

## THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

"The Lord is now nigh; come, let us adore." (Invitatory of Matins, Roman Breviary.) I pray that you and your families are well, preparing to celebrate the feast of Our Lord's birth. On Wednesday, the Church will begin singing her great, "O Antiphons," in the seven days before Christmas Eve. As a devotion for each family, I wish to suggest praying these antiphons on their assigned days before dinner, and including Our Lady's "*Magnificat*" after them, followed by a repetition of the antiphon. The last invocation, "O Emmanuel," immediately and fittingly precedes Christmas, because "Emmanuel" means "God with us," as the Christ Child will be on Christmas. But, as you may know, a clever and beautiful "secret message" has been included in these antiphons, using the initial letters of the Latin name invoked for each day, starting from the last, "Emmanuel," working toward the first, "Sapientia." From these letters, we spell the Latin words of Our Infant Lord to us: "*Ero cras!*," meaning "Tomorrow, I shall be!" O come, o come, Emmanuel!

In the love of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

Fr. McCambridge, F.S.S.P

### The Great, or "O" Antiphons

December 17: O Sapientia, quæ ex ore Altissimi prodiisti, attingens a fine usque ad finem, fortiter suaviterque disponens omnia: veni ad docendum nos viam prudentiæ.

O Wisdom that comest out of the mouth of the Most High, that reachest from one end to another, and orderest all things mightily and sweetly, come to teach us the way of prudence!

December 18: O Adonai, et Dux domus Israel, qui Moysi in igne flammæ rubi apparuisti, et ei in Sina legem dedisti: veni ad redimendum nos in brachio extento.

O Adonai, and Ruler of the house of Israel, Who didst appear unto Moses in the burning bush, and gavest him the law in Sinai, come to redeem us with an outstretched arm!

December 19: O Radix Jesse, qui stas in signum populorum, super quem continebunt reges os suum, quem Gentes deprecabuntur: veni ad liberandum nos, jam noli tardare.

O Root of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people, at Whom the kings shall shut their mouths, Whom the Gentiles shall seek, come to deliver us, do not tarry.

December 20: O Clavis David, et sceptrum domus Israel; qui aperis, et nemo claudit; claudis, et nemo aperit: veni, et educ vinctum de domo carceris, sedentem in tenebris, et umbra mortis.

O Key of David, and Sceptre of the house of Israel, that openeth and no man shutteth, and shutteth and no man openeth, come to liberate the prisoner from the prison, and them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death.

December 21: O Oriens, splendor lucis æternæ, et sol justitiæ: veni, et illumina sedentes in tenebris, et umbra mortis

O Dayspring, Brightness of the everlasting light, Sun of justice, come to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death!

December 22: O Rex Gentium, et desideratus earum, lapisque angularis, qui facis utraque unum: veni, et salva hominem, quem de limo formasti.

O King of the Gentiles, yea, and desire thereof! O Corner-stone, that makest of two one, come to save man, whom Thou hast made out of the dust of the earth!

December 23: O Emmanuel, Rex et legifer noster, exspectatio gentium, et Salvator earum: veni ad salvandum nos Domine Deus noster.

O Emmanuel, our King and our Law-giver, Longing of the Gentiles, yea, and salvation thereof, come to save us, O Lord our God!

#### *Magnificat*

Magnificat anima mea Dominum, et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo salvatore meo, quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ. Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes, quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens est, et sanctum Nomen eius, et misericordia eius in progenies et progenies timentibus eum. Fecit potentiam in brachio suo, dispersit superbos mente cordi sui; deposuit potentes de sede et exaltavit humiles; esurientes implevit bonis et divites dimisit inanes. Suscepit Israel puerum suum, recordatus misericordiæ, sicut locutus est ad patres nostros, Abraham et semini eius in sæcula.

#### *Magnificat*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the humility of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath done great things to me, and holy is His Name. And His Mercy is from generation unto generations upon them that fear Him. He hath shewed might in His arm, He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent empty away. He hath received Israel, His servant, being mindful of His mercy. As He spoke to our Fathers, Abraham and His seed forever. (Repeat Antiphon)

FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

*"Qui seminant in lacrimis, in exsultatione metent"* (Ps 125, 5)



## St. Francis of Assisi Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(GAUDETE SUNDAY)

DECEMBER 14—DECEMBER 20, 2014

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, December 14, Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

8:30 am Confraternity of St. Peter  
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

### MONDAY, December 15, Feria of Advent (Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent)

7 am Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Martinez

### TUESDAY, December 16, St. Eusebius, Bishop & Martyr

7 am Celebrant's intention

### WEDNESDAY, December 17, Ember Wednesday of Advent

7 am Joey Kuplack

### THURSDAY, December 18, Greater Feria of Advent

7 am Bishop Conley & Bishop Emeritus Bruskewitz

### FRIDAY, December 19, Ember Friday of Advent

7 am Confraternity of St. Peter

### SATURDAY, December 20, Ember Saturday of Advent

8 am Amelia Ecoff

### SUNDAY, December 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Stephen John McInerney+  
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

(For exceptions, see above, and the "Announcements" section.)

