

SAINT PIUS X PRIORY
SINGAPORE

WEEKLY BULLETIN
& MASS SCHEDULE

9 DECEMBER 2018
SECOND SUNDAY
OF
ADVENT

SUN 9 December	2nd Sunday of Advent 1st Class, violet	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass
MON 10 December	Feria 3rd Class, violet St. Melchiadis, Pope & Martyr (Comm.)	18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
TUE 11 December	Saint Damasus I Pope, Confessor, 3rd Class, white Feria of Advent (Comm.)	7.15 – Low Mass 11.30 – Low Mass 18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
WED 12 December	Feria 3rd Class, violet Our Lady of Guadalupe	7.15 – Low Mass 11.30 – Low Mass 18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
THU 13 December	Saint Lucy Virgin, Martyr, 3rd Class, red Feria of Advent (Comm.)	7.15 – Low Mass 11.30 – Low Mass 18.20 – Rosary & Benediction 19.00 – Low Mass
 FRI 14 December	Feria 3rd Class, violet	7.15 – Low Mass 18.20 – Stations of the Cross 19.00 – Low Mass
SAT 15 December	Feria 3rd Class, violet	7.15 – Low Mass 11.30 – Low Mass
SUN 16 December	3rd Sunday of Advent 1st Class, rose or violet	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass

Confessions: 30 minutes
before Sunday Masses;
on demand every day.

2nd Collections:

1st Sunday of the month *for the chapel loan reimbursement.*
3rd Sunday of the month *for the chapel/priory maintenance.*

Children's Catechism on Saturday:

Pre Confirmation: 14:00-14:45
Post Confirmation: 14:00-14:45
1st Communion: 14:45-15:30

Post Confirmation: 14:00-14:45
Older Group (13-18 years): 14:45-15:30

Mass Stipends:

One Mass: \$25
Novena: \$250
Gregorian Masses: \$1,000

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marian Hymn. During Advent, we sing the *Alma Redemptoris Mater* after Sunday Mass.

Calendars 2019. The new calendars are available in the bookshop.

Christmas gifts. Advent Gregorian CD, sold at \$ 42.95 by Angelus Press, are offered here at a discounted \$ 6 each & 2 for \$ 10.

SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER - ADVENT RECOLLECTION

by Rev. Fr. Patrick Summers

08.00 Low Mass

09.00 **Talk**

10.00 Sung Mass

11.30 Light Refreshments

12.00 **Talk** followed by **Benediction**

Fr. Etienne Demornex will be available for Confessions

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PRACTICE DURING ADVENT

(by Dom Guéranger)

During the season of Advent, our Lord knocks at the door of all men's hearts, at one time so forcibly that they must needs notice Him; at another, so softly that it requires attention to know that Jesus is asking admission. He comes to ask them if they have room for Him, for He wishes to be born in their house. The house indeed is His, for he built it and preserves it; yet He complains that His own refused to receive Him [Jn i. 11]; at least the greater number did. **'But as many as received Him, He gave them power to be made the sons of God, born not of blood, nor of the flesh, but of God.'** [Jn i. 12, 13].

You, who have had Him within you without knowing Him, and have possessed Him without relishing the sweetness of His presence, open your hearts to welcome Him, this time, with more care and love. He repeats His visit of this year with an untiring tenderness; He has forgotten your past slights; He would "that all things be new." [Apoc. xxi. 5]. Make room for the divine Infant, for He desires to grow within your soul. The time of His coming is close at hand: let your heart, then, be on the watch; and lest you should slumber when He arrives, watch and pray, yea, sing.

Let those who are not touched by the tidings of the coming of the heavenly Physician and the good Shepherd who giveth His life for His sheep, meditate during Advent on the awful yet certain truth, that so many render the redemption unavailable to themselves by refusing to co-operate in their own salvation. They may treat the Child who is to be born [Is. ix. 6] with disdain; but He is also the mighty God, and do they think they can withstand Him on that day, when He is to come, not to save, as now, but to judge? Would that they knew more of this divine Judge, before whom the very saints tremble! Let these, also, use the liturgy of this season, and they will there learn how much He is to be feared by sinners.

We would not imply by this that only sinners need to fear; no, every Christian ought to fear. Fear, when there is no nobler sentiment with it, makes man a slave; when it accompanies love, it is a feeling which fills the heart of a child who has offended his father, yet seeks for pardon; when, at length, "love casteth out fear" [1 Jn iv. 18], even then this holy fear will

sometimes come, and, like a flash of lightning, pervade the deepest recesses of the soul. It does the soul good. She wakes up afresh to a keener sense of her own misery and of the unmerited mercy of her Redeemer. Let no one, therefore, think that he may safely pass his Advent without taking any share in the holy fear which animates the Church. She, though so beloved by God, prays to Him to give her this fear; and in her Office of Sext, she thus cries out to Him: **"Pierce my flesh with Thy fear."** It is, however, to those who are beginning a good life, that this part of the Advent liturgy will be peculiarly serviceable.



It is evident, from what we have said, that Advent is a season specially devoted to the exercises of what is called the purgative life, which is implied in that expression of St. John, so continually repeated by the Church during this holy time: **"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"** Let all, therefore, strive earnestly to make straight the path by which Jesus will enter into their souls. Let the just, agreeably to the teaching of the apostle, forget the things that are behind [Phil. iii. 13], and labour to acquire fresh merit. Let sinners begin at once and break the chains which now enslave them. Let them give up those bad habits which they have contracted. Let them weaken the flesh, and enter upon the hard work of subjecting it to the spirit. Let them, above all things, pray with the Church. And when our Lord comes, they may hope that He will not pass them by, but that He will enter and dwell within them; for He spoke of all when He said these words: **"Behold I stand at the gate and knock: if any man shall hear My voice will open to Me the door, I will come in unto him."** [Apoc. ii. 20].