



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6 and 7, 2025

St. Gertrude Parish, Cincinnati

MONDAY: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This Monday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. The following Masses will be offered:

7 A.M.	Spoken Mass
8 A.M.	Spoken Mass
11:30 A.M.	Sung Mass with the Novitiate Choir
7 P.M.	Sung Mass with the Parish Choir

NEXT SUNDAY: ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Next Sunday at 3 P.M., all are invited to join us for one of the highlights of Advent at St. Gertrude: Advent Lessons and Carols, sung by our Schola Cantorum. This hour-long contemplative service is based around a series of readings that trace Salvation History, interspersed with powerful musical meditations from the Church's treasury of sacred music for Advent. All are welcome.



ORDER OF MASS

Second Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

Wachet auf, ruf uns die Stimme, BWV 645
Awake! The Voice Calls Us

Johann Sebastian Bach

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSION

Creator of the Stars of Night

At the ringing of the sacristy bell, all stand and sing:

St. Michael Hymnal 491

INTROIT *(Sunday)*

Populus Sion, ecce Dominus veniet
ad salvandas gentes: et auditam faciet
Dominus gloriam vocis suæ,
in lætitia cordis vestri.

As the celebrant incenses the altar, the cantor/choir sings:

*O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come
to save the nations, and the Lord will make
the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.*

Words: after Isaiah 30:19, 30

Music: Dominican Chant

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

All strike their breast three times

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

KYRIE

The cantor/choir sings each line of music first, then all repeat.

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are represented by black dots on the staff lines, with horizontal lines indicating the pitch contour. The lyrics are written below the notes, with Latin in italics and English in a standard font. The first staff has the lyrics "Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son." with "Lord," and "have mercy." below. The second staff has the lyrics "Chri - ste, e - le - i - son." with "Christ," and "have mercy." below. The third staff has the lyrics "Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son." with "Lord," and "have mercy." below. The music is a simple, melodic line with some ties and slurs.

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mercy.

Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.
Christ, have mercy.

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mercy.

Music: Dominican Chant, Mass XII "On Sundays of Advent"

COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

All sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Isaiah 11:1–10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17



Jus-tice shall flou - rish in his time, and full-ness of peace for e - ver.

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment. *℟.*

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. *℟.*

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save. *℟.*

May his name be blessed forever; as long as the sun his name shall remain. In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; all the nations shall proclaim his happiness. *℟.*

Music: Dominican Chant — Ex Sion species, adapted by Christopher Holman

READING II

Romans 15:4–9

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: *Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.*

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

All stand



Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all flesh shall see the salvation of God. **R.**

Verse: Luke 3:4, 6

Music: Dominican Chant — Alleluia, Ostende nobis, adapted C. Holman

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.

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.* John wore clothing made of camel’s hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

HOMILY

Friars of the Order of Preachers

CREDO *(Saturday)*

All stand

**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,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

All bow

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

All stand

**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, holy, 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.**

CREDO (Sunday)

All stand and sing:

Celebrant/Cantor: *All:*

Cre - do in u - num De - um, Pa - trem om - ni - po - ten - tem,
I believe in one God, the Father almighty,

fac - to - rem cae - li et ter - rae, vi - si - bi - li - um om - ni - um,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible

et in - vi - si - bi - li - um. Et in u - num Do - mi - num Je - sum Chris - tum,
and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

Fi - li - um De - i u - ni - ge - ni - tum. Et ex Pa - tre na - tum
the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father

an - te om - ni - a sae - cu - la. De - um de De - o, lu - men de lu - mi - ne,
before all ages. God from God, Light from Light,

De - um ve - rum de De - o ve - ro. Ge - ni - tum, non fa - ctum,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,

con - sub - stan - ti - a - lem Pa - tri: per quem om - ni - a fa - cta sunt.
consubstantial with the Father; through whom all things were made.

