



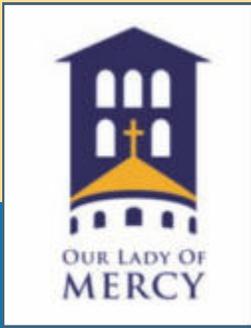
# *Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church*

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

December 13, 2020

**SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

John answered them, "I baptize 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." - Jn 1:26-27



## Pope Francis (@Pontifex)



Just as before our birth, our loved ones awaited us, so now Love in person awaits us. If we are awaited in Heaven, why should we be caught up with earthly concerns? Why should we waste time complaining about the night, when the light of day awaits us?

We welcome those who are new to our faith community; those returning to the Catholic Church or those simply visiting with us today. We are blessed to have you with us and are glad you are here!

If you would like to learn more about our parish or register as a parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy Church, we invite you to contact us, 301-365-1415 or at church@olom.org.

You may also go to our website - www.olom.org to download our registration form or pick up a brochure in the main entrance of the church.

### Our Mission

We are a Catholic community of followers of Christ who desire to be ever more deeply rooted in the presence and power of God. We are guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Word of God and the tradition of the Church. We welcome all to join us as we reach out in justice and love to build God's kingdom.

## Mass Schedules

Please wear a mask when you are inside the church buildings. Keep 6 feet apart.  
Check out our instructive video on [olom.org](http://olom.org)

**Daily Mass:** 7:00 am & 8:30 am in the church -- **online - [www.olom.org](http://www.olom.org)**  
**COMMUNION SERVICE** - Monday - Friday 11:00 am  
**Saturday Vigil Mass:** 5:00 pm  
**Sunday:** 7:00 pm 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm & **12:30 pm Outdoor Mass\*\***  
**Confession:** Tuesday 1:45 pm- 2:45 pm **\*\*Weather permitting**  
 Saturday 4:00 pm -5:00 pm **Please check Flocknotes for updates**  
 Sunday 30 minutes before the 9 am, 11 am and the 5 pm Mass

## Sacraments

### Baptism

Parents are asked to contact Fr. Joseph Cwik, [frjoe@olom.org](mailto:frjoe@olom.org).

### Marriage

Couples make arrangements with one of the parish priests six months to a year in advance of their intended wedding date.

### Anointing of the Sick

If you or a family member is sick at home, in the hospital or nursing home, please call the Parish office.

### Clergy

Pastor	Rev. Msgr. Charles Antonicelli	<a href="mailto:antonicellc@adw.org">antonicellc@adw.org</a>
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Joseph Cwik, x129	<a href="mailto:frjoe@olom.org">frjoe@olom.org</a>
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Assistant Principal	Christine Green, x226	<a href="mailto:cgreen@olom.org">cgreen@olom.org</a>

### Parish Administration

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Administration Assistant	Mary Kate Kassman, x124	<a href="mailto:mk@olom.org">mk@olom.org</a>

### Parish Offices

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**Bishop-elect Byrne will be ordained and installed as the 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Springfield on December 14th at St. Michael's Cathedral on State Street in Springfield, Massachusetts. He will shepherd a diocese comprising of 79 parishes and seven missions located in Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire counties, and a Catholic population of 164,799.**

### **5 Things to Remember When Christmas is Hard**

**By Bishop-elect William D. Byrne**

Christmas has some pretty high expectations to live up to. The secular vision of Christmas always has a happy ending. Whether it is Rudolf getting his big break to lead the reindeer team or the elusive dream of a white Christmas, the stories and songs promise a good time. But for many this is not always true. Whether one is facing the loss of loved ones or the budget just cannot provide for all the holiday wishes, this season can often be challenging. So here are five things to remember when Christmas is hard.

**Loss of a Loved One** - Death is the hardest challenge to face when there is so much jolliness around. Their absence from the Christmas table is very painful. This is when we need to remember why God gave us Christmas in the first place. Read John 3:16:

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.”*

Jesus was born to end death. Our deceased loved ones are not gone forever; they are spending Christmas with Jesus, so they are as close to us as prayer. Be honest with yourself and those around you and give yourself the time to mourn. It's okay to be sad, but also remember the joy of the saints, and let it be your joy too.

