

The Jesse Tree and the O Antiphons

Isaiah wrote "A flower shall rise up from the root of Jesse." (Jesse was the father of King David.) Even ancient cathedrals show Jesse Tree designs in their stained glass windows.

A bare branch is potted, or drawn, and during the days before Christmas Eve, symbols are hung upon it, representing unique titles given to the coming Messiah in the prophecies of Isaias and Micheas. Each Antiphon begins with "O." The initials that follow, read backwards, form an acronym for the Latin "Ero Cras" which means "Tomorrow I come."



This is simply another custom to help impress the longing spirit of Advent. Suggestion – when you light your Advent wreath, lower the lights, sing an Advent hymn . . .



December 17 ~ O Sapientia. Symbol: oil lamp or open book.
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. Symbol: burning bush or stone tablets.
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. Symbol: flower or plant with flower.
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. Symbol: key or broken chains.
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. Symbol: rising sun.
O Dayspring, Brightness of the everlasting light, Son of justice, come to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.



December 22: O Rex Gentium. Symbol: crown, or scepter.
O King of the Gentiles, yea, and desire thereof! O Corner-stone, that makest of two one, come to save man, whom Thou hast made out of the dust of the earth!



December 23: O Emmanuel. Symbol: chalice and host.
O Emmanuel, our King and our Law-giver, Longing of the Gentiles, yea, and salvation thereof, come to save us, O Lord our God!

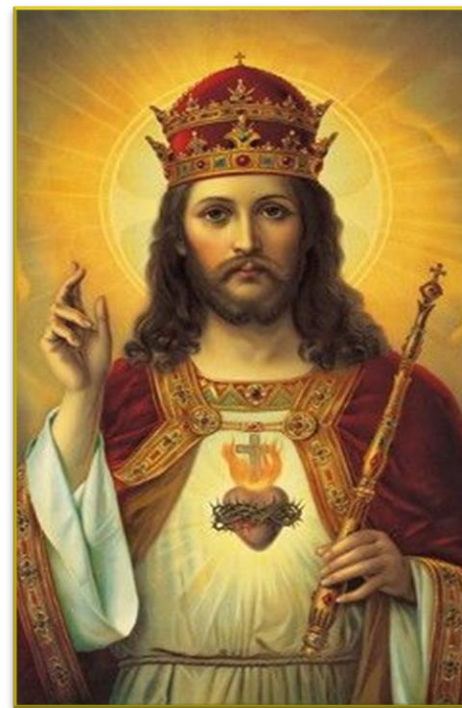
*O Thou Whom nations sighed for, Whom priests and prophets long foretold,
Wilt break the captive's fetters, redeem the long-lost fold!
Dear Savior, haste: Come, come to earth!
Dispel the night and show Thy face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace!*

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Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete!



"All the faithful should be aware that to participate in the Mass is their chief duty and supreme dignity." Pope Pius XII

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MASS SCHEDULE

Month of the Divine Infancy

<p><u>Sunday, December 14</u> 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 4:00 PM in Roland</p>	<p>Gaudete Sunday / St Nicasius, BM Pro Populo Private Intention For the Sanctification of the Clergy</p>
<p><u>Monday, December 15</u> No Mass</p>	<p>Advent Feria / St Paul of Latros, M Private Intention</p>
<p><u>Tuesday, December 16</u> 8:00 AM</p>	<p>Advent Feria / St Eusebius, BM RIP Holy Souls</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, December 17</u> 8:00 AM 6:00 PM</p>	<p>Ember Wednesday / St Lazarus, BC RIP Holy Souls Rosary, OMPH devotions, Prayer for Priests ~ for our priests and for many fervent vocations!</p>
<p><u>Thursday, December 18</u> 8:00 AM</p>	<p>Advent Feria / Expectation BVM Private Intention</p>
<p><u>Friday, December 19</u> 8:00 AM</p>	<p>Ember Friday / St Urban V, PC Private Intention</p>
<p><u>Saturday, December 20</u> 8:00 AM</p>	<p>Ember Saturday, St Dominic of Silos, Ab Private Intention</p>
<p><u>Sunday, December 21</u> 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 4:00 PM in Roland</p>	<p>4th Sunday of Advent Pro Populo Private Intention For the Sanctification of the Clergy</p>

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a specific intention, the intention may be submitted to the Priest. If it is for a person, please specify whether the person is living or deceased, and whether or not the person is Catholic. The customary stipend for offering the Mass is \$25.00.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Monday's observance of the feast of the Immaculate Conception was beautiful! Many thanks to those who sponsored and organized it!
- Many thanks to the students and Sisters for another cheery Christmas program!
- Ember Days: Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday are days of Fast for those 21-59; Partial Abstinence on Wednesday and Saturday for those 7 and older.
- Christmas Day schedule: Masses at Midnight and 1:00 pm.
- Anyone able and willing to help with putting up Christmas decorations in the church next week can speak with Nicki Knight.

One day in the 1870's Pope Pius IX was visiting one of Blessed Paola Frassinetti's schools in Rome, when he happened to ask a little girl her name and found it to be Helena. He commented to all: "Ah, Helena, you have given me an idea for a little discourse. St Helena was a great saint. You must try to imitate her. I do not mean that you must go forth and seek the Cross ... without seeking it, you will find it, everywhere ... Accept those crosses which we are constantly meeting in daily life; they are the little crosses which Jesus sends us and we must accept them with patience ... My advice is this: Guard your eyes and guard your tongue. Guard your eyes, for modesty is the best ornament for a young girl ... Look well into yourselves, consider your faults, then look up to the mercy of God."

Marylike in soul and body;
Marylike in mind and heart!

***Liturgical Anthem for Advent:
Alma Redemptoris Mater***
***Loving Mother of the Redeemer,
gate of heaven, star of the sea,
assist your people who have
fallen, yet strive to rise again.***
***To the wonderment of nature
you bore your Creator,
yet remained a virgin after,
as before.***



***You who received
Gabriel's joyful greeting,
have pity on us poor sinners.***

Pray for the living: Amaranta Torres Rodriguez, Cecilia Rodriguez and baby, Melvin Geckle, Joe Dias, Mickey Ellis, Shelby Littlejohn, Randy Nelson, Crochet family, Marguerite Lamothe, Diane Pawlowski, those affected by Hurricane Helene, Don & Babette Lobban, Isaac Martin family, Susy Hale, Ron Akromis, Gil Credeur, Ted Jones, John Pawlowski, Luis Martinez, Kristine Neal
Pray for the faithful departed: Nancy Ciccone, Gerald Crochet, "Ernest," Eddie Solomon, Mary Tarnowski, Guillaume Bega, Joseph Vogel, Patsy Nash, Josie Mascarenas, Fr James Thielen, Maria Eugenia, Doranne McMahon, Alexa Martin, Roberta Daley, Patricia Scott, Carlos Zepeda Sr, Cecilia Bender, Kathy Winter, Debbie Pawlowski, Randy Blosser, Linda Givens, John Freddi

Monthly Collection

September 2025: \$5728.25

October 2025: \$5,884.30

November 2025: 4,824.53

"For from the rising of the sun even to the going down, my name is great among the Gentiles, and in every place there is sacrifice, and there is offered to my name a clean oblation: for my name is great among the Gentiles, saith the Lord of hosts." *Malachi 1:11*