

## 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 Saturday, 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 produisti, 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 vincitum 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 maketh 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, expectatio 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 11—17, 2016

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, December 11, Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

8:30 am Members of St. Michael's Defense Guild  
 10:30 am *Pro Populo*

### MONDAY, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

7 am Allington Family  
 8 am Celebrant's Intention

### TUESDAY, December 13, St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

7 am Albert & Eleanor Walsh  
 12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

### WEDNESDAY, December 14, Ember Wednesday of Advent

7 am Elise Clarke  
 8 am Celebrant's Intention

### THURSDAY, December 15, Feria of Advent

7 am Celebrant's Intention  
 12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

### FRIDAY, December 16, Ember Friday of Advent

7:00 am Elise Clarke  
 5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

### SATURDAY, December 17, Ember Saturday of Advent

8:00 am Confraternity of Christian Mothers

### SUNDAY, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Debra Bergfeld  
 10:30 am *Pro Populo*

#### Regular Mass Schedule (For exceptions, see above.)

Monday & Wednesday	7 am, 8 am
Tuesday & Thursday	7 am, 12:10 pm
Friday	7 am, 5:15 pm
Saturday	8 am
Sunday	<i>Low Mass</i> 8:30 am <i>High Mass</i> 10:30 am

**Confessions** are heard one half-hour before each Mass, except the 8 am masses on Monday and Wednesday, and the First Friday 5:15 pm mass (unless otherwise noted). 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—4:50 pm, Dolorosary at 4:30 pm, Benediction at 5:00 pm.

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

**First Saturday:** Simple Exposition for fifteen minutes following Mass.

#### Altar Guild

As announced

**Coffee Social:** After the 10:30 mass on Sunday

#### Catechism for Children (October-May)

Monday 7 - 8 pm

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

After Mass on the second Saturday of the month

#### St. John Bosco Youth Group

One Saturday evening per month, plus a monthly service activity, each as announced.

#### Altar Boys' Meeting (September-May)

Second Saturday of the month 9 am

#### Choir

Wednesday 6 - 7:30 pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**Welcome, Visitors to St. Francis Church!** Please join us after the 10:30 mass for our Coffee Social.

**Catechism Note:** Please remember that there will be no catechism class or convert instruction tomorrow, December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**Ember Saturday Church Cleaning** will be held this coming Saturday, December 17 following the 8:00 am Mass. Please come and help clean the church in anticipation of Christmas. Many hands make light work!

**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 this purpose may be found in the vestibule. God bless you!

**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration** will next be held Friday, January 6, 2017. The sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule. Please be generous in devoting your time in adoration of Our Lord, and in reparation to His Sacred Heart!

**Mass Requests:** There is currently a four-month backlog of mass intentions. All are requested to always kindly use the envelopes provided in the vestibule for this purpose, and to observe the limits given thereon to the number of masses requested. Thank you for your kind consideration!

**Please Pray for the Sick and Suffering:** Elise Clarke, Fr. Calvin Goodwin, FSSP, Debra Bergfeld, Jennifer Wachter, Jerry Vilda, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Ruth Phelan (mother of Mrs. Cindy Ecoff), Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Rev. Mr. Philip Gerard Johnson.

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:** Annetta Whitney (mother of Kristine Mulholland).

## FINANCES

Collection for Sunday December 4:	<b>\$1998.16</b>
Collection counters December 11:	John Pepino and John Quinto
Collection counters December 18:	Frank Feuerborn and Troy Butcher

## 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.