**Expectations** - Most of us don't have a quirky angel appear to help us realize that it really is a wonderful life. In *It's a Wonderful Life*, George Bailey and his angel Clarence provide a beautiful movie experience, but are not really a model for our Christmas reality. However, I have good news! The gap between Hollywood's version of Christmas and our own celebrations is only a challenge if we buy into their version: a celebration without Jesus. Jesus, as always, is the key. Put him in the middle and forget the commercials.

**Stress** - While you may agree to rearrange your Christmas priority list, others around you may not. Christmas expenses and preparation can be extremely stressful. Listen to St. Padre Pio: Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer. Be good to yourself and be honest with yourself. Cut out a little prayer time in your day—not a multi-tasked Rosary while you do chores, but some honest to goodness quiet. Read a little bit of the first chapters of the Gospel of Luke and pray to remember that Mary, Joseph and Jesus spent the first Christmas in a barn. Pray, hope, and don't worry!

**Family** - Families are a magnificent gift, but that gift may come with a bit of drama. Getting together is always an opportunity to show and know Christ in a new way. Jesus could have come to earth in any way He chose, and the Lord arrived in a family. Anger does not heal a hurtful past—love does. There is no need to respond to every comment someone makes; God will do that. The best way to find Christ in your family gathering is to bring Him there.

**Loneliness** – Many people are alone at Christmas. The commercials showing huge groups of laughing people only reinforces a sense of loneliness. If you are not lonely at Christmas, look around and see if there is someone who will spend the holiday alone and invite them into your home (virtually) or visit the elderly with a phone call. I have always found that a non-family member at the dinner table puts everyone on his or her best behavior. If you are alone this Christmas, remember you are not really alone. Spend the season with the angels and saints. Invite our Blessed Mother over. Attend Mass, watch online or join the Communion service. Celebrate the season with the one who matters most, Jesus!

**Mass Intentions** (L)=living

**Monday, December 14**

7:00am Bishop William D. Byrne (L)  
8:30am Agnes Williams

**Tuesday, December 15**

7:00am Lucy Ronan  
8:30am Ilse & William Schassburger

**Wednesday, December 16**

7:00am Michele Mirabelli  
8:30am Sue Moran

**Thursday, December 17**

7:00am Joan McCabe  
8:30am Sue Moran

**Friday, December 18**

7:00am Ann Cervini  
8:30am Susie Moran

**Saturday, December 19**

9:00am Lucy Ronan  
5:00pm Dr. William D. Byrne

**Sunday, December 20**

7:00am Helen K. Gidjunis  
9:00am Elizabeth & Thomas Keevan  
11:00am Teresa, A.R & Francis  
Lazarous and Nishant Jacob  
5:00pm OLOM

**Coronavirus**

**Dispensation and Prayers**

A dispensation from the diocesan Bishop releases Catholics from fulfilling their Sunday obligation (Mass). Catholics are encouraged to offer up their sickness or pastoral care for the sake of those who are seriously ill and for those who have died.



