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**Eternal rest grant unto the departed, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

November, December 2026

CZECH HOLY MASSES IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

(Masses are celebrated in Czech)

SAN DIEGO - St. Maximilian Kolbe (1735 Grand Ave, San Diego)

- SUNDAY, November 1st, 4pm
- SUNDAY, December 6th, 4pm
- **CHRISTMAS MASS:**
CHRISTMAS EVE – THURSDAY, December 24th
at 3pm
- SUNDAY, January 10th, 2027, 4pm

SAN FRANCISCO - Nativity of Our Lord (240 Fell St, San Francisco)

- SUNDAY, November 15th, 1pm
- NO MASS IN DECEMBER
- **CHRISTMAS MASS:**
SUNDAY, January 3rd, 2027, 1pm

LOS ANGELES - Velehrad - chapel (344 Koch Ave. Placentia)

- SPECIAL: ALL SOULS' DAY – COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

- MONDAY, November 2nd
(on this day every priest may celebrate three Masses)
at 10am, 11am and 6pm
- SUNDAY, November 8th, 1pm
- SUNDAY, November 22nd, 1pm
(Lunch will be served after Mass)
- SUNDAY, November 29th, 1pm
- SUNDAY, December 13th, 1pm
- SUNDAY, December 20th, 1pm
- **CHRISTMAS MASSES:**
CZECH MIDNIGHT MASS:
CHRISTMAS EVE – THURSDAY, December 24th
at 10pm
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY): (two Masses)
FRIDAY, December 25th
at 11am and 1pm
- SUNDAY, December 27th, 1pm
- **NEW YEAR 2027 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER**

OF GOD

FRIDAY, January 1st, 1pm

The next issue of the Bulletin will be published in mid-December, once again with a detailed schedule of the Christmas Masses.

A Word for the Feast

November 2 - All Souls' Day **The Commemoration of All the Faithful** **Departed**



We spend the beginning of November remembering the dead. In these days people come to the cemeteries to lay flowers on the graves of the departed, to remember them, and to offer their prayers for them.

Children remember with gratitude the work-worn hands of their late fathers and the kind faces of their mothers, and in their hearts they thank them for the gift of life, for their upbringing, and for everything their parents did for them. Many, surely with tears in their eyes,

also ask forgiveness for not always showing their parents due respect, and for not repaying their lifelong care and concern in old age with the love they deserved. But just as often, parents stand at the graves of their children. And truly there is no greater pain than that of a mother looking into the grave of her child. Yet even such tragedies are part of life; here too we must bow before the mystery of death.

During the days of All Souls we walk through the cemetery and remember all the other departed as well - here a neighbor, a friend, a co-worker; here an uncle, an aunt, a brother, a sister, grandparents; here our teacher, our mentor,

our spiritual director, a priest. How many life stories pass before our eyes at such a moment.

And we remember further - all the departed in the old homeland, and also the thousands of nameless people who fell in various wars and revolutions, or who died as victims of terrorism, natural disasters and other catastrophes.

Yet remembering the dead also reminds us that one day we too will cross the threshold between time and eternity. In cemeteries we can often read the inscription: "What you are, we once were; what we are, you will be." Yes, they too were once people like us, who lived in the midst of their families, did their work and created things of value. Today they are no longer living, and one day we shall follow them. But the thought of death need not frighten us. We know that man has an immortal soul, and this gives us hope that life does not end with death but is only changed, and when our earthly dwelling falls apart, a new, everlasting home will be prepared for us with God.

Good God, you are the Creator and Giver of life.

We thank you for our own lives and for the lives of our relatives and friends.

*With trust we commend to you our departed and ask you
to receive them into the embrace of your love.*

Show them your mercy and forgive them their failings.

Reward them generously for all the good they did in life and out of love.

Bring their faith to fulfillment and receive them among the elect in heaven.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in holy peace. Amen.

(Prayer for the Dead)

Christ the King



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, always falls on the last Sunday in Ordinary Time. This year it is November 22.

When Christ was dying on the cross, above his head hung the inscription: Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. Many people read that inscription and mocked it, saying that this human wreck could hardly be a king. In fact, throughout his whole life Jesus kept his royal dignity hidden, and yet we cannot imagine him other than as a king. He was born in a stable instead of a palace, and yet the Magi bowed down before him and

offered him royal gifts. He had neither crown nor scepter, and yet the waves of the sea and the storm obeyed him when he calmed it with a single word. He had no possessions, and yet with a few loaves he fed crowds of thousands. He had no army, and yet today thousands of missionaries throughout the world fight for his truth. He had no throne, and yet all power in heaven and on earth was given to him.

