

St. Cornelius Parish

SUNDAY BULLETIN

December 17, 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Monday thru Thursday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm Noon

Saturday: Confessions 2:30 - 3:30 Vigil Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 4:00 pm

Weekday Mass: 7:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday's after morning Mass to 4 pm

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Thoughts from the Second Floor Front

III Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

This third Sunday in the season of Advent has traditionally been called Gaudete Sunday from the Latin word for “rejoice” which occurs throughout the readings from Sacred Scripture. The Prophet Isaiah tells his people: “*I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul...*” The responsory is taken from the beautiful prayer of our Blessed Mother in Luke’s gospel: “*My soul rejoices in my God.*” The third and final reference to Gaudete is from Paul’s letter to the Thessalonians: “*Rejoice always...*”

What does it mean to rejoice in the season of Advent and beyond? What does it mean for Disciples of Christ to assume that posture at any time? The call that we have received to rejoice is not expressed in any shallow or simple way. As Disciples we are not called on to pin a happy face button on our lapel and pretend that all is right with the world. We are religious realists and we recognize the tension in which we live. There is cause for rejoicing in and because of any number of situations that exist in our lives. The rejoicing, however, does not obviate the very real need to attend to those aspects of our world that would benefit from our joy and the reason for our joy.

Advent is all about transformation, making crooked ways straight and raising up valleys. This is done through our response to the initiative that God shows us. If you give yourself over to God in prayer, or in a charitable action or a kindness to a neighbor, if you do that, just a bit, a flood of light will surround you and empower you for other works.

Ours is not a life of continual enjoyment. There are challenges to us in our contemporary world that would mock our rejoicing and reject those values which we embrace. By bracing ourselves for the challenges we also realize the need for our giving witness to the truth that brings us to Church each week. We, like the Baptist, are to be about the work of building the Kingdom.

This week John is questioned as to his identity. Are you the Christ? Are you Elijah? Are you the Prophet? The question of John’s identity is not simply idle speculation. Some early believers did think John was the Messiah. Not a few of the first disciples that Jesus gathered around Himself were initially John’s disciples. John sends his disciples to Jesus whom he calls: “the Lamb of God.” Eventually John’s identity is settled and the issue becomes Jesus’ identity.

For most of us our identity is fairly well resolved by the time we are in our early 20’s . People generally phrase their questions about our identity in terms of job. Even after we give our names they tend to focus on our work. We are, certainly, more than what we do for a living. Meet someone in a social setting the question is generally: So, what do you do? I think this is particularly true in America. How many times have you left a conversation and someone will say to you “Who was that you were talking to?” and your response is “I can’t remember his name but I know he works downtown.” We are more than what we do.

We are disciples of the Living Christ and as such are to give witness to His presence to us and, in this soon to be season of gift giving, His presents to us. His gifts are manifold and multi-layered. Your family, your faith, your friends. Those three alone are cause to rejoice. Before the day is over name something for which or someone for whom you are grateful and in a spirit of joy, thank God for the gift they are to you. Remember too, that this joy is never an end in itself. The joy we know is not for us alone. Our discipleship is not to be a warm fuzzy feeling that everything is just fine with me and Jesus. Our joy is to be shared with those who make up our lives. However challenging that may be at times it is also profoundly rewarding. As the season of Advent moves along, all too swiftly at times, respond to the prompting of Grace and be transformed. When you start mixing up with God, great things are going to happen.

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond



Rejoice!



Advent Vespers with Benediction

Sunday Afternoons 3:00 pm

Please join us!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, December 8

7:30 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Church Decorating

Thursday, December 21

6:00 pm

Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 19

11:00 am & 7:00 pm



Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

4:00 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Joseph Serano, O. Praem.

Music Provided by:

11 am Contemporary Ensemble

6:00 pm

Celebrant: Msgr. Diamond

Music Provided by:

Strings and Young Voices

8:00 pm

Celebrant: Msgr. Diamond

Music Provided by:

Trumpet, Flute and Adult Choir

10:00 pm

Celebrant: Msgr. Diamond

Music Provided by:

Young Adult Quartet & Walnut Street Trio

Christmas Day Mass Schedule

8:30 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Diamond

Music Provided by:

Cantor and Organ

11:00 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Diamond

Music Provided by:

Cantor and Walnut Street Trio

New Year's Eve

4:00 pm

Celebrant: Msgr. Diamond

New Year's Day

7:30 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Diamond

9:00 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Diamond

11:00 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Diamond





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James & Inge Beradi

LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit ... Come Lord Jesus, be our light! Help our lives bear good fruit..



