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The O Antiphons

They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.



O Sapientia or O Wisdom (December 17)

O wisdom (Sirach 24:3), you came forth from the mouth of the Most High (Sirach 24:3), and reaching from beginning to end You ordered all things mightily and sweetly (Wisdom 8:1). * Come, and teach us the way of prudence (Isaiah 40:14).



O Adonai or O Lord and Ruler (December 18)

O Adonai (Exod. 3:14) and Ruler of the house of Israel (Matt 2:6; Micah 5:1; 2 Sam 5:2), You appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush (Exod. 3:2) and on Mount Sinai gave him Your Law (Exod. 20). * Come, and with an outstretched arm redeem us (Jeremiah 32:21).

O Radix Jesse or O Root of Jesse (December 19)

O root of Jesse, you stand for the ensign of mankind (Isaiah 11:10); before You kings shall keep silence and to You all nations shall have recourse (Isaiah 52:15). * Come, save us, and do not delay (Habakkuk 2:3).



O Clavis David or O Key of David (December 20)

O key of David (Isaiah 22:22, Rev 3:7) and Scepter of the house of Israel (Numbers 24:17): You open and no man closes; you close and no man opens (Isaiah 22:22). * Come, and deliver him from the chains of prison who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death (Ps 107:10).

O Oriens or O Rising Dawn or Morning Star (December 21)

O Rising Dawn, (Jer. 23:5; Zechariah 3:8; 6:12), Radiance of the Light eternal (Habakkuk 3:4; Wisdom 7:26; Hebrews 1:3) and Sun of Justice (Malachi 3:20): * come, and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death (Ps 107:10; Lk 1:78).



O Rex Gentium or O King of the Nations (December 22)

O King of the Gentiles (Jeremiah 10:7; Haggai 2:7), and the Desired of all, You are the Cornerstone that binds two into one (Isaiah 28:16; Matthew 21:42; Ephesians 2:20). * Come, and save man whom You fashioned out of clay (Genesis 2:7).

O Emmanuel (December 23)

O Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:14; 8:8; Luke 1:31-33), our King and Lawgiver (Genesis 49:10; cf. Ezekiel 21:32), the Expected of the nations and their Savior (Isa 33:22): Come, and save us, O Lord our God.



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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

[] We've Moved, here is our new information

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 11

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. June Gazdik +

Sunday, December 12

- Third Sunday of Advent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Andrea Grover +

Monday, December 13

No Public Mass

Tuesday, December 14

Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Welling +

8:30 a.m. Confessions

Wednesday, December 15

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration

6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Joseph & Alma Beckman Family

Thursday, December 16

8:00 a.m. Carl Sorg +

Friday, December 17

8:30 a.m. Jim Cole +

Saturday, December 18

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Delfin Rios +

Sunday, December 19

- Fourth Sunday of Advent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Andrea Grover +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., December 13 - St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr— Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/ Mt 21:23-27

Tues., December 14 - St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church - Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/ Mt 21:28-32

Wed., December 15 - Advent Weekday - Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/ Lk 7:18b-23

Thur., December 16 - Advent Weekday - Is 54:1-10/ Lk 7:24-30

Fri., December 17 - Late Advent Weekday - Is Gn 49:2, 8-10/ Mt 1:1-17

Sat., December 18 - Late Advent Weekday - Jer 23:5-8/ Mt 1:18-25

Sun., December 19 - Fourth Sunday of Advent - Mi 5:1-4a/ Heb 10:5-10/ Lk 1:39-45

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 12, 2021

This weekend (December 11th/12th), the Church joyfully celebrates the **Third Sunday of Advent**, or **Gaudete Sunday**. Marking the half-way point of Advent, **Gaudete Sunday** reminds us that we are called to “*Rejoice!*” that the coming of Jesus Christ is near. As with any penitential season in the liturgical year, we are reminded that Christian penance is meant to prepare us for something greater and will always give way to joy.

As a happy coincidence, **Gaudete Sunday** this year also falls on the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. As depicted in our own stained glass window of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, we see an image of our Blessed Mother while she is pregnant with the Lord (*as indicated in Aztec culture by the black sash around her waist*). Our Blessed Mother stands as a true model of anticipation and rejoicing at the coming manifestation of God’s plan for humanity and in our own lives.

Joining our Blessed Mother in this eager anticipation for the coming of Christ, we will also enter into the “O Antiphons” this coming Friday, December 17th. This ancient practice, begun in the 4th Century, addresses Christ with seven Messianic titles based on Old Testament prophecies. Taking the first letter of each title forms a Latin acrostic, “*Ero cras*”, which means: “*I am coming tomorrow.*” These antiphons not only bring intensity to our Advent preparation, but bring it to a joyful conclusion.

ANNUAL BISHOP’S APPEAL

I want to offer a special “*Thank You!*” for your generosity to the **Annual Bishop’s Appeal** this year. Not only did we exceed our parish’s goal, we did so by a substantial amount! It’s also not too late to give if you haven’t had a chance yet – any amount given now comes directly back to our parish. We will be putting the over-goal amount we receive back from the Diocese towards new playground equipment for our campus.

