

A hand holding a lit candle against a background of bokeh lights. The candle is lit, with a bright flame. The background is dark with many out-of-focus, glowing circles in shades of orange, yellow, and white, creating a bokeh effect. The overall mood is warm and hopeful.

A Light *for* My Path

MASS SCRIPTURE CITATIONS

CHURCH YEAR 2021

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

The readings in this book are listed chronologically. All seasons of the Church Year and months are clearly marked for ease of navigation. The Church uses various colors to indicate Seasons and Feasts and to let us know about the life of a particular saint. The colored symbol preceding each date alerts you to that day's particular celebration. Symbols and colors are as follows:

SYMBOLS

- ✚ Indicates a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation
- Indicates a weekday celebration

COLORS

- **Violet** (purple) is used during Advent and Lent. It symbolizes penitence and royalty.
- **White** (represented here as **Gold**) is used during the seasons of Christmas and Easter. It is also used for Solemnities such as The Immaculate Conception, Corpus Christi, etc.
- **Red**, symbolizing fire and blood, is used on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost Sunday and on the Feasts of martyrs.
- **Rose** is used on the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) and the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday).
- **Green** is used during Ordinary Time, which can last up to thirty-four weeks and is separated into two parts by the Lent/Easter Seasons.

THE BOOKS OF THE NEW AMERICAN BIBLE

Acts—Acts of the Apostles	2 Kgs—2 Kings
Am—Amos	Lam—Lamentations
Bar—Baruch	Lk—Luke
1 Chr—1 Chronicles	Lv—Leviticus
2 Chr—2 Chronicles	Mal—Malachi
Col—Colossians	1 Mc—1 Maccabees
1 Cor—1 Corinthians	2 Mc—2 Maccabees
2 Cor—2 Corinthians	Mi—Micah
Dn—Daniel	Mk—Mark
Dt—Deuteronomy	Mt—Matthew
Eccl—Ecclesiastes	Na—Nahum
Eph—Ephesians	Neh—Nehemiah
Est (A-F)—Esther	Nm—Numbers
Ex—Exodus	Ob—Obadiah
Ez—Ezekiel	Phil—Philippians
Ezr—Ezra	Phlm—Philemon
Gal—Galatians	Prv—Proverbs
Gn—Genesis	Ps(s)—Psalm(s)
Hb—Habakkuk	1 Pt—1 Peter
Heb—Hebrews	2 Pt—2 Peter
Hg—Haggai	Rom—Romans
Hos—Hosea	Ru—Ruth
Is—Isaiah	Rv—Revelation
Jas—James	Sg—Song of Songs
Jb—Job	Sir—Sirach
Jdt—Judith	1 Sm—1 Samuel
Jer—Jeremiah	2 Sm—2 Samuel
Jgs—Judges	Tb—Tobit
Jl—Joel	1 Thes—1 Thessalonians
Jn—John	2 Thes—2 Thessalonians
1 Jn—1 John	Ti—Titus
2 Jn—2 John	1 Tm—1 Timothy
3 Jn—3 John	2 Tm—2 Timothy
Jon—Jonah	Wis—Wisdom
Jos—Joshua	Zec—Zechariah
Jude—Jude	Zep—Zephaniah
1 Kgs—1 Kings	

+ ADVENT 2020 +

The Church Year begins with the birth of our salvation: God's only-begotten son, Jesus Christ. For four weeks, we anticipate his coming, learn about Mary's participation in this miracle, hear about the prophets who told of his coming—especially Isaiah and John the Baptist—and prepare our hearts through prayer and penitence.

- + Nov 29 First Sunday of Advent:** Is 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7 ▪
Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 ¹ ▪ 1 Cor 1:3-9 ▪ Mk 13:33-37
- Nov 30 St. Andrew: Rom 10:9-18 ▪ Ps 19:8,9,10,11 ▪ Mt 4:18-22
- Dec 1: Is 11:1-10 ▪ Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 ▪ Lk 10:21-24
- Dec 2: Is 25:6-10a ▪ Ps 23:1-3,3-4,5,6 ▪ Mt 15:29-37
- Dec 3 St. Francis Xavier: Is 26:1-6 ▪ Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27 ▪
Mt 7:21,24-27
- Dec 4 [*St. John Damascene*]: Is 29:17-24 ▪ Ps 27:1,4,13-14 ▪
Mt 9:27-31
- Dec 5: Is 30:19-21,23-26 ▪ Ps 147:1-2,3-4,5-6 ▪
Mt 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8
- + Dec 6 Second Sunday of Advent:** Is 40:1-5,9-11 ▪
Ps 85:9-10,11-12,13-14 ▪ 2 Pt 3:8-14 ▪ Mk 1:1-8
- Dec 7 St. Ambrose: Is 35:1-10 ▪ Ps 85:9,10,11-12,13-14 ▪ Lk 5:17-26
- + Dec 8 The Immaculate Conception:** Gn 3:9-15,20 ▪
Ps 98:1,2-3,3-4 ▪ Eph 1:3-6,11-12 ▪ Lk 1:26-38
- Dec 9 [*St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*]: Is 40:25-31 ▪
Ps 103:1-2,3-4,8,10 ▪ Mt 11:28-30
- Dec 10: Is 41:13-20 ▪ Ps 145:1,9,10-11,12-13 ▪ Mt 11:11-15
- Dec 11 [*St. Damasus I*]: Is 48:17-19 ▪ Ps 1:1-2,3,4,6 ▪ Mt 11:16-19
- Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe: Zec 2:14-17 or
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab ▪ Jdt 13:18,19 ▪ Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 ²
- + Dec 13 Third Sunday of Advent:** Is 61:1-2a,10-11 ▪
Lk 1:46-48,49-50,53-54 ▪ 1 Thes 5:16-24 ▪ Jn 1:6-8,19-28

