

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

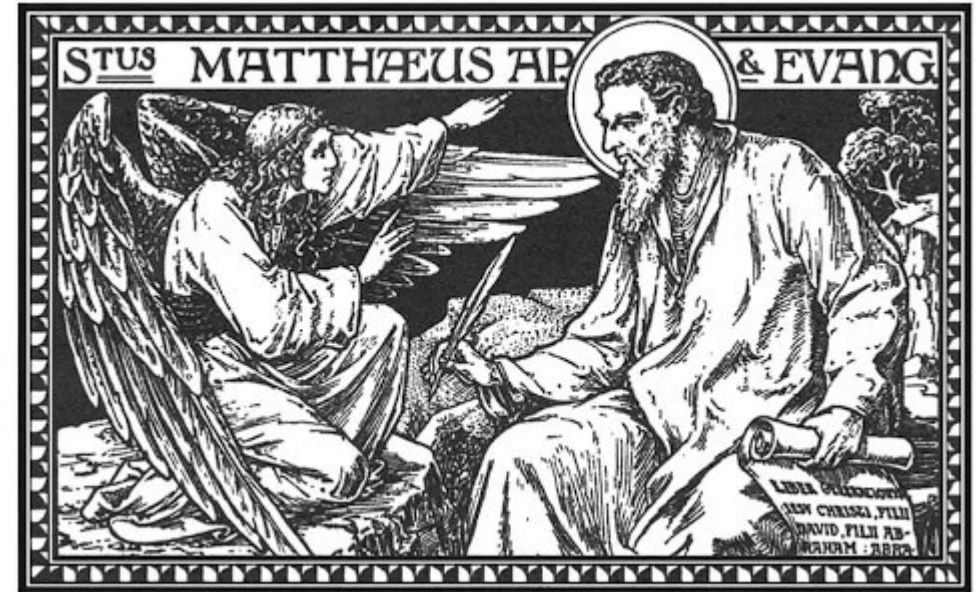
<i>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		
Sat. Dec. 17	5:00 PM	For Pete and Sandy Collins (Living)
Sun. Dec. 18	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Mon. Dec. 19	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK—SCHOOL EXAMS
Tue. Dec. 20	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK—SCHOOL EXAMS
Wed. Dec. 21	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK—SCHOOL EXAMS
Thur. Dec. 22	8:00 AM	For †Jim Slutcher (Adoration & Confessions 6-7 PM)
Fri. Dec. 23	8:00 AM	For †Steve Fisk
<i>THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (CHRISTMAS)</i>		
Sat. Dec. 24	5:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Sun. Dec. 25	9:00 AM	For †Drew Kordenbrock

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, John Jackson, Hank Bond, Hudson Feinauer, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Kambie Perkins, Bonita & Jim Happe, Dave Verst, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Brenda Johnson, Verna Payne, Roger High, Rita Funke, Johnathan Briggs and Cheryl Miller.

BIRTHDAYS— Dec. 2-Andrea Huffman, Dec. 3-Ryder Cooper, Dec. 14-Ella Dickerson, Dec. 16-Imogene Fisk, Dec. 18-Joseph Broering, Dec. 24-Patty Neuspickel, Dec. 29-Megan Oldiges, Dec. 30-Michael Ryan.

ANNIVERSARIES- Dec. 7-Howard and Penny Kluesener, Dec. 13-Jason and Julie Feinauer, Dec. 18-Rosanne and Bernie Rawe

Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If you birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda know.



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays 6-7:00 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Thursdays—6:00-7:00 PM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 18, 2022

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS SCHEDULE—We will have the regular weekend Mass schedule for both Christmas and Mary, Mother of God, this year with both being on Sundays.

LECTOR— Dec. 18-Bernie Rawe, Dec. 24-Kathy Bach, Dec. 25-Julie Feinauer, Jan. 1-Lisa Cooper

CLEANING— Dec. 19-Lisa and Jeanne

THE O ANTIPHONS

The seven days before Christmas Eve sees the sacred liturgy filled with an eager preparation for the birth of Christ. This is seen in the O Antiphons prayed each night during Vespers (Evening Prayer), crying out for the expected Messiah.

