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The Third Sunday of Advent

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A Pre-Christmas ‘Novena’

Rethinking a Standard Advent Hymn

Perhaps one of the most well-known, yet oft-misunderstood, Advent hymns is “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” Many drag it along as a dirge or simply try to avoid it altogether. But its ancient and venerable text holds a far greater significance than simply that of a song we sing to the point of exhaustion for a couple of weeks each year. It is based upon some beautiful theological prayers called the Great—or “O”—Antiphons.

These “O Antiphons” developed during the Church’s very first centuries. The writer Boethius (+525) mentions them. By the 8th century they were in use at Rome. There are seven of these special antiphons, and their texts spring from the Old Testament Hebrew Scriptures, the Prophetic and Wisdom Books. The O Antiphons begin on December 17, seven days before the Vigil of Christmas (December 24). The seventh and last antiphon is sung at Vespers on December 23. They are called the “O” Antiphons because they all begin with the letter-word “O”: they address Jesus by one of His Old Testament titles. They are fervent prayers asking Our Lord to come to us.

It may not be apparent in English, but in the original Latin it is obvious that the monks who first began to chant these antiphons arranged them in a very specific way, so as to convey an interesting and beautiful message. The Latin versions of each of the titles of the Messiah are:

Sapientia (Wisdom)

Adonai (Lord)

Radix (Root)

Clavis (Key)

Oriens (Dawn)

Rex (King)

Emmanuel (Emmanuel)

Take the first letters of each of the titles, starting with the last and working back to the first. You spell: **EROCRAS** or “ero cras... I will be (there) tomorrow.” So, the message is complete on the day before Christmas Eve.


The chant "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" is simply a reworking of the seven O Antiphons—each verse being based on a different one. When we sing it, we are joining ourselves to a vast throng of Christians stretching back across centuries and spanning the whole of the earth who prayed as all Christians do, "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev 22:20)

And so, it is only fitting that during this ‘novena’ before Christmas we intensify our longing for the coming of the Christ Child, and unite our hearts, minds, and voices in praying these texts as the Church has always intended—as a liturgical countdown to our spiritual “liftoff” that is the Incarnation of

God, Jesus Christ. And we do so by making our singing of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” in this last week of Advent sweeter, as it echoes those ancient texts which inspired it.

As a spiritual exercise for this pre-Christmas novena, let us all take just a brief 30 seconds each morning, and pray these beautiful prayers as we await the coming of Our Lord.

- December 17: **O Wisdom**, who came from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end, and ordering all things mightily and sweetly: come, and teach us the way of prudence.
- December 18: **O Lord and Ruler** the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flame of the burning bush, and gave him the law on Sinai: come, and redeem us with outstretched arms.
- December 19: **O Root of Jesse**, that stands for an ensign of the people, before whom the kings keep silence, and unto whom the Gentiles shall make supplication: come, to deliver us, and tarry not.
- December 20: **O Key of David**, and scepter of the house of Israel, who opens and no man shuts, who shuts and no man opens: come, and lead forth from his prison the captive who sits in the shadows.
- December 21: **O Dawn of the East**, brightness of light eternal, and sun of justice:
- come, and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.
- December 22: **O King of the Gentiles** and their desired One, the cornerstone that makes both one: come, and deliver man, whom you formed out of the dust of the earth.
- December 23: **O Emmanuel**, God with us, our King and lawgiver, the expected of the nations and their Savior: come to save us, O Lord our God.



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...And much, much more!

**“UpFront”
with Mary Hendricks**
Matthew 1: 18-24

reams. Are they random sparks in your brain? Do they actually have meaning?

Here’s a Christmas story for you: a woman wakes up one morning and tells her husband, “Honey, I had the greatest dream! I dreamed that you gave me a beautiful gold necklace for Christmas! What could it mean?” He answers with a smile, “We shall see.”

The next morning, same story: “Honey, I dreamed that you gave me a beautiful gold necklace for Christmas! What could it mean?” The husband replies, “Wait and see.”

Third morning, same story, same answer: “Wait and see.” On Christmas morning, the wife runs to the Christmas tree, hoping that her little trick worked. She excitedly unwrapped the beautiful box from her husband and found a book:

“The Meaning of Dreams.”

Today in the Gospel, we hear that Joseph decides to quietly divorce the woman who claims she had spoken to an angel and is with child through the Holy Spirit. Then he has a dream.

It’s Joseph’s turn to hear from an angel: “Don’t be afraid. Mary is telling you the truth. Her son will be the salvation of the world.”

When Joseph awakens, he does as the angel says, taking Mary as his wife and helping her to prepare for

the birth of Emmanuel. Why?

