

ST. PETER'S RAMBLER

1st Sunday in Advent

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SUNDAY HYMNS

Our Lady of Walsingham Cathedral

Arise, the Kingdom is at Hand (1651; 1863)
Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Wake, Awake for Night is Flying (1599)
Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending (1758)
Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

St. Barnabas, Omaha

The Advent of Our God (C. Coffin 1676-1749)
John Chandler (1806-1876)

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending (1758)
Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Thou didst Leave Thy Throne (1864)
ES Elliott (1836-1897)

Lift up your Heads, ye Mighty Gates (1642)
Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

St. Mary the Virgin, Arlington

Sleepers, Wake (Philipp Nicolai 1566-1608)
Carl P. Daw Jr. (1944-Pres)

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending (1758)
Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (1851)
John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

St. Thomas More, Scranton

Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing
Clarence A. Walworth (1820-1900)

The King Shall Come (1907)
John Brownlie (1857-1925)

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending (1758)
Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

St. Thomas More, Toronto

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Liturgical New Year!

This week's newsletter is full length, but with briefer snippets of news. It includes the expanded "Around the Ordinariate" section, Advent liturgical notes, some community updates, and some follow-up notes on the Office's release so far. Don't forget that the POCSP has moved its Ember Days to the first week of Advent, i.e. this week. Wednesday and Saturday are days of suggested fasting and abstinence, while abstinence from meat on Friday is required of all Ordinariate members 14 and older. Happy Sunday, and Happy liturgical new year!

The Newsletter will, throughout the month of December, be shorter in length, due to the constraints of the editor. Nevertheless, it will still come out weekly. If you are interested in helping, please reach out!

Would you consider writing a Parish Profile? Would your priest consider allowing us to transcribe a homily excerpt? Is there a ministry, good work, or event you'd like others to know about? Would you be interested in excerpting passages from English Protestant literature? Email ordinariateneewsletter@outlook.com to tell us more. Thank you to all the contributors this week.

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LITURGICAL OBSERVATION OF ADVENT

The First Sunday of Advent has some notable devotions encouraged in the Missal, many of which are occurring around the POCSP today. Bp. Lopes will be celebrating the Solemn Mass at the Cathedral, praying the litany in procession. This Mass is preceded at 10:50 AM with Sung Mattins, concluding with an Anthem (the Great Litany can, according to rubrics, replace the remainder of either Major Hour, starting with the Lesser Litany. Many other parishes will be praying the Litany as well, including St. Mary the Virgin, Arlington, St. Thomas More, Scranton, St. Thomas More, Toronto, St. Alban's, Rochester, and Corpus Christi, Charleston. St. Thomas More, Toronto, and Corpus Christi will also be singing the Advent Prose, while St. Thomas More, Scranton, will be blessing their Advent Wreath after the Creed. And, of course, many are looking to devotions during the month, like Rorate Masses and Lessons & Carols.

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The End of All Things

Sermons During the Season from Advent to Whitsuntide: Sermon 1



And now once more, at the close of the world and of time, He that sitteth upon the Throne proclaimeth "It is done." This one great word, in a manner, stands over against, and carries on and enlarges the other. At the Cross all was "finished" in and by Him, our Head. His Holy Mortal Life was over: He was "perfect through sufferings." He died as Man; He entered upon Death and Hell as their Conqueror, to lead captivity captive. But what was perfected in the Head

remained yet to be fulfilled in the Body. In that He vouchsafes to call Himself our Head, He vouchsafes, in a manner, not to account Himself, as Man, perfect without the Body. And what is His Body? Ourselves, brethren, and such as we, imperfect though we be, if we be in Him, if we be longing to be perfected. All was then "finished" in hope, in the earnest, in the First-fruits. In that He vouchsafes to make us His members, when He died, we died with Him; when He arose, we arose in Him: when He sat at the Right Hand of God to make intercession for us, He made us to sit in heavenly places in Himself. We sit in Heaven in Him, as He upon earth still suffers, in His faithful ones, as He saith, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" Yet was this as yet in hope only. Martyrs had yet to win their crown, resisting unto blood; all had "to fight the good fight, striving against sin." All the faithful who were before us, all who now are, and all who shall be to the end, all belong to the one Body of Christ; all, from Abel to the end, who have or shall believe in Him Who bruised for us the serpent's head, belong to that one City of God, that one Body, whereof He is the Head; all, with the countless, blessed, Heavenly Host, belong to that One Heavenly Jerusalem, which in everlasting peace and bliss, shall endlessly praise Whom they shall endlessly love. [S. Aug. in Ps. 62. § 2.] Many, then, yet unborn, many now imperfect, many, we trust, who are out of that Body, many, now feebly struggling, or hanging yet in a fearful balance between good and ill, between Satan and God; many now led captive or just recovered and who have yet to weep their falls, and through the Blood of Christ wash out their sins with tears of penitence, yea, some even now dead and buried in trespasses and sins, shall hear the Voice of Christ and live, and shall be owned by Him in the Great Day as His own, yea, twice His own, because when they had wasted in themselves the Price of His Blood, He anew, through that Blood, restored them...