Qui prop - ter nos ho - mi - nes, et prop - ter nos - tram sa - lu - tem
For us men and for our salvation

All bow

des-cen - dit de cae - lis. Et in - car - na - tus est de Spi - ri - tu Sanc - to
he came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit,

All stand

ex Ma - ri - a Vir - gi - ne: Et ho - mo fac - tus est.
from the Virgin Mary, and became man.

Cru - ci - fi - xus et - i - am pro no - bis: sub Pon - ti - o Pi - la - to
He was crucified for our sake under Pontius Pilate,

pas - sus, et se - pul - tus est. Et re - sur - re - xit ter - ti - a di - e,
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day,

se - cun - dum Scri - p - tu - ras. Et as - cen - dit in cae - lum:
in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven

se - det ad dex - te - ram Pa - tris. Et i - te - rum ven - tu - rus est cum glo - ri - a,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory

ju - di - ca - re vi - vos et mor - tu - os: cu - jus reg - ni non e - rit fi - nis.
to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

Et in Spi - ri - tum Sanc - tum Do - mi - num, et vi - vi - fi - can - tem:
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

qui ex Pa - tre Fi - li - o - que pro - ce - dit. Qui cum Pa - tre et Fi - li - o
who from the Father and the Son proceeds, who with the Father and the Son

si - mul ad - o - ra - tur, et con - glo - ri - fi - ca - tur:
is adored and glorified,

qui lo - cu - tus est per Pro - phe - tas. Et u - nam sanc - tam ca - tho - li - cam
who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic

et a - po - sto - li - cam Ecc - le - si - am. Con - fi - te - or un - um bap - tis - ma
and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism

in re - mis - sio - o - nem pec - ca - to - rum.
for the forgiveness of sins

Et ex - spec - to re - sur - re - cti - o - nem mor - tu - o - rum.
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

Et vi - tam ven - tu - ri sae - cu - li.
and the life of the world to come.

A - - - - - men.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Credo III

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Each petition concludes with:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

After the final petition, all pray:

Almighty Father, you have created us for some definite purpose.

**Grant us the grace to know the path you have planned for us in this life
and to respond with a generous “Yes.”**

**Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes, and hearts
fruitful ground for your gift of vocations.**

**May our young people respond to your call with courage and zeal.
Stir among our men a desire and the strength
to be good and holy priests.**

**Bless us with consecrated religious
and those called to a chaste single life,
permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives,
who are a sign of Christ’s love for His Church.**

**We commend our prayer for vocations to you, Father,
through the intercession of Mary our Mother,
in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

*Words: The Most Reverend Dennis Schnurr,
Archbishop Emeritus of Cincinnati*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY *(Saturday)*

All sit as the cantor sings:

Deus tu convertens vivificabis nos,
et plebs tua laetabitur in te:
ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam,
et salutare tuum da nobis.

*O God, you will turn to us and restore our life,
and your people will rejoice in you.
Show unto us, Lord, your mercy
and grant us your salvation.*

℣. Benedixisti Domine terram tuam:
avertisti captivitatem Jacob:
remisisti iniquitatem plebis tuae.

℣. *O Lord, you have favored your land,
and brought back the captives of Jacob.
You forgave the guilt of your people.*

Antiphon: Psalm 85:7–8

Verse: Psalm 85:2–3a

Music: Dominican Chant

MOTET *(10 A.M.)*

All sit as the Parish Choir sings:

Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation, and deliver me from deceitful and unjust men. For thou art the God of my strength; O why dost thou cast me from thee? Wherefore mourn I because the enemy sorely oppresseth me? Send out thy light and truth, Lord; O let them lead me and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling-place. And then will I go to the altar of God, the God of my joy. I will praise thee upon the harp, O my God. O my soul, why art thou cast downward, and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope in the Lord, O my soul, for I will praise him who is the health of my countenance, and my gracious Lord and God.

