

# Saint Augustine Chapel

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*Roman Catholic ✕ Traditional Latin Mass*

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1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

FRI	DEC	8	<b>Holy Hour: 7pm</b> <b>(Immaculate Conception of the BVM)</b>
SUN	DEC	10	<b>Mass: 6:30 pm</b> <b>Confessions: 5:45-6:15pm</b>
SUN	DEC	17	<b>Mass 9am</b> <b>Confessions: 8:15-8:45am</b>
SUN	DEC	24	<b>Holy Hour: 9am</b>
MON	DEC	25	<b>Christmas Mass 12pm (Noon)</b>
SUN	DEC	31	<b>TBA</b>

### First Sunday of Advent

*The Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans, 13: 11-14.* Brethren: Knowing the season, that it is now the hour for us to rise from sleep.

#### What is understood here by *sleep*?

Sin, in which man, as if sunk in a torpor, no longer sees the light of the Gospel, no longer hears the warning of his conscience, neglects the means of salvation, and lives without care, until he awakes, alas! too late, as from a dream.

*The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ, According to St. Luke, 21: 25-33.* At that time Jesus said to His disciples: There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations ...

#### Why does the Church cause this Gospel concerning the Last Judgment to be read to-day?

To prepare our hearts by penance for the coming of Jesus as our judge.



Advent is a time of preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thus this Advent edition is focused on the daily liturgy, devotions and inspiring reflections, always a priority the DailyCatholic has emphasized. This edition we focus on the Christmas Novena which

begins "Hail and blessed be the hour..." It is a beautiful prayer

to be prayed 15 times a day. We encourage you to say it at the end of each decade of the Rosary throughout your day, which would include the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries. If you can't get in all fifteen decades, say as many as your state in life calls for and memorize the Christmas Novena which you can say in the shower, while shaving, in the car, or even for those who watch TV, during commercials. What better way to spend your time?

For the First Week of Advent, the prayer around the Advent Wreath, as we light one candle during the special prayers for the week beginning on Sunday. Prior to this, the Advent Wreath was blessed with the prayers: Priest: Our help is in the name of the Lord. All: Who hath made Heaven and earth. Priest: Let us pray. O God, by Whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing sprinkles the wreath with holy water upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Q. What must we do to save our souls?

A. To save our souls we must worship God by faith, hope, and charity; that is, we must believe in Him, hope in Him, and love Him with all our heart. -Baltimore Catechism #2