Look ye, too, on to that day when He Whom ye would love shall say, "It is done." Think ye of that day when, with loving kindness, He shall say, "well done, good and faithful servant." "In due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not." Brief as are the joys of this world, briefer yet are its afflictions and its weariness; for, bitter in themselves, they are sweetened by the hopes of the everlasting sweetness of the life to come. How will all the longest trials shrink into a very nothing, when thy amazed soul shall enter into the brightness of His eternal Light and Love. "Though He tarry, wait for Him, because He will come, He will not tarry." "He Who sitteth on the throne saith, Behold thy Salvation cometh!" He will come to thee now unseen, by grace. He will come to thee, veiled in His Sacraments. He will come to thee in thy secret chamber; He will descend upon thee in thy prayers; He will ascend with thee, and bear thee in His Arms, that thou faint not, nor grow weary; He will be with thee in trouble; in temptation He will shield thee; in slippery places He will uphold thee; in the fever-heat of thy passions, He will be dew from above to cool thee; in the cold of desolation, He will be fire to kindle thee; in the aching of the heart, His everlasting Arms will be beneath, whereon to rest thee; in the tumults of thy soul, He shall hush thee with more than a mother's love; in thy fears, He shall fold thee in His Bosom; in loneliness, He shall be a still small Voice within thee; "when father and mother forsake thee, He shall take thee up;" when thou passest through the valley of the shadow of death, He saith, "I will be with thee;" around thee, in life; in death, to receive thee. "Thou shalt fear no evil, for I am with thee." When thou fearest, He shall lay His hand upon thee, (as He did upon His beloved disciple), and shall "strengthen thee, and shall uphold thee by the Right Hand of His righteousness," saying, "Fear not; I am the First and the Last; I am He that liveth and was dead; and behold I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. Behold I come quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Christmas (I)

*After all pleasures as I rid one day,
My horse and I, both tired, body and mind,
With full cry of affections, quite astray;
I took up the next inn I could find.*

*There when I came, whom found I but my dear,
My dearest Lord, expecting till the grief
Of pleasures brought me to Him, ready there
To be all passengers' most sweet relief?*

*Oh Thou, whose glorious, yet contracted light,
Wrapt in night's mantle, stole into a manger;
Since my dark soul and brutish is Thy right,
To man of all beasts be not Thou a stranger:*

*Furnish and deck my soul, that Thou mayst have
A better lodging, than a rack, or grave.*

-George Herbert (1593-1633) was an Anglican priest, musician, and trilingual poet.



-Edward Pusey (1800-1882) was an Anglican priest and father of the Oxford movement, who edited the *Library of the Fathers*.

Scotland Ordinariate

Don't forget to head over to the ACS website to read Peter Smith's interview with Fr. Len Black, covering the tartan, the spread of the Scottish Ordinariate (which reaches to the Shetland Islands!) and more. There are also some wonderful pictures of the community's vestments, and their tartan-backed stole. The full article is on the [ACS blog](#).



Priests' Retirement Collection

The collection is this week! Don't forget to bring something for the second collection. If you would prefer to give online, you can go to www.ordinariate.net/give-to-rfp. "They sacrificed to open our path to the fullness of faith. Can you give back to those who left behind all that they had to bring us into the [Church]?"



Office Publication?

As of early Sunday morning, the *Divine Worship: Daily Office* has not yet hit the website of the Newman House Press, which went back up a few days prior. Most communities, however, are running some sort of program to order a certain number of copies in bulk orders, discounted to \$20. It seems likely, therefore, that the priority is for communities to have copies for public use first, which will be important in spreading the Office's use more widely early on to those who might not have this on their radar (not daily updating the NH Press site!). If you're at a community, ask your pastor about his plans for the order. If you're at a pre-Ordinariate fellowship, you may be waiting a little longer—well, it is Advent!

