

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

GIVING TREE—The giving tree gifts must be returned by December 16. Thanks to everyone who purchased presents.

ANNUAL SOCK COLLECTION—Socks are due Sunday, Dec. 13.

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS—This weekend's second collection is to support our elderly religious brothers and sisters. Please be as generous as possible.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS—Please plan on staying after Mass on Sunday, Dec. 20, if you have any time to help decorate the church.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE—Dec. 24: 6:00 PM & 10:00 PM; Dec. 25: 9:00 AM

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE—We will have two priests available to hear confession on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 7:00 PM. They will be able to hear confessions in a safe and healthy manner in accord with the diocesan protocols. They will be available until 8:00 PM or the last confession is heard, whichever lasts longer. **THERE WILL BE NO MASS THIS WEDNESDAY.**

FROM THE PRIEST – O ANTIPHONS

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, marks the halfway point in the season of Advent. We are much closer to Christmas day than when we started. The Church takes this day to offer a brief pause to rejoice that the Lord is much nearer than before. In fact, today's Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday from the old entrance antiphon which begins "Gaudete!" or "Rejoice!" This is why the sacred liturgy offers us rose-colored vestments, to signify that the great day of celebration is beginning to arrive, like the rose-colored sky as the sun begins to rise in the morning.

This week begins the immediate preparations for the celebration of Christmas in the sacred liturgy. One way this is done is through the Divine Office (the official prayer of the Church) using a series of antiphons in the texts to meditate upon who is coming on Christmas. These are called the O Antiphons, because each is an invocation to Christ. They are

listed below along with their Latin titles and their dates.

Dec 17: O Sapientia – O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet gentle care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.

Dec 18: O Adonai – O sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.

Dec 19: O Radix Jesse – O Flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.

Dec 20: O Clavis David – O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel, controlling at your will the gate of heaven: come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; & lead your captive people into freedom.

Dec 21: O Oriens – O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Dec 22: O Rex Gentium – O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.

Dec 23: O Emmanuel – O Emmanuel (God with us), king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God.

These antiphons, pulled from the Scriptures, give us food for meditation and prayer in these last few days. They also offer us the opportunity to await with joy the coming of the one born on Christmas, as the initials of these antiphons combined form the phrase ERO CRAS, Latin for "I will come tomorrow," a final meditation for Dec 24. Let us indeed prepare our hearts for the coming of the one who brings us the fullness of joy.

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY ANTICIPATED MASS: 5:00 PM

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM

WEEKDAYS: See schedule inside bulletin

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY: 4:00-4:50 PM

SUNDAY: 8:00-8:50 AM

WEDNESDAY: 5:30-6:20 PM

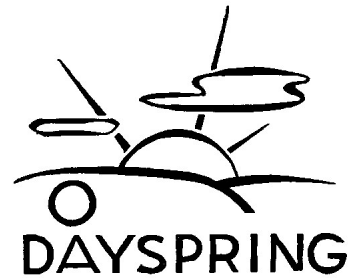
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SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Dec. 6	TBA
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Please do not forget to mail or drop off your weekly offerings for our collection.

MASS SCHEDULE		
<i>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		
Sat. Dec. 12	5:00 PM	For Edward Stephany
Sun. Dec. 13	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Mon. Dec. 14		No Public Mass
Tue. Dec. 15	8:30 AM	For the Family of Ed Reilly
Wed Dec. 16	XXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK; PENANCE SERVICE 7PM
Thur Dec. 17	8:30 AM	For Ray Klump
Fri Dec. 18		No Public Mass
<i>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		
Sat. Dec. 19	5:00 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Sun. Dec. 20	9:00 AM	For Ray Klump

Prayer List—Jerry Ehlman, Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Kenny Neuspickel, Kathy Barth, Charles Taylor, Ed Gripshover, Joy Sowder, Kathy Proctor, Steve Elmlinger, Sarah Hoffman, Mary Louise Cross, Ken Steffen, Cotton Teegarden, Mike Newcomb, Fr. Mario Tizziani, Jeffery Huffman, Ed Grant, Don Bornhorst, Tom Geiman, John Hofstetter, Vernon Dixon, Bill Schneider, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, and everyone who has been touched by the Corona virus.

BIRTHDAYS – Dec. 2- Andrea Huffman, Dec. 24-Patty Neuspickel, Dec. 26-Imogene Fisk, Dec. 29-Megan Oldiges, Dec. 30-Michael Ryan, Jan. 1-Mary Cross

ANNIVERSARIES – Dec. 7 - Howard and Penny Kluesener, Dec. 13 -Rosanne and Bernie Rawe, Dec. 13 – Jason and Julie Feinauer



The voice of one crying in the desert:
Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make
straight in the wilderness the paths of
our God.

- Isaiah 40:3

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS & HYMNS

ENTRANCE HYMN

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height.
In ancient times did give the law,
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

FIRST READING (Isaiah 6:1-2, 10-11)

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me; he has
sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to
heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty
to the captives and release to the prisoners,
to announce a year of favor from the Lord
and a day of vindication by our God.
I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is
the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me
with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in
a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom
adorned with a diadem, like a bride be-
decked with her jewels. As the earth brings
forth its plants, and a garden makes its
growth spring up, so will the Lord God
make justice and praise spring up before all
the nations.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Luke 1, Isaiah 61)

R: My soul rejoices in my God.
My soul proclaims the greatness of the
Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me
blessed.

R: My soul rejoices in my God.
The Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him in
every generation.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Isra-
el for he has remembered his promise of
mercy.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

SECOND READING (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24)

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray
without ceasing. In all circumstances give
thanks, for this is the will of God for you in
Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do
not quench the Spirit. Do not despise proph-
etic utterances. Test everything; retain
what is good. Refrain from every kind of
evil.
May the God of peace make you perfectly
holy and make you entirely, spirit, soul,
and body, be preserved blameless for the
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The one who calls you is faithful, and he
will also accomplish it.

Alleluia, alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me, because he has anointed me to
bring glad tidings to the poor.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL (John 1:6, 19-28)

A man named John was sent from God. He
came for testimony, to testify to the light,
so that all might believe through him.
And this is the testimony of John. When
the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and
Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?"
he admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they
asked him, "What are you then? Are you
Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you
the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they
said to him, "Who are you, so we can give
an answer to those who sent us? What do
you have to say for yourself?" He said: "*I am
the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Make
straight the way of the Lord.'*" as Isaiah the
prophet said." Some Pharisees were also
sent. They asked him, "Why then do you
baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or
the Prophet?" John answered them, "I bap-
tize with water; but there is one among you
whom you do not recognize, the one who
is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am
not worthy to untie." This happened in
Bethany across the Jordan, where John was
baptizing.

COMMUNION HYMN

Behold the Lamb

Those who were in the dark are thankful
for the sunlight; we who live, we who die
are grateful for his gift, thankful for his
love.

**Refrain: Behold, behold the Lamb of
God. All who eat, all who drink shall
live; and all, all who dwell in God
shall come to know his glory.**

Peaceful now, those whose hearts are
blessed with understanding of the wheat, of
the wine united with his word and the love
we share.

Refrain

CONCLUDING HYMN

In The Day of the Lord

Refrain:

In the day of the Lord, the sun will shine
like the dawn of eternal day. All creation
will rise to dance and sing the glory of the
Lord!

And on that day will justice triumph, on
that day will all be free: free from want,
free from fear,——free to live!

Refrain

Then shall the nations throng together to
the mountain of the Lord: they shall walk
in the light_____ of the Lord!

Refrain