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them."

Luke 2:20

REFLECT

Spend some time reflecting on the many blessing you have and how you can share those blessings with others - it is in giving that we receive more in return.

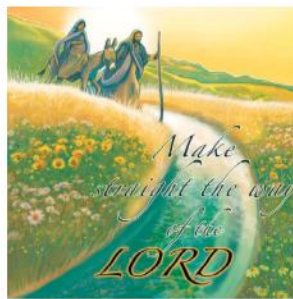
ADVENT WREATH PRAYER: Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

Sunday December 17 12:00 Noon



Join our Parish Pro-Life Group in the church on Sunday, December 17, at noon, as we pray a Rosary and the Litany of Loreto for the unborn and an end to abortion. It is a perfect way to perform a spiritual work of mercy for the most vulnerable.

This event is scheduled every 3rd Sunday so please mark your calendar now. Bring a friend..



Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2023

Rejoice always.

Pray without ceasing.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17



Advent Penance Service

Join Us
Tuesday, December 19
In the Church
11:00 AM
&
7:00 PM



"Help provide home cooked meals to neighbors in need! Caring for Friends (formerly Aid for Friends) is collecting frozen meals and soups for homebound seniors and food insecure individuals. Meal trays and soup containers can be found in the utility closet on the right of the side door of the narthex. Consider putting aside an extra dinner or soup portion, freeze it and then bring it to the freezer also located in the utility closet. PLEASE sign the meals and soup in on the list attached to the shelves next to the freezer. The food is distributed all over the Greater Philadelphia Area. This effort is on-going at our parish. We invite you to contribute what you can." If you have questions, please contact Nancy Todor 609-234-1193

*Let us pray for our Men and Women
serving in the Armed Forces. Especially for:*

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SPC Mike Canfield	2nd Lt. Kevin Malone
Cpl Michael Castle	Sgt Alexander Marlow
Lt. Connor Cleary	Pfc Zachary Marlow
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Capt Joshua deFreitas	Capt Jonathan McGrath
SSGT Michael DiVernieri	LT Molly K. McGuckin
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2nd Lt. Nicholas Gallagher	Lt. Col Brian J. O'Shea
SSG. Eric Gardner	Lt. Cmdr Inga O'Shea
Capt Matthew Gibbons	Maj James O'Shea
Ens Patrick Gibbons	PFC L Roland
Ens John Paul Gibbons	LTJG Christian Samulewicz
Maj Rachel Gonzalez	2nd Lt. Olivia Samulewicz
SPC Logan Hannum	Capt. Neal F. Schubert
Sgt Andrew Hart	HM3 Charles Schwartz
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PO1 Nathan R. Keller	MSG Thomas Stone
1st Lt Lauren Kinnee	Cpl Mark Truex
Capt Daniel Kohli	Lt. Christopher Vish
Maj. Chris Love	Capt. Aidan Walsh
Maj. Megan Love	Capt Jennifer Wynn



Church Decorating

Thursday, December 21st

6:00 PM

Please join us to clean and decorate the Church for the upcoming Christmas Season. All you need is some yule tide spirit and elbow grease.

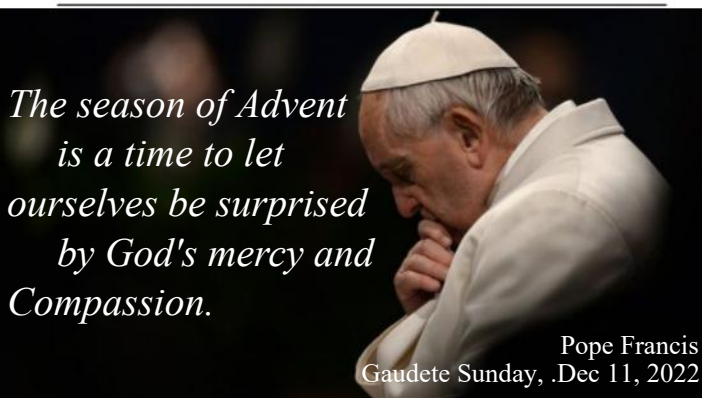


St. Cornelius Giving Tree

Thank you for your generous support of the 2023 Saint Cornelius "Giving Tree"! Your generous outpouring this year will support a variety of ministries and agencies in our area and within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. People will receive gifts for their children, food for their family, gift cards to assist in covering expenses and household needs, and child care items for mothers in need to name just a few.