AROUND THE ORDINARIATE

- *OLW Cathedral, Houston TX*— No Adult Forum today. Dec. 6, St. Maria Guadalupe OP "St R. Southwell: Eng. Jesuit, Poet, and Martyr"
- *OLW Cathedral, Houston TX*— Tuesdays 1-6 PM, Adoration in the Cathedral, with Benediction at 6 PM
- *OLW Cathedral, Houston TX*— The Walsinghamers Youth Group will have their Advent Wreath Making Social on Nov. 29th starting 9 AM in Seton Pavilion, as a fundraiser: \$40 per wreath, refreshments provided
- *St. Mary the Virgin, Arlington TX*— The Boxes of Joy Advent fundraiser was a success, raising 106 boxes, surpassing the 100 goal
- *St. Mary the Virgin, Arlington TX*— Catholic Charities is collecting non-perishable side dishes for Thanksgiving and Christmas, collected at the parish
- *St. Mary the Virgin, Arlington TX*— Free Magnificat Advent Companions are provided in the Narthex, one per family
- *St. Mary the Virgin, Arlington TX*— The Knights of Col. will have Tamale Sale starting Sun. Nov. 22nd, 15 frozen tamales for \$10
- *St. Mary the Virgin, Arlington TX*— The 2nd annual Country Store will follow Mass on Dec. 6th
- *St. Alban, Rochester NY*— *Cor ad Cor* Study continues, Wednesdays at 7 PM
- *St. Alban, Rochester NY*— Sun. Dec. 6th Evensong and Benediction at 7 PM
- *St. Alban, Rochester NY*—Dec. 19th, Lessons and Carols at 7 PM
- *St. Alban, Rochester NY*—Bethany House collection in back of church for non-perishable food items and women's toiletries
- *St. John the Baptist, Bridgeport PA*— November 7th was Evangelization Day, reaching around 130 households
- *St. John the Baptist, Bridgeport PA*— Saturday, Dec. 5th Fr. Scharbach will visit for the annual Advent Quiet Day (9 AM Mass, breakfast, silence with addresses and confession, ending with 2 PM benediction)
- *St. John the Baptist, Bridgeport PA*— A Thursday night catechesis on Anglican/Catholic differences is in development
- *St. John the Baptist, Bridgeport PA*— Evening prayer continues on Zoom, 5PM every day but Saturday
- *Incarnation, Orlando FL*— The Flower Guild, responsible for coordinated decoration of the Church, needs volunteers
- *Incarnation, Orlando FL*— The Knights of Col. will host Men's Holy Hour, 6:30 AM this Ember Sat., with Adoration & Confession
- *Incarnation, Orlando FL*— Knights of Columbus are collecting pre-orders for "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets and cards
- *Incarnation, Orlando FL*— Christmas Potluck will be immediately following the 10:15 AM Mass, Sunday Dec. 6; RSVP by Nov. 29th
- *OLSJ, Louisville KY*— Tuesdays' "God and Geek" study continues
- *OLSJ, Louisville KY*— The Monday Bible Study continues on Zoom
- *Corpus Christi, Charleston*— Dec. 13th, for Gaudete Sunday (Bambinelli Sunday) Christ child figures will be blessed at end of Mass
- *St. Barnabas, Omaha*— Fridays 5-6 PM the Blessed Sacrament is currently exposed for adoration on a trial basis
- *St. Barnabas, Omaha*— The Knights of Columbus hosted scotch tasting in the undercroft, 7-9 PM Nov. 14
- *St. Barnabas, Omaha*— old Advent ministry continues: Christmas gifts for children on Lakota reservation, Due by Dec. 1st at Church.
- *St. Thomas More, Scranton PA*— Every first Saturday will be verger training, covering both its liturgical and defensive role
- *St. Thomas More, Scranton PA*— Dec. 12, Advent retreat for the Maria Kaupas Academy, beginning with 8 AM Mass
- *St. John the Evangelist, Calgary AL*— has acquired a relic of Bl. Dominic Barberi, exposed at the St. John Henry Newman Chapel
- *St. John the Evangelist, Calgary AL*— The parish's Marian consecration retreat "Mary's Mantle" concluded on Nov. 21st
- *Minnesota Members of the Ordinariate*— had Mass on Nov. 21st for St. Mary, followed by Walsingham devotions
- *Minnesota Members of the Ordinariate*— Dec. 19th, Mass of St. Mary's at 9 AM, Confession at 8:30, Walsingham devotions following
- *Connecticut Ordinariate Fellowship*— Requiem Mass, Nov. 18th at 7:30 PM, was preceded by Evensong for all the Faithful Departed

Sunday, November 29

Morning

Military Ordinariate of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Diocese of Engativá, Colombia
Diocese of Namur, Belgium
Diocese of Port-Bergé, Madagascar

Monday, November 30

Diocese of Hamilton in New Zealand
Diocese of Maintirano, Madagascar
Diocese of Nitra, Slovakia
Archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA
Diocese of Sisak, Croatia

