

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>December 2023</h1> <p>Eastern Diocese Mission / Evangelism</p> <p>Prayer: "I believe in immortality and everlasting happiness in eternity, in union with God..."</p>					1 "I believe in the Divine power of love, mercy, and justice..." ~ Bishop Francis Hodur	2 On this last day of the liturgical year, let's be mindful of the fleeting nature of life. (Lk.21:34-36)
3 "Sustain us on our <i>Advent</i> journey as we go forth to welcome the One who is to come."★	4 Lord, instruct us in Your ways. Help us to walk in Your paths. (See Isaiah 2:1-5)	5 "One life may be of incalculable use to God, and <i>yours</i> may be that life." - Oswald Chambers	6 May bishops and all leaders follow the example of St. Nicholas in caring for their flocks.†	7 Mother Teresa said, "I am a pencil in the hand of God." What is He writing with you?	8 "From this day all generations will call me blessed." ~ The Virgin Mary (Luke 1:48)	9 "The kingdom of heaven is near." How are you preparing for it? See Matthew 9:35-10:8
10 <i>Advent 2</i> - Do my words and deeds display my belief that Christ will come again?	11 "As we proclaim Your coming, Lord Jesus, cleanse our hearts of every vain desire." ♣	12 May we say to the Lord, with Mary, "I am the servant of the Lord." (Luke 1:38)	13 † The Lord will cast down death for ever and wipe the tears from every face. ~ Isaiah 25:8	14 Almighty Father, give us the joy of Your love to prepare the way for Christ our Lord.♣	15 May we live as Christ has taught, ready to welcome Him with burning love and faith.♣	16 May pastors, and all who teach, faithfully proclaim Your coming, Lord Jesus. Help us to listen.
17 Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us, Lord, that we may proclaim the Good News. (Isaiah 61)	18 Pray for those who have lost hope and are filled with sorrow. Reach out as God directs. ★	19 Offer this prayer of St. Paul for your parish family - 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13	20 † Read about the hope that awaits us in Paul's letter to the Philipians, chapter 3!	21 Pray for those who are far from the Lord, that He would give them the gift of faith.	22 Keep CHRIST in CHRISTmas. What will you give Him to celebrate His birth?	23 Lord, grant safety to all who are traveling to be with loved ones in this Christmas season.
24 <i>Advent 4</i> - Pray with the psalmist, For ever will I sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).	25 CHRISTMAS "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us..." Read John 1	26 May we be like <i>St. Stephen</i> , whose love for Christ led him to pray for his attackers.	27 † Believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God - have life in His name. (1 <i>John</i> 1)	28 <i>Holy Innocents</i> Take action to ease the suffering of children living in dangerous places.	29 Have I made progress this year in better knowing my faith and growing in Christ?	30 May the <i>Holy Family</i> -Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - continue to be a model for our lives.
31 <i>Humble Shepherds</i> - May we be faithful in sharing Christ joyfully with all.	"Continue to live in Christ Jesus the Lord...be rooted in Him and built up in Him, growing ever	stronger in faith, as you were taught, and overflowing with gratitude." (Colossians 2)	★At Home with the Word 2024 ♣Liturgy of the Hours		"If you begin to live life looking for the God that is all around you..."	...every moment becomes a prayer." – Frank Bianco

† WEDNESDAY PRAYER: Lord, bless us with the wisdom to praise You in Spirit and in truth, so that by following Your holy will we may gain eternal salvation. May we be instruments of Your divine plan that righteousness may triumph over evil. May Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.†