**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL**

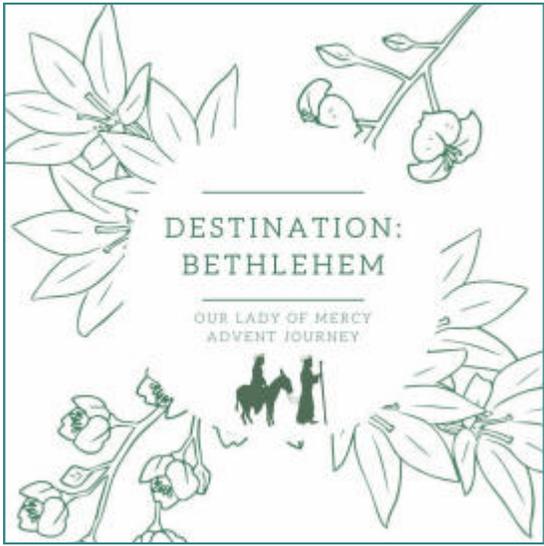
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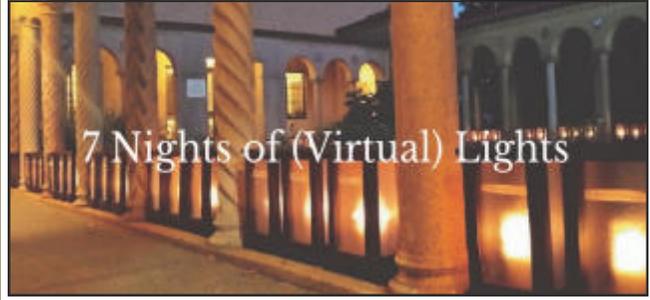
**ADVENT IN A NEW**

**AND SPECIAL WAY!**

Destination: Bethlehem, An Our Lady of Mercy Advent Journey  
Be intentional this Advent and prepare in a new way with this special program. Included are prayers, reflections, family activities, recipes, and more!



**Welcome the Holy Family** into your hearts and prayers and visualize how the light of Christ overcomes darkness. This Christmas, dedicate luminarias (virtually) in honor of your loved ones with the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America. With Franciscan Monastery programs restricted this year due to the pandemic, we are moving online. Each name will be listed on our luminaria webpage as a prayerful tribute from Christmas Eve to New Year's Eve. The honored also will be remembered in the friars' daily prayers.



**DEDICATIONS DUE DECEMBER 15**

**DONATE ONLINE: fmgg.org**

**AIM Does It Again!** South Lake School, Gaithersburg, will be renovated by unanimous vote by the Montgomery County Council. Thank you all for your interest and support. Council Member Tom Hucker (district 5) gave a nod to Action In Montgomery by telling us that if we wanted to back another school with our power and energy --- contact him! God bless.... Mercy AIM Team - Patty McGrath, Frances Swanson, Judy Walser, Julie Rhodes (ret)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Carolyn Bruna, Phyllis Minaya, Brandi Tovaric, Shin Sook Son, Will Garcia, George Torrico, Agnes Lee, David Donohoe, Andrea Fay, Peter Sarrat, Cliff Hamilton, Bob Carnathan, Winnie Frost, Ann Schombert, Joseph Romero

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD:**

The parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church offer our prayerful condolences to the families of **Bill Baldwin, Celica Battle and Robert Cadrette.**

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.*



**Sunday, December 13, 2020**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**Discern the spirit**

Often we get an intuition, a burning in the heart that feels motivating. It may tell us to speak up or shut up; to reach out or keep our hands off a situation; to admit we need help or to stop leaning on others. Do we obey the prompt, or ignore it? The problem with following what may be a divine nudge is that we can't always discern the Holy Spirit from a lesser kind. Discernment involves prayer, familiarity with scripture, consultation with faithful others, and sometimes spiritual direction. Above all, it needs to be practiced. Befriend the Spirit!  
TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28 (8). "Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances."

**Monday, December 14, 2020**  
**MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST,  
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**  
**Be a light in the darkness**

We have so many options in our modern world that it's easy to walk away from any organization or community that we struggle with and simply join ones that are more agreeable to us. But what if we stayed and worked to make them better instead? Saint John of the Cross did exactly that and reformed his Carmelite order, despite imprisonment for his efforts. When you feel disillusioned with institutions you love, be guided by John's writing—considered among the greatest in all of Spanish literature—about darkness leading to the light.  
TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27 (187). "By what authority are you doing these things?"

