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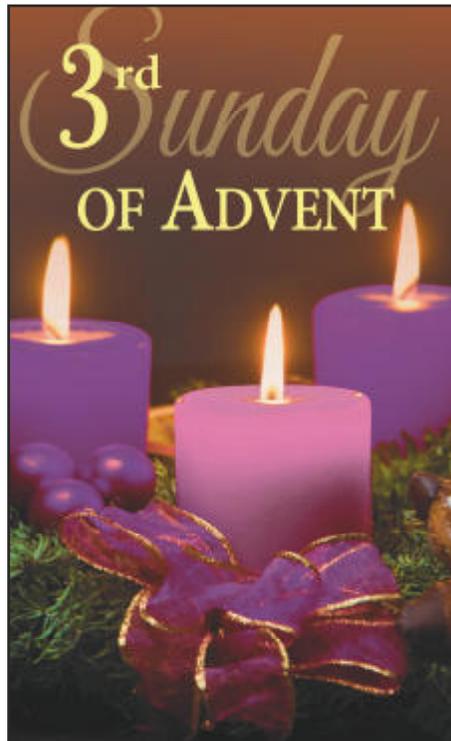
An Advent Descant

The “O Antiphons” are the seven antiphons that are chanted before and after the Magnificat during Vespers of the Divine Office from December 17 to 23.

The importance of “O Antiphons” is two-fold: Each one highlights a title for the Messiah: *O Sapientia* (O Wisdom), *O Adonai* (O Lord), *O Radix Jesse* (O Root of Jesse), *O Clavis David* (O Key of David), *O Oriens* (O Rising Sun), *O Rex Gentium* (O King of the Nations), and *O Emmanuel*. And each one refers to a prophecy of Isaiah concerning the coming of the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed One.

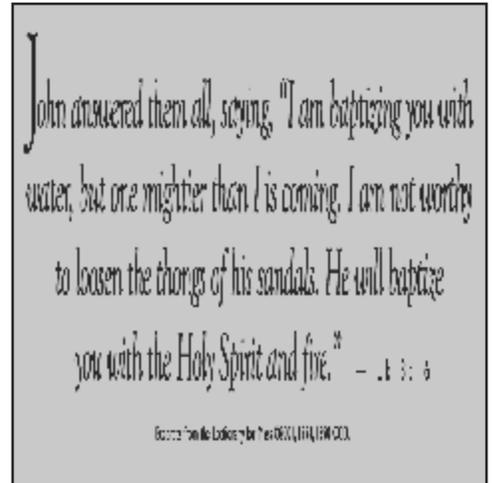
December 17: *O Sapientia* “O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.” Isaiah had prophesied, “The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord.” (11:2-3), and “Wonderful is His counsel and great is His wisdom.” (28:29). Rightly is Isaiah called the Fifth Evangelist, so clear is his vision of the coming Redeemer.

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.” Isaiah had prophesied, “But He shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land’s afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the



breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.” (11:4-5); and “Indeed the Lord will be there with us, majestic; yes the Lord our judge, the Lord our lawgiver, the Lord our king, he it is who will save us.” (33:22).

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.” Isaiah had prophesied, “But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.” (11:1), and



A On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.” (11:10). Jesse was the father of King David, and the Prophet Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be of the house and lineage of David and be born in David’s city, Bethlehem (Micah 5:1).

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; and lead your captive people into freedom.” Isaiah had prophesied, “I will place the Key of the House of David on His shoulder; when he opens, no one will shut, when he shuts, no one will open.” (22:22), and “His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David’s throne, and over His kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever.” (9:6).

O Oriens: “O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on



Monday, December 13, 2021

7:30 a.m.— Lucy Bausano (L)

Tuesday, - December 14, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Aurelia Klemmer (L)

Wednesday, - December 15, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Augie Anetrini (D)

Thursday December 16, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Sam & Nancy Orlando (L)

Friday, - December 17, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Frank & Claire Tomei (D)

Saturday, -December 18, 2021

7:30 a.m. – The Faithful Departed in the Grotto Cemetery

4:00 p.m. – Mark & Rebecca Rudnicki (L)

Sunday, December 19, 2021

6:30 a.m. – Ray Long & The Grotto Choir

9:30 a.m. - People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. – Unborn

Holy Father’s Intention for December:

Catechists

“Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.” - www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2021

Prayer for Pope Francis

Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Pope Francis, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving kindness, in the way of eternal salvation; that, of Thy gift, he may ever desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen. (recite 1 Our Father & 1 Hail Mary).

Mass Servers

Saturday, December 18, 2021

4:00 p.m. D. Bastuba, J. Cline

Sunday, December 19, 2021

6:30 a.m. S. Noji, M. Grado

9:30 a.m. K. Garavaglia, A. Santine, M. Grado, C. Bueche

12:00 p.m. M. Chambers, A. & W. Remski, G. Welsing, J. & D. Berch

Readings for the week of 12-12-21

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

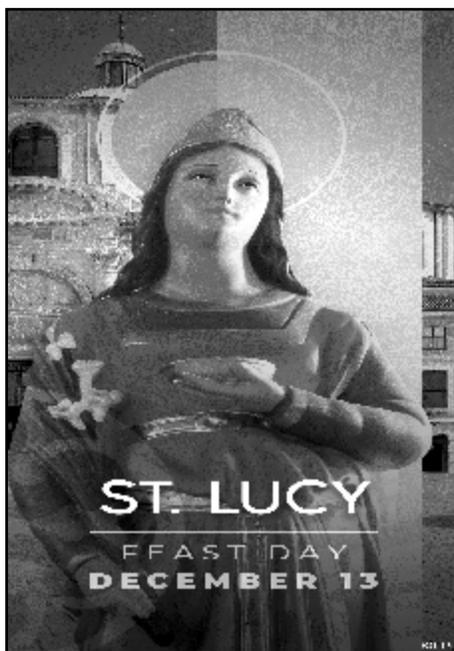
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45



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SUNDAY MASSES: Saturdays at 4:00; Sundays at 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), & Noon

HOLY DAY MASSES: 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), Noon & evening at 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 2:30-3:30, Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS: Every Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday after the Noon Mass. Arrange at the Rectory Office.