Dec. 17—O Wisdom

Dec. 18—O Lord (Adonai)

Dec. 19—O Root of Jesse

Dec. 20—O Key of David

Dec. 21—O Rising Sun

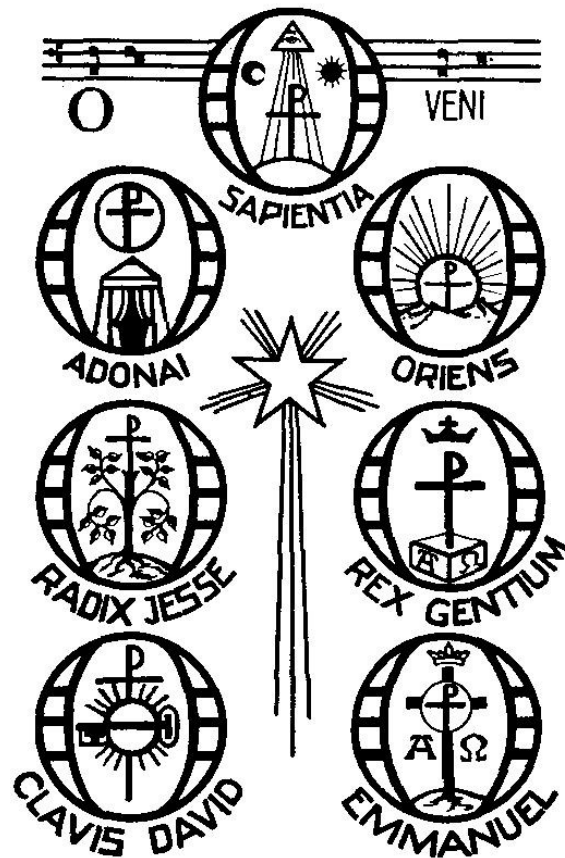
Dec. 22—O King of the Nations

Dec. 23—O Emmanuel

Let us cry out for Christ to come and save us!

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel



FROM THE PASTOR—THE OLD TESTAMENT: THE WRITINGS

The third and final section of the ancient division of the Old Testament is in the various other works that do not fit in with either the law or the prophets. They are collectively just called “writings” because these various works do not really fit one clear category. Within this section there are 3 subdivisions for the works involved.

- 1) The Books of Truth—some of the deepest and most mystical writing in the entire Bible; this includes the Psalms, the book of Proverbs, and the book of Job
- 2) The Five Scrolls—five books which are usually read aloud for particular Jewish feast days; Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, and Esther
- 3) The Other Writings—those which seemed even more out of place; Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, and the books of Chronicles

These various writings may seem to be a mix, but they are some of the most analyzed and prayed over parts of the entire Old Testament. It is usually said that the most commented upon book of the Bible is the Song of Songs. St. Bernard of Clairvaux famously wrote 86 sermons to comment upon this book, and he only reached the second chapter in doing so!

These texts may be difficult to understand at first reading, but they contain some of the most profound understandings and teachings about God and man that we may ever know. Not only that, but they also pave the way for Christ to come as well. From the suffering of Job and the cry of Lamentations to the joy found in Ruth and Esther, the full gamut of human desire for salvation and redemption is prefigured here as we draw nearer to the birth of Jesus.

We have one last week left before we renew our rejoicing with the angels. Take some time to peruse through the Old Testament and to understand the waiting for the long-desired Christ to come. Remember also that God speaks to us through these sacred texts not just about the past but also about what we must do now and what He desires for our future. Pray through the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings so that you may rejoice that Emmanuel is truly with us, and calls us to Himself each day. Read well what has come before, so that you may be prepared for what we are about to celebrate once again.

Fr. Jacob Straub

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Dec. 24—5:00 PM (vigil)

Sunday Dec. 25—9:00 AM

Please spread the word!