**Tuesday, December 15, 2020**  
**ADVENT WEEKDAY**  
**The darkness before dawn**

Two days ago we celebrated Gaudete Sunday with refrains of rejoicing. Two days from now, we'll begin to pray the O Antiphons—seven days to laud the fast-approaching Messiah. What to make of this in-between time, when scripture shows Jesus chiding religious leaders and Old Testament prophets preach fire and brimstone? "The day in which we now find ourselves is still night," wrote Saint Augustine. But the promise of salvation is sure. "Keep your attention closely fixed on it, as you would on a lamp shining in a dark place until the first streaks of dawn appear."  
TODAY'S READINGS: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32 (188). "Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God."

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020**  
**ADVENT WEEKDAY**  
**Usher in a renewed Advent**

This Advent season is so different from any other in our lifetimes, and the holidays may not allow for worship in person with our faith communities or celebrations with beloved families. For many of us, this brings sadness to these Advent days as we mourn the loss of familiar rituals. The poetic words of theologian, educator, and civil rights leader Howard Thurman remind us that the

work of Christmas is to "find the lost, heal the broken, feed the hungry . . . rebuild the nations and bring peace among others." Let us pray for the grace to overcome any disappointment we feel and focus on feeding the hungry, having compassion for the broken, and rebuilding the relationships around us. In such practices, we will find Advent hope and peace.  
TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Luke 7:18b-23 (189). "The poor have the good news proclaimed to them."

**Thursday, December 17, 2020**  
**ADVENT WEEKDAY (O WISDOM)**  
**Heavenly sounds**

Today is the first of the O Antiphons, an Advent tradition from the seventh century whereby for a week the church's evening prayer salutes the coming Messiah by different names each evening. Tonight monasteries, parishes, and ordinary Christians will sing or recite "O Sapientia" (Wisdom). Reading about the loveliness of this prayer is no substitute for hearing it. Let the ethereal sound of this ancient tradition uplift your prayer today. is "O Sapientia" sung by Dominican friars in Oxford, England.  
TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17 (193). "Thus the total number of generations from Abraham to David is fourteen generations."

**Friday, December 18, 2020**  
**ADVENT WEEKDAY (O SACRED LORD)**  
**A call to rescue and restore**

The calamities that piled up in 2020 point surely to the longing of today's O Antiphon. A wave of global pandemic, quarantine, massive unemployment, fires, floods, and protest for racial justice crests, resonating with the yearning for freedom. More than ever, we yearn for the Leader who will restore justice and rescue us with mighty power. And at a time when more people are exiled from their homes than ever before in human history, we commemorate Migrants Day with a plaintive call: Come, Lord Jesus to our human mess. We need you as we have throughout the centuries.  
TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25 (194). "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."

**Saturday, December 19, 2020**  
**ADVENT WEEKDAY (O FLOWER OF JESSE'S STEM)**  
**Creation is full of surprises**

The image of "Jesse's Stem" in today's O Antiphon comes from the Book of Isaiah. Using the image of a tree much like we use a family tree to trace our lineage, Isaiah traces the lineage of the kings of Judah forward from Jesse, the father of King David, to the hoped-for Christ, the new king who might restore the monarchy to its former greatness. But like the birth of John the Baptist, the actual coming of the Christ would be a surprise, a new revelation of a



heavenly Kingdom. Reflect on the various ways God has surprised you in your life.  
TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25 (195). "O Flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples."



## **CHRISTMAS AT OUR LADY OF MERCY**

Due to the Covid Pandemic and the public health and ADW safety guidelines, dictating reduced capacity levels and socially distanced seating,

**ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES  
will be attendance by reservation only.**

**Go to Christmas Reservations**

**<https://olom.brushfire.com/christmas/484184>  
beginning on December 1, 2020**

Once you have a reservation you can print the QR code emailed to you or just have the QR code on your phone for presentation to the ushers.