Your gifts to the giving tree not only helps those in need, it also honors God the Father's gift of His son to the world.

Thank You



*The season of Advent
is a time to let
ourselves be surprised
by God's mercy and
Compassion.*

Pope Francis
Gaudete Sunday, Dec 11, 2022



St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

Our students in science club learned all about chemical reactions this past week. They know that we always need to protect ourselves when we do our science experiments by wearing gloves to protect our skin and goggles to protect our eyes. They made a mixture monster and an expanding glove in our magical mixtures theme. The children absolutely loved these hands on lessons!



The Sunday collection is very important for us to maintain our fiscal responsibilities. So, if you are away on a Sunday, *ENJOY*; but remember *YOUR* church.

December 10, 2023

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	\$23,986.00



*"For where your treasure is,
there also will your heart be."*

Luke 12:34

Joyous Mysteries of the Rosary Saturday Mornings

Joyous Mysteries of the Rosary aims to facilitate an experience where participants can encounter, contemplate and discuss the key mysteries in the life of Jesus Christ as contained within the Rosary. The Rosary is simultaneously a contemplative prayer, a spiritual weapon and a catechetical tool. The goal is for each participant to encounter the person of Jesus Christ in the episodes, discussions and in their personal prayer. In doing so, Our Lord will teach them the art of Christian living as well as the art of Christian prayer.



MYSTERIES
of the ROSARY

Dates: Saturdays, December 2, 2023 - January 27, 2024

Dec 2 - Series Introduction and Preview

Dec 9 - The Annunciation

Dec 16 - The Visitation

Dec 23 and 30 - Christmas Break (NO MEETING)

Jan 6 - The Birth of Jesus

Jan 13 - The Presentation

Jan 20 - The Finding in the Temple

Jan 27 - Series Conclusion and Review

Time: 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Location: Parish Life Center (PLC)

Weekly Agenda:

9:00 am Gathering, Food and Fellowship

9:30 am Video

10:00 am Discussion and Prayer

10:30 am Closing



Session sign up



Helping Hands and Hearts

This ministry offers temporary help (meals, errands, etc.) to individuals and families in need! If you are aware of someone in need or would like to be a volunteer helper, please contact Marilyn Gustin at mgustin05@gmail.com (484) 732-8842.



CRS NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Climate change is a moral issue. A life issue. And an essential way to protect life is to confront the changes happening to our environment. With time running out to act before a dangerous tipping point, the upcoming 28th session of the United Nations Climate Change Conference of Parties in the UAE must signify a profound transformation. Please visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!



"We must move beyond the mentality of appearing to be concerned but not having the courage needed to produce substantial changes."

~ Pope Francis, Laudate Deum



The Faith Community Nurse Holistic Health Ministry

On request, Faith Community Nurses are making home visits to families who may be experiencing medical or social difficulties. The nurses confidentially address the needs holistically through bringing with them prayers from the parish, a knowledge of the medical field and process for providing support. If you know of anyone in the parish or beyond who would benefit from these services, please email: stfcfn@gmail.com. Contact person is Joan Holliday, RN/FCN at (610) 717-2180.

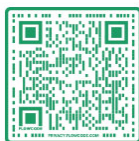


St Blaise Men's Weekend Retreat at Malvern Retreat House Feb 2 - 4, 2024.

Please join us for the annual St Blaise Men's Retreat at the Malvern Retreat House.

This is a great opportunity to deepen your relationship with the Lord, escape the busyness of everyday life and reflect on your journey to heaven. Fr Doug McKay, Rector of Malvern Retreat House, will lead us with 4 conferences throughout the weekend. Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, adoration and the rosary will be offered.

Please contact David Santoleri at dave@santoleri.net for more information.



