

## The "O" Antiphons \*

Dating back to the fourth century, each antiphon invokes the coming of the Messiah, beginning with the biblical title and ending with a petition. Join with the communion of saints by reciting these ancient prayers with your family and friends.



December 17

O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care:

*Come and show your people the way to salvation.*



December 18

O Sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain:

*Come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.*



December 19

O Flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you.

*Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.*



December 20

O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of heaven:

*Come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom.*



December 21

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:

*Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.*



December 22

O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man:

*Come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.*



December 23

O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people:

*Come and set us free, Lord our God.*

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# Most Holy Trinity Parish

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December 18, 2016



We pray, enkindle in our hearts your justice,  
as we wait the day of the Lord and prepare to  
welcome the One who is coming.

### Parish Mass Schedule:

4 PM Saturday (Rectory Chapel)

9:30 AM Sunday (Church)

9 AM Wednesday School Mass  
during school year (Church)

Noon to 1 PM Wednesday  
Eucharistic Adoration

Sacramental Preparation/RCIA  
please call the rectory office

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### Food Pantry / Utility Assistance:

Provided by OLPH Food Pantry/  
St. Vincent de Paul. Serves

residents of the 63107 zip code.

Open: Tuesday, Thursday,

Saturday from 9 AM - noon

4335 Warne Avenue

314-535-9794

*Note: pantry phone answered  
only during operating hours.*

### Parish Address and Contact Information - [www.mhtstl.org](http://www.mhtstl.org)

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### Parish Leadership/Staff:

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**Theme of Today's Holy Mass**

Jesus is Emmanuel, "God with us,"  
risen from the dead.  
He is the king of glory.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

12/18	Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent
	9:30 AM	Fr. Philip Kremer, OSB
12/19	Monday	Advent Weekday (4)
12/20	Tuesday	Advent Weekday (4)
12/21	Wednesday	Advent Weekday (4)
	9:00	School mass
12/22	Thursday	Advent Weekday (4)
12/23	Friday	Advent Weekday (4)
12/24	Saturday	Advent Weekday (4)
	4:00 PM	John A. Grewe, Jr.
12/25	Sunday	The Nativity of the Lord
	9:30 AM	Parish Families, past & present

**Please pray for our parishioners & friends**

Helen Barber, Father Rich, Jean Fannon, Anthony Green, Mary Green, Charles Jones, Sr. (Rocky's father), Joseoh Kucieczuk, Jr., Tillie Plouder, Karen Racusin (Kim Lenz' sister), Glen Rhine, Sharon Ann Ryan, Dorothy Schulte (Don McFarland's mom), and for the needs of the Usanga Family.

At time of publishing, two parishioners are at St. John's Mercy in Creve Coeur. Barbara Bledsoe is in hospice and Sarah Bacott is recovering

Last Week's Collection	
12/11	
\$ 706.00	Parishioner Envelopes
75.50	Loose
8.00	Building & Maintenance
20.00	Special Collections
\$ 809.50	Total - Thank you

Liturgical Roles for Next Week



Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve	
First Reading	Doris Speed
Second Reading	Barbara Russell
Eucharistic Ministers	Donna Lindsay
	Samantha Manno
	Sharon Ryan
	Elizabeth Hopson
	Rochelle Jones
Cross Bearer	Matthew Lindsay
Sacramentary	Michael Hart-Russell

Sunday December 25 Christmas Day	
First Reading	Philip Crawford
Second Reading	Elizabeth Hopson
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Lee Howard
	Michelle Towles
	Hattie Towles
	Dawn Usanga
	Ann Russek
Cross Bearer	Kenneth Patterson
Sacramentary	Zachary Patterson

**Readings for This Week**

Monday	Is 7: 10-14/ Ps 24: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 (7c. 10b)/ Rom 1: 1-7/ Mt 1: 18-24
Tuesday	Jgs 13: 2-7. 24-25a/ Ps 71: 3-4a. 5-6ab. 16-17/ Lk 1: 5-25
Wednesday	Is 7: 10-14/ Ps 24: 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6/ Lk 1: 26-38
Thursday	Sg 2: 8-14 or Zep 3: 14-18a/ Ps 33: 2-3. 11-12. 20-21/ Lk 1: 39-45
Friday	1 Sm 1: 24-28/ 1 Sm 2: 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8abcd/ Lk 1: 46-56
Saturday	Midnight Mass: Is 9: 1-6/ Ps 96: 1-2. 2-3. 11-12. 13/ Ti 2: 11-14/ Lk 2: 1-14
Sunday	Is 52: 7-10/ Ps 98: 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6 (3c)/ Heb 1: 1-6/Jn 1: 1-18

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2016

...God promises the Good News through the prophets...  
God favors us with apostleship  
to proclaim that all are beloved in Christ...God loves...

Romans 1:2-7



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**Gatherings of the Week**

Wednesday, 12/21

- 9 am, School Mass in Church
- Noon—1 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, 12/22

- 7 PM, Choir Practice

Saturday / Sunday, 12/24

- 11:30 PM, Christmas Carols begin at Midnight, Mass begins. We welcome Msgr. Michael Witt as our celebrant

Sunday, 12/25

- 9:30 AM Christmas Mass

**The Feast of the Epiphany** is

January 8. Please plan to gather after mass in the Rectory to celebrate our parish family, enjoy an old fashioned Christmas village, the beautiful tree and crib, and have a savory breakfast together.

**Inclement weather** can cause

hazardous conditions, transportation problems, and can vary widely across our region. We rarely have closed for severe weather but if the need should arise, an automated message will be sent to parishioners.



We thank Tom and Debbie Hadican for the beautiful white poinsettias that we have enjoyed this advent season. The beautiful flowers were part of the wedding decorations for Colin and Candace Hadican.

Thanks for sharing and may God bless Colin and Candace!

P.S. The complete list of flower memorials will be in the next bulletin.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Rejoice! The weeks of Advent waiting are over, and Christ is born!

We rejoice in our Savior's birth—remembering the great gift of faith He has given us through the mystery of His incarnation and the saving power of His death and resurrection.

Each year, the people of our archdiocese have been asked to make a special gift on Christmas Day to support our seminarians at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. The men of our seminary, who have responded to Christ's call to follow Him, are truly a gift to the Church and to the Archdiocese of St. Louis. It is these men who will bring the faith given to us by Christ 2000 years ago to future generations here in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

I ask you, once again, to pray for vocations and for all our priests and seminarians. I also ask you to be generous in your donation to the Christmas Day collection, which helps pay the day-to-day expenses and maintenance of our seminary.

Please be assured of my prayers for you during the season of Christmas. May the Lord of life come into your hearts and homes in a special way during this holy time of year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Robert J. Carlson*

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson  
Archbishop of St. Louis