**The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Rorate Coelli (Fourth Sunday in Advent) December 19, 2021*

*Pray and confess aloud as much from the order of meditation and prayer, as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

***Invocation***

**In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

***Apostle’s Creed***

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 126**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | **Rorate Coelli – Luke 1:39-45** |
| Monday | The Nativity of St. John the Baptist – Luke 1:57-80 |
| Tuesday | The Nativity of Our Lord – Luke 2:1-7 |
| Wednesday | **Advent Midweek 4 – Isaiah 25:5-9** |
| Thursday | The Birth of Christ is Announced to Shepherds – Luke 2:8-14 |
| Friday | **Christmas Eve – The Shepherds Visit Bethlehem – Luke 2:15-20** |
| Saturday | **Christmas Day – John 1:1-14** |

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| **Catechism: Second Article of the Creed** | **Grades** |
| And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death | 1st+ |
| that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.  This is most certainly true. | 2nd+ |