For ages people waited for the Messiah, and when he came, they did not receive him. They expected a political leader, but he declared himself a spiritual ruler. When his judge Pilate asked him, "Are you truly a king, when you have no land, no people, no crown, no scepter, no castle and no army?" - Jesus answered him, "Yes, I am a king, but my kingdom is not of this world." And discontented man fumes: "He claims to be a king? Then we will make him king! He will get a crown - but only of thorns; we will clothe him in a cloak - but only of rags; we will give him a scepter - an ordinary stick will do; and we will lift him up - but only onto a cross." And at that moment heaven is silent. But only so that on the third day it may speak: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"

And here lies the mystery of Christ's kingdom. He is King through the cross and death, because he lives forever and will one day come in glory to judge the living and the dead. What does today's world know of the famous generals, kings, pharaohs and emperors? They are nothing. They are dead, turned to dust, and no one remembers them. But the whole world knows about Christ. And he alone lives and reigns forever.

*Jesus, King of heaven and earth, the choirs of angels bow before you,
the company of holy men and women sings your majesty in hymns and songs.
You veil your face from us in the Sacrament, yet faith beholds it glorified,
and to our King in the tabernacle we pay homage on our knees.*

*Jesus, King of heaven and earth, send your peace into every family,
let love and faithfulness flow from your Heart into their hearts.
Give husbands the steadfastness of your foster father, give wives the
gentleness of your Mother,
that in their daily work, together with their children, they may hear your voice
calling all to heaven.*

*Jesus, King of heaven and earth, grant us a place in your kingdom
when we finish the pilgrimage of our life, after many trials and after every
struggle.*

*Thy kingdom come, where there is no sorrow and no more bitter tears,
where eternal bliss and eternal joy illumine the faces of all the blessed.*

(Czech Hymnal no. 707)

Thanksgiving Day



Every year we celebrate the fourth Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day. It is meant to express our gratitude to God the Creator for the gifts we need for life, which he gives us from the harvest of our land. God is good, and in his love and generosity he showers us with abundant gifts. And for this we wish to praise and glorify him,

to thank him for our daily bread, and also to pray for those who have no bread and who suffer hunger and want anywhere in the world.

Almighty and good God, you give favorable weather and water the earth so that it may bring forth its fruits. Accept our thanks for this year's harvest and the fruits of the earth. Give all that is needed also to those who still suffer hunger, so that they too may praise your name. Grant every person enough of what they need for a life of dignity, and teach us to share with those in need. Guide people to protect nature and the environment and to cultivate rightly the earth you have entrusted to their care. And just as the earth brings forth its fruits, teach us also to bear the fruit of good works. And all the days of our life, O God, be gracious to us and bless us. Amen.

*O God, we praise you, Lord, we extol your might,
known to earth and heaven; we marvel at all your works;
while all in the world changes, you alone are without change.*

*All that can give praise, the Cherubim and Seraphim,
praise you, great God - heaven, earth and all the hosts;
by all you are acclaimed: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.*

*Lord, have mercy, have mercy, may your blessing be with us;
may what we ask be granted, according to our hope.
Whoever hopes in you alone, you will forsake no one.*

(Czech Hymnal no. 932)

Advent



The word ADVENT means COMING. During the four Sundays before Christmas we prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. Christians meditate on the fourfold coming of Christ into this world.

He came the first time 2,000 years ago, when he was born as a poor child in Bethlehem, and we commemorate this every year at Christmas.

He comes to us the second time in the Eucharist, when at Holy Mass the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ and he offers himself to us as spiritual food.

Jesus will come the third time at our death, when he calls each of us to give an account, to reward all the good we have done in life and to punish our sins.

Christ will come the fourth time in glory at the end of the world, to sit at the Last Judgment and judge all people and nations.

The symbol of Advent is the Advent wreath. Its green color is a symbol of life and a sign of hope that God's love triumphs over darkness and death, for God's Son, Jesus Christ, became man for our sake.

On each Sunday of Advent we light, one by one, the four candles of the Advent wreath. Their light reminds us that Jesus Christ is the light of the world.



Advent is meant to remind us of the time of the Old Testament, when people waited for the Messiah. After the sin of our first parents, heaven was closed to all. No one could regain the lost grace, and the only light was the hope that one of Eve's descendants would crush the power of evil and so bring redemption to mankind.

Whole generations waited for the Savior. About 4,000 years ago Abraham was chosen and received the promise that in his descendants all the nations of the earth would

be blessed. Abraham had a son, Isaac; Isaac had Jacob; Jacob had 12 sons. And so the people of Israel - God's people - grew.

God made a covenant with them. He gave them the Ten Commandments, and over the long centuries he sent them prophets who, led by the Holy Spirit, foretold the coming of the Messiah. They foretold that he would be of the tribe of Judah, of the house of King David; they foretold the place and the time of his birth. They foretold that his mother would be an immaculate virgin and that he would be the Son of God. They foretold that he would be born in Bethlehem, that he would be full of the Holy Spirit, that he would teach people about God, that he would work wonders, that he would be rejected by his own nation, that he would suffer grievously and so save the world. But the prophets also foretold that death would have no power over him; rather, he would conquer it and live forever.