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: After the Noon Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

REGISTRATION: Visit the Rectory or call for a form to be sent out to you.

St. Lucy |Feast Day December 13

A name that means “light,” St. Lucy (283 – 304) is the patron saint of those blind or suffering with eye trouble. Not much is known about her life, except that she was determined to remain a virgin and thus refused marriage. History tells the story of a frustrated suitor who eventually accused St. Lucy of being a Christian (at crime at the time), and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304. ©LPi

An Advent Descant (continued)

those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.” Isaiah had prophesied, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shown.” (9:1).

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.” Isaiah had prophesied, “For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.” (9:5), and “He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.” (2:4).

O Emmanuel: “O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God.” Isaiah had prophesied, “The Lord himself will give you this sign: the Virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.” (7:14). This text appears again in St. Matthew’s Gospel where he adds: “... which means God-with-us.” (1:23)

Finally, if one starts with the last title and takes the first letter of each one—**Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapientia** - the Latin words *erocras* are formed, meaning, “Tomorrow, I will come.” The Lord Jesus, for whose coming we have prepared in Advent and whom we have addressed in these seven Messianic titles, now speaks to us, “Tomorrow, I will come.” The “O Antiphons” not only bring intensity to our Advent preparation, but bring it to a joyful conclusion.

Please Note

Due to supply chain and pricing issues, the Knights regret that they are unable to hold their Christmas Ham & Sausage

sale. Hopefully, the situation will resolve itself in time for the Easter Season.

Christmas Novena Masses

Christmas Novena Mass cards are now available. Please call or visit the Rectory.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help staff the St. Vincent de Paul office at St. Raymond’s Church. If interested, please contact the office at: 313-372-0437. The office runs Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 am and Thursdays 4:30-5:30 pm.

Altar Boy Training

Any boy who has received his First Holy Communion is eligible to be an altar boy. **The next training will be on Saturday, January 8 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM.**

Grotto St. Vincent Helpers

Parishioners who are in need of help may contact Jeff Cline at 586-242-1959.

Seven Sisters Apostolate

Our four groups renewed their prayer commitments of one Holy Hour a week for Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Fr. John Bustamante, Fr. Eduard Perrone and Fr. Aidan Logan on Friday, June 11th. After Mass the renewal of their prayer commitments for another year took place at the Grotto where we requested Our Lady’s help to persevere in our commitments and placed the Archbishop and priests for whom we are praying into her protection. See the 2021 flyer on the side tables of the church for more information on our parish Seven Sisters Groups. We are in need of more women willing to commit an hour a week for one of our priests as a substitute or alternate. Please call and leave your name at the rectory if God is calling you to assist our priests. For more information see their website: <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/home>.

Morning Offering

“O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father” (from “Manual of Prayers,” Midwest Theological Forum).

Prayer to the Holy Spirit (To Be Said Before Confession)

Come, Holy Spirit, enlighten my mind that I may clearly know my sins. Move my heart that I may be sincerely sorry for them, honestly confess them, and firmly resolve to amend my life. Amen.

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

Act of Resolution (After Confession)

My dear Jesus, how much I owe you! By the merits of Your precious blood I am confident that You have once again pardoned my sins. I thank You exceedingly and I hope to praise Your mercies forever in heaven. You deserve all my love; from now on I wish to love You in earnest. I promise to shun the occasions of sin, and to use this means (*here mention it*), for not falling again. But You know my weakness, O Jesus. Give me the grace to be faithful to You until death, and to have recourse to You in my temptations. Most holy Virgin Mary, assist me. You are the mother of perseverance. I place all my hope in your powerful intercession. Amen.



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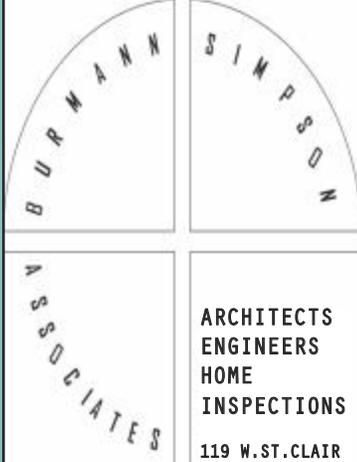
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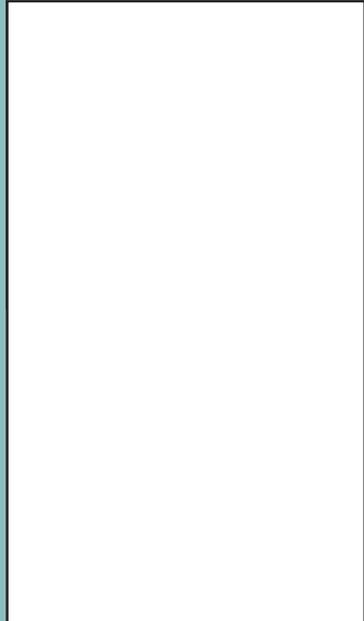
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