

Midweek Mass

The Season of Advent

Advent is a season of prayer preparation, of making ready for the coming of our King. He is, He was, and He will be forever, and still He came in Prophecy, so also He has indeed come already in the Flesh. He comes now in Word and Sacrament, given us to keep and preserve us steadfast in faith until His Coming in Glory.

Cover Art: *Christ in vesica with the Four Evangelists, c. 1220*

From Codex Bruchsal, a Manuscript in the
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In this illumination, an enthroned Christ is pictured surrounded by the Four Evangelists - Matthew depicted as a man; John depicted as an eagle; Mark depicted as a lion, and Luke depicted as a bull. The same depictions of the Evangelists adorn Zion's pulpit. They are seen in Ezekiel 1:10 and in Revelation 4:7. The *Vesica Piscina* or *Mandorla* in which our Lord is depicted is an ancient symbol for the Resurrection.



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