

ADVENT IV
DECEMBER 21, 2025
LOW MASS

12 SUNDAYS TO OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL: WEEK 7

Priest: O most holy and glorious Virgin Mary, mother of the Savior—that Angel of the Great Counsel—spouse and temple of the Holy Ghost—Spirit of Counsel—justly art thou named Mother of Good Counsel. I am permitted to invoke thee under this sweet title, and I do it with so much the greater happiness that in this devoted picture I behold a pledge of thy willingness to be counselor in the affair of my eternal salvation. Let thy counsel be a ray of light to illumine the darkness of my understanding, and thus rescue me from that miserable state in which so many souls wander, blindly indifferent to the duty of Christians. **R. Amen.**

CHRISTMAS NOVENA DAY V

Antiphon: (Priest and People) O Orient, splendor of eternal light, and Sun of justice! come and enlighten them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

V. Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the Just One.

R. Let the earth be opened, and bud forth the Savior.

Priest: Let us pray. O Jesus, bright light from heaven, the brightness of God Himself, the Splendor of the early Sun: we welcome Thee. We need Thy light, for we sit in darkness: all are in darkness who commit sin, and the world is full of sin. O Light of the splendid Orient, arise in our hearts! We beseech thee, O God, to remove from us all that resists Thee, so that with a believing heart we may in such a manner bring forth the branches of Thy gifts bestowed on us, that the root of humility may never dry up within us. Who livest and reignest world without end. **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 petitions / through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ / and His Blessed Mother. 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. Mother of Good Counsel, **R. Pray for 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. 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:

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
2. Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

