

*Pray the Scriptures with us during the month of*  
**December 2017**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every Sunday is a Solemnity. Weekdays with <b>bold</b> print are either a Solemnity or a Feast Day. All other weekdays are either Memorials or Optional Memorials or without a specific memorial. <i>Optional Memorials are in italics.</i>	<b>Note:</b> Days between, and including, December 25 to January 1, are Days in the Octave of Christmas. The <i>Gloria</i> is sung.	The Christmas Season begins with the Vigil Mass of Christmas on the evening of December 24 and ends on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 8.	<b>Tip for Spiritual Well-being</b> Go to Confession sometime before Christmas.	<b>Some other saints:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> – St. Francis Xavier 16 <sup>th</sup> – Sv. Adelhaida (Adéla) 31 <sup>st</sup> – St. Sylvester I	<b>1 † First Friday</b> Dn 7:2-14 (Ps) Dn 3:75-81 Lk 21:29-33 <i>Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotion</i>	<b>2 First Saturday</b> Dn 7:15-27 (Ps) Dn 3:82-87 Lk 21:34-36 <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary Devotion</i>
<b>3</b> Is 63:16b-17,19b & 64:2-7 Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37 <b>First Sunday of Advent</b> 	<b>4</b> Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11  <i>St. John of Damascus, priest, doctor of the Church</i>	<b>5</b> Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 Lk 10:21-24	<b>6</b>  Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37  <i>St. Nicholas, bishop</i>	<b>7</b> Is 26 1-6 Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a Mt 7:21,24-27  St. Ambrose, bishop, doctor of the Church	<b>8 † Holy Day of Obligation</b> Gn 3:9-15,20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38 <b>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	<b>9</b> Is 30:19-21,23-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt 9:35 – 10:1,6-8 <i>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, hermit</i>
<b>10</b> Is 40:1-5,9-11 Ps 85:9-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8 <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> 	<b>11</b> Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab-14 Lk 5:17-26  <i>St. Damasus I, pope</i>	<b>12</b> Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab <b>or</b> Zec 2:14-17 (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc,19 Lk 1:39-47 <b>or</b> Lk 1:26-38 <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>	<b>13</b> Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4,8,10 Mt 11:28-30  St. Lucy, virgin, martyr	<b>14</b> Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1,9-13ab Mt 11:11-15  St. John of the Cross, priest, doctor of the Church	<b>15 †</b> Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4,6 Mt 11:16-19	<b>16</b> Sir 48:1-4,9-11 Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 Mt 17:9a,10-13
<b>17</b> Is 61:1-2a,10-11 (Ps) Lk 1:46-50,53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8,19-28 <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> 	<b>18</b> Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19 Mt 1:18-25	<b>19</b> Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a Ps 71:3-6,16-17 Lk 1:5-25	<b>20</b> Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38	<b>21</b> Sg 2;8-14 or Zeph 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21 Lk 1:39-45  <i>St. Peter Canisius priest, doctor of the Church</i>	<b>22 †</b> 1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-8 Lk 1:46-56	<b>23</b> Mal 3:1-4,23-24 Ps 25:4-5ab,8-9,10,14 Lk 1:57-66  <i>St. John of Kanty, priest</i>
<b>24</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Ps 89:2-5,27,29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38  <b>The Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass</b> – Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5,16-17,27,29 Acts 13:16-17,22-25 Mt 1:1-25	<b>25</b> <b>The Nativity of the Lord</b> <b>Mass During the Night</b> Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3,11-13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14 <b>Mass at Dawn</b> Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1,6,11-12 Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20 <b>Mass During the Day</b> Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18	<b>26</b> Acts 6:8-10; & 7:54-59 Ps 31:3-4,6,8,16-17 Mt 10:17-22  <b>Feast of St. Stephen, The First Martyr</b> <b>Second Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b>	<b>27</b> 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12 Jn 20:1a,2-8  <b>Feast of St. John, Apostle, Evangelist</b> <b>Third Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b>	<b>28</b> 1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2 Ps 124:2-5,7c-8 Mt 2:13-18  <b>Feast of The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</b> <b>Fourth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b>	<b>29 †</b> 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3,5-6 Lk 2:22-35  <i>St. Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr</i> <b>Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b>	<b>30</b> 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40  <b>Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b>
<b>31</b> <b>Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.</b> Gen 15:1-6; & 21:1-3 Ps 105:1-6,8-9 Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19 Lk 2:22-40 <b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>			<b>Monthly Devotion: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	Meditate on how Mary was without sin from the moment of her conception in the womb of her mother St. Anne.	<b>† The Bishops of the United States have asked that we observe Fasting and Abstinence on every Friday for the intentions of Life, Marriage, and Religious Freedom.</b>	