



'Let's begin with a prayer...' 2023/24

Week Commencing: Monday 4th December 2023
First Week of Advent Year B

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THEME FOR THE WEEK:
'Humility.'

LINKED CST PRINCIPLE: Responsibility
LINKED BHCT VIRTUE: Self Belief

ADVENT WEEK 1, YEAR B
Mark 13:33-37
'If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep.'

WORLD RELIGIONS AND CULTURAL EVENTS:
DECEMBER
INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS DAY 5TH
9TH DAY OF COMMEMORATION AND DIGNITY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE CRIME OF GENOCIDE, 10TH HUMAN RIGHTS DAY, 10TH ANNUAL RIGHTS DAY 7TH- 15TH JEWISH FESTIVAL OF HANUKKAH

FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:
24th St Nicholas, 26 St Ambrose, SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (OPTIONAL MEMORIAL) 28TH DAY OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION...
Blessing of Advent Wreaths and Christmas Tree
Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (the week or next if possible. Pastoral Discretion)

Monday

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light."

Isaiah 9:2

Lord, we name before you those we know who are going through times of darkness. We think of them and ask, gracious God, that you may bring them light, hope, love and direction. Amen.

TUESDAY-

"On those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned."

Isaiah 9:2

Lord, have mercy on all those who are living in the place of the shadow of death. Those in that valley coping with terminal illness or those who have lost loved ones. God, who is light, bring strength, hope and comfort today. Amen.

Wednesday

St Albert the Great

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6

Wonderful Counsellor, we ask for your guidance at this time. Help us to take the right paths and the correct decisions. Lord be our guide. And even when we take a wrong turning, help us to trust that you are with us, healing, restoring and forgiving. Amen.

Thursday-

God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all."

1 John 1:5

Lord God, help us to reflect upon our lives. Lord help me. Bring your light and your forgiveness and help me today to walk in your light. Allow me to see that in the darkest places it is possible for the light to shine brightest. Amen

Friday-

On this the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we ask Mary our Mother for her prayers, Hail Mary...

