

Mass Intentions

Saturday	December 21, 2019
5:00 PM	+ Race Freeman Kathelyn Peralta – Birthday Blessings
Sunday	December 22, 2019
8:00A.M.	+ Demetrio De La Rosa + Francisco Rubio, +Basilisa Rubia, + Narcisa Castor
9:30 A.M.	+ Carol Rodríguez
11:00 A.M.	Familia Trejo
11:30A.M.	+ Will Hatcher
Monday	December 23, 2019
8:00 A.M.	Dominick Fiduccia Tim Ravago – Healing
Tuesday	December 24, 2019
5:00P.M.	+ Loreto Cunanan; +Rosario Cunanan +Dominick Fiduccia
7:00P.M.	Theresa Allen – Birthday Blessings
12:00A.M.	Will and Chris Schmidt – Special Intention; and the Family Martin – Healing
Wednesday	December 25, 2019
9:00 A.M.	+ Blaze Anthony
11:00A.M.	Intentions of the Parishioners
Thursday	December 26, 2019
8:00 AM	+ Loreto Cunanan; + Rosario Cunanan, Dereck Allen – Birthday Blessings
Friday	December 27, 2019
8:00 AM	+ Stella Flores; + Benigno Sabas; + Elena Sabas; +Jhun Sabas; Encarnacion Martinez

The Great O Antiphons, an Advent tradition

Since the 8th century, these chants have been sung at the beginning of the Magnificat each evening.

The season of Advent is full of mystery and anticipation. During these weeks, the Church's liturgy leads the faithful patiently, yet deliberately, through the prophecies of the Old Testament, particularly the prophet Isaiah, to the silence and beauty of the Nativity. Our incarnate Lord, lying in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes, is the fulfillment of all hope, and these last days of Advent are ushered in by the great *O Antiphons* — seven antiphons, or short chants, that are sung at the beginning of the *Magnificat* each evening at Vespers (Evening Prayer) from December 17 through December 23. The *O Antiphons* have been chanted in the Church since at least the 8th century. There are many levels to the symbolism and foreshadowing of the antiphons. Individually, they each speak on their own, addressing our Lord by a different title or name given to him in Old Testament prophecies, imploring him to come and save his people. These antiphons are called the "*O Antiphons*" because each chant begins with great cry, "O ...":

O Sapientia — O Wisdom; *O Adonai* — O Lord; *O Radix Jesse* — O Root of Jesse; *O Clavis David* — O Key of David; *O Oriens* — O Dayspring; *O Rex Gentium* — O King of the Nations; *O Emmanuel* — O God with Us

Collectively, they speak too. Looking at the titles, we find an acrostic. Taking the first letter of each antiphon, working in reverse, we see the Latin words *ERO CRAS*. Literally, these words translate to,

"Tomorrow I will be," or perhaps more appropriately for Advent and the impending Nativity, "Tomorrow I will come."

The text of each antiphon is scriptural and prophetic—the words of the chant are all based on passages from Isaiah that introduce us to the coming Christ-child. It seems every Christian knows the hymn setting of the *O Antiphons*: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." Over the next seven days of Advent we will dive into each of these antiphons with the help of the pope and outstanding preacher, St. Leo the Great (d. 461), whose 21-year pontificate Pope Benedict XVI called, "Undoubtedly one of the most important in the Church's history." No matter the form in which we know the antiphons, these remaining days of Advent should—with the help of these beautiful and ancient chants—draw our minds and hearts to the King of Kings as we explore our Catholic tradition and prophecy from of old, joyfully awaiting the coming of our Savior.

Los Grandes Antifonos, una tradición del Avento

Desde el siglo VIII, estos cantos se cantan al comienzo del Magnificat cada noche.

La temporada de Adviento está llena de misterio y anticipación. Durante estas semanas, la liturgia de la Iglesia lleva a los fieles pacientemente, pero deliberadamente, a través de las profecías del Antiguo Testamento, particularmente el profeta Isaías, al silencio y la belleza de la Natividad. Nuestro Señor encarnado, acostado en un pesebre, envuelto en pañales, es el cumplimiento de toda esperanza, y estos últimos días de Adviento son introducidos por las grandes *O Antepones* — siete antepone, o cantos cortos, que se cantan al principio del Magnificat cada tarde en las vísperas (oración vespertina) del 17 al 23 de diciembre. Las *O Antepones* han sido cantadas en la Iglesia desde al menos el siglo VIII. Hay muchos niveles en el simbolismo y presagio de las antifonas. Individualmente, cada uno habla por su cuenta, dirigiéndose a nuestro Señor con un título o nombre diferente que se le dio en las profecías del Antiguo Testamento, implorándole que venga y salve a su pueblo. Estas antifonas se llaman "*O Antifonas*" porque cada canto comienza con un gran grito, "O ...":

O Sapientia - Oh Sabiduría; *Oh Adonai* - Oh Señor; *O Radix Jesse* - Oh Raíz de Jesse; *O Clavis David* - O Llave de David; *O Oriens* - O Dayspring; *O Rex Gentium* - Oh Rey de las Naciones; *Oh Emmanuel* - Oh Dios con nosotros

Colectivamente, ellos también hablan. Mirando los títulos, encontramos un acróstico. Tomando la primera letra de cada antifona, trabajando en reversa, vemos las palabras latinas *ERO CRAS*. Literalmente, estas palabras se traducen como: "Mañana estaré", o quizás más apropiadamente para Adviento y la inminente Natividad, "Mañana vendré".

