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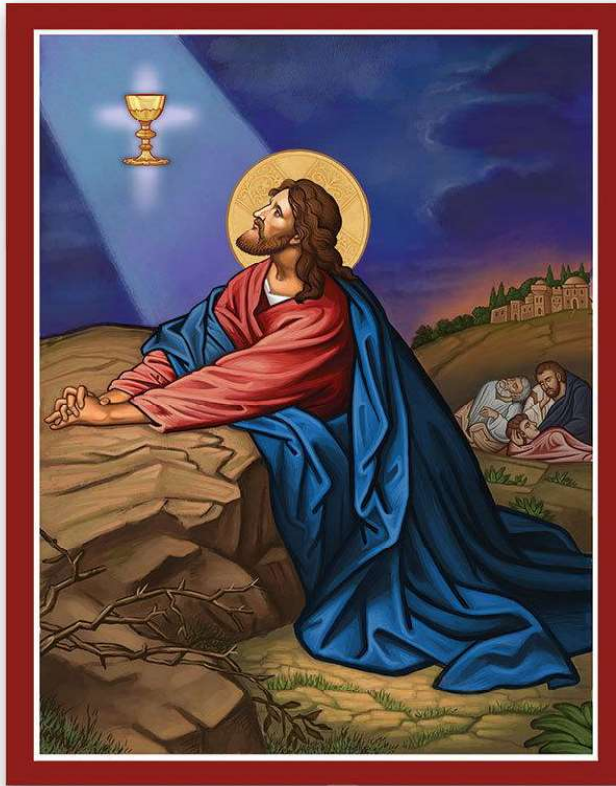
## An Inner Prayer Book of Ecclesia Lumentum



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# **Ecclesia Lumentum**

## **A Light Among The Nations.**



## **The Mass Of The Grail**

**First Sunday of Advent**  
**Theme: The Announcement of Jesus According**  
**to Mark**

**MK 1:2-8**

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“Behold, I am sending my messenger  
ahead of you;  
he will prepare your way.  
A voice of one crying out in the desert:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.’”

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I, is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the holy Spirit.”

## **First Week of Advent**

### **Monday**

#### **Theme: Annunciation of Mary**

#### **Proto-evangelium of James: 4:1-2, 4**

Then, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared and said to her, “Anna, Anna, the Lord has heard your prayer. You will conceive a child and give birth, and your offspring will be spoken of throughout the entire world.”

Anna replied, “As the Lord God lives, whether my child is a boy or a girl, I will offer it as a gift to the Lord my God, and it will minister to him its entire life.”

Behold, two angels came to her, saying, “See, your husband Joachim is coming with his flocks.” For an angel of the Lord had descended to him and said, “Joachim, Joachim, the Lord God has heard your prayer. Go down from here; for see, your wife Anna has conceived a child.”

And behold, Joachim came with his flocks and Anna stood beside the gate and saw him coming; and running up to him she hung on his neck and said, “Now I know that the Lord God has blessed me abundantly. For see, the widow is no longer a widow and the one who is childless has conceived a child.”

**Tuesday**  
**Theme: Birth of Mary**

**Proto-evangelium of James: 5:2**

Some six months came to completion for Anna; and in the seventh month she gave birth. She asked the midwife, "What is it?" The midwife replied, "A girl."

Anna said, "My soul is exalted today." And she laid the child down. And when the days came to completion, Anna washed off the blood of her impurity, gave her breast to the child, and named her Mary.

**Wednesday**  
**Theme: Anna's Praise Of The Lord**

**Proto-evangelium of James: 6:2-3**

When the child had her first birthday, Joachim held a great feast and invited the chief priests, priests, scribes, council leaders, and all the people of Israel. Joachim brought the child out to the priests and they blessed her, saying, "May the God of our fathers bless this child and give her a name that will be famous forever, to all generations."

And all the people replied, "Let it be so! Amen."

And Anna made a song to the Lord God, saying, "I sing a holy song to the Lord my God, for he has visited me and removed from me the reproach of my enemies.

The Lord God has given me his righteous fruit,  
unique and abundant before him.  
Who will report to the sons of Reuben that Anna is  
now nursing a child?  
Listen closely, you twelve tribes of Israel: Anna is  
nursing a child!”

**Thursday**

**Theme: Mary The Consecrated Virgin In The  
Temple**

**Proto-evangelium of James: 7:1,3, 8:2-3**

When she turned two, Joachim said, “Now we should  
take her up to the temple of the Lord, to fulfill the  
promise we made; otherwise, the Master may send  
some harm our way and our gift be deemed  
unacceptable.”

And the priest of the Lord received her and gave her a  
kiss, blessing her and saying, “The Lord has made  
your name great for all generations. Through you will  
the Lord reveal his redemption to the sons of Israel at  
the end of time.” He set her on the third step of the  
altar, and the Lord God cast his grace down upon her.  
She danced on her feet, and the entire house of Israel  
loved her.

But when she reached her twelfth birthday, the  
priests held a council and said, “See, Mary has  
become twelve years old in the Lord’s temple. What  
then shall we do with her, to keep her from defiling  
the sanctuary of the Lord our God?”

They said to the chief priest, “You have stood on the Lord’s altar. Go in and pray about her, and we will do whatever the Lord God reveals to you.” The chief priest went in, taking the robe with twelve bells into the Holy of Holies; and he prayed about her.

And behold, an angel of the Lord appeared and said to him, “Zacharias, Zacharias, go out and gather the widowers of the people, and have each of them bring a rod; she will become the wife of the one to whom the Lord God gives a sign.” And the heralds went out to all the countryside of Judea and the trumpet of the Lord was blown, and everyone came running.

### **Friday**

### **Theme: Joseph Betrothed To Mary**

### **Proto-evangelium of James: 9:1-3**

Joseph cast aside his carpenter’s axe and went to their meeting. When they had gathered together, they went to the chief priest, bringing their rods. And when he had taken everyone’s rods he went into the temple and prayed.

When he finished his prayer, he took the rods, went outside, and gave them back. And no sign appeared among them. But Joseph took the last rod, and behold! A dove came out of the rod and flew onto Joseph’s head.

The priest said to Joseph, “You have been called to take the Lord’s virgin into your safe-keeping.” But Joseph refused, saying, “I have sons and am an old

man; she is but a child. I do not want to become a laughingstock to the sons of Israel.”

The priest replied, “Fear the Lord your God, and remember everything that he did to Dathan, Abiram, and Korah, how the earth split open and they were all devoured because of their dispute. Now, Joseph, you should be afraid of this happening to your house as well.” Joseph was afraid and took her into his safe-keeping.

**Saturday**  
**Theme: The Annunciation**

**Proto-evangelium of James: 11:1-3**

Mary took a pitcher and went out to fetch some water. And behold, she heard a voice saying, “Greetings, you who are favoured. The Lord is with you. You are blessed among women.”

Mary looked around, right and left, to see where the voice was coming from. She then entered her house frightened and set the pitcher down.

And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before her and said, “Do not fear, Mary. For you have found favour before the Master of all, and you will conceive a child by his Word.” But as she listened, she was asking herself, “Am I to conceive from the living Lord God and give birth like every other woman?”

The angel of the Lord said to her, “Not so, Mary. For the power of God will overshadow you. Therefore, the

one born from you will be called holy, the Son of the Highest. And you will name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Mary replied, “Behold the slave of the Lord is before you. May it happen to me as you have said.”