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*Oh Come
Let us Adore Him*



Sunday, Dec 18th
Fourth Sunday of Advent
 9:30AM – Mass
 11:30AM – Evaristo & Rafaella
 Bernardi †

Monday, Dec 19th
Ferial
NO MASS

Tuesday, Dec 20th
Ferial
 7:00PM – Umberto Teseo †

Wednesday, Dec 21st
Ferial
 9:15AM – Janina, David &
 William Yurkiv
 (Special Intentions)

Thursday, Dec 22nd
Ferial
 7:00PM – Rev. Christopher
 Gillan (Special Intentions)
 – Krzysztof Badzioch
 (Special Intentions)

Friday, Dec 23rd
Ferial
 8:00AM – Mass

Saturday, Dec 24th
Ferial
 5:00PM – Mass
 7:00PM – Mass
 9:30AM – Mass
 12:00AM – Mass



- **SATB Choir Practice**
7:00PM every Monday
- **Folk Choir Practice**
7:30PM every Wednesday

Fourth Sunday of Advent

REFLECTIONS

**Pastor's
Corner**

Rom 1:1-7
Mt 1:18-24

We are on the verge of Christmas, on the verge of the celebration of welcoming Christ into the world, the readings today focus on the virginity of Mary. Today's homily can draw out the significance of what this says about us. Mary, after all, symbolizes the whole Church. She received Christ into her virginal body. The Church, too, as the Bride of Christ – and each of us individually – is called to a total fidelity which is symbolized by the virginity of Mary.

In other words, whatever the vocation of each of us, this spiritual (if not physical) virginity means we have no Lord besides Jesus. We do not worship false gods or become intimate with other deities. As Mary welcomed Christ in her virginity, so does the Church. "It is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her," the Gospel passage tells us. So can we say, "It is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in us," and "It is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in the world." No human effort brings about Christmas. But by our "virginal" fidelity, the Spirit brings him forth into the world through us.

This is the "obedience of faith" of which Paul speaks in the second reading. And part of this virginal fidelity, part of this obedience of faith, is our commitment to be pro-life. "God is with us" means that he is on the side of every human life, against all that would destroy it. So must we be.

Fr. Terry

"O" ANTIPHONS

The "O Antiphons" refer to the seven antiphons that are recited (or chanted) preceding the Magnificat during Vespers of the Liturgy of the Hours. They cover the special period of Advent preparation known as the *Octave* before Christmas, Dec. 17-23 with Dec. 24 being Christmas Eve and Vespers for that evening being for the Christmas Vigil.

The importance of "O Antiphons" is twofold: Each one highlights a title for the Messiah and each one refers to the prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the Messiah.

Dec. 17 – O Sapientia: "O Wisdom, O Holy Word of God."
 "Wonderful is His counsel and great is His wisdom." (28:29)

Dec 18 – O Adonai: "O sacred Lord of ancient Israel."

"Indeed, the Lord will be there with us, majestic; yes, the Lord our judge, the Lord our lawgiver, the Lord our king, he it is who will save us." (32:22)

Dec 19 – O Radix Jesse: "O Flower of Jesse's stem." "But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom." (11:1)

Remember that Jesse was the father of King David, and Micah had prophesied that the Messiah would be of the house and lineage of David and be born in David's city, Bethlehem (Micah 5:1).

Dec 20 – O Clavis David: "O Key of David."

"I will place the Key of the House of David on His shoulder; when he opens, no one will shut, when he shuts, no one will open." (22:22)

Dec. 21 – O Oriens: "O Radiant Dawn."

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shown." (9:1).

Dec.22 O Rex Gentium: "O King of all the nations."

"For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." (9:5)

Dec.23 O Emmanuel: "O Emmanuel, King and lawgiver."

"The Lord himself will give you this sign: the Virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." (7:14)

December 18th – December 24th, 2022

"O" ANTIPHONS

According to Professor Robert Greenberg of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, the Benedictine monks arranged these antiphons with a definite purpose. If one starts with the last title and takes the first letter of each one - Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapientia - the Latin words *ero cras* are formed, meaning, "Tomorrow, I will come." Therefore, the Lord Jesus, whose coming we have prepared for in Advent and whom we have addressed in these seven Messianic titles, now speaks to us, "Tomorrow, I will come." So the "O Antiphons" not only bring intensity to our Advent preparation, but bring it to a joyful conclusion.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANATONE SALE

Knights of Columbus will be selling Panettoni after each of the Masses on the Advent Weekends- December 17-18.
The cost is \$20.00.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2023

Our Confirmation Program is a six-week on-line program designed for candidates and parents to attend together. Please register on-line through our Parish Website <https://stdominicsmi.archtoronto.org/> under **Sacraments at St. Dominic**.

Parents and Candidates must attend an Information Meeting upstairs in the church on **Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm**.

The cost of the program is \$65 and there is a Paypal link on the registration form. Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to the Information Meeting or to send a scan to confirmation.stdominic@gmail.com For more information, please contact Beverly O'Grady, Pastoral Associate at 905-278-7762 ext. 4.

TAX RECEIPTS 2022

Please make sure you give in your donations for 2022 till the end of the year. Any contributions made after December 31st will go towards 2023 tax receipts.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes



In the coming year 2023, we will be reducing our offertory envelopes from 500 to 400.

Parishioners using envelopes in the **500** series this year are requested to come to the office at your earliest convenience and take a new number. Please do not use the new numbers till 2023.

When using a new number for the first time please ensure you write your full name and address so we can verify and update the information in our system.

If you would like to be on Pre-Authorized Giving Plan, please let us know at the office or you could pick a Pre-Authorized Giving form from the Ministers of Welcome on the weekend.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – No Morning Mass

- 5:00PM
- 7:00Pm
- 9:30PM
- 12:00AM

Christmas Day

- 9:30AM
- 11:30 AM

New Year's Mass Schedule:

New Year's Eve –

- 5:00PM

New Year's Day

- 9:30AM
- 11:30 AM



Seniors' Group

Our Seniors' Group has started. If you are a Senior 60+

- Love to play Euchre, and
- Engage in lively conversations,

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Come and join us on every Tuesday from 1-3pm in the Church Hall

Refreshments are provided.



All are welcome!

RCIA

If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic or wish to complete your Sacrament, please contact St. Dominic's church office, and leave your name and telephone number. Our Catechist will be in touch and let you know about the program.



ALTAR SERVERS: WELCOME

New altar servers are always welcome. Open to all children that have completed their First Holy Communion. No experience required. Contact the parish office if you are interested and the coordinators will get in touch.

SUNDAY MISSALS 2023

St. Joseph's Sunday Missals for 2023 are available at the parish office for \$5.

LET US PRAY

For the Sick:

We pray for all the sick in our community.

For the Deceased:

Theresa O'Reilly†
George Sliwa†
Joao Anacleto†



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