¹ Responsorial Psalm citations do not contain verse fragments (a,ab).

² Or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary (707-712).

- Dec 14 St. John of the Cross: Nm 24:2-7,15-17a ▪ Ps 25:4-5,6,7,8-9 ▪ Mt 21:23-27
- Dec 15: Zep 3:1-2,9-13 ▪ Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-18,19,23 ▪ Mt 21:28-32
- Dec 16: Is 45:6b-8,18,21c-25 ▪ Ps 85:9,10,11-12,13-14 ▪ Lk 7:18b-23
- Dec 17: Gn 49:2,8-10 ▪ Ps 72:1-2,3-4,7-8,17 ▪ Mt 1:1-17
- Dec 18: Jer 23:5-8 ▪ Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19 ▪ Mt 1:18-25
- Dec 19: Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a ▪ Ps 71:3-4,5-6,16-17 ▪ Lk 1:5-25
- ✦ **Dec 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent:** 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 ▪ Ps 89:2-3,4-5,27,29 ▪ Rom 16:25-27 ▪ Lk 1:26-38
- Dec 21 [*St. Peter Canisius*]: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a ▪ Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21 ▪ Lk 1:39-45
- Dec 22: 1 Sm 1:24-28 ▪ 1 Sm 2:1,4-5,6-7,8 ▪ Lk 1:46-56
- Dec 23 [*St. John of Kanty*]: Mal 3:1-4,23-24 ▪ Ps 25:4-5,8-9,10,14 ▪ Lk 1:57-66
- Dec 24: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 ▪ Ps 89:2-3,4-5,27,29 ▪ Lk 1:67-79

+ CHRISTMAS +

Now that our king has come, he appears to the world—first to shepherds, then to the Magi, and to others as he grows and begins his ministry and mission as the Messiah. We celebrate for weeks—until the feast of his baptism in the Jordan.

- ✦ **Dec 25 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas):** Is 9:1-6 ▪ Ps 96:1-2,2-3,11-12,13 ▪ Ti 2:11-14 ▪ Lk 2:1-14 ³
- Dec 26 St. Stephen: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 ▪ Ps 31:3-4,6,8,16-17 ▪ Mt 10:17-22
- ✦ **Dec 27 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:** Sir 3:2-6,12-14 ▪ Ps 128:1-2,3,4-5 ▪ Col 3:12-21 ▪ Lk 2:22-40 ⁴

³ The Readings given are for the Mass at Midnight. For the Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5 ▪ Ps 89:4-5,16-17,27,29 ▪ Acts 13:16-17,22-25 ▪ Mt 1:1-25 (13).
At Dawn: Is 62:11-12 ▪ Ps 97:1,6,11-12 ▪ Ti 3:4-7 ▪ Lk 2:15-20 (15).
During the Day: Is 52:7-10 ▪ Ps 98:1,2-3,3-4,5-6 ▪ Heb 1:1-6 ▪ Jn 1:1-18 (16).

⁴ Or for Year B: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 ▪ Ps 105:1-2,3-4,5-6,8-9 ▪ Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19 ▪ Lk 2:22-40 (17).

- Dec 28 The Holy Innocents: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 ▪ Ps 124:2-3,4-5,7-8 ▪ Mt 2:13-18
- Dec 29 [*St. Thomas Becket*]: 1 Jn 2:3-11 ▪ Ps 96:1-2,2-3,5-6 ▪ Lk 2:22-35
- Dec 30: 1 Jn 2:12-17 ▪ Ps 96:7-8,8-9,10 ▪ Lk 2:36-40
- Dec 31 [*St. Sylvester I*]: 1 Jn 2:18-21 ▪ Ps 96:1-2,11-12,13 ▪ Jn 1:1-18

