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NEWSLETTER

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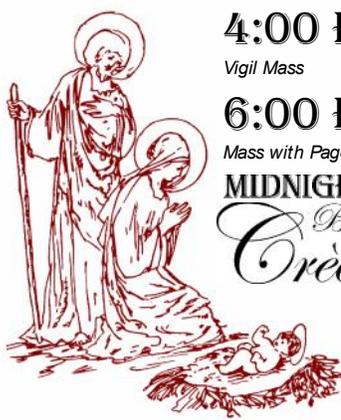


This year the fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve, December 24th. Because of this, there will be only one Sunday Mass instead of our usual two Sunday Masses.

**ON DEC. 24TH
SUNDAY MASS IS
AT 9:00 AM ONLY**

Please see the schedule on this page for the Nativity of our Lord, Christmas Masses for December 24th and 25th.





The Nativity of our Lord
DECEMBER 24TH

4:00 PM
Vigil Mass

6:00 PM
Mass with Pageant

MIDNIGHT MASS
Blessing of the Crèche

DECEMBER 25TH

10:00 AM

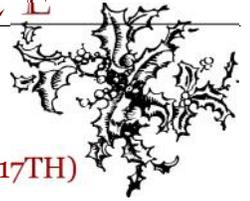


BAPTISMS SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER

- Lucille Catherine A.
- Georgia Kathleen D.
- August Thomas F.
- Aubreyanna Leann H.
- Jaylyn Eva-Marie H.
- Jordan Joseph H.
- Joseph Lee J.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR YOUNG PARISHIONERS!





A blessed Advent to you,



Have you ever stopped to truly enjoy the Advent season? Soon after Thanksgiving, many of us get caught in the hustle and bustle of shopping and cooking and celebrating as our parish begins to look, not red and green, but violet in color. The Advent wreath makes its seasonal return and for some, the wreath and the lighting of its candles, one-by-one, incites an anxiety and dread because it is viewed as a clock ticking away the weeks. While secular preparations such as holiday parties and shopping have their place in our journey to Christmas Day, this season should be a time of reflection on the best gift we could ever receive, Jesus Christ entering the world and coming again at the end of time! Let's slow down and truly consider what this season is to the Church; the birth of the new church year and a celebration of Christ Jesus.

When we arrive at the Nativity of the Lord, we will have lit each of the wreath's four candles, culminating with the final candle, the Christ candle. These candles that *light our way to Christ* should focus our minds, words and hearts on how we should be celebrating the coming of Jesus in our own lives with preparation and prayerful penitence. In the eight days preceding Christmas, our daily prayer includes the antiphons. They begin by welcoming the birth of the Savior and announcing one of His biblical titles. Each Antiphon begins with the exclamation "O" and ends with a plea for the Messiah to arrive. We encourage you to pray the antiphons, located to the right on this page, making it a new family Advent tradition.

Let us capture the true meaning of Advent and prepare our hearts, minds, and souls for a most marvelous gift – Jesus Christ. Just as Mary had to wait for the birth of her Divine Son, we also must wait for the celebration of Christmas. However, let us do so in the way it is intended, a more prayerful countdown to the Light of the World, Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, Jesus Christ our Savior!

*Have a blessed Advent,
Merry Christmas, and
Happy New Year to each
of you. God love you.*



SAPIENTIA (PRAYED DEC. 17TH)

LATIN: *O Sapientia, quae ex ore Altissimi prodisti, attingens a fine usque ad finem, fortiter suaviterque disponens omnia: veni ad docendum nos viam prudentiae.*

ENGLISH: O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from one end to the other, mightily and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

O ADONAI (PRAYED DEC. 18TH)

LATIN: *O Adonai, et Dux domus Israel, qui Moysi in igne flammae rubi apparuisti, et ei in Sina legem dedisti: veni ad redimendum nos in brachio extento.*

ENGLISH: O Adonai, and leader of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.

O RADIX JESSE (PRAYED DEC. 19TH)

LATIN: *O Radix Jesse, qui stas in signum populorum, super quem continebunt reges os suum, quem Gentes deprecabuntur: veni ad liberandum nos, jam noli tardare.*

ENGLISH: O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples; before you kings will shut their mouths, to you the nations will make their prayer: Come and deliver us, and delay no longer.

O CLAVIS DAVID (PRAYED DEC. 20TH)

LATIN: *O Clavis David, et sceptrum domus Israel; qui aperis, et nemo claudit; claudis, et nemo aperit: veni, et educ vincitum de domo carceris, sedentem in tenebris, et umbra mortis.*

ENGLISH: O Key of David and scepter of the House of Israel; you open and no one can shut; you shut and no one can open: Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house, those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

O ORIENS (PRAYED DEC. 21ST)

LATIN: *O Oriens, splendor lucis aeternae, et sol justitiae: veni, et illumina sedentes in tenebris, et umbra mortis.*

ENGLISH: O Morning Star, splendor of light eternal and sun of righteousness: Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

O REX GENTIUM (PRAYED DEC. 22ND)

LATIN: *O Rex Gentium, et desideratus earum, lapisque angularis, qui facis utraque unum: veni, et salva hominem, quem de limo formasti.*

ENGLISH: O King of the nations, and their desire, the cornerstone making both one: Come and save the human race, which you fashioned from clay.

O EMMANUEL (PRAYED DEC. 23RD)

LATIN: *O Emmanuel, Rex et legifer noster, expectatio Gentium, et Salvator earum: veni ad salvandum nos, Domine, Deus noster.*

ENGLISH: O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver, the hope of the nations and their Savior: Come and save us, O Lord our God.