For one thing, Joseph is a righteous man. We know how much care God took when he created Mary to bear his son; she was born sinless. Don’t you think the foster father he chose would be an incredibly special person, too? He has the right to divorce Mary and publicly announce the reason. The punishment for unmarried pregnancy would be stoning. But Joseph has so much respect for Mary that he can’t do it; he won’t expose her. And, now, he chooses to take the high road, on the angel’s advice, and care for her.

Secondly, Joseph had faith. He believed, as St. Paul says, in the reality of what is hoped for and the evidence of what cannot be seen. He knew angels existed because he went to the synagogue faithfully and heard the stories from the Torah—Jacob who wrestled with the angel, Tobiah who was accompanied on his journey by Raphael, Abraham who had three angel visitors. So, who was he to question that an angel spoke to his betrothed and to him in the dream?

Finally, Joseph was humble. Imagine how unpretentious and understanding he was, to still marry this young girl without questioning her or his God, to raise this child as his own. How difficult it must have been to swallow any pride he had. Ah, no wonder he is the patron saint of fathers.

When someone is called and doubted by believers. a dreamer today, we think But Joseph, this quiet, just, of him as unrealistic, dreamer accepted God at impractical. But this the angel’s word. dreamer, Joseph, has an During this final week important role in salvation of Advent, let’s think about history. Had he denounced our righteousness, our faith, Mary, the entire story of our humility. And, most of Jesus would be different. all, let’s think about how This virgin birth has easily we accept God’s confounded people for over word. Maybe we can be 2,000 years and has been like Joseph and be scoffed at by unbelievers dreamers, too.

Please join us on Friday, December 30, at 7:00 p.m. for

An Evening of Sacred Music

In Celebration of the Birth of the Savior

Orchestra | St. Patrick’s Handbell Choir | Chorale & Soloists

Admission is free and open to the public. There will be an opportunity to make a freewill offering to help offset the cost of the performance.

All are invited!

St. Patrick Catholic Church
Christmas Ornaments

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Ornaments are **\$25 each**, or **3 for \$60**. Pre-orders may be placed now through the parish office. Ornaments will be available for sale and pick-up in the church vestibule the weekend of December 17-18 and in the Parish Store.



30th Annual Lewis County Christmas Dinner

The 30th Annual Lewis County Christmas Dinner is Sunday, December 25, from 10am to 2pm at the Lewis County Senior Citizens Center on West Second Street. A delicious traditional meal of turkey, ham, and all the trimmings is the menu.

Dine in, carry out, or have your dinner delivered to you. To place an order, call 304-884-6803.

Volunteers are needed for Dec. 24 and Christmas Day for food preparation, serving, and cleanup. Drivers are needed for delivery to the those who can’t make it out. To volunteer call Ella Clem at 304-269-4028.

Donations of desserts may be dropped off at the Senior Center on December 24 from 12pm to 3pm.

The Lewis County Christmas Dinner is staffed entirely by volunteers and funded by donations. If you wish to make a monetary donation, make checks payable to: Lewis County Christmas Dinner, and mail them to PO Box 1012, Weston, WV 26452.

The Dead Theologians Society

The Dead Theologians Society is a Catholic apostolate for high school-aged teens. “Through the Saints of yesterday, the Dead Theologians Society inspires the youth of today to become the saints of tomorrow.” A chapter of the DTS has recently been chartered here at St. Patrick’s in order to provide a solid catechetical environment where our high school youth may gather to grow in holiness together through social activity, prayer and reflection, and deepening their understanding of the Faith.

An organizational meeting will take place on **Sunday, January 8, at 6:30 p.m.**, in the parish office building.

All high school teens from St. Patrick’s and the surrounding parishes are invited and encouraged to attend. Dinner will be provided.

For more information, check out www.deadtheologianssociety.com

Ministry Schedule for December 24-25, 2016

Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016

Greeters:
Servers: Joe and Tom Derico, Brayden Carder, Drew Bailey
Reader: Mary Jane Pascasio
Offertory: Kiro Family
EMHC: Jacob Aman, Rose Neal, Paul Derico
Cantor: Donna Lake

Sunday, Dec. 25, 2016

Midnight Mass

Greeters: Payton and Jordyn Aman
Servers: Manny Robinson, Hunter and Joseph Blake, Ethan Mehr
Reader: Sara Robinson
Offertory: Scotty and Sheila McCartney & family
EMHC: Butch Cain, Mary Hendricks, Marissa Aman
Cantor:

9:30 Mass

Greeters: Micki Snyder
Servers: Logan and Hayden Barnette
Reader: Danielle Mick
Offertory: Tina Barnette
EMHC: Judy Foster, Sandy Mick, Brooklyn Queen
Cantor: Lisa Marlow

