

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 *sarcore*, 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.”

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 9, 2021



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



2nd Sunday Of Advent



December 5, 2022

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Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of December 4–December 10

Sat 6:00 pm †Mary Catherine Holliman
Sun 11:00 am †Linda Keck
Sun 6:00 pm Parishioners Living & Deceased
Mon 8:00 am NO Mass
Tue 8:00 am †Charlie Brenke

Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Wed 8:00 am †Roselyn Freeman
Wed 6:30 pm Parishioners Living & Deceased
Thur 8:00 am †Stella, Frank & Joseph
Wozniak
Fri 8:00 am †Charlie Brenke

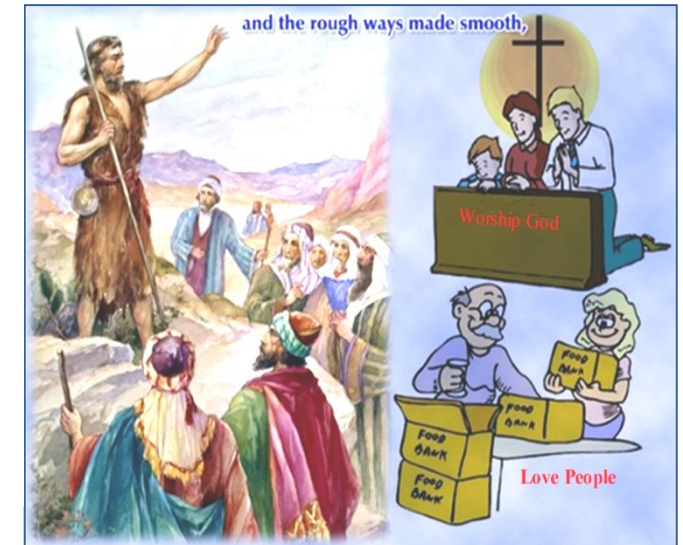
Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of December 4–December 10

Sat 4:00 pm †Ann Newman (Vigil Mass)
Sun 9:15 am †John & Delores Radich

Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Tue 4:00 pm Falcone & Johnson Family



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before and after daily Mass, and by Appointment

1st Friday Adoration – 8:30am- 6:00pm

at Holy Spirit in St. Patrick’s Chapel

Adoration at Christ the King – Tuesday 3:30pm-4pm