

Dear Padre,

My sister says that singing the *O Antiphons* are her favorite part of Advent. What are they?

An antiphon is a brief refrain, usually from the Bible, either sung or said during worship. An *O Antiphon* is an antiphon that starts with O, as in “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”—each verse of that song is made up of an O Antiphon.

The antiphons are most at home in the Liturgy of the Hours—the collection of psalms, hymns, prayers, and readings that make up the regular rhythm of the Church’s prayer at morning, midday, evening, and night. The O Antiphons your sister refers to are verses used during the Church’s evening prayer from December 17–23. With one verse spoken or sung before Mary’s Magnificat each evening, these antiphons call on the Lord to come to his people using titles taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

When the O Antiphons are sung in Latin, they present a sort of acrostic with a hidden message. The first letter of each title in the antiphon spells *sarcore*, which is *ero cras* (Latin for “tomorrow I come” or “tomorrow I shall be”) spelled backward.

In their original language and context, the O Antiphons have a particularly rich significance, but they remain beautiful even when sung simply in English as in the verses of “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.”

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

To prepare the way of the Lord’s coming, it is necessary to take note of the requirements of conversion to which the Baptist invites us....First of all we are called to fill the “valleys” caused by coldness and indifference, opening ourselves to others with the same sentiments as Jesus, that is, with affection and fraternal attention.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 9, 2018

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 6
Advent Weekday
Is 35:1–10
Lk 5:17–26

Tuesday

DECEMBER 7
St. Ambrose,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Is 40:1–11
Mt 18:12–14

Wednesday

DECEMBER 8
Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9–15, 20
Eph 1:3–6, 11–12
Lk 1:26–38

Thursday

DECEMBER 9
Advent Weekday
Is 41:13–20
Mt 11:11–15

Friday

DECEMBER 10
Advent Weekday
Is 48:17–19
Mt 11:16–19

Saturday

DECEMBER 11
Advent Weekday
Sir 48:1–4, 9–11
Mt 17:9a, 10–13

Sunday

DECEMBER 12
Third Sunday
of Advent
Zep 3:14–18a
Phil 4:4–7
Lk 3:10–18



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 5, 2021



St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

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A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
“Prepare the way for the Lord”.

Luke 3:4

St. Ann Mass Schedule & intentions

Dec 4th Sat 4pm Int. Donor

Dec 5th Sun 9 am Parish

Dec 5th Sun 6pm Int donor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Both before Mass and by Appointment

Mon 8am Lorraine Chopin

Tues 7pm Immaculate

Wed 9am Conception

Thurs 8am Lorraine Chopin

Fri 8am Lorraine Chopin

Dec 11th 4pm Lorraine Chopin

Dec 12th Sun 9 am Parish

Dec 12th Sun 6pm Lorraine Chopin

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.

Sun 7:30 am Jody Pitcock

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on forever the splendor of glory from God. BARUCH 5:1

And the Word Was Made Flesh

Many of us grew up thinking that this life doesn't amount to much. It's full of pitfalls and enticements that threaten our eternal salvation. Such disdain often boils over into contempt for the world. According to this thinking, it is only the next life that is important, which will unfold in a much better place. Today's readings challenge such extreme thinking. They assure us that the glory of God is partially revealed to us even within this life. They astound us by insisting that God speaks to us through life's events—events that often appear to be quite mundane. Baruch tells of Jerusalem, the city loved passionately by every Israelite. This was a city like so many other cities. However, God dwelt there and wherever God dwells is, for that reason, a holy city—be it is Jerusalem, Munich, or Detroit. God dwells in our midst, right here, right now. Hence, this imperfect life and this damaged world are holy. The Gospel situates John the Baptist in the middle of the ancient Near Eastern world. It was a Roman world controlled by Caesar and a Jewish province ruled over by Herod. John stated that it was to that place at that time that the Promised One would come, and it was up to John to “prepare the way of the Lord” (Isaiah 40:3; Luke 3:4). Most importantly, we must never forget that God took on the troubles and

sins of this world and entered our life, making it his life. This is the real reason that this world is holy.

For Reflection

- *Incarnation means that Jesus is made of the stuff of this world, just as we are. Think about this.*
- *Nothing is too common that it can't be holy. What does that mean?*

WITH PRAYERS

FR. DAVID

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable

\$1,773.00 loose: \$247.00.00 **Total: \$2,020.00**

Children: \$14.83 .00 Ach: \$5.00

OLC STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable \$155.00

Loose: \$95.00 **Total: \$250.00**

Discipleship Quads: We would like to establish this program at St. Ann. It is a form of Bible study. Signup sheets are in the back. Please join. For more information call Fr. David @228-832-2560. Thanks.

Holy Day of Obligation: Wednesday, December 8th is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The vigil mass is at 7pm on Tuesday and the feast day mass is at 9am on Wednesday, no evening mass. Thanks

Christmas mass schedule:

St. Ann's

Vigil at 4:00pm (Friday 12/24)

Midnight at 12:00am

9:00am (Saturday 12/25)

Our Lady of Chartres 7:30am (12/25)

New Year's Day, Mary Mother of God

St. Ann: Vigil: 4pm (Fri 12/31) & 9am (Sat 1/1)

Our Lady of Chartres 7:30am (Sat 1/1)

| MASS | LECTOR | SERVERS | USHERS |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|
| Sat Dec 4 th 4pm | Mike West | | Mike West |
| Sun Dec 5 th OLC 7:30 am | Sandra Ammons | | Terry Mitchell |
| Sun Dec 5 th 9 am | CCD Children | | |
| Sun Dec 5 th 6pm | Kathleen Cuevas | | |
| Sat Dec 11 th 4pm | Mike West | | Mike West |
| Sun Dec 12 th OLC 7:30 am | Sandra Ammons | | Terry Mitchell |
| Sun Dec 12 th 9 am | Mathew Marchand | | |
| Sun Dec 12 th 6pm | Patricia Garret | | |

Re-opening of the Church: Dec: 12th.

We need volunteers to replace the pews and clean the entire church from Thursday to Saturday. We need your help! Thanks

Lumen Christi Award: This award is given to those who reveal the light of Christ to others in their communities. The 2021 winners from St. Ann's are Augusta Ann and Willard Shaw. It will be presented on the 3rd Sunday of Advent during mass. Congratulations and thanks for all you do for our parish family.

Christmas Flowers and Baskets: There are envelopes available for donations for Christmas flowers. Also nomination forms for the Christmas baskets are available. Donations of food are needed for those baskets. Thanks

Pancakes with Santa: will be on Dec 12th after 9.00am mass. Our CCD children will be performing some programs. Please join us and encourage our children. Thanks

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

Upcoming second collection: Dec 11th and 12th for retired religious

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office, each Mass card is \$10.00 dollars. Thanks.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Those who are ill: Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Andrew Fillengame; Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Chris (Duke) McGill, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaie, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and, Joseph and Megan Colbi Capuano, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Ladner and Matt Dubission; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Cuevas Emmie Tubbs, Wally Clifford, T.J Moran, Robin Shamplo, Glinda Gardman, Timmy & Paula Lizana, W.c. king, Brenda Page and sr. Ann Louise.