Then, when the foretold time was fulfilled, God fulfilled the expectation of long ages. To carry out his plan he chose a simple Jewish girl, Mary. The Gospel of St. Luke tells us how it all happened:

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, the angel said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." When she heard this she was troubled and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. You will conceive and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Lk 1:26-38) - From that moment Mary became a mother.



At the side of the Virgin Mary we see Saint Joseph. He was her betrothed. He could not understand Mary's virginal motherhood. God instructed him: "Joseph, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. The child she has conceived is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Thus the word of the prophet Isaiah was to be fulfilled: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means God is with us." (cf. Mt 1:18-24)

The prophets also foretold that the Savior would be born in Bethlehem. Joseph and Mary, however, lived in Nazareth, which was quite far from Bethlehem. But here too Divine Providence was at work. Caesar Augustus, who then ruled the Roman Empire, issued a decree that a census be taken in all the provinces. Everyone was to be enrolled in the place his family came from, and so Joseph and Mary, as descendants of the ancient King David, set out for the old royal city of Bethlehem.

We see them as poor travelers. Mary on a donkey, Joseph on foot with a staff in his hand; they covered about 100 miles.

In Bethlehem no one took them into their home. There was no room for them even in the inn, and so in the end they took shelter in a stable for animals, and this place became the birthplace of the Savior of the whole world - Jesus Christ.

(Texts based on the "Sváteční slovo" (A Word for the Feast) by Fr. Dušan Hladík
on Czech Television in Chicago, 2004)

*Behold, the Lord will come, and all his saints with him;
and on that day there will be a great light, alleluia.*

*Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the Just One.
Let the earth be opened and bud forth a Savior.
The heavens proclaim the glory of God, and the firmament shows forth the
work of his hands.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*
(Czech Hymnal no. 101)

Prayers for the Souls in Purgatory

*Rest in peace, after the struggle, O faithful souls,
chosen heirs of eternal glory, of eternal glory.*

*At the pleading of your divine Mother, forgive what they still owe;
O Christ, by your Precious Blood, lay aside your stern wrath, your stern
wrath.*

***Let us remember the holy souls and help them out of purgatory;
they will remember us when our own hour of death comes, when we
are dying.***
(From the Cyril and Methodius Hymnal)

The Rosary of St. Gertrude

Apostles' Creed
Our Father
Hail Mary (3 x)
Glory Be

Our Father (on the large bead)
Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory (10 x on the small beads)

**Eternal Father, I offer Thee
the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
in union with all the Masses
said throughout the world today,
for all the holy souls in purgatory,
for sinners everywhere,
for sinners in the universal Church,
those in my own home and within my family.
Amen.**

Glory Be (at the end of each decade, followed by this prayer)

**Sacred Heart of Jesus, open the hearts and minds of sinners
to the truth and light of God.
Immaculate Heart of Mary,
pray for the conversion of sinners
and for the whole world.**



According to tradition, the Lord Jesus promised St. Gertrude that each time the Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory is prayed - even if it is prayed several times a day - he would release a thousand souls from purgatory. When you pray this rosary, the Lord Jesus releases 50,000 souls from purgatory. - Together we could thus "empty" purgatory.

The whole world awaits Mary's reply

You have heard, O Virgin, that you will conceive and bear a son; you have heard that it will not be by man but by the Holy Spirit. The angel awaits an answer; it is time for him to return to God who sent him. We too are waiting, O Lady, for your word of compassion; the sentence of condemnation weighs heavily upon us.

The price of our salvation is offered to you. We shall be set free at once if you consent. In the eternal Word of God we all came to be, and

behold, we die. In your brief response we are to be remade in order to be recalled to life.

Tearful Adam with his sorrowing family begs this of you, O loving Virgin, in their exile from Paradise. Abraham begs it, David begs it. All the other holy patriarchs, your ancestors, ask it of you, as they dwell in the country of the shadow of death. This is what the whole earth waits for, prostrate at your feet. It is right in doing so, for on your word depends comfort for the wretched, ransom for the captive, freedom for the condemned, indeed, salvation for all the sons of Adam, the whole of your race.

Answer quickly, O Virgin. Reply in haste to the angel, or rather through the angel to the Lord. Answer with a word, receive the Word of God. Speak your own

word, conceive the divine Word. Breathe a passing word, embrace the eternal Word.

Why do you delay, why are you afraid? Believe, give praise, and receive. Let humility be bold, let modesty be confident. This is no time for virginal simplicity to forget prudence. In this matter alone, O prudent Virgin, do not fear to be presumptuous. Though modest silence is pleasing, dutiful speech is now more necessary. Open your heart to faith, O blessed Virgin, your lips to praise, your womb to the Creator. See, the desired of all nations is at your door, knocking to enter. If he should pass by because of your delay, in sorrow you would begin to seek him afresh, the One whom your soul loves. Arise, hasten, open. Arise in faith, hasten in devotion, open in praise and thanksgiving. Behold the handmaid of the Lord, she says, be it done to me according to your word.

*From a homily In Praise of the Virgin Mother
by Saint Bernard, abbot (1090 - 1153)*

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