JANUARY 2021

- + **Jan 1 Mary, the Holy Mother of God:** Nm 6:22-27 ▪ Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8 ▪ Gal 4:4-7 ▪ Lk 2:16-21
- Jan 2 Sts. Basil and Gregory Nazianzen: 1 Jn 2:22-28 ▪ Ps 98:1,2-3,3-4 ▪ Jn 1:19-28
- + **Jan 3 The Epiphany of the Lord:** Is 60:1-6 ▪ Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13 ▪ Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 ▪ Mt 2:1-12
- Jan 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6 ▪ Ps 2:7-8,10-12 ▪ Mt 4:12-17,23-25
- Jan 5 St. John Neumann: 1 Jn 4:7-10 ▪ Ps 72:1-2,3-4,7-8 ▪ Mk 6:34-44
- Jan 6 [*St. André Bessette*]: 1 Jn 4:11-18 ▪ Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13 ▪ Mk 6:45-52
- Jan 7 [*St. Raymond of Penyafort*]: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4 ▪ Ps 72:1-2,14,15,17 ▪ Lk 4:14-22a
- Jan 8: 1 Jn 5:5-13 ▪ Ps 147:12-13,14-15,19-20 ▪ Lk 5:12-16
- Jan 9: 1 Jn 5:14-21 ▪ Ps 149:1-2,3-4,5-6,9 ▪ Jn 3:22-30
- + **Jan 10 The Baptism of the Lord:** Is 42:1-4,6-7 ▪ Ps 29:1-2,3-4,3,9-10 ▪ Acts 10:34-38 ▪ Mk 1:7-11⁵

⁵ Or for Year B: Is 55:1-11 ▪ Is 12:2-3,4,5-6 ▪ 1 Jn 5:1-9 ▪ Mk 1:7-11 (21).

+ ORDINARY TIME +

From now until the beginning of Lent, then again after Pentecost, we observe Christ in action and attempt to imitate his service and apply his teachings to our daily lives. Ordinary Time fills the majority of the year, for discipleship is an ongoing challenge, a lifelong endeavor.

- Jan 11 (First Week in Ordinary Time): Heb 1:1-6 ▪ Ps 97:1,2,6-7,9 ▪ Mk 1:14-20
- Jan 12: Heb 2:5-12 ▪ Ps 8:2,5,6-7,8-9 ▪ Mk 1:21-28
- Jan 13 [*St. Hilary*]: Heb 2:14-18 ▪ Ps 105:1-2,3-4,6-7,8-9 ▪ Mk 1:29-39
- Jan 14: Heb 3:7-14 ▪ Ps 95:6-7,8-9,10-11 ▪ Mk 1:40-45
- Jan 15: Heb 4:1-5,11 ▪ Ps 78:3-4,6-7,8 ▪ Mk 2:1-12
- Jan 16 [*BVM*]: Heb 4:12-16 ▪ Ps 19:8,9,10,15 ▪ Mk 2:13-17
- + Jan 17 **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**: 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19 ▪ Ps 40:2,4,7-8,8-9,10 ▪ 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20 ▪ Jn 1:35-42
- Jan 18: Heb 5:1-10 ▪ Ps 110:1,2,3,4 ▪ Mk 2:18-22
- Jan 19: Heb 6:10-20 ▪ Ps 111:1-2,4-5,9,10 ▪ Mk 2:23-28
- Jan 20 [*St. Fabian; St. Sebastian*]: Heb 7:1-3,15-17 ▪ Ps 110:1,2,3,4 ▪ Mk 3:1-6
- Jan 21 St. Agnes: Heb 7:25—8:6 ▪ Ps 40:7-8,8-9,10,17 ▪ Mk 3:7-12
- Jan 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: Heb 8:6-13 ▪ Ps 85:8,10,11-12,13-14 ▪ Mk 3:13-19 ⁶
- Jan 23 [*St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope*]: Heb 9:2-3,11-14 ▪ Ps 47:2-3,6-7,8-9 ▪ Mk 3:20-21
- + Jan 24 **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**: Jon 3:1-5,10 ▪ Ps 25:4-5,6-7,8-9 ▪ 1 Cor 7:29-31 ▪ Mk 1:14-20

⁶ For the Day of Prayer: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 2 Mc 7:1,20-31 or Is 49:1-6 or Rom 11:33-36 or Eph 1:3-14 or Eph 3:14-21 or Col 1:12-20 or 1 Jn 3:11-21 ▪ Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14 or Mk 9:30-37 or Lk 1:39-56 or Lk 17:11-19 or Lk 23:35-43 or Jn 1:1-5,9-14,16-18 or Jn 6:24-35 or any readings from the Mass "For Peace and Justice" (887-891).



YOUR WORD IS A LAMP FOR MY FEET, **A LIGHT FOR MY PATH.**

PSALM 119:105

This practical guide prepares lectors, sacristans, staff and families for both Sunday and daily Mass with an easier-to-read listing of Scripture citations—Readings, Responsorial Psalms and Gospels—for every day of Church Year 2021 (Nov. 29, 2020–Nov. 27, 2021). Symbol and color codes instruct users on the liturgical season, proper readings and feast days. Reflection on the Church Year will enlighten the whole parish, opening its ears, heart and mind to receive God’s Word.