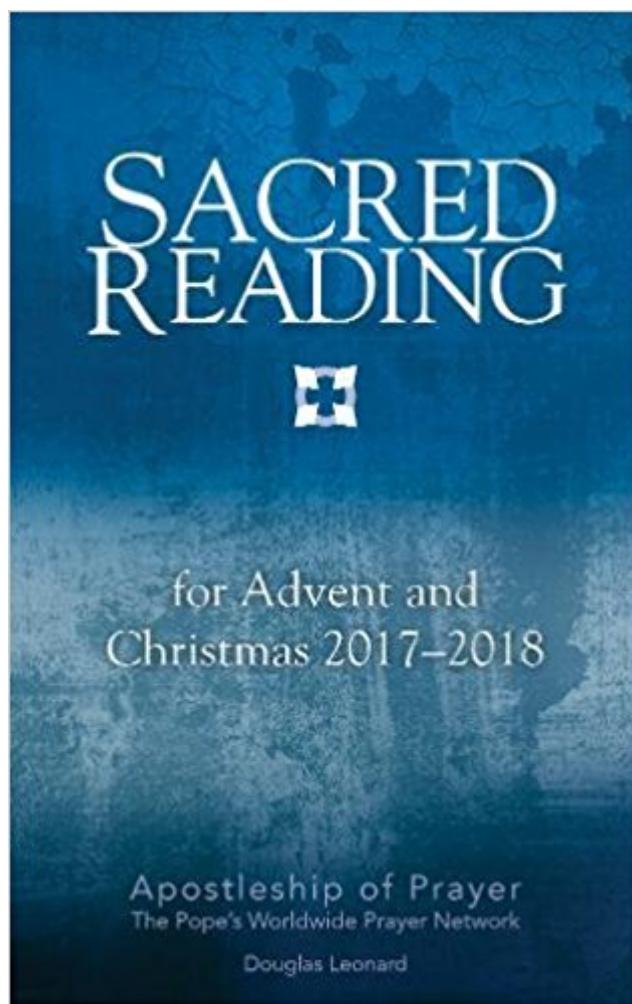


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# Sacred Reading For Advent And Christmas 2017-2018



## **Synopsis**

This powerful and inspiring prayer book from the Apostleship of Prayer (The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network) engages and inspires readers with the Church's daily scripture readings from the beginning of Advent to Epiphany, introducing Catholics and other Christians to the traditional spiritual devotion known as lectio divina, or "sacred reading," in a new way. Advent and Christmas are the seasons of expectant waiting and the joyful arrival of the Christ Child, but the days are often filled with hectic preparation for the holidays. The Apostleship of Prayer can lead you in an imaginative, six-step process that will help create moments of peace during your busy day so you can listen to God's Word, prayerfully respond, and explore ways the gospel reading can be applied to your daily life. Sacred Reading for Advent and Christmas 2017-2018 is inspired by Ignatian spirituality and guides you through the Church's daily gospel readings as well as readings for solemnities and feast days, asking you to: Know that God is present; Read the gospel; Notice what you think and feel; Pray for yourself and others; Listen to Jesus; and Ask God to show you how to live today. Beginning with Advent and encompassing the Christmas season, this book is a catalyst for an intimate encounter with Christ by reading, reflecting, praying, and responding to the Word of God in a way that is both familiar and fresh.

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"For Advent 2016 and Lent 2017, we sent a copy of the Sacred Reading books to our parishioners'

homes. Both editions have been well received by our community. They have helped us to grow in our prayer life through the sacred scripture. Sacred Reading helps parishioners to establish a prayer practice they can continue on their own, past the seasons of Advent and Lent." --Very Rev. Stephen D. Parkes, V.F., Pastor of Annunciation Catholic Church, Altamonte Springs, Florida

The Apostleship of Prayer (The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network) is an international Jesuit prayer ministry that reaches more than 35 million members worldwide through its popular website, ApostleshipofPrayer.org, and through talks, conferences, publications, and retreats such as Hearts on Fire. The Apostleship's mission is to encourage Christians to make a daily offering of themselves to the Lord in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Douglas Leonard, who compiles Sacred Reading, served as the executive director of the Apostleship of Prayer in the United States from 2006 to 2016. He earned a bachelor's degree in English in 1976, a master's degree in English in 1977, and a PhD in English in 1981, all from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Leonard also has served in higher education, professional development, publishing, and instructional design as an executive, writer, editor, educator, and consultant.

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