

ADVENT III – GAUDETE SUNDAY
DECEMBER 17, 2023
LOW MASS PRAYERS

12 SUNDAYS HONORING OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL (WEEK 6)

Priest & People: HAIL HOLY QUEEN, / Mother of Mercy, / hail our life, our sweetness and our hope. / To Thee do we cry, / poor banished children of Eve. / To Thee do we send up our sighs, / mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. / Turn then, most gracious advocate, / Thine eyes of mercy towards us. / And after this our exile, / show unto us the blessed Fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. / O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, Mother of Good Counsel,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Priest: O Tower of David! most resplendent Star of Jacob! Mary of Good Counsel! we choose thee as our special guide and comforter in this weary pilgrimage of life. We commit to thy keeping, O Sovereign Lady, the management of our household concerns, the government of our families and the conduct of our temporal interest, whatever they may be. Protect us, O Queen! Deliver us from all dangers; be our comforter in our trials; save us from sin; defend us from the attacks of the devil, thou who didst crush the serpent's head; and at the last dread hour be with us, that we may have a happy death.

R. Amen

NOVENA PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Priest & People: HAIL AND BLESSED / be the hour and moment, / in which the Son of God was born / of the Most Pure Virgin Mary, / at midnight in Bethlehem, / in piercing cold. / At that hour, vouchsafe O my God, / to hear my prayer and grant my desires / through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ / and His Blessed Mother. Amen.

ACT OF FAITH

Priest & People: O my God / I firmly believe / that Thou art one God / in three Divine Persons, / Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; / I believe that Thy Divine Son / became man, / and died for our sins, / and that He will come / to judge the living and the dead. / I believe these and all the truths / which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, / because Thou hast revealed them, / Who canst neither deceive nor be deceived. / Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Priest & People: ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, / defend us in battle; / be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. / May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, / and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, / by the power of God, / cast into hell, Satan, and all the evil spirits, / who wander about the world, / seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

V. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. **R. Have mercy on us.**

V. Holy Child Jesus, Doctor of the Sick. **R. Have mercy on us.**

V. Our Mother of Consolation. **R. Pray for us.**

V. Immaculate Heart of Mary,

R. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. Pure Heart of St. Joseph, **R. Pray for us.**

V. St. Lazarus, **R. Pray for us.**

V. May the Divine assistance remain always with us.

R. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

1. O come, O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel;
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel,
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, O Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave.