El texto de cada antifona es bíblico y profético; las palabras del canto se basan en pasajes de Isaías que nos presentan al Cristo-niño que viene. Parece que cada cristiano conoce el himno de *O Antepones*: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel". Durante los próximos siete días de Adviento nos sumergiremos en cada una de estas antifonas con la ayuda del Papa y el predicador sobresaliente, San Leo el Grande (muerto en 461), cuyo pontificado de 21 años el Papa Benedicto XVI llamó, "Sin duda, uno de los más importantes en la historia de la Iglesia".

No importa la forma en que conozcamos las antifonas, estos días restantes de Adviento deberían, con la ayuda de estos cantos hermosos y antiguos, atraer nuestras mentes y corazones al Rey de Reyes mientras exploramos nuestra tradición y profecía católicas desde la antigüedad, esperando con alegría la venida de nuestro Salvador.

It must be known that God dwells and lives substantially in every soul, even in that of the greatest sinner in the world.

– St. John of the Cross

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Patty Duro, Chris Murillo, Audrey Chaipos Bow, Elena Enriquez, Jack Jester, Florencio Magallanes, Laura Martinez, Violet Inglett, Rafael Angel, Victor Manuel, Campoy Ochoa, Elena Enriquez, Xavian Bantiguae, Victor Bantigue, Jr., Agatha Bantigue, Debbi Harding, Patty Harding, Dan Martinez, Jonathan Spallone, Dot Roback, Dorothy Blacktooth, Andrew Colquaoun, Aurora Gonzalez, Theresa Allen, Sandy Garcia, Marcos Villalobos, Marilyn Yarger, Mitzi Magante, Elana Reed, Jeanne May, Paul Dinto, Barbara Neral, Deacon Gene Neral, Jason Colquaoun, Sul'a Rico, Jesus Ayala, John David Admire, Emily Mazzetti, Kathleen and John Admire. **Also, please remember those who have died: Antonio Perez, Alice Bonvenuto, Maria Perez Rosas, Deanna Kolb, Peggy Harding, Robert Harding, Doris Magante, Copi Magee, Debbie Maza, Jose Arias, Ascension Gomez, George Williams**

Do you know anyone who would like to be listed for prayer? Please Call the Office at 760-742-3317

Envelope Intentions: *Josie Nordstrom, Tillie King Children of the World, Necedades Parroquias (Parish needs), Jose Hinojosa, McCollin Family, President Trump, Laura, Gabby, and Jennifer Ellison, Joseph Ellison, Connie Arviso, Alfred T.*

Around the Mission . December

Baptism – Carmen Elizabeth Franco., Luna Elizabeth Ross-Morales, Daniela Vidal and Isaías Oros Martínez
 Memorial Mass –
 First Anniversary – Casimira Duran, Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 2:00PM, Pala
 Carol Rodriguez – 10:00AM Mass, Saturday, December 21, 2019, followed by Blessing of the Headstone, Rincon

Weekly Collection

December 15, 2019 (Third Sunday of Advent)

Parish Collection \$4947.00
 Social Outreach

Retirement Fund for Religious \$37.00

Thank you and God Bless! Father John

Jesse Tree

It is that time of the year, when we put up our Jesse Tree with candy canes. Please bring a wrapped gift with a note as to whether the gift is for a Boy or Girl and the age appropriate for the gift. These gifts donated by you to our Outreach families may be the only gifts these children receive. Your generous support is always a blessing for you and for our community. Thank you.

CCD CORNER

Reminder: There will be no CCD on December 22 or December 29. Classes will resume on January 5, 2020. Merry Christmas!

Welcome!

If you are visiting or are joining us for the first time, we are pleased you have come! If you are ready to join our parish, we encourage you to fill out a Registration Form found in the Gift Store after Mass.

Upon receiving Holy Communion, the Adorable Blood of Jesus Christ really flows in our veins and His Flesh is really blended with ours. - St. John Vianney



Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24

5:00pm – Children's Mass, Mission

7:00pm – St. Bartholomew, Rincon

12:00am – Midnight Mass, SJDC

Wednesday, December 25

9:00am – Mission

11:00am – Spanish, SJDC

Christmas Baskets and Santa

If you feel like getting into the Christmas Spirit, stop by the San Juan Diego Center on Monday, December 23 at 9:00am, when Santa will arrive to hand out gifts to the kids and Christmas Baskets will be distributed! All are welcome! Thank you for your unstinting generosity to these families, which brings the love of the Baby Jesus to our Mission's people in need.

Poinsettias

Our mission chapel is always picture perfect because of the donations of Poinsettias for the altar made by our parishioners. Any donations may be brought to the Gift Store before Christmas.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Our Youth Group will be feeding the homeless in San Diego on Sunday December 15. They are looking for toiletries, sweaters, jackets, blankets and hats. Please bring your donations to the Gift Store.

2019 Tax Statements

It is with regret that the Office will not be able to provide Tax Statements as a courtesy to you, our parishioners, this year. Last spring, our database system had a hiccup. It took some time to repair, however, some weeks of contribution information was lost. As we keep no personal information, your information is safe. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Boxed Envelopes

For those of you who use the boxed envelopes, your 2020 envelopes are available on the table by the door. Your envelope numbers are the same as last year, so pick them up on the way out. If you don't have envelopes and would like a box of these envelopes, please go to the Gift Store and speak with Elsa as there are a few extra. Thanks!