

Dear Padre,

My sister says that singing the *O Antiphons* are her favorite part of Advent. What are they?

An antiphon is a brief refrain, usually from the Bible, either sung or said during worship. An *O Antiphon* is an antiphon that starts with O, as in “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”—each verse of that song is made up of an O Antiphon.

The antiphons are most at home in the Liturgy of the Hours—the collection of psalms, hymns, prayers, and readings that make up the regular rhythm of the Church’s prayer at morning, midday, evening, and night. The O Antiphons your sister refers to are verses used during the Church’s evening prayer from December 17–23. With one verse spoken or sung before Mary’s Magnificat each evening, these antiphons call on the Lord to come to his people using titles taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

When the O Antiphons are sung in Latin, they present a sort of acrostic with a hidden message. The first letter of each title in the antiphon spells *sarcophagus*, which is *ero cras* (Latin for “tomorrow I come” or “tomorrow I shall be”) spelled backward.

In their original language and context, the O Antiphons have a particularly rich significance, but they remain beautiful even when sung simply in English as in the verses of “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.”

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

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JOSIA C. / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

To prepare the way of the Lord’s coming, it is necessary to take note of the requirements of conversion to which the Baptist invites us....First of all we are called to fill the “valleys” caused by coldness and indifference, opening ourselves to others with the same sentiments as Jesus, that is, with affection and fraternal attention.

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Calendar

Monday
DECEMBER 6
Advent Weekday
Is 35:1–10
Lk 5:17–26

Tuesday
DECEMBER 7
St. Ambrose,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Is 40:1–11
Mt 18:12–14

Wednesday
DECEMBER 8
Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9–15, 20
Eph 1:3–6, 11–12
Lk 1:26–38

Thursday
DECEMBER 9
Advent Weekday
Is 41:13–20
Mt 11:11–15

Friday
DECEMBER 10
Advent Weekday
Is 48:17–19
Mt 11:16–19

Saturday
DECEMBER 11
Advent Weekday
Sir 48:1–4, 9–11
Mt 17:9a, 10–13

Sunday
DECEMBER 12
Third Sunday
of Advent
Zep 3:14–18a
Phil 4:4–7
Lk 3:10–18



Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent (C)

Bar 5:1–9

Phil 1:4–6, 8–11

Lk 3:1–6



EVERETT ATAMANENKO / SHUTTERSTOCK

And the Word Was Made Flesh

Many of us grew up thinking that this life doesn’t amount to much. It’s full of pitfalls and enticements that threaten our eternal salvation. Such disdain often boils over into contempt for the world. According to this thinking, it is only the next life that is important, which will unfold in a much better place. Today’s readings challenge such extreme thinking. They assure us that the glory of God is partially revealed to us even within this life. They astound us by insisting that God speaks to us through life’s events—events that often appear to be quite mundane.

Baruch tells of Jerusalem, the city loved passionately by every Israelite. This was a city like so many other cities. However, God dwelt there and wherever God dwells is, for that reason, a holy city—be it Jerusalem, Munich, or Detroit. God dwells in our midst, right here, right now. Hence, this imperfect life and this damaged world are holy.

The Gospel situates John the Baptist in the middle of the ancient Near Eastern world. It was a Roman world controlled by Caesar and a Jewish province ruled over by Herod. John stated that it was to that place at that time that the Promised One would come, and it was up to John to “prepare the way of the Lord” (Isaiah 40:3; Luke 3:4).

Most importantly, we must never forget that God took on the troubles and sins of this world and entered our life, making it his life. This is the real reason that this world is holy.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Incarnation means that Jesus is made of the stuff of this world, just as we are. Think about this.
- ★ Nothing is too common that it can’t be holy. What does that mean?



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2nd Sunday of Advent

Mass Dec. 5, 2021
Lector: Marv Grassl
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
Stacy Ferguson
Greeters & Presentation of Gift
Art & Pat Barrera Family
Altar Servers:
Adrian K. & Angie V.

