

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 3, 2023**  
**LOW MASS**

**12 SUNDAYS TO OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL: WEEK 4**

*Priest & People:* We fly / to thy patronage, / O holy Mother of God! / Despise not our petitions in our necessities / but deliver us from all dangers, / O ever glorious and Blessed Virgin!

*V.* Pray for us, Our Mother of Good Counsel.

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

*Priest & People:* O Mother of Good Counsel, / inflame the hearts of all thy devotees / so that all of them have recourse to thee, / O great Mother of God. / Deign, O most worthy Lady, that everyone choose thee / as teacher and wise counselor of their souls, / since thou art, as St. Augustine says, / the counsel of the Apostles / and counsel of all people. Amen.

**NOVENA PRAYER FOR ADVENT**

*Priest & People:* Hail and blessed / be the hour and the 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 petitions / through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ / and His Blessed Mother. Amen.

**PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**

*Priest:* Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve Thee as Thou deservest; to give and not to count the cost; to fight, and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to ask for rest; to labor and seek no reward but that of knowing I do Thy will. Amen.

**PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL**

*Priest and 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 Lady of Consolation. **R. Pray for us.**  
*V.* Mother of Good Counsel. **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. Francis Xavier, **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**

**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.**

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

**O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine Advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadow put to flight.**