**NO ADMITTANCE WITHOUT A RESERVATION**

Any parishioner who does not have a computer or would like assistance in this process can stop by the Parish House for help with their reservation. Even though we will be socially distanced from each other we will still be blessed to be close to, and worship and celebrate, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**The Christmas 4:00 pm Mass will be live streamed and available for all to view at home at their convenience as well.**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Thursday, December 24  
4:00 pm 6:00 pm  
8:00 pm & 10:00 pm**

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Friday, December 25  
9:00 am & 11:00 am**

**Communion Service  
12:30 pm**

**Monday, December 28 - Thursday, December 31  
Masses at 9:00 am**

Parish Offices are closed until Monday, January 4

### **MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**Thursday, December 31, 2020 Vigil Mass 5:00 pm    Friday, January 1, 2021 9:00 am**



### Sustainability Tip of the Week: Decorate a tree for the birds.

Place seed bells, suet, pine cones with peanut butter and a variety of seed trays on any tree in your yard, preferably in the open where cats can be seen easily by the birds. This is an important food source for birds during the winter. ([Eartheasy.com](http://Eartheasy.com))

### The San Miguel School

**Save the date this winter** for a very special evening benefitting the San Miguel School on **Saturday, February 20th at 6:30 pm!**

Our Annual Scholarship Benefit has gone virtual and you won't want to miss this meaningful event that gives so many boys and their families a chance to succeed.

The San Miguel School is an independent, tuition-free, Catholic Middle School located just a few miles from downtown Silver Spring and serves economically disadvantaged Latino males in grades 6 - 8. San Miguel students receive a rigorous, values-based education in a joyous environment, with impressive outcomes. San Miguel Graduates go on to study at local high schools including St. John's, Georgetown Prep, Gonzaga, DeMatha, St. Alban's, Episcopal, Georgetown Day, Maret, St. Stephens/St. Agnes, and Don Bosco.

Sponsorship levels begin at \$5,000 to partially assist a student and go to \$15,000 for a full year's tuition. Any amount of giving is appreciated and your generosity makes a direct impact on these students and the lives around them.

To learn more about San Miguel or for questions regarding the Benefit and how you can participate whether through a sponsorship or through our Virtual Auction, please contact the school at 202-232-8345.

### Faith Direct

**Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/MD37](http://faith.direct/MD37).** Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. Check out our donation button on the website: [www.olom.org](http://www.olom.org).



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### Christmas Toy Drive

Our Lady of Mercy will once again sponsor a Christmas Toy Drive to benefit the children of the Spanish Catholic Center and Sacred Heart Parish among others in need.

Please visit the Christmas tree located in the church foyer and select an ornament, beautifully decorated by Mercy students, with the gender and age of a child for whom you wish to buy a gift. If you can't come into the church to pick an ornament, no problem! Just purchase a gift for any age or gender you wish!

Then return your **NEW UNWRAPPED** gift to the boxes located in the church and school foyers by **December 20**.

Please note that gift cards to Walmart, Target, Best Buy, and Macys are especially appreciated, and should be dropped off at the Parish House.

Thanks for your generosity! Please call the Parish House if you have any questions.



**The Ladies of the Sodality** are collecting Christmas donations for the **Interfaith Works Women's Shelter** again this year.

If you would like to donate, this is the shelter's wish list:

- Target gift card - \$10 to \$25 amounts are best
- Soft Socks
- Makeup
- Sunglasses
- New wallet

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish House Office or in the plastic bin in the Parish House entry area.

Questions please contact Joan - 301-807-7500.



### SHARING OUR TREASURE OFFERTORY COLLECTION SUMMARY

(Offertory, Christmas, Easter)

**FY 2019-2020** through October \$479,069

Average per Sunday is \$28,181

**FY 2020-2021** through October \$513,292

Average per Sunday was \$30,194

## Thank You Fr. Bill Garrett, OP



As we await on the arrival of our new pastor, Fr. Bill Garrett, OP has graciously agreed to be in residence and help with the sacramental duties of Our Lady of Mercy parish.

This is not Fr. Bill's first visit to Mercy. You may recognize him from our previous Mercy Parish Mission where he preached, said Masses and offered confession.

