

Daily Readings For The Week

Monday December 04th

St. John Damascene, pastor & doctor.

Reading 1: **ISAIAH 2: 1-5**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 122{121}: 1-2,4-9**

Gospel: **MATTHEW 8: 5-11**

Tuesday December 05th

Reading 1: **ISAIAH 11: 1-10**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 71{72}: 1-2,7-8,12-13,17**

Gospel: **LUKE 10: 21-24**

Wednesday December 06th

St. Nicholas, bishop.

Reading 1: **ISAIAH 25: 6-10**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 23{22}: 1-6**

Gospel: **MATTHEW 15: 29-37**

Thursday December 07th

St. Ambrose, bishop & doctor.

Reading 1: **ISAIAH 26: 1-6**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 118{117}: 1,8-9,19-21,25-27**

Gospel: **MATTHEW 7: 21,24-27**

Friday December 08th

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Reading 1: **GENESIS 3: 9-15,20**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 98{97}: 1-4; EPH. 1: 3-6,11-12**

Gospel: **LUKE 1: 26-38**

Saturday December 09th

Juan Diego.

Reading 1: **ISAIAH 30: 19-21,23-26**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 147{146}: 1-6**

Gospel: **MATTHEW 9: 35-10: 1,5-8**

Announcements

1. A warm Welcome to all our visitors who are worshipping with us for the first time.
2. Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those celebrating their special day this week.
3. 2nd collection today is for the expenses of the Archdiocese of Kingston.
4. 2nd collection next week is for the Franciscan Missionary Sisters (Blue Sisters)
5. FR. KENNETH RAMSAY - Requiem Mass, Wednesday, December 06, 2017 @ 3:00 pm. at the Holy Trinity Cathedral.
6. BAPTISM - Saturday, December 09, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m.
7. St. E's Basic School - Children Mass on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 @ 8:00 am.
8. Please note December 17 will be a busy day—St. E's Basic School will be having their Concert @ 3:00 p.m. The more the merrier.
9. Our Pre Christmas Brunch will be held on Sunday, December 17, 2017. Cost - J\$1,400.00.
10. CHILDREN'S MASS - Sunday, December 31, 2017.
11. Liturgical Calendars for 2018 are now on sale. Please place your order with Fr. Award. Cost J\$300.00.

Welcome to the Roman Catholic
Community of St. Elizabeth's Church
"A Catholic Community in the Passionist Tradition"



**First Sunday
of
Advent**

December 03, 2017

Theme: Stay Awake!



Celebrating the Eucharist

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Tue, Fri: 8:00 a.m.

Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m.

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Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Office is closed on Saturdays & Sundays.

Pastor is available during office hours and by appointment.

The Prophet Isaiah tells us in the first reading today: "No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!"

This is the theme of Advent and we can deepen our awareness of God's love for us by living this awareness of God throughout Advent this year. "Watch." We want God to find us always doing what is right, always mindful of Him in our ways. We can only do that if we take time to be with Him each day.

The Prophet Isaiah reminds us in the first reading that there is no God like our God. Sometimes we think that there are no competing gods today. Instead, we can open our eyes and see so many realities competing to be god, so many people who play at being god, and so many values that seem godlike to the present age.

It is important that we realize that only faithfulness to the One, True God will bring us peace and a wonderful human life. Faith never promises to make us wealthy or powerful—it actually promises the opposite. What faith does promise is that our life will be filled with joy in knowing the Lord and living His divine life.

The second reading on this First Sunday of Advent is from the First Letter to the Corinthians. In this letter we can focus on these words: "God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." God is faithful. We are not faithful, but God remains faithful. God calls us to fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ. We are called to share the life of Jesus Christ. Again we can reflect that living the life of Jesus Christ means to embrace poverty, to accept suffering, to serve all others and especially those who reject us. Sharing in this life brings incredible joy, even when it does not bring immediate happiness—which is what our world wants us to seek.

The Gospel from Saint Mark reminds us once again: keep alert and keep watching for the Lord! It is so easy today to accept the values of the world. At times those values seem even more compassionate than Gospel values. We have to recognize that doing right is not the same as feeling good about ourselves or about others. One of the great gods of our time is the demand that we always feel good, that we seek momentary happiness, above the values of the Gospel and the Scriptures.

May this Advent deepen our faith and help us understand and live what the Scriptures reveal to us. May we find ourselves drawn deeper into the heart of the Church founded by Jesus Christ. It is not easy to stand against the false gods of our time, but we have received the invitation to walk with the Lord Jesus. Let us walk into His light.

Let us walk in the way of the Lord.



The Order of Mass

Gathering: *No. 69 "Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Come!"*

Lord Have Mercy

Opening Prayer

First Reading: Isaiah 63: 16-17,19,64: 2-7

{Sherine Chin}

Responsorial Psalm: 79{80}: 2-3,15-16,18-19

Response: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: 1Corinthians 1: 3-9

{Dionne Ainsworth }

Gospel Acclamation: Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37

Homily

Universal Prayer

Greeting of Peace

Preparation of Gifts: } "*Man From Galilee*"

2nd Collection: }

Presentation of Gifts: *No. 90 "Father, Bless This Offering"*

Hosanna

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion: *No. 221 "Like A Shepherd He Feeds His Flock"*

Meditation: "*I Give Myself Away*"

Sending Forth: *No. 62 "Christ Jesus Lord From Heav'n Above"*