#### Regular Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday	7 am
Saturday	8 am
Sunday	<i>Low Mass</i> 8:30 am <i>High Mass</i> 10:00 am

**Confessions** are heard one half hour before each mass in the Regular Mass Schedule, and on Fridays for the first half-hour of evening devotions. Confessions will be heard at other times by a reasonable request.

**The Rosary** is prayed one half-hour before each Sunday Mass.

#### Sorrowful Mother Novena (Dolorosary):

Friday 6:30 pm

#### Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:

First Fridays: 8 am - 6:50 pm, Dolorosary at 6:30 pm, Benediction at 5:50 pm.

Other Fridays: 6 pm Holy Hour, Dolorosary at 6:30 pm, Benediction at 6:50 pm.

First Saturdays: Simple exposition for fifteen minutes after mass.

#### Legio Mariae (Legion of Mary)

To be determined

#### Altar Guild

As announced

**Coffee Social:** After the 10:00 mass on Sunday

#### Catechism for Adults

First and third Tuesdays 7 - 8 pm

#### Catechism for Children

Wednesday (September-May) 7 - 8 pm

#### Confraternity of Christian Mothers (September-May)

After Mass on the second Saturday of the month

#### St. John Bosco Youth Group

Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month 7 pm

#### Altar Boys' Meeting

Second Saturday of the month 9 am

#### Choir

Wednesday 6 - 7:30 pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**Welcome to Newcomers and Visitors** to St. Francis Church! Please join us after the 10:00 mass for our Coffee Social.

**Associate Registration Forms:** St. Francis has recently purchased a new Parish Management software program. As part of the update process, every household needs to fill out a new Associate Registration Form. The forms are located in the vestibule. If you have not already done so, please return the completed form to the church office by Sunday, December 21 so that there will be enough time to setup the new database before the new year begins. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter!

**Advent Day of Recollection:** On Saturday, December 20, there will be a day of recollection to prepare for Christmas. The day will include Mass, two conferences, opportunities for confession, and Benediction. (There will be a small fee to cover the meals.) All Adults and teens of St. Francis are encouraged to come!

**Christmas Flower Donations:** The poinsettias decorating the sanctuary at Christmas will be placed for the sake of your intentions, for a donation of \$10 each. Envelopes for the purpose may be found in the vestibule. God bless you!

**2015 FSSP Liturgical Calendars and Ordos:** There are samples in the vestibule of the 2015 liturgical calendars and ordos from the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter. Those wishing to order one or both should please use the order envelopes, also in the vestibule. **Please deposit your order, with payment, in the mailbox outside the church office by December 21.**

**Youth Group Coffee Sales:** Raising funds for a trip to work with the Missionaries of Charity in Chicago, the Youth Group members will sell 'Mystic Monk' coffee, beginning in Advent. Please save your coffee purchases for them, as the coffee will be discounted from the retail price, and the sales will benefit our youth! Please call Mr. or Mrs. Kohn for more information.

**Handmade Candles:** The Benedictine sisters of Clear Creek (Oklahoma) have handmade candles for sale during advent at the "Gloria Deo" store.

**Please Pray for the Sick:** Fr. Denis Coiffet, FSSP, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Marvin Phelan, Carol Blasl, Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Philip Gerard Johnson, Br. Bernard Marie, O.S.B., Fr. Joseph Terra, FSSP.

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:** Megdalene Rinkevich (mother of Thomas Rinkevich); William Bauer (husband of Shirley Bauer).

## FINANCES

Collection for Sunday December 7:	<b>\$5948.00</b>
Collection for Immaculate Conception:	<b>\$514.00</b>
Collection counters December 14:	<b>Troy Butcher and John Quinto</b>
Collection counters December 21:	<b>Frank Feuerborn and Dan Fix</b>

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI DRESS CODE

To dress becomingly for God and neighbor, and in keeping with the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, kindly refrain from wearing shorts, tee-shirts, tank-tops, revealing blouses, sleeveless or backless dresses, or form-fitting clothing of any sort. Please do let dresses and skirts fall below the knee. With due regard to time and circumstance, all are encouraged to wear decorous attire befitting sacred and divine worship.