



THE "O" ANTIPHONS

Beginning in the eighth century, each "O" antiphon became a prayer announcing the coming of the Messiah. Each antiphon begins with a biblical title and ends with an intercession. The antiphons proclaim the coming Christ as fulfillment of Old Testament hopes and the hopes of today. The word "Come" emphasizes the longing of all for the Divine Messiah. As we pray each day's "O" antiphon, we celebrate the gift and presence of Jesus in our lives.

DECEMBER 17

O WISDOM OF OUR GOD, guiding all creation with your strong yet tender love:
Come and teach your people the path of knowledge

DECEMBER 18

O LEADER OF THE HOUSE ISRAEL, giver of the commandments to Moses on Sinai:
Come enfold us with your strength and guidance

DECEMBER 19

O ROOT OF JESSE'S STEM, sign of God's love for all people:
Come, to protect and hold us without delay

DECEMBER 20

O KEY OF DAVID, opening the gates of God's eternal reign:
Come and free the captives of darkness.

DECEMBER 21

O RADIANT DAWN, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
Come, shine on all who dwell in darkness and the fear of death

DECEMBER 22

O KING OF ALL THE NATIONS, joy of every human heart:
Come and embrace us whom you created in your image and likeness.

DECEMBER 23

O EMMANUEL, desire of the nations and Savior of all people:
Come and set us free, Beloved God

Begin with the last title and take the first letter of each – **E**mmanuel, **R**ex (King of all nations), **O**riens (Radiant dawn), **C**lavis (Key of David), **R**adix, (Root of Jesse) **A**donai (Leader of the house of Israel), **S**apientai (Wisdom). Put together, these form the Latin phrase *ero cras*, which means "Tomorrow I come." Jesus, now speaks to us: "Tomorrow, I come." The O Antiphons accompany us throughout Advent and lead us to a joyful moment of celebration — Christmas.

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Food Pantry/Utility Assistance:

Provided by OLPH Food Pantry/St. Vincent de Paul. | Serves residents of zip 63107, 63115 and 63147.
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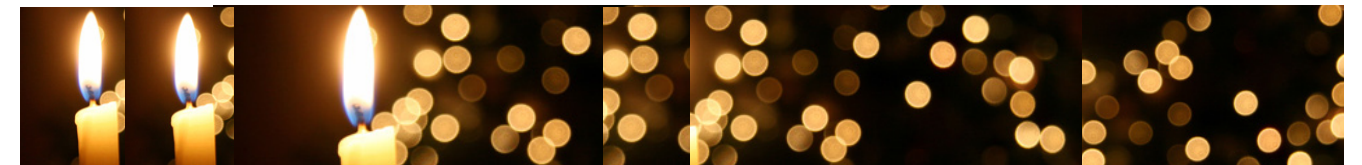
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Most Holy Trinity Parish

mhtstl.org | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 12, 2021

*Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and Holy One...*

Isaiah 12



HOW DO CHILDREN REVEAL GOD WITH US ALWAYS?



PROCLAIM SING
emilie, charlotte, dylan, josephine, ana, avielle
chase, daniel, olivia, jack, grace, caroline, jessica, benjamin
noah, madeline, catherine, jesse, james, allison
dawn, mary, victoria, lauren gabrielle, rachel, anne marie
PROCLAIM AND SING THEIR GOODNESS

December 14, 2012

we remember these little ones who sing always
GOD IS AMONG US

Reflection: Joanne Dehmer, SSND; Design: Joyelle Proot, SSND

MISSION: We are a people graced by God, who come together as a community of faith, supporting each other as we live and celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Parish Mass Schedule: 9:30 AM Sunday



Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One. – Isaiah 12

Today's scriptures repeatedly echo sounds of joy and gladness in the divine presence. This powerful presence of our saving God in Christ calls for response in daily life and action. We come to the celebration of Eucharist carrying the challenges and joys of our lives. St. Paul reminds us to have no anxiety and to trust God's promise of grace and love to enlighten our hearts and minds. Our trust response is possible because God is always with us. Emmanuel. We rejoice!

– S. Janice

DECEMBER 12, FEAST OF OUR LADY OF QUADALUPE:

We celebrate with our Hispanic brothers and sisters today as we honor Mary. This feast commemorates the apparitions of Mary to Juan Diego in 1531 at Guadalupe, New Mexico City. Mary spoke to Juan Diego and to us today: "I give all my love, my compassion, my help and my protection to the people. I am the merciful mother of all in this land, of all humankind, of all those who love me, of those who cry to me, of those who have confidence in me." Let us live Mary's concern and care for all every day.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18: Christmas Trees set-up in anticipation of decorating the next day at 10:00 am.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19: Decoration of Church for Christmas. Join the fun after Mass next Sunday. Hang lights on the trees, prepare banners and put the crib in place — each action opens hearts to celebrate our loving God.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Today, in the Rectory after Mass

ADVENT GIVING TREE: Please return gifts wrapped and tagged by next Sunday, December 19. Christmas joy awaits those you have gifted!



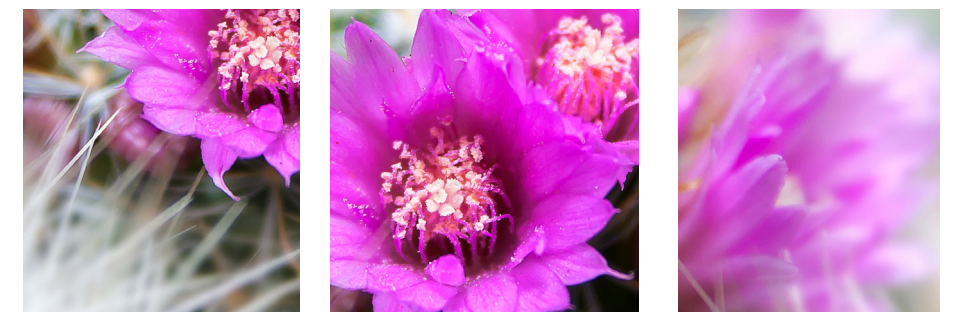
They will see the glory of the Holy One
The splendor of our God.

-- Isaiah 35:2

Last Sunday's first reading from Baruch invites us to take off our robe of mourning and to put on the splendor of God's glory. In the vision presented, God leads us to joy with mercy and justice for all. This week we are reminded that God is in our midst. God rejoices over us with gladness, and sings joyfully because of us. Our hearts exult!

In worship: blind eyes are opened; deaf ears hear; stiff legs and backs bend in dance; the silent sing. True worship is an action done on behalf of those most in need and results in relationships made right. "By our mutual love and, by our concern for all, we are recognized as true followers of Christ. This is the criterion for the authenticity of our Eucharistic celebrations.

(Pope John Paul II). Living Liturgy



+ MASS INTENTION

Sunday, December 12, 9:30 am:

Rick Bialezak Family, Joanne George & James Kinamore