

Advent

at North American Martyrs Parish



Countdown to Christmas

The second part of Advent (December 17-24) is a **direct preparation for Christmas**, the yearly commemoration of Jesus' coming among us in human flesh



"O" Antiphons

In the week before Christmas, a series of antiphons are found for the Cantic of Mary (Magnificat) at evening prayer

These are the "O Antiphons", because each one of them begins with the interjection "O"

Each verse acclaims a title of the coming Lord and then invites him to act in accord with that title

These verses reflect the cry of the Church in the last days of Advent:

Come, Lord Jesus!



DECEMBER 17

O Wisdom

of our God Most High

DECEMBER 18

O Leader

of the House of Israel

DECEMBER 19

O Root of Jesse's stem

DECEMBER 20

O Key of David

DECEMBER 21

O Radiant Dawn

DECEMBER 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church

DECEMBER 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law

Mass Readings

Beginning on December 17, the **gospel readings** from Matthew and Luke recount the events that prepared for the Lord's birth, while the **first readings** present important messianic passages that relate to the gospel text

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Advent Confession Schedule

Saturday, December 14

11:00 am – Noon *2 priests* and 4:30 – 5:45 pm *2 priests*

Sunday, December 15

4 – 5:00 pm *4 priests*

Monday, December 16

After Christmas Program, 7:30 pm *2 priests*

Tuesday, December 17

After Christmas Program, 7:30 pm *2 priests*

Wednesday, December 18

7:30 – 8:30 pm *2 priests*

Thursday, December 19

7:30 – 8:30 pm *2 priests*

Saturday, December 21:

11:00 am – Noon *2 priests* and 4:30 – 5:45 pm *2 priests*

Sunday, December 22

4 – 5:00 pm *4 priests*

Monday, December 23

7:30 – 8:30 pm *2 priests*

Tuesday, December 24

11:00 am – Noon *2 priests*

The Nativity of the Lord Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm, 6:00 pm & Midnight Mass (traditional choir begins at 11:30 pm)

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25

8:00 am & 10:00 am