



Christmas Schedule

Mass Schedule

*On Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th,
Mass 4:00pm and 6:00pm.*

Mass at Midnight (12:00am)

*Christmas Morning, Wednesday, December 25th,
Mass 8:30am and 11:00am.*

Feast of the Holy Family Masses

Saturday, December 28th at 5:00pm

Sunday, December 29th at 8:30am and 11:00am

*The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord: Mary the Holy Mother of God
A day of obligation*

Tuesday, December 31st, New Year's Eve, Mass at 4:00pm and 6:00pm

Wednesday, January 1st, 2014, New Year's Day, Mass at 8:30am and 11:00am

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 4th, Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, January 5th, Mass at 8:30am and 11:00am

In Preparation for Christmas

Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

Saturday, December 21st at 3:45pm

and after the weekend Masses of December 21st and 22nd.

Communal Penance Services

St. Barnabas, Northfield, December 16th at 7:00pm

Mother of Sorrows, Peninsula, December 23rd at 6:30pm

O Antiphons

Each evening, in the Church's Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, we sing the magnificat, the canticle of Mary (Luke 1:46-55). In this great song of praise, Mary sings of God's blessings and his great, saving presence ad action in her life.

An antiphon is sung before the canticle. This is a short verse which, unique to each day, is meant to provide focus for this sung prayer. During the last week of Advent, these verses are taken from the collection of prayers that date back to the seventh century. They are known as the O Antiphons because each one begins with that most simple of exclamations, "O!"

Most of us know these antiphons because they comprise the verses of the well-known song, "O Come O Come Emmanuel." Each verse - or antiphon - is a prayer unto itself. Each one first addresses Christ, using an ancient title from scripture. The prayer continues with the request that Christ will come and save us. In each of these prayers, the Church expresses the very heart of our Advent Prayer: Lord Jesus, come! Save us! Redeem us, again!

The O Antiphons begin on December 17. Perhaps families might pray them together as they gather for their evening supper. Parish groups can use them as a gathering prayer if they have reason to meet this week. Anyone can use them throughout the week to help prepare them selves in this final week before celebrating Christmas. Find a copy of "O Come O Come Emmanuel" and each night pray a different verse. In these last days of Advent, call upon the one for whom we wait and pray, in faith and in hope, to come!

Written by D. Todd Williamson. Copyright ©2006, Archdiocese of Chicago, Liturgy Training Publications

17 December 2013

"O Wisdom" (*O Sapientia*)

The blessing of Judah is fulfilled in Jesus, born of the line of David. In Christ all shall be blessed.

18 December 2013

"O sacred Lord" (*O Adonai*)

A descendant of David, born to Mary and Joseph, will govern with justice and pity the lowly and the poor.

19 December 2013

"O Flower of Jesse's stem" (*Oradix Jesse*)

What mighty deeds! As an angel announces the birth of Samson, so, too, Gabriel heralds the birth of John.

20 December 2013

"O Key of David" (*O clavis David*)

The Immanuel is a blessing and a sign for David's house; his role is accomplished perfectly in Jesus.

21 December 2013

"O Radiant Dawn" (*O Oriens*)

Elizabeth hears Mary's greeting and is glad and exults. With the advent of the Savior, born of Mary, the winter is past and new life is upon us.

22 December 2013

"O king of all the nations" (*O Rex gentium*)

Hanna's thanksgiving for her son is echoed in the great hymn of Mary, the Magnificat.

23 December 2013

"O Emmanuel"

Jesus is Immanuel, "God with us", risen from the dead. He is the King of glory.

Proceeding Information on the Saint was taken from D. Todd Williamson. Copyright ©2007, Archdiocese of Chicago, Liturgy Training Publication
and from

The Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist 2008. Copyright © 2007, Paulist Press, Inc.