

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 20-21, 2008**

# **Fatima Mirror**

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## **Our Lady of the New Advent**



## **Prayer to Our Lady of the New Advent**

O Lady and Mother  
of the One who was and is and is to come,  
dawn of the New Jerusalem,  
we earnestly beseech you,  
bring us by your intercession  
so to live in love  
that the Church, the Body of Christ,  
may stand in this world's dark  
as a fiery icon of the New Jerusalem.  
We ask you to obtain for us this mercy  
through Jesus Christ, your Son and Lord,  
who lives and reigns  
with the Father in the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever.  
Amen.

This Prayer was composed by the Sisters of the Abbey of Walburga of Boulder, Colorado.

This icon of "Our Lady of the Sign" is the official icon of the Archdiocese of Denver, Colorado, commissioned by the Archbishop to celebrate the coming of the third millennium of Christianity.

### **Mary appearing to the Children of Fatima on June 13, 1917**

"Make sacrifices for sinners and say often, especially while making a sacrifice: 'O Jesus, this is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for offences committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.'"

As Our Lady spoke these words, she opened her hands once more as she had during the two previous months. The rays of light seemed to penetrate the earth, and we saw as it were a sea of fire. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form, like transparent burning embers, all blackened or burnished bronze, floating about in the conflagration, now raised into the air by the flames that issued from within themselves together with great clouds of smoke, now following back on every side like sparks in huge fires, without weight or equilibrium, amid shrieks and groans of pain and despair, which horrified us and made us tremble with fear. (it must have been this sight which caused me to cry out, as people say they heard me do). The demons could be distinguished by their terrifying and repellent likeness to frightful and unknown animals, black and transparent like burning coals, terrified and as if to plead for succor, we looked up at Our Lady, who said to us, so kindly and so sadly:

You have seen Hell, where the souls of poor sinners go. It is to save them [from this] that God wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If you do what I tell you, many souls will be saved, and there will be peace.

**MONEY MATTERS****Third Sunday of Advent (Dec. 14)**

236 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 2,465.00 of which \$ 249.06 accounted for "loose".  
 # Envelopes In Circulation 236 # Used 107 # Unused 129

**THE EUCHARIST, THE GREAT SACRAMENT OF LOVE**

A couple of months before his death, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen was interviewed on national television. One of the questions was this:

"Bishop Sheen, you have inspired millions of people all over the world. Who inspired you? Was it a Pope?"

Bishop Sheen responded that it was not a Pope, a cardinal, another bishop, or even a priest or a nun. It was a little Chinese girl of eleven years of age. He explained that when the Communists took over China, they imprisoned a priest in his own rectory near the Church. After they locked him up in his own house, the priest was horrified to look out of his window and see the Communists proceed into the Church, where they went into the sanctuary and broke into the tabernacle. In an act of hateful desecration, they took the ciborium and threw it on the floor with all of the Sacred Hosts spilling out. The priest knew exactly how many Hosts were in the ciborium: thirty-two.

When the Communists left, they either did not notice, or didn't pay any attention to a small girl praying in the back of the Church who saw everything that had happened. That night the little girl came back. Slipping past the guard at the priest's house, she went inside the Church. There she made a holy hour of prayer, an act of love to make up for the act of hatred.

After her holy hour she went into the sanctuary, knelt down, bent over and with her tongue received Jesus in Holy Communion, (since in those days it was not permissible for laymen to touch the Sacred Host with their hands.)

The little girl continued to come back each night to make her holy hour and receive Jesus in Holy Communion on her tongue. On the thirty-second night, after she had consumed the last host, she accidentally made a noise and woke the guard who was sleeping. He ran after her, caught her, and beat her to death with the butt of his rifle. This act of heroic martyrdom was witnessed by the priest as he watched grief-stricken from his bedroom window.

When Bishop Sheen heard the story he was so inspired that he promised God he would make a holy hour of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament everyday of his life. If this frail, little child could give testimony and witness to the world concerning the real and wonderful Presence of her Savior in the Blessed Sacrament, then he, [at that time a seminarian] Fulton J. Sheen, could do no less.

The little girl showed the Bishop what true courage and zeal really is; how faith could overcome all fear, how true love for Jesus in the Eucharist must transcend life itself. What is hidden in the Sacred Host is the glory of His love. The sun in the sky is symbolic of the Son of God in the Blessed Sacrament. This is why most monstrances are in the form of a sunburst. As the sun is the natural source of all energy, the Blessed Sacrament is the supernatural source of all grace and love. The Blessed Sacrament is JESUS, the Light of the world.

*"Let the SON shine out" by Rev. Martin Lucia*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR December 22 - 28, 2008**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>12/22</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>August Zajac</b> , Margaret Barr	<i>Late Advent Weekday</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/23</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>Debra Shuma</b> , Paul Kowalski	<i>John of Kanty, priest</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/24</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>Austin Weakland</b> , B Weakland	<i>Advent Weekday Morning</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/24</b>	<b>04:30 PM</b>	<b>Pope Benedict XIV</b>	<i>Christmas Eve</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/25</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>For all priests of SSPeter&amp;StLeo parishes</b>	<i>Nativity of Our Lord</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12/26</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>Pat Dennis</b> , M/M Paul Rose	<i>Stephen, first Martyr</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12/27</b>	<b>04:30 PM</b>	<b>Theresa Bruno</b> , Gabby & Family	<i>John, apostle &amp; evangelist</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/28</b>	<b>09:00 AM</b>	<b>Douglas Bowman</b> , M/M Frances McCloskey	<i>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/28</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Liv/Dec of Our Lady of Fatima Parish</b>	<i>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</i>