#### **Advent Ember Days**

Ember Days are three days (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) set apart in each of the four seasons for fasting, abstinence and prayer. Tied to the seasonal cycles of farming and harvesting, the purpose of the Days is to thank God for the gifts of Creation, to ask His help in using them with wisdom and moderation, and to assist those in need. They are observed by fasting and prayer in addition to the particular liturgies the Church assigns them. Since 1966, the fasting and abstinence are no longer prescribed but still encouraged.

"In those days they shall cry to the Lord because of the oppressor, and He shall send them a Savior and a defender to deliver them." Isaiah 19:20, from the first Lesson of Ember Saturday in Advent; Taken from https://fssp.com/advent-ember-days-this-week/

#### The O Antiphons

The Greater Advent Antiphons, commonly called the "O Antiphons," occur on the 7 days leading up to Christmas Eve and are a part of the office of Vespers on those days. While not all of us say the Divine Office regularly, these Antiphons probably sound familiar to us nonetheless, because one of the best-known Advent hymns, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," is based on them. They are a beautiful reflection on the role of the Savior, the long expectation of His coming among the people of Israel, and the convergence of the events of the Old Testament into the point in history, the fullness of time, when the Savior was to appear.

So we encourage you to reflect on the O Antiphons as we draw near to the time of Our Lord's Nativity, and may these final days of Advent be free from worldly worries and filled instead with the peace of the coming Savior.

- December 17th: O Wisdom, Which camest out of the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end and ordering all things mightily and sweetly: come and teach us the way of prudence.
- December 18th: O Adonai, and Leader of the house of Israel, Who didst appear to Moses in the flame of the burning bush, and didst give unto him the law on Sinai: come and with an outstretched arm redeem us.
- December 19th: O Root of Jesse, Which standest for an ensign of the people, before Whom kings shall keep silence, Whom the Gentiles shall beseech: come and deliver us, and tarry not.
- December 20th: O Key of David, and Scepter of the house of Israel, that openest and no man shutteth, and shuttest and no man openeth: come and bring the prisoner forth from the prison-house, and him that sitteth in darkness and in the shadow death.
- December 21st: O Day-Spring, Brightness of light eternal, and Sun of Justice, come and enlighten them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.
- December 22nd: O King of the Gentiles and the desire thereof, Thou cornerstone that makest both one, come and deliver mankind, whom Thou didst form out of clay.
- December 23rd: O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the desire of the nations and the Savior thereof, come to save us, O Lord our God.

Taken from https://fssp.com/o-come-o-come-emmanuel/

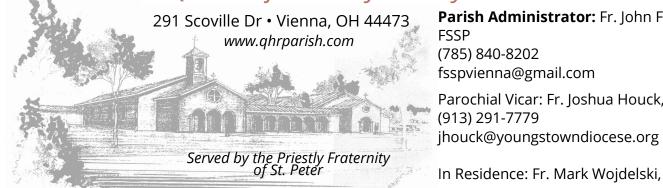
# Liturgical Calendar and Mass Intentions for the 7am Masses This Week

- Sunday, December 17, 8:00am, 11:00am, & 4:00pm: Third Sunday of Advent
- Intention: For Brian Bammel by Ed and Katherine Hoffman
- Monday, December 18, 7:00am: Greater Feria of Advent Intention: For John Henderson by the Palette Family
- ♦ Tuesday, December 19, 7:00am:Greater Feria of Advent Intention: For Elisa Schnur by Elisa Schnur
- ♦ Wednesday, December 20, 7:00am: Ember Wednesday of Advent Intention: Priest's Intention
- ♦ Thursday, December 21, 7:00am: St. Thomas, Apostle Intention: For John Henderson by the Palette Family
- ◆ Friday, December 22, 7:00am & 6:00pm: Ember Friday of Advent Intention: For Jeannette Joynes by Chuck and Mollie Baker
- ♦ Saturday, December 23, 9:00am: Ember Saturday of Advent Intention: For Marlene Curic † by Paula Kutlesa
- ♦ Sunday, December 24, 8:00am, 11:00am (NO AFTERNOON MASS): Vigil of Christmas

The 11am Mass each Sunday is offered for the parish.



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### Welcome visitors and new parishioners!

Registration cards are located at the church entrances. Return your card to the church office.