December linens - Melissa Allison

December Funeral Greeters - Mary Wagoner, Mary Ellen Rittenhouse

January Linens: Barbara King

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Mass Intentions

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most effective prayer that we as Christians can offer. Mass may be offered for the intentions of the living or deceased. Please contact the parish office to schedule your Mass Intentions. Intentions are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Sacrificial Giving Envelopes for 2017 will be mailed directly to your home. They should arrive in the next couple of weeks. If you do not receive a set of envelopes (for the First Quarter), please contact the parish office. If you have received envelopes and prefer not to (for example, if you use E-giving), please place the entire packet into the collection basket, and we will remove you from the list.

Stewardship Thoughts

Remember I told you that God is an Indian giver? Only for a couple of things—your soul and your gifts. Everything else...you can keep.

At the last GIFT session, we did a spiritual gift inventory. Using statements that clarified strengths and weaknesses, our Church family was able to determine how their skills matched with ministries like greeting, funeral dinners, catechesis (teaching), visiting the sick, serving the poor, intercessory prayer (prayer line, Rosary), and singing in the choir.

Everyone has spiritual gifts. We receive them from the Holy Spirit at Baptism and Confirmation. None of us get to pick our gifts—they are given specifically and exclusively to us to fulfil the mission of the Church.

The Holy Spirit gives us a passion to use those gifts, and when we don't, we feel an emptiness inside. That little voice in your head, urging you to get involved in the life of your parish? That's the Spirit. Are you listening??

God wants us to return our gifts, not because he needs them—I mean, he's GOD; what could God need?—but it's the way we show our love and gratitude to him. In the Old Testament, we hear stories of the Israelites giving the “first fruits” as offerings to the Lord. People believed that the first—the best—yield of the earth is due to God as an acknowledgment of His gifts. My little Italian grandfather, Larry Policano,

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always left a little food on his plate at every meal. He supported the church monetarily, also, but this spoonful of potatoes or meat was his way of thanking God for the food. It also was his way of showing God that he was not greedy. He never mentioned why he did it, a sign of his humility. My mother is the one who told me.

So, what do we get out of this gift return we are supposed to make to God? Look here next week for the answer!

Pope Francis “Tweets”
@ Pontifex

“Today I would like each of us to reflect on his and her own past and the gifts received from the Lord.”

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This Week's Liturgical Calendar

Saturday — December 17th
SATURDAY of the Third Week of Advent
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for Carmelo and Josephine Nacida, by Nacida family
RDGS: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:3-4, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday — December 18th
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:45a Confessions
9:30a Mass for People of the Parish
RDGS: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
11:45 Confessions
12:30p Mass (Latin) for Mary Gallagher, by Barbara Daugherty
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday — December 19th
MONDAY of the Fourth Week of Advent
8:15a Mass for Betty Fenney, by the White family
RDGS: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17; Lk 1:5-15

Tuesday — December 20th
TUESDAY of the Fourth Week of Advent
8:15a Mass for Shelly Kraus
RDGS: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday — December 21st
Saint Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church
5:00p Confessions
5:30p Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena
6:00p Mass for Bea Taylor, by family
RDGS: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday — December 22nd
THURSDAY of the Fourth Week of Advent
8:15a Mass for Margaret Shea, by John and Jackie McLaughlin
RDGS: 1 Sm 1:24-28; (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Lk 1:46-56

Friday — December 23rd
FRIDAY of the Fourth Week of Advent
No Mass today!
RDGS: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday — December 24th
SATURDAY of the Fourth Week of Advent
RDGS: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Mass for Matt Fealy by family
RDGS: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25

Sunday — December 25th
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Midnight Mass for the People of the Parish
RDGS: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
8:45a Confessions
9:30a †Msgr. Roger Roensch and Fr. William Lynn
RDGS: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
11:45 Confessions
12:30p Mass (Latin) for Joe and Theresa Boyle, by family

Parish Prayer List

- Those who are sick: Shelly Kraus, Larry Lowe, Pete Taylor (Marcia Garton's father), Shannon Kiro, George Kiro (Nick Kiro's sister and father), Randy Campbell, Shawn Campbell, Sal Carmona, Rose Determan, Robert Fealy, Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver's father), Sara Jane Huntz, Rose Mazza, Mary Ann Murray, Matt McCauley, Julieta Rilling, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Jane Taylor, and Megan Westfall.
- Those who have died: May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
- All Military Personnel: Ryan Faulkner, Fr Jeff Paveglio, Alan Hamilton

Weekly Attendance & Collection
(12/11/2016)

Sat: 109 Sun: 204 Latin Mass:
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Liturgical Musings

'A Christmas Curiosity'

With Christmas fast approaching, there are many things happening within the context of our liturgy which we can easily overlook. Many time-honored traditions reaching as far back as the period of the Fathers of the Church themselves (ca. AD 100-600) have made their way into our celebration of the Incarnation and Birth of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. One such tradition is the chanting of the December 25th entry in the Roman Martyrology at the beginning of Midnight Mass, which has its roots in the prayer of monastic communities of the 6th century.

