



ADVENT

Second Sunday of Advent

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December 4, 2022

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

Prayer of St. Francis

*Lord, make me an instrument
of your peace,
Where there is hatred,
let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;
O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.*



INTRODUCTORY RITES

GATHERING HYMN

Ready the Way *c. Stephan*

**Ready the way, ready the way,
ready the way of the Lord.
Ready the way, ready the way,
ready the way of the Lord.**

Make straight the road,
raise the valleys,
and mountains make low.
Turning from sin,
let the broken be whole,
and ready the way of the Lord.

As we wait for you,
give us the strength
to walk in your truth,
so we may love more like you
and ready the way for you, Lord.

Let us see your face;
in our hearts we prepare a place.
Come bring this world
your mercy and grace,
as we ready the way for you, Lord.

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GREETING

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 72

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-9

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Renewal *C. Stephan*

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
*(At the words that follow, up to and including
"and became man," all bow.)*
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,

Nicene Creed

and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through
the prophets.
I believe in one, catholic
and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection
of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

*At this time, offer up any prayers you have for yourself, loved ones, and the world.
Place your prayers on the altar with the bread and wine to be offered up to God during
consecration.*



HYMN

Prepare the Way *C. Hall & L. Giglio*

Prepare the way prepare the way
Prepare the way of the Lord

Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus
Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus

You are the light of the world
You are the light of the world
You are the light of the world Jesus

You are the King of the earth
You are the King of the earth
You are the King of the earth Jesus

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BERAKAH PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just.**

HOLY

Mass of Christ the Savior *D. Schutte*

Holy, Holy, Holy
Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes,
Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Christ the Savior *D. Schutte*

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

GREAT AMEN

Mass of Christ the Savior *D. Schutte*

Amen, amen, amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

COMMUNION RITE

LAMB OF GOD

Mass of Christ the Savior *D. Schutte*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION

**At this time, we invite those celebrating at home
to make a Spiritual Communion:**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

HYMN

Your Words Are Spirit & Life *B. Farrell*

**Your words are spirit and life, O Lord:
richer than gold, stronger than death.
Your words are spirit and life, O Lord;
life everlasting.**

God's law is perfect,
refreshing the soul,
reviving the weary spirit.
God's rule can be trusted:
bringing us wisdom,
bringing God's wisdom to birth.

God's precepts keep us;
their purpose is right.
They gladden the hearts of people.
God's command is so clear
it brings us new vision;
bringing God's light to our eyes.

Living by God's truth is holy and sure;
God's presence is everlasting.
God's truth is eternal,
bringing us justice;
bringing God's justice to earth.

God's word is precious,
desired more than gold;
worth more than we dare imagine
and, sweeter than honey,
this word will feed us,
bringing fulfillment and joy.

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HYMN

Find Us Ready *T. Booth*

**Find us ready, Lord, not standing still.
Find us working and loving and doing your will.
Find us ready, Lord, faithful in love,
building the kingdom that's here and above,
building the kingdom of mercy and love.**

We must wait for the Lord
for we know not the time.
So here and today
we gather and pray,
discovering love in our midst.

We must make straight the path,
God's love revealed.
With sin cast aside,

God's mercy alive,
fear not for here is your God.

Lifting up those bowed down,
we prepare for our God.
Rejoice in the Lord,
for hope has been born
in hearts where our God finds a home.

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HYMN

These Alone Are Enough *D. Schutte*

Take my heart, O Lord, take my hopes and dreams.
Take my mind with all its plans and schemes.
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

Take my thoughts, O Lord, and my memory.
Take my tears, my joys, my liberty.
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

I surrender, Lord, all I have and hold.
I return to you your gifts untold.
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

When the darkness falls on my final days,
take the very breath that sang your praise.
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

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CONCLUDING RITES

Solemn Blessing

Dismissal

Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

SENDING FORTH HYMN

Emmanuel *S. Angrisano*

Come, come, Emmanuel!
Son of God, appear.
Heaven and earth, rejoice!
Salvation is drawing near.
Salvation is drawing near.

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Who ordered all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem;
From ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust your mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of humankind;
Make all our sad divisions cease,
And be for us the King of Peace.

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Thank you for worshiping with the St. Francis community.

Our current Mass schedule is as follows:

Mondays-Fridays at 7:15 a.m.

Tuesdays at Noon

Saturdays at 4:30 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.

These Mass times may be subject to change.

At this time, confessions are available Wednesdays from Noon-1 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. You are also welcome to call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment at 515-223-4577.

We continue to stream the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on our YouTube channel.

(This Mass will also be interpreted in ASL.)

Remember that recordings of our live videos will be posted to our **YouTube** channel. Search for ***St. Francis of Assisi West Des Moines*** and subscribe to receive the latest video updates.

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