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AND THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM

Lillian Corbett, Eileen Kane, C. McCollum, Joshua Gidlewski, Denise Banta, Patty Burke, Tom Eno, Raul Gesmundo, Diana Duffy, Isaac Burks, Suzanne Agren, Gabe Grant, Nancy Cunningham, Jay Holland, Thomas Drane, Kara Ulatowski, Harold Von Brockdorff, Jeff Behm, Mary Harmes, Mary Helen Arthur, Anne Spetzer, Carolyn Duffy, Carleen Peters, Marian Short, Matthew Hess, Bryan Thompson, Cindy Ficca, Paul Lucas, Carla Santoleri, Richard Meccarrielli, Edward Field, Judy Field, Joyce Monaco, Matthew Hurst, Leonard Smith, Jr., Jim Waters, Kathie Buckley, Bernice & Arthur Hindle, Sean Mulvey, George Butler, Margaret Butler, Patricia Wells, Kathy Williams, Michael Gibbons, Shirley Masse, Ellen Brisgone, Laura O'Brien-Black, Elizabeth Kephart, Tina Landis, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Michelle Dillione, Chris Roe, Frank Kuders, Kylee Dougherty, Dave and Ronnie Pryce, Rosemary Brennan, Ellie May McGrath, Vicki Wojdak, Andrea Bateman, Brandon Heacock, Brittany Lott, Nancy Young, Peyton Lott, Billy Lott, Nanci Ehmer, Ken Rudert, Ed Shell, Ellie McCreight, Ellie Griem, Gregory Varacchi, Michael McKinnen, Connie Carney, Luke Post, Jim Buckley, Jerome Lienhard



The Ministry of Consolation

A St. Cornelius community response to the needs of people grieving the death of a significant person/persons in their lives, the ministry honors the words and example of the Lord Jesus:

"Blessed are they who mourn; they shall be consoled"

(Matthew 5:4).

A team of four St. Cornelius church members have been trained to set up and facilitate a Support Group for the Consolation Ministry.

On **January 20, 2024**, the Consolation Group will meet at the **Parish Life Center, Fr. Simon Room** from **2:30pm to 3:30pm**.

Contact Joan Holliday for any questions
docholliv@aol.com or call (610) 717-2180.



Assisted Hearing Devices

We have 4 assisted hearing devices, which connect directly to the sound system that are available for use at each Mass. They are located on the table by the Sacristy entrance.

Easy to operate: put 2 batteries in and you are good to HEAR!

Comments from satisfied users:

Wow - That is the first time in a long Time that I have heard everything at Mass.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church.

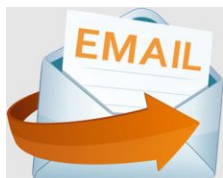
*If a funeral is scheduled for a Friday,
there will be NO exposition.*



If your investment portfolio has appreciated assets, a great way to reduce your taxes and donate to the church is to gift St. Cornelius appreciated investments. If you do have appreciated investments, Saint Cornelius is able to accept stocks and mutual funds as a charitable contribution through [TD Ameritrade](#).

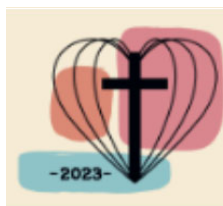
Bauer, the business manager for the church, at 610-459-2502.

Thank you for your generous support of the parish.



Msgr. Diamond's weekly Thursday Email is a popular weekly news letter for our parishioners. Currently there are **over 1055** people who receive his email each Thursday afternoon. If you would like to be on our distribution list, please call the office at (610) 459-2502 or send your request to be added to our distribution at

Stcorn1@comcast.net.



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Saint Cornelius Parish

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If you have any questions about any of our programs, please contact Julie Sullivan at

YOUTH GROUP



St Cornelius
YOUTH GROUP

We would like to welcome all of our children 3-7 join us for the liturgy of the word in the chapel during the 9 am mass. This is a special time for the children to experience the Lord's message together.

Lending Library



You may not be aware of the Lending Library that exists in our ambulatory, near the large stain glass windows overlooking the family portico. The cart pictured to the left contains a variety of reading material that you are welcome to take with you. You may also find a variety of holy cards, prayer pamphlets and novenas. Please feel free to take what you like.

Prayer Shawl Ministry... Come, Join US!