### **Holy Mass:**

Monday – Friday: 7:00am Saturday: 9:00am Sunday: 8:00am, 11:00am & 4:00pm

Fridays additionally: 6:00pm Most public holidays, Mass at 9:00am. See the bulletin. Additional Masses as Announced:

• First Fridays: 8:00am (as announced)

• Saturdays: 8:00am (as announced) Holy Days as Announced Please see the back of this bulletin for this week's Mass Schedule and *Intentions* 

### Confession:

Monday - Friday: 6:30am-6:50am Friday (additional): 5:30pm-5:50pm Saturday: 8:30am-8:50am and following Mass

Sunday: 7:15am-7:50am; 10:15am-10:50am & 3:30pm-3:50pm

#### Benediction of the Most **Blessed Sacrament:**

Fridays: 7:40 am First Fridays: 6:40 pm *During Lent: Stations of the Cross* First Saturdays: 9:40 am Benediction follows all Masses on the first Sunday of the month

#### Additional Devotions:

- Miraculous Medal Novena: Wednesdays following Mass
- Novena to the Divine Infant of Prague: Thursdays following Mass

Exposition, Litany of Loreto, Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary: First Saturdays following Mass

# **Blessing of Sacramentals:**

Following all Masses on the fourth Sunday of the month or by request

# Is someone you know sick or in need of the Sacraments?

Please call Fr. Fongemie to arrange a visit.

### Not a Catholic and interested in becoming one?

Please let Father know.

December 17, 2023 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

#### Christmas Mass Times:

On Sunday, Dec 24 (Vigil of Christmas) we will have Mass at 8:00am & 11:00am ONLY. There will be no afternoon Mass on Sunday, Dec 24. On Christmas, Monday, Dec 25, we will have Mass at Midnight, 8:00am & special time 10:00am.

#### Collections

Text GIVE to 330-886-4204 to make secure online payments. You may also use the QR code at the right or visit https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/qhrvienna.

Immaculate Conception, Dec 8: \$2,393 Offertory Dec 10: \$7,614.63

8:00 am: \$3,358.38 11:00 am: \$3,324 4:00 pm: \$739.25 Online: \$490

Thank you for your support!

**Building and Maintenance Dec: \$134** 



# Alma Redemptóris Mater

Alma Redemptóris Mater, quæ pérvia cæli Porta manes, et stella maris, succúrre cadénti, Súrgere qui curat pópulo: tu quæ genuísti, Natúra miránte, tuum sanctum Genitórem Virgo prius ac postérius, Gabriélis ab ore Sumens illud Ave, peccatórum miserére.

Loving Mother of the Redeemer, who remains the accessible Gateway of Heaven, and Star of the Sea, Give aid to a falling people that strives to rise; O Thou who begot thy holy Creator, while all nature marveled, Virgin before and after receiving that "Ave" from the mouth of Gabriel, have mercy on sinners.

#### **Announcements**

- Next Sunday, Dec 24 (Vigil of Christmas) we will have Mass at 8:00am & 11:00am ONLY. There will be no afternoon Mass. **On Christmas, Monday, Dec 25, we will have Mass at Midnight, 8:00am &** *special time* **10:00am.**
- Mass on Monday, January 1 will be at 9:00am. This is NOT a holy day of obligation this year.
- Join us for coffee and donuts after the morning Masses today! There will be no CCD or donut social on the next two Sundays (December 24 and December 31). We will resume both on Sunday, January 7.
- Christmas Flower Envelopes and Christmas Needy Envelopes are available at the church entrances. Thank you for your generosity! If you are a family in need, please contact the office or one of the priests.
- Saint Joseph's Men's Group meets for the purpose of building fellowship, prayer and service to our church and parishioners. Our next meeting will be Monday, January, 8 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.
- Legion of Mary meets on Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the 5-6 grade CCD classroom. For information about the Legion of Mary, please speak with Fr. Fongemie or call Mollie Baker at 330-647-1620
- If you have not already done so, please pick up your 2024 contribution envelopes. Boxes are in the corridor by the main entrance to the church.
- 2024 FSSP Calendars are available outside the parish office. The cost is \$10 each. If you are a volunteer, please take a calendar as a gift from Fr. Fongemie with his thanks for all of your help!
- Memorial Bricks: Honor your loved ones and support the church by purchasing a brick for our Holy Innocents Memorial Walk. Order forms are available outside the church office.
- Youth Group: If you are between 13 and 19 years old, join us on the third Friday of every month at the 6pm Mass followed by a talk by Fr. Houck, food, and games. For information, email Fr. Houck.
- The QHR Homeschool Social Group WILL NOT MEET IN JANUARY. The homeschool group meets on First Fridays in the hall after 8am Mass. For more information call Sara Perts at 614-706-3107.
- There will be no altar server practice on First Friday in January. Practice will resume in February.
- Epiphany Water: Bring a container filled with water to church on or after December 31. Label your container with your name! Please be sure the lid is off. Holy water bottles are available for purchase outside the parish office.