Fr. Bill entered the Order of Preachers in 1988 and was ordained a priest in 1994. He has a masters degree in spiritual theology from the Angelicum in Rome. He has served as a parochial vicar, campus minister and director of vocations. Fr. Bill has preached in nearly 200 parishes throughout the United States and Canada using his musical abilities on piano and guitar. **Welcome Fr. Bill!**

## Our New Pastor!



Archbishop Gregory has appointed Msgr. Charles Antonicelli to become the pastor of Our Lady of Mercy after a short seven months as pastor of St. Patrick in Washington, DC and Vice President for Mission for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington.

Ordained as a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington in 1993, Msgr. Antonicelli has served as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia since 2018. In addition, he served as pastor of Annunciation Parish in Washington, St. Thomas Apostle Parish in Washington, and St. Joseph Parish on Capitol Hill. He also served briefly as an administrator of St. Patrick Parish in Rockville.

A native of Jersey City, he earned a political science degree at Boston College, and then relocated to Washington to earn a law degree at the Columbus School of Law at The Catholic University of America. After working as an assistant corporation counsel for Jersey City, and as an associate attorney at two law firms, he entered the seminary and studied at the Pontificol North American College in Rome, where he earned a licentiate degree in moral theology at the Angelicum. He later earned a licentiate degree in canon law from Catholic University.

Shortly after his ordination, he served as a parochial vicar at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Washington and later at St. Andrew Apostle Parish in Silver Spring. In 1998, then-Cardinal James Hickey appointed him to serve as a Vice Chancellor, and he continued in that position until 2006. In 2006, Pope Benedict XVI named Father Antonicelli as a chaplain to His Holiness, with the title "monsignor."

Msgr. Antonicelli has served as a judge on the archdiocese's Metropolitan Tribunal, and as Episcopal Vicar for Canonical Services. He also taught at CUA's Columbus School of Law from 2002-04.

**We will see Fr. Charles in January 2021. Happy New Year!**

## Blessings and Prayers for Our New Cardinal November 28, 2020 –

Pope Francis elevates Cardinal Wilton Gregory, the archbishop of Washington, to the College of Cardinals during a Consistory in Rome.

*"Friends in Christ, In NYC about to board a flight to Rome for the Consistory. My heart brings the people that I have tried to serve & love in Chicago, Belleville, Atlanta & now DC. Keep me in your prayers as I welcome Pope Francis' invitation to assist him in his service. +WDG"*



*Pope Francis places the red biretta on new Cardinal Wilton*

*D. Gregory of Washington during a consistory in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Nov. 28, 2020. (CNS photo/Fabio Frustaci, Reuters pool)*

The "O Antiphons" are different names for God.

In the last days of Advent, the church appoints a different antiphon to re read each day during the Liturgy of the Hours. The first letter of each Latin antiphon in reverse order spells "Ero Cras," meaning "Tomorrow I will be." This clever word play is meant to help us to keep track of the days until the Incarnation of the Lord.



**Sapientia-Wisdom**

O Wisdom of our God Most High,  
guiding creation with power and love:  
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 17

**Adonai-Lord of Might**

O Leader of the House of Israel,  
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:  
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 18

**Radix Jesse-Root of Jesse**

O Root of Jesse's stem,  
sign of God's love for all his people:  
come to save us without delay!

December 19

**Clavis David- Key of David**

O Key of David,  
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:  
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 20

**Oriens-Dayspring**

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

December 21

**Rex- King of Peace**

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:  
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 22

**Emmanuel-God with Us**

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:  
come to save us, Lord our God!

December 23

**Ero Cras - Tomorrow I will be!**

December 24

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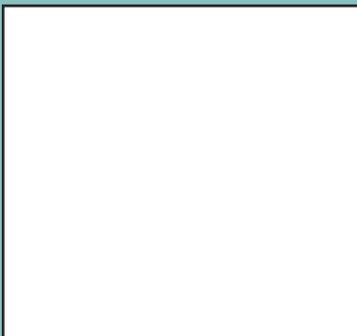
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