

## Comprehensive Catholic Lectionary Cycle B Christmas Season 2017-2018

CANONICAL	CCL	NOTES
<p><b>The canonical church does not offer a combined Liturgy for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent and Christmas.</b></p>	<p><b>Combined 4th Advent and Christmas 12-24-17</b>            1 Sam 1:1-3a, 7, 9-11, 13-17, 20; 2:1, 4-7, 8a-d (edited)  <i>Psalm: 1 Sam 2:1-11</i>            Isaiah 9:2-9            Lk 1:39-55; 2:1-14            John 1:1-5, 10-14, 18</p>	<p>If Christmas is combined with 4<sup>th</sup> Advent, the first reading and the psalm, and the first Gospel reading (Lk 1:39-55) are from CCL 4th Advent. The second reading and the second Gospel (Lk 2:1-14) and third Gospel (John 1:1-5, 10-14, 18) are from CCL Christmas. We recommend the pre-birth readings be followed by 1 minute of silence and total darkness, followed by full light, the Gloria, the Birth of Sophia in the Word (John), and the birth of Jesus (Luke). This flow is also noted in our provided readings.</p> <p>A thematically appropriate poem might separate the pre-birth readings from the birth readings. The passages from John and Luke may follow the Gloria, as noted above. The two birth readings might be separated by a musical interlude, a liturgical action, or perhaps even the homily.</p>
<p><b>Christmas 12-24-17 or 12-24-17</b></p> <p>See options below*</p>	<p><b>Christmas Readings (Eve, Night, Dawn, or Day) 12-24-17 or 12-25-17</b>            Prelude: John 1:1-5, 10-14, 18            Isaiah 9:2-9  <i>Psalm 97:1-6, 11 (or 11-12)</i>            Col 1:15-20 (or thematically related poem)            Luke 2:1-14 or 2:1-20</p>	<p>In a parish or community in which World Peace/Solemnity of Mary/New Year's Day is celebrated using Luke 2:15-20, we propose reading Luke 2:1-14 on Christmas.</p>
<p><b>Feast of Holy Family 12-31-17</b>            Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3  <i>Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9</i>            Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19            Luke 2:22-40 (22, 39-40)</p>	<p><b>Feast of "Holy Families" 12-31-17</b>            Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-7  <i>Psalm 20 (Merrill)</i>            Hebrews 11:8, 11-12            Luke 2:22-40            (see "NOTE" for an option in Mark)</p>	<p>We strongly recommend Merrill's version of Psalm 20 for this feast.</p> <p>Cycle B features the Gospel attributed to Mark. "Mark" does not have a birth narrative, hence its sparse use during Advent and Christmas. However, "Mark" does speak about Jesus' family. One might draw from Mark 3:20-35 where "Mark" radically re-defines family, including Jesus' own. The passage does not lend itself to the liturgical mood of the season, in part because it does not feature Jesus as a youth. We mention it here because it is a story about the "Holy Family" in Mark, and importantly includes Jesus' sisters and brothers.</p>

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<b>World Peace/ Solemnity of Mary/ News Year's 01-01-18</b> Numbers 6:22-27 <i>Psalm 67</i> 2-3, 5, 6+8 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21	<b>World Peace/ Solemnity of Mary/ News Year's 01-01-18 (Monday)</b> Numbers 6:22-27 <i>Psalm 46:1-11 (Merrill)</i> Ephesians 2:14-19 Luke 2:15-20	These readings attempt to provide a "hook" to each of the themes of this liturgy, allowing a church community to focus on any or all of the three themes.
<b>Epiphany (Sunday) 01-07-18</b> Isaiah 60:1-6 <i>Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13</i> Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12 <b>"Second Sunday"</b> Sirach 24:1-4, 12-16 <i>Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20</i> Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18 John 1:1-18, or 1:1-5, 9-14	<b>Epiphany 01-07-18</b> Sirach 24:1-4, 12-20 <i>Psalm: Isaiah 60:1-6, 11a</i> 1 Cor 1:18-25 Matthew 2:1-12	The "Second Sunday after Christmas" is "Epiphany Sunday" in the USA according to the canonical lectionary.  CCL readings for Epiphany include the first reading from "Second Sunday," and the first canonical reading from Epiphany as the Psalm.  1 Corinthians 1:18-21 does not appear anywhere else in the canonical lectionary for Sundays and Major Feast Days.  Of general note, if "Epiphany Sunday" is celebrated after 1/6 (Epiphany proper), as it is in 2018, then the canonical lectionary omits the readings for the first Sunday in Ordinary Time (OT).
<b>Baptism of Jesus 01-07-18 moved to 01-08-18 Monday (USA)</b> Isaiah 55:1-11 <i>Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6</i> 1 John 5:1-9 Mark 1:7-11	<b>Feast of the Baptism of Jesus 01-07-18 or 01-08-18 (Sunday or Monday)</b> Exodus 1:8-11, 22; 2:1-10 <i>Psalm: Is 12:2-6</i> Gal 3:27-28 or 3:27-29 Mark 1:7-11	These readings are offered for those who celebrate Epiphany on Saturday, 1/6/18, and want to celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus on Sunday 1/7/18; or for those who will celebrate this Feast on Monday, 1/8/18 or an alternate occasion.  Exodus chapters 1 and 2 include Moses' birth narrative which is the story of Moses' mother, sister, and the daughter of Pharaoh. None of these Biblical narratives occurs in the canonical lectionary for Sundays and Major Feast Days.

\*Canonical Texts for Christmas, Cycles A, B, & C

12/24/17 - The Nativity (Solemnity, Christmas) Vigil Mass: Isa 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27+29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

12/25/17 - Christmas: Mass during the Night: Isa 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 11-12, 13; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

12/25/17 - Christmas: Mass at Dawn: Isa 62:11-12; Ps 97:1+6, 11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20

12/25/17 - Christmas: Mass during the Day: Isa 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14