

# Mid Week Advent 1

## December 6, 2017



### Readings From the Catechism

#### The Angels

- P** **99. Which invisible beings created by God are especially important to us?** The angels.
- C** *Angel* means “messenger.” God frequently used angels to announce important events in the history of salvation: the birth of John the Baptist; the birth of Jesus; the resurrection of Jesus; the ascension and second coming of Jesus
- (Acts 1:10–11), (Luke 1:1–20), (Luke 1:26–38; Matt. 1:18–21), (Luke 24:4–7)
- P** **100. What else does the Bible tell us about angels?**
- C** **A.** They are spirit beings who were created holy.
- Gen. 1:31** God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.
- B.** Some angels rebelled against God. They are the devils or demons.
- 2 Peter 2:4** God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment.
- C.** The good angels are many and powerful. They serve God and help us. **Heb. 1:14** Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?
- D.** The evil angels are also many and powerful. They hate God and seek to destroy everything that is good, especially faith in Christ.
- Mark 5:9** Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” “My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.”
- 1 Peter 5:8–9** Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

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### The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 14:12-19

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! [13] You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; [14] I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.' [15] But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit. [16] Those who see you will stare at you and ponder over you: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, [17] who made the world like a desert and overthrew its cities, who did not let his prisoners go home?' [18] All the kings of the nations lie in glory, each in his own tomb; [19] but you are cast out, away from your grave, like a loathed branch, clothed with the slain, those pierced by the sword, who go down to the stones of the pit, like a dead body trampled underfoot.

### The New Testament Reading: Rev. 12:1-17

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. [2] She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. [3] And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. [4] His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. [5] She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, [6] and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days. [7] Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, [8] but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. [9] And the great dragon

was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. [10] And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. [11] And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. [12] Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!" [13] And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. [14] But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. [15] The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. [16] But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. [17] Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

### The Gospel Reading: Luke 10:17-20

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" [18] And he said to them, "I saw Satan **fall like lightning from heaven.** [19] Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. [20] Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."