Words: Psalm 43

Music: Felix Mendelssohn

MOTET *(12 P.M.)*

All sit as the Schola Cantorum sings:

Drop down ye heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. Comfort ye, comfort ye my people; my salvation shall not tarry. I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: fear not, for I will save thee; for I am the Lord thy God, the holy one of Israel, thy redeemer.

Words: c. ninth century, cf. Isaiah 45:8, 40:1

Music: Judith Weir

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

All stand

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.**

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings, and,
since we have no merits to plead our cause, come, we pray,
to rescue with the protection of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PREFACE DIALOGUE

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.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

For he assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh,
and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago,
and opened for us the way to eternal salvation,
that, when he comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest,
we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions,
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,
we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

SANCTUS

Saturday: St. Michael Hymnal 101

Cantor: *All:*

San - ctus, San - ctus, San - ctus,
Holy, Holy, Holy,

Do - mi - nus De - us Sa - - - ba - oth.
Lord God of hosts.

Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a.
Full are heaven and earth of your glory.

Ho - - - san - na in ex - cel - sis.
Hosanna in the highest.

Be - ne - dic - tus qui ve - nit in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - - - san - na in ex - cel - sis.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Mass XVII "On Sundays of Advent"

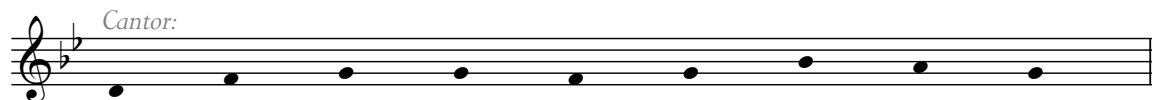
THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All kneel

The celebrant says the Eucharistic Prayer. After the words of Consecration, the celebrant sings:


The mystery of faith.

Cantor:



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

All:




we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer the celebrant takes the chalice and the paten with the host, and raising both, sings:


Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,

Celebrant:



for ev - er and ev - er.

All:



A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All stand

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: *Peace I leave you, my peace I give you*, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All offer one another a sign of peace

AGNUS DEI

Saturday: St. Michael Hymnal 104

Cantor/choir: *All:*

Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun-di:
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

mi - se - re - re no - bis.
have mercy on us.

Cantor/choir: *All:*

Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun-di:
mi - se - re - re no - bis.

Cantor/choir: *All:*

Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun-di:
do - na no - bis pa - cem.
grant us peace.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Mass XVII "On Sundays of Advent"

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All kneel

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

The cantor/choir sings:

Jerusalem surge, et sta in excelso:
et vide jucunditatem,
quae veniet tibi a Deo tuo.

*Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy
which comes to you from your God.*

Ÿ. Vere prope timentes eum salutare ipsius,
ut inhabitet gloria in terra nostra.

Ÿ. *His salvation is near for those who fear him,
and his glory will dwell in our land.*

Ÿ. Veritas de terra orta est,
et justitia de caelo prospexit.

Ÿ. *Faithfulness shall spring from the earth,
and justice look down from heaven.*

Ÿ. Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat
in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Ÿ. *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

Antiphon: Baruch 5:5, 4:36

Versicles: Psalm 85:10, 12

Music: Dominican Chant

MOTET (10 A.M.)

The Parish Choir sings:

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God; when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

Words: Psalm 42:2–4

Music: Herbert Howells

MOTET (12 P.M.)

The Schola Cantorum sings:

O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night, come to us with thy tender love, my soul's delight. Unto thee, O Lord, in affliction I call, my comfort by day, and my song in the night. O why should I wander, an alien from thee, or cry in the desert, thy face to see? My comfort and joy, my soul's delight, O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night.

Words: American folk song

Music: arr. Paul Christiansen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

All kneel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

HYMN

All sing:

On Jordan's Bank

St. Michael Hymnal 699

POSTLUDE

Saturday, 12 P.M.: Gottes Sohn ist kommen, BWV 603
God's Son has Come

J.S. Bach

10 A.M.: Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam, BWV 684
Christ Our Lord Came to the Jordan

J.S. Bach