#### Prayer Intentions

Please pray for the sick, our deceased parishioners, and those who are not able to receive the sacraments.

Arthur Portzer †, Bill Rossi, Kathy Lutsek, Barb Sarko, Mike Vesco, Leonard Nethers, Eugenia Sanders, Daniel Corrado, Janice Reardon, Louise Glassburner, Paula Conti, and everyone on the church's prayer list.

If you are home-bound, please let Fr. Fongemie know how you are doing. If your absence is serious or prolonged, he will try to visit.

# Candles for this Week

These candles are available weekly for your intentions. The Sanctuary Lamp is \$10. Others are \$4 each

- Sanctuary: For Greg and Mary Hall and Family
- St. Pio: For seminarians in our diocese and the FSSP
- St. Francis: In gratitude for the birth of Our Lord
- **Blessed Mother:** Josephine Patterson and Virginia White
- Holy Innocents: Barbara Sarko

# Rejoice in the Lord always: again, I say, rejoice.

#### **Mass Propers**

*Introit:* Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Let your moderation be known to all men: for the Lord is near. Have no anxiety, but in everything, by prayer let your petitions be made known to God. You have favored, O Lord, Your land; You have restored the well-being of Jacob.



**Collect:** Lend Your ear to our prayers, O Lord, we beseech You; and brighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Your coming.

**Lesson:** (Phil 4:4-7) Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your moderation be known to all men. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety, but in every prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. And may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

*Gradual:* From Your throne, O Lord, upon the Cherubim, rouse Your power, and come. V. O Shepherd of Israel, hearken, O Guide of the flock of Joseph! Alleluia, alleluia. V. Rouse, O Lord, Your power, and come to save us. Alleluia.

Gospel: (John 1:19-28) At that time, the Jews sent to John from Jerusalem priests and Levites to ask him, Who are you? And he acknowledged and did not deny; and he acknowledged, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Are you Elias? And he said, I am not. Are you the Prophet? And he answered, No. They therefore said to him, Who are you? that we may give an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say of yourself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as said Isaias the prophet. And they who had been sent were from among the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said to him, Why, then, do you baptize, if you are not the Christ, nor Elias, nor the Prophet? John said to them in answer, I baptize with water; but in the midst of you there has stood One Whom you do not know. He it is Who is to come after me, Who has been set above me, the strap of Whose sandal I am not worthy to loose. These things took place at Bethany, beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

**Offertory:** You have favored, O Lord, Your land; You have restored the well-being of Jacob. You have forgiven the guilt of Your people.

**Secret:** We beseech You, O Lord, that the gift we dedicate to You, may be sacrificed continually, so that the sacramental rite You have ordained may be fully observed, and the work of Your salvation may be wonderfully effective within us.

**Communion:** Say to those who are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is our God, He comes to save us. **Post Communion:** We entreat You, merciful Lord, that these divine helps may cleanse us from our sins and prepare us for the coming festal season.

# Prayer to Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary

O Virgin Mary, grant that the recitation of thy Rosary may be for me each day, in the midst of my manifold duties, a bond of unity in my actions, a tribute of filial piety, a sweet refreshment, an encouragement to walk joyfully along the path of duty. Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary, that the study of thy fifteen mysteries may form in my soul, little by little, a luminous atmosphere, pure, strengthening, and fragrant, which may penetrate my understanding, my will, my heart, my memory, my imagination, my whole being. So shall I acquire the habit of praying while I work, without the aid of formal prayers, by interior acts of admiration and of supplication, or by aspirations of love. I ask this of thee, O Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, through Saint Dominic, thy son of predilection, the renowned preacher of thy mysteries, and the faithful imitator of thy virtues. Amen.

# Music for today's 11:00 am Mass

- Processional Hymn: Hark, A Herald Voice Is Calling, Blue Book, #5
- Kyrie and Gloria: Missa Orbis Factor, Sundays of Advent & Lent, XVII, Blue Book, P. 28 29
- Credo: Credo I, Blue Book, p 32-34
- Offertory: Veni, Veni, Emmanuel, Blue Book, #7
- Sanctus, Agnus Dei, and Ite Missa Est: Missa Orbis Factor, Sundays of Advent & Lent, XVII, Blue Book, P. 28 – 30
- Communion: Alma Redemptoris Mater, Blue Book, #142
- Recessional: Hark, A Herald Voice Is Calling, Blue #5