Tuesday, December 01

Diocese of Batticaloa, Sri Lanka
Diocese of Ifakara, Tanzania
Diocese of Tepic, Nayarit, México
Diocese of Vallo della Lucania, Italy
Diocese of Xichang, China

Wednesday, December 02

Diocese of Cuenca, Spain
Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, USA
Diocese of Iligan, Philippines
Diocese of Ituiutaba, Minas Gerais, Brazil
Diocese of Manga, Burkina Faso

Thursday, December 03

Diocese of Győr, Hungary
Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Kalyan, India
Diocese of Łomża, Poland
Diocese of Luziânia, Goiás, Brazil
Diocese of Mutare, Zimbabwe

Friday, December 04

Syrian Catholic Apostolic Exarchate of Canada
Territorial Prelature of Caravelí, Peru
Archdiocese of Concepción, Chile
Diocese of Kano, Nigeria
Archdiocese of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Saturday, December 05

Diocese of Austin, Texas, USA
Archdiocese of Castries, Saint Lucia, Antilles
Greek Catholic Apostolic Exarchate of Greece
Diocese of Piacenza-Bobbio, Italy
Diocese of Vác, Hungary

Evening

Diocese of Dundee, South Africa
Diocese of Long Xuyên, Viet Nam
Diocese of Rumbek, South Sudan
Archdiocese of Zagreb, Croatia

Diocese of Banjul, Gambia
Diocese of Budjala, Democratic Republic of the Congo
Archdiocese of Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil
Archdiocese of Tiranë-Durrës, Albania

Melkite Greek Catholic Archdiocese of Bosra e Haūrān, Syria
Diocese of Bururi, Burundi
Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy of Puthur, India
Archdiocese of Taipei, Taiwan

Diocese of Alexandria, Louisiana, USA
Diocese of Forlì-Bertinoro, Italy
Diocese of Francistown, Botswana
Diocese of Motherwell, Scotland

Archdiocese of Lubango, Angola
Maronite Catholic Eparchy of Notre-Dame du Liban de Paris, France
Ukrainian Catholic Archiepiscopal Exarchate of Odessa, Ukraine
Diocese of Saint-Dié, France

Diocese of Cabinda, Angola
Melkite Greek Catholic Archdiocese of Homs, Syria
Diocese of Mbalmayo, Cameroon
Diocese of Sivagangai, India

Diocese of Camaçari, Bahia, Brazil
Diocese of Hongdong, China
Diocese of Koszalin-Kołobrzeg, Poland
Archdiocese of São Salvador da Bahia, Brazil

Excerpt from a Homily on the Feast of St. Catherine

Our Lord today gives one of his, what I like to call, ‘great recruiting speeches’: “come, be hated by all for the sake of my name.” Our Lord never holds back on the truth of what it means to follow his name, and the price that may be incurred in so doing. The readings are perfect for the Saint we remember today, although not intentionally chosen on her behalf. They are chosen because of the time we are in. The time when Advent is drawing near—in ages past, it would have been part of a longer fast, as Advent normally was... The whole lectionary starts to move in that direction...

St. Catherine was a virgin martyr, and she gave her life for Christ in an incredibly powerful way. She was betrothed to God, she gave up her life in consecration to God, and, as a result, eventually got dragged to the governor. As usually happens, someone wanted to marry her: the Emperor. It’s a long story. But Catherine proclaimed the truth of Christ, and eventually, thinking he could somehow win, the Emperor picked 200 of the great philosophers of his day to argue with Catherine. They all lost miserably, to the point that even the empress was converted, and many of those

converted were put to death: The emperor was none too keen about the empress being converted. And then, when Catherine rebuffed the emperor’s advances seeking to marry her, she was eventually put to death. Catherine was a lioness: she was one who proclaimed the Faith fearlessly and boldly—and she’s one who relied upon God to be the one who gave her the strength to do it.

There’s also another reminder that we need to be given, however: that the time of the martyrs did not end with Catherine, it did not end with Magnus and Bonosa. The time of the martyrs and the persecuted Church has never ended. It isn’t just something of the past. It’s something that is very real in every age of the Church. More martyrs were made last century than in all the centuries before it. The martyrs are not a thing of the past, but their blood continues to be a witness to the sovereignty of God, the power of Christ, and the truth of the Gospel of Christ’s resurrection.

