep, it gives him more joy than do the ninety-nine that did not stray at all".</p>	<p>December 13</p> <p>Jesus exclaimed: "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart."</p>	<p>December 14</p> <p>Jesus spoke to the crowds: "A greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is".</p>	<p>December 15</p> <p>Jesus spoke to the crowds: "The son of Man came, eating and drinking, and they say, 'look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners'".</p>	<p>December 16</p> <p>Jesus said to his disciples: "I tell you that Elijah has come already and they did not recognise him ... and the Son of Man will suffer similarly at their hands".</p>
<p>December 17</p> <p>A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light. Make a straight way for the Lord.</p>	<p>December 18</p> <p>This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>December 19</p> <p>In the days of King Herod of Judea there lived a priest called Zechariah.</p> <p>The angel said: "Zechariah, do not be afraid, your prayer has been heard".</p>	<p>December 20</p> <p>The angel Gabriel was sent by God to Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph' of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.</p>	<p>December 21</p> <p>Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said: "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."</p>	<p>December 22</p> <p>Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my soul exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid."</p>	<p>December 23</p> <p>Elizabeth gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.</p>
<p>December 24</p> <p>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God. He said to Mary, "Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you."</p>	<p>Monday 25 December</p> <p>Midnight Mass: While they were there the time came for Mary to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. Mass at Dawn: Now when the angels had gone from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." Mass During the Day: In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God.</p>					