3rd Sunday of Advent

Mass Dec. 12, 2021
Lector:
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
Greeters & Presentation of Gift
Alter Servers:

Pope's Prayer intentions:

For: Catechists,
Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the
Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and
creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. @ St. Paul's in Eltopia
10:30 a.m. @ St. Vincent's (English)
12:00 p.m. @ St. Vincent's (Spanish)
Saturday: 7:00 p.m. @ San Juan Diego (Spanish)
Fridays: 8:00 a.m. Adoration @ St. Vincent's
8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Vincent's
Confessions: Wednesdays 6:30 pm @ St. Vincent's
Tuesdays 7:00 pm @ San Juan Diego
Church Secretary: Elida Fernández - secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com
Tues, Weds. Thurs 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917 - 12 – 3:30 pm on Tues. Weds. Thurs.

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also see photos of all the activities that have been happening. If you want to post church
happenings on Facebook please email Onna Pollock at olpollock@yahoo.com

FR. GUS'S SCHEDULE FOR WEEK:

Dec. 5, 2021 - Dec. 12, 2021

Sun. Dec. 5: 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia
10:30 am Mass @ Connell
12:00 pm Mass @ Connell
1:00 pm Rosary after Noon Mass
5:00 pm Advent Dinner @ Connell
7:00 pm Rosary @ Basin City

Monday Dec. 6:

Fr. Gus @ Spokane Meeting
5:00 pm Rosary @ Connell
7:00 pm Rosary @ Basin City

Tues. Dec. 7:

11:00 am Meeting @ Spokane
5:00 pm Confessions @ Eltopia
No Mass @ Eltopia
5:00 pm Rosary @ Connell
6:30 Marriage Prep @ Eltopia
No Confessions @ Basin City
7:00 pm Rosary @ Basin City

Wed. Dec. 8:

8:00 am Mass @ Connell
10:30 am Mass @ Eltopia
5:00 pm Rosary @ Connell
6:30 pm Confessions @ Connell
7:00 pm Rosary @ Basin City

Thurs. Dec. 9:

11:00 am Fr. Gus @ Spokane Meeting
No Adoration @ Eltopia
No Mass @ Eltopia
5:00 pm Rosary @ Connell
5:30 pm Parish Council @ Connell
7:30 pm Finance Council @ Connell
6:00 pm Rosary @ Basin City
7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

Fri. Dec. 10:

Fr. Gus's Day of Rest
No Adoration @ Connell
No Mass @ Connell
5:00 pm Rosary @ Connell
7:00 pm Rosary @ Basin City

Sat Dec. 11:

1:00 pm Quinceañera @ Connell
5:00 pm Rosary @ Connell
6:00 pm Rosary @ Basin City
7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City
Mañanitas after Mass @ Basin City

Sun. Dec. 12: 3rd Sunday of Advent

5:00 am Mañanitas @ Connell
8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia
10:30 am Mass @ Connell
12:00 pm Mass @ Connell
5:00 pm Advent Dinner @ Connell

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM THE PASTORAL PATTERNS BY JS

PAULISH CO:

In what areas of your life do you need God's
forgiveness right now? What Advent practice would
assist you in expressing your repentance? What do
you want to ask God to forgive you for? What can you
do during Advent to show you are sorry?

STEWARDSHIP

*"And this is my prayer: that your love may
increase ever more and more in knowledge and
every kind of perception, to discern what is of
value..." (Philippians 1:9-10)*

During the Christmas shopping season, it is easy to
get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is
that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the
other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your
"obligation" to give them something? To grow in
friendship with someone, you need to spend time
with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe
this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with
those you love.

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal for St. Vincent & San Juan Diego

\$21,678.00

Contributions to date: \$8252.00

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Nov. 14, 2021	Nov. 21, 2021
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Confession,
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www.stvincentconnell.org

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Altar Flowers

Dec. – Altar Society; Guild 3
Jan. - Guadalupanas

Christmas Caroling

Next SUNDAY Dec. 12th

6:30 – 8:00 pm

We gather at 6:15 pm

Sponsored by the

High School Religious Ed. Students.

All parishioners are invited,
children need to be accompanied by
an adult.

Wednesday Confession Hour

New time

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

SMALL GROUPS MEET

Do not meet in December.

See everyone in January of 2022!

Dear Parishioners & Friends,

Masks are required in our church
buildings and offices. Thank you for
your understanding and for taking
care of each other, Fr. Gus.

GUADALUPANAS MEET

Thursday, 20 of Jan. 2022

@ 5 pm