

A Parish Family of the Roman **Catholic Diocese of Charleston**

Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS Diocese of Charleston

Pastor

Fr. Christopher Smith, STD

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Richard Tomlinson, STD

Deacons

Nestor Acosta, Michael Cavin, Robert Smith, Gus Suárez, Mark Thompson & Michael Thompson

Our Mission

To share the fullness of the Gospel to all we encounter in our lives by equipping disciples to create and strengthen a personal relationship with Christ. By the grace of God, we are called to strive for personal holiness, participate fully in the vibrant life of the Church's Tradition and transform the world.



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Monday-Thursday 9a-4p *office closed 1-2p Friday 9a-12p

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Online Catalog & Hours: https://www.librarycat.org/lib/POPCCS

Are you new? Welcome!

We are grateful that you have come to our parish and hope that you will soon call this faith community your home! Contact Tracy Rozsa, Chair of the Welcome Committee, at trrozsa@yahoo.com to learn more.



Best Place of Worship

Letter from our Pastor

An Extraordinary Parish for Ordinary People

Dear Parishioners,

When everything in the world shut down from one day to the next at the beginning of the pandemic, people all of a sudden found themselves looking for spiritual care in places they never thought of before. At Prince of Peace, we were very quick to use modern means of communication to try to stay connected, and a number of people from outside of our community connected with us. Connie Butler was one of those people. This amazing woman of faith from California started to engage our social media presence in a positive, uplifting way. I got to meet her when I went on retreat at St Michael's Abbey during Bright Week of this year, and we had a tremendous time.

One of the most beautiful things about our Catholic faith is that there is nothing so small as the universal Church. Our shared communion in Christ makes even the longest distance as short as our hearts are one from another. That's why I always tell people, "Remember, we're only ever a tabernacle away from each other." As we gather to worship Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament, everything that is present to Him is present to us: our loved ones in heaven, purgatory, and on earth have a spiritual presence. The doctrine of the Communion of the Saints is a reminder of the invisible cloud of witnesses that are part and parcel of our earthly communion as well. When we appreciate that doctrinal reality, it urges us on to greater generosity with our time, talent and treasure.

Connie knew that and the relationship between her and our parish, like that between us and others as well, is a manifestation of a real commitment to real community. Even in virtual spaces! I was humbled and edified when Connie offered to donate to the parish an exquisite set of vestments specifically for the highest feasts of the Blessed Mother. This gift is a testament to her love of Jesus and Mary, and for her desire to make something beautiful for God by enhancing divine worship at Prince of Peace for generations to come. Prince of Peace as a spiritual family prizes the evangelizing power of beauty as a path to union with God. I am grateful to Connie for her extraordinary gift, and for being an extraordinary gift to us. It is a reminder that, "think global, act local" is a profoundly Catholic attitude.

I have always felt strongly that when people believe in something they give as their hearts are moved. And if God wants something, He will move their hearts to make it happen. Time and time again I have been overjoyed at how generous our people are to so many things that build up the Kingdom of God. Different people have different things that they are passionate about. The Adoration Chapel, the Great Nativity, St Vincent de Paul, the School's Annual Fund, the Bring Bursa Back campaign for Turkey: just think of how many amazing things have happened just in the past few years. All because you believe in what we do here, and are committed to make it happen. So often in prayer I have come to the Lord and said, "You know what would be awesome for Prince of Peace?" and it happens. Sometimes He's made me wait, and sometimes He's just said, No, or Not yet. And that is where we submit to His loving providence and the wisdom of His timing.

At Holy Mass today, I would like for you to remember Connie and all of those who have given to make the House of God truly beautiful. May their tribe increase, and may they receive the rich rewards of their love for heaven.

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Our Map—A Smoke, Vape & Tobacco Free Campus



- I Church
- 2 Christ the King Adoration Chapel
- 3 PAC (Parish Activity Center) & PAC Classroom
- 4 Guadalupe Hall
- 5 School & School Offices (Lourdes Hall)
- 6 & 7 Parish House, under the protection of Our Lady of Fatima
- 8 Blessed McGivney Community Center & Library
- 9 Pope Francis House
- 10 Walsingham Hall