Our current playground equipment has served well over the years, but the wooden structures, after three decades of wear-and-tear and being out in the elements, are in need of replacement, both for safety and insurance purposes. We will also use this chance to relocate the playground, moving it fifty feet south-east of its current location. This relocation will help resolve several drainage issues that have been affecting the foundation of the parish gym.

These valuable improvements to our parish campus are made possible not only by our Bishop’s Appeal overage, but also by the fundraising efforts of both our **G.I.R.L’s Night Out** and **Knights of Columbus** over this past year. Thank you all for your continued support of the maintenance and upkeep of our beautiful parish campus. We rejoice to know that it will continue to serve our parish family and community for generations to come.

DID YOU KNOW? CAMPAIGN

In January, we will begin our “*Did You Know?*” Campaign. This outreach, suggested by our Parish Council, will plan to make use of newspaper ads, bulletin inserts, homilies, and various other materials and mediums to help spread information about our Faith. We hope that this might also help to clear up some commonly held misconceptions about the Catholic Church.

Our first subject will be: “*Did You Know? Catholics are Christians.*” This subject will look at our own role as disciples of the Lord. If you have any suggestions for other topics that you would like to see covered over time, feel free to reach out and let me know.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Sharon Miller, Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Andrea Holte, Jen Coyne, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Nora LaVine, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Doreen Ayres, Leanne Lee, Matt McFarren, Ryan Feeback, Dr. Doug Phillips, Gene Keys and Jean Johnson.

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday
December 20, 21 & 22 - 7:00 p.m.
Penance Service Wednesday, December 22 - 7:30
(following Mass)

Advent Parish Mission

Preparing for Christmas *together*



ADVENT FOOD DRIVE

We will be collecting non-perishable food items throughout the Advent Season to help assist the Wells County Food Bank and the citizens of Wells County who are in need of food. Donations may be placed in the tote in the narthex. Thank YOU!

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., December 11 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., December 12 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Tues., December 14 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., December 14 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 - 6:30
- Tues., December 14 - Knights of Columbus - Recitation of the Holy Rosary 6:40 p.m. in Church meeting in Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., December 14 - G.I.R.L.'s Night Out - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Wed., December 15 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., December 16 - RCIA - 6:30 p.m.
- Sat., December 18 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., December 19 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Mon., December 20 - Advent Parish Mission - 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., December 21 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., December 21 - Advent Parish Mission - 7:00 p.m. / Penance Service - 7:30 p.m.
- Tues., December 21 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 - 6:30
- Wed., December 22 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Advent Parish Mission/Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., December 23 - RCIA - 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., December 24 - Christmas Eve - Parish Office Closed
- Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Masses - 4:00 p.m. / 6:00 p.m. / Midnight Mass
- Saturday, December 25 - Christmas Day Mass - 9:00 a.m.
- Sat., December 25 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., December 26 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Mon., December 27 - Parish Office Closed
- Tues., December 28
- Wed., December 29
- Thurs., December 30
- Fri., December 31 - Parish Office Closed

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 18/19



5:00 Nick Bortenski
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Nancy Leitz



5:00 Catherine Crawfis
7:30 Carol Butler
10:00 Dan Geimer



5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle
10:00 Chris/Laurie Reifsteck & Todd/Anjie Hartman Family



5:00 Alex/Aubrey Mechling
7:30 Jacquelyn/Phillip Mayer, Spencer McCorkle
10:00 Wyatt Girod, Charlie Andrews, Sam Smith

Trained Ministers Needed For Liturgies (Servers & Minister's of Hospitality):

December 24-
Christmas Eve
Masses

December 25
Christmas Day
Masses

Please see signup
sheet in the narthex.

Thank you!

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report December 4/5 Weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$3,797.00

Child Envelopes- \$0

Loose- \$218.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-

\$1,532.25

Religious Ed. Fund- \$125.00

Religious Ed. Fees- \$90.00

Immaculate Conception- \$80.00

All Saints Day- \$5.00

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of
God- \$15.00

Christmas Offering- \$10.00

Christmas Flowers- \$10.00

Votive Candles- \$165.57

Total- \$6,047.82

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

we are \$931.42 ahead of our budget
for the month of December.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$140.00

*Thank you for your gifts
to St. Joseph's!*

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G.I.R.L.'s night out Christmas Party!

(Growing, Inspiring, Rejoicing, Loving)

Inviting All women of St. Joseph Catholic Church
If you have not joined the G.I.R.L.'s night out, come to
our Christmas party and meet us and get a taste of our
group!!

Tuesday December 14 at 6:30pm

Bring an hors d'oeuvres or dessert to share

We plan to play a game and to have plenty
of time to socialize!!



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING -

Tuesday, December 14th - Recitation of the Holy Rosary 6:40
p.m. in Church meeting in Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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