Did you know that each baby baptized at St. Cornelius receives a hand-made blanket made by our Prayer Shawl Ministry? You are welcome to join us in this rewarding ministry. We also make shawls, blankets, scarves, hats, mittens etc. for elderly homes, the Giving Tree and anyone looking for a comforting gift.

**Every 4th Monday of each month
1:30pm to 3:00pm**

We find ourselves in need of white acrylic yarn or funding to help continue this wonderful ministry. Please prayerfully consider donating to our ministry or purchasing a "Pound of Love" or "Caron Pound" of white acrylic yarn. We have a basket set up in the narthex, below the large TV monitor, to offer our works and for your donations. Also, you are welcome to drop off any yarn donations to the Parish Life Center. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Shawls and blankets are available in the Bethany Room. If you have any questions, please contact

Mary Jo Shell, (610) 361-8198
or Joanne Fonash, (610) 299-9694

—BIBLE STUDY—

We are continuing our Bible Study with Monsignor Diamond. All women and men are invited to join us each Thursday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 am., in the PLC. The goal of this Scripture study will be to broaden our knowledge of Scripture, our church's teaching regarding the Scriptures, and how it can enhance our understanding and personal faith life.



If you have questions, please call
Nancy Todor - cell 609-234-1193.

Updating Our Prayer List

We are attempting to update our prayer list as it has grown over the years. If you know of a loved one listed whom you feel has been helped by our prayers and are now recovered, please email the office at stcorn1@comcast.net so we can remove their name.

Sunday Mass Intentions

7:30 AM Joseph Mullen
9:00 AM Jack Worrell
11:00 AM Richard Bastian
4:00 PM Rose Ann Manetta

Weekly Mass Schedule (Week of December 18 - December 22)

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*
Reading: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday 7:30 AM

Intention: Patricia Fitzsimmons
Reading: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday 7:30 AM

Penance Service

11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Intention: Robert Willauer
Reading: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;
Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday 7:30 AM

St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

Intention: Ditto Family
Reading: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday 7:30 AM

Intention: Alex & Jennie Palovitch
Reading: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Friday 7:30 AM

Intention: Oliva Varacchi
Reading: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56

TABERNACLE CANDLES

✠ In loving memory of Mark Andrew Weber,
Req. by the family

PILGRIM STATUE

12 - 17 - 2023 Mary Chuchman
12 - 24 - 2023 Carla Santoleri
12 - 31 - 2023 Carla Santoleri

The new sign up sheet for 2024 is now available. Feel free to pick your dates.
Call Carla Santoleri at (610) 361-8447 for more information.



Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday**December 17, 2023****REJOICE**

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week, we looked at a form of nativity scene called a *presepio*, characterized by framing the crèche of Jesus with a vast array of personalities and a rich geographical context. The tradition was carried to the New World, and finds very rich expression in Latin America today. While in Europe the *presepio* was reserved mostly to the homes of wealthy nobles and great churches, in Latin America it was claimed by the poor and expressed the skills of native artisans. In Mexico, you can still find clay figures in every village market. In a way, the native people took the religion of Spanish rule and baptized it with their Indian culture by surrounding the crib of Jesus

with local geography and people. In Brazil, where Christmas falls in summer, the figure of the baby Jesus is wrapped in gold and gems, and set on a hillside surrounded by flowers and animals of all kinds. Sometimes there is a double *presepio*, presenting both Nativity and Crucifixion.

In some places in Latin America, even non-religious people take care to have a *presepio* in the home, sometimes dedicating one whole room in the house or apartment to the scene. Some cities have markets where people from the countryside sell plants and figurines. In Cuzco, churches and families provide hot chocolate for the children of the poor who come down to help create the nativity scenes. In Paraguay, the baby Jesus grows—the small infant who arrives on Christmas Eve is replaced at New Year with a toddler Jesus who holds in one hand the globe and in the other a cross. Few Christmas traditions have the vitality and variety of *presepios* and crèches honoring the Nativity.

—Rev. James Field




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The “O Antiphons” of Advent

The Roman Church has been singing the “O Antiphons” since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative “Come!” embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.



In the last days of Advent, you may wish to add these “O Antiphons” to your evening prayer, your prayer at table, or your bedtime prayer.

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Root of Jesse’s stem,
sign of God’s love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God’s eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!



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