The Mass at Midnight itself is of great significance. Not being able to contain her joyful anticipation any long, Holy Mother Church leaps at the opportunity to begin the Great Feast of the Nativity of the Lord at the very first possible moment. And it begins in a most peculiar fashion: the chanting of the martyrology. The Roman Martyrology is a daily listing of all of the martyrs and saints who passed

from this life into the next. In effect, it is a calendar. And one has to ask: *What is so interesting about reading a calendar?!* To be honest, in many cases, reading a phone book would be more exciting—just not on Christmas.

The Church pauses from her normal litany of saints and martyrs, sparing us the details of their deaths, and instead issues a proclamation of mystical poetry that sets the stage for the awesome (inspiring awe) event of God's Only-Begotten Son to enter the world. It breaks open Sacred Scripture and weaves together the entire history of our Salvation, beginning with the creation of the world, highlighting both religious and secular events, and building to a crescendo as it formally announces the Birth of the King.

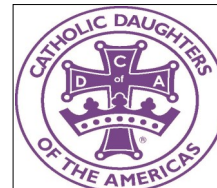
Come to Midnight Mass this year, and listen for this rich and beautiful piece of our history as a pilgrim people about to receive the King of the Universe as a lowly infant.

A Liturgical Note

With the beginning of Advent, we have implemented a few liturgical adjustments in order to bring our parish closer in conformity to Diocesan liturgical norms as well as those set forth

in the latest edition of the Roman Missal. One such adjustment is the manner in which we offer the Universal Prayer (formerly called "General Intercessions"). The new format is based upon the ancient manner in which the Intercessions of the Good Friday liturgy are made: **A call to prayer** ("Let us pray for X") followed by a **brief pause for silent prayer**, concluded by a **'collect'** (a prayer which gathers all the prayers into one. The acclamation **"Lord, in your mercy"** is responded to by the people with **"Hear our prayer."**

While this is somewhat different from the tired practice of "We pray to the Lord/Lord, hear our prayer," it better emphasizes that this is a moment in which we should be joining our own prayers to those being spoken. It also requires us to be more actively engaged in the Mass and not merely responding without thinking. As one of our new, **good spiritual habits** that we seek to start this Advent, we should all seek to enter more deeply into the ritual action of the Mass, that it become not merely a "service" but a profound spiritual experience that moves our souls to deeper communion with God, who reaches out of Heaven to become truly, physically present to us on the altar.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) meet on the third Monday at 6pm in the parish meeting room

The next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, January 16. ALL Catholic women 18 and older are invited to join the Catholic Daughters. Find out more by going to catholicdaughters.org.



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Where?

Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center, Huttonsville

Interested parties should contact Chris Todd **no later than January 3**: 304-488-8773 or christoddwv@yahoo.com

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

December – Cleaning Supplies

17 Sat: 7pm, Choir practice

18 Sun: 7pm, High School Gathering, upstairs meeting room—parish office

20 Tue: 6pm, Advent Reconciliation Service, St. Boniface Church, Camden

21 Wed: 7pm, St. Patrick School Christmas pageant, gym

23: Fri: No Mass or Adoration

30 Fri: 7pm, Sacred Music Concert, church

January – Soup

2 Mon: Parish office closed

3 Tue: School resumes

15 Sun: 10:30, GIFT, cafeteria

The Traditional Latin Mass at St. Patrick's

The Traditional Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite) is celebrated every Sunday at 12:30 p.m. here at St. Patrick's. All are welcome to attend.



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Reader Books are Here

If you are on the reader schedule, please pick up your copy of the 2017 Living Liturgy, Sunday Missal. These books are provided so readers can prepare before they come to Mass. The books are in the vestibule and are labeled for each reader or family of readers.

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65 gifts = \$20,589

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Thank you to all who have given to this appeal!

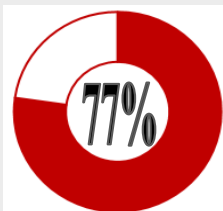
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"For it is in giving that we receive."



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St. Patrick School has live evergreen wreaths for sale in two sizes—small—\$23.70 and large—\$32.00. Thank you for supporting our school—the proceeds help with the purchase of iPads and playground equipment.

