



My Dear Parishioners,

Greetings and Praised Be Jesus Christ! As we enter this rare FULL Fourth Week of Advent, I offer for your prayerful reflection this week the "O Antiphons". This ancient way of prayer in late Advent can make for a beautiful and practical expression of all that is within us. The Letter "O" is used to express frustration, joy, desperation, desire and many other emotions. Think of how often you use that one letter! It has a way of reaching deep down into one's depths and from there through our breath it brings forth, all types of things!

Well, through the "O" Antiphons this week, we can unite our all, our "O"s to the Biblical Names of God and in so doing ready ourselves for His coming. Here's how to do that...Pray with the following on the given dates. These 7th century antiphons appear on these dates in the liturgy at the Gospel Acclamation and Antiphon to the Magnificat at Evening Prayer. They are as follows:

Dec. 17: O Sapientia (Wisdom)

Dec. 18: O Adonai (Lord)

Dec. 19: O Radix Jesse (Root of Jesse)

Dec. 20: O Clavis David (Key of David)

Dec. 21 O Oriens (Dayspring)

Dec. 22: O Rex Gentium (King of Nations)

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (God-With-Us)

And for the Latin Scholars, note well, the first Letter of these names of God when written backwards form an acrostic...**ERO CRAS**... which means **"I will be with you tomorrow."** What a magnificent reflection and marvelous truth! And it is true! By the time we reach, Friday of this week, we can hear him say "I will be with you tomorrow!"

My Friends this is the marvel and joy of our Christian Faith. Let's be sure to embrace it, live it and ready our hearts by it...for Him this week!

Peace,

Fr. Rogers



The Sanctuary Candle will burn the week of December 18, 2022 for Jeff Trewella as requested by family.

NO ADORATION ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2022 OR MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023.



Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00PM-St. Patrick
Wednesday, December 21 at 11:00AM & 7:00PM-St. Cornelius

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St. Patrick Parish Rosary
Sundays at 7:00 PM via Zoom

To join us online visit www.zoom.us. Select JOIN and enter Webinar ID: 878 5447 9881 / Passcode: stpatsksq

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