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LESSONS FOR THE WEEK (2019-2020 ORDO) (purchase [here](#))

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Violet)

Lectionary Cycle: Year B - Weekdays Year I - Daily Office Year I

Nov. 29: MP Pss: 146-147 Lessons: Is 1:1-20 ♦ Mt 24:1-28 *Te Deum*
(Sun.) EP 2 111-113 Is 2:10-end ♦ 1 Thes 5 (*Alma Redemptoris Mater*)

DWM 152 Creed, Lec 2 (Litany, Prose)

Saint Andrew, Apostle *Feast* (Red)

Nov. 30: MP Pss: 34 Lessons: Is 49:1-9a ♦ Jn 1:35-42 *Te Deum*
(Mon.) EP 96, 100 Ez 47:1-12 ♦ Jn 12:20-32

D 891 Gloria, L 684

Advent Feria (Violet)

Dec. 1: MP Pss: 5-6 Lessons: Is 5:1-17 ♦ Mk 1:21-end
(Tues.) EP 10-11 Is 5:18-end ♦ Rv 7

D 152, L 176

Ember Wednesday in Advent (Violet)

Dec. 2: MP Pss: 119:I-III Lessons: Is 6 ♦ Mk 2:1-22
(Wed.) EP 12-14 Is 8:16-9:7 ♦ Rv 8

D 154, L 177

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest *Memorial* (White)

Dec. 3: MP Pss: 18:I Lessons: Is 9:8-10:4 ♦ Mk 2:23-3:12
(Thurs.) EP 18:II Is 10:5-23 ♦ Rv 9

D 893, L 178/685

Ember Friday in Advent [*St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church*] (Violet)

Dec. 4: MP Pss: 16-17 Lessons: Is 10:24-11:9 ♦ Mk 3:13-end
(Fri.) EP 22 Is 11:10-12:end ♦ Rv 10

Obligatory Abstinence

D 155, L 179; D 894 (collect only)

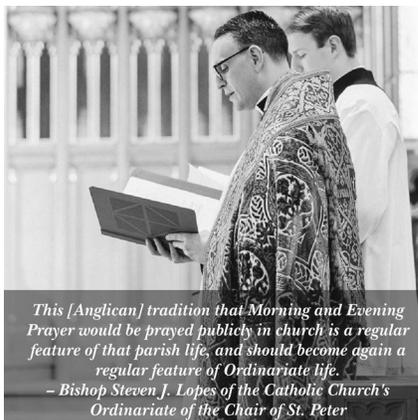
Ember Saturday in Advent (Violet)

Dec. 5: MP Pss: 20-21 Lessons: Is 13:1-14:2 ♦ Mk 4:1-20
(Sat.) EP 1 Pss: 110, 116-117 Lessons: Is 14:3-27 ♦ Rv 11

D 156, L 180

Host-maker

A few weeks ago, Fr. Bengry of St. John the Evangelist in Calgary came across an antique host maker. Some parishioners have taken a look at it, and are helping restore it for the parish's use.



This [Anglican] tradition that Morning and Evening Prayer would be prayed publicly in church is a regular feature of that parish life, and should become again a regular feature of Ordinariate life.
— Bishop Steven J. Lopes of the Catholic Church's Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter

St. Cuthbert of Lindisfarne Community

Don't be surprised if the name sounds new! The Indianapolis Ordinariate community, previously named St. Joseph of Arimathea, has been renamed and moved to a new location after a period of discernment. As some may remember, Fr. Jeffrey Moore was moved during the post-Ordinations assignments from his long post at Atonement to Indianapolis, anticipating the re-founding of the community. This Sunday marks their first Mass at a new home, Good Shepherd Catholic Church. The local Archdiocese had anticipated this, assigning Fr. Moore to the Church in July. The new Mass time, 11:30 AM, will allow members to commute from further away, as well as make space for fellowship following Mass, which previously wasn't possible. Keep this community-information in your prayers as they enter a new chapter.



St. Alban's Office Preparations

St. Alban's has found great excitement for the Divine Worship: Daily Office. After announcing their community's bulk order, they almost immediately found 25 parishioners asking to join for personal copies. This is showing enormous excitement on the part of our parish members for the Daily Office, and for the praying of the daily office in the home and at church.



They're very much looking forward to putting into practice what Bishop Lopes told the National Catholic Register, that Mattins and Evensong should become a regular feature of Catholic parishes in the Ordinariate. "Remember one of the particular insights that arose in the Anglican tradition is that the Office is the prayer of the parish. It's the prayer of the whole parish: the clergy, but also the lay faithful."



By allowing people to join the bulk order, they're working to make the Daily Office as accessible as possible, helping sustain the bishop's vision for the office to be a regular feature of our liturgical life. Toward the same end, Fr. Davis intends to hold a class to help people learn how to pray the Daily Office: privately, with others, and in church.

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