Parking Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14

Parish Calendar

Fr Christopher Smith = FCS Fr	Fr Christopher Smith = FCS Fr Richard Tomlinson = FRT Ordinary Form =OF Extraordinary Form =EF					
sunday, 18 dec fourth sunday of advent (OF year A & EF) rorate sunday (EF)	monday, 19 dec advent weekday (OF) greater feria of advent (EF)	tuesday, 20 dec advent weekday (OF) greater feria of advent (EF)				
8a Mass Grayson Hastings Woods-L (FCS) 10a Mass Lee+ & Mary Jean-L Heap (FRT) with Blessing of the Bambinelli 12p EF Mass For the People of the Parish (FRT) with Blessing of the Bambinelli 7p Compline	7a Mass Fred Adams+(FRT) 7.40a Lauds 12p EF Mass Tracey Mershon-L (FRT)	7a Mass Chris Casey+(FRT) 7.40a Lauds 12p EF Mass Philip F Sullivan+(FCS) 5.30p Vespers				
no religious education Ip basketball pac	10.30a svdp pope francis house 6p basketball pac 6.30p legion of mary lourdes hall 6.45p young adults mcgivney hall	6p confession (advent only)				
wednesday, 21 dec st peter canisius (OF) st thomas (EF)	thursday, 22 dec advent weekday (OF) greater feria of advent (EF)	friday, 23 dec st john of kanty (OF) greater feria of advent (EF)				
8.30a Mass Fred Adams + (FCS) 12p EF Mass Catherine Mershon-L (FRT)	7a Mass Fred Adams + (FRT) 7.40a Lauds 12p EF Mass Christian Kopeck-L (FRT)	7a Mass Edward Rauch+(FCS) 7.40a Lauds 12p EF Mass Hartnett Family (FCS) 5.30p Vespers				
5p confession	6p confession (advent only) 6p basketball	6p basketball				
saturday, 24 dec vigil of the nativity of the Lord (OF & EF)	sunday, 25 dec the nativity of the Lord (OF year A & EF)	prayer requests All those serving our country, Gena Cunningham, Julie Mallory, Bridgitte Gunnells, Wrenn Calcutt,				
4p Mass Deceased Perone Family (FCS) 6p Mass Emil Gajoch+(FCS)	12a Mass Edward Rauch+(FRT) *music begins at 11.30p 10a Mass Thomas lx+(FRT)	Jim Bannister, Stephen Wiltberger, Lillie Nesbitt, Doris Pratt, Sarah Williams, Kenneth Price, Jack Andrejack, Deacon Bob Smith, Lois Smith, Christy Smith, Shannon Harkins, Gloria Dussich, Rose				
no confession Merry	Christmas!	Schillaci, Kristina Murphy, Laurie Taylor, Carl Jone Luigina Warga, Marlene C. Eugenia Kolinko, Susar Subrizi, Mary Jean Heap, Stella Boris, Rosemary Craig, Janine Moore, Jean Casey, Thomas Dorsey, Jennifer Gregory, Kathleen & Dan Mottl, Peter McPherson, Lola Hartman, Annmarie Egas, Tammy Lopez, Frank Cespedes, Joanne P, Mary Ann Egan Julia Chatignyblais, Connie Meiners, Juan & Laura Pachur, James & Elizabeth Nowlan, Betty Baker, Deborah Baker, Drew Butterfield, Andrew Frisari, Madelina Mello, Ed Matthews, Yanini Smith, Cathe rine Coleman, Diane Schaumberg, Helen DePuydt, Martha Catel, Kayla Whatley, Anna & Casey Cheva				

Please contact the Parish Office to request a name be added to the prayer list. We will leave names on the prayer list for two weeks, unless requested otherwise. lier, Jean Crittenden, Irene Ponce, Curtis Hagler,

and Jen Pfaffl

Christine Tallman, Louis Arellano, Therese Rickards,



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homebound ministry

If you are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact Deacon Mark Thompson at mark.thompson@princeofpeacetaylors.org

widows and widowers—"bounce"

Be comforted by those who have experienced the grief of the loss of a spouse on the first Saturday of the month at 10a in the Pope Francis House. Call Jean Casey at 864.423.7010 to learn more.

weekly children's holy hour

Every Thursday between 10-11a, all parents are invited to bring their children to the Adoration Chapel. In this hour, it is understood that there will be some noise in the Chapel. Contact Adrienne Haverland at jahaverland@gmail.com with questions.

help needed: ushers and greeters

Greeters and ushers are greatly needed across all Mass times! Contact Marco De Maria at 864.631.7713 or at mad4jen@msn.com!

mom's group meeting

Join a group of moms who meet the first Friday of each month between 9.30-11.30a in parish house for socializing. Questions? hokiegirl17@yahoo.com.

lay dominicans

Learn about the life and charism of Lay Dominicans and how they share in the apostolic mission of the Dominican Order through the Four Pillars: Prayer, Study, Community and Apostolic Preaching, by emailing Janice Carl, OP at janice.carl@gmail.com.

perpetual eucharistic adoration

"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us." Alphonsus Liguori

Please consider adopting an hour or become a substitute. Contact Lisa Buss at 864.508.7123 or adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org with questions!

- Adorers must receive the code from Lisa Buss.
- Hours in need of adorers (urgent*):
 Ip* Tuesdays; 3p Wednesdays; 12p Thursdays; 8a Fridays; 7a, 12p* and 2p Saturdays

baptism class

Parents desiring Baptism for their children must attend a Baptism Class. The next class will be held on Thursday, 12 January at 6.30p in the Walsingham Hall Art Room. Contact Deacon Gus to join at 864. 420.0497 or gus.suarez@princeofpeacetaylors.org

⇒ Baptisms cannot be scheduled until the class is completed. Only Deacon Acosta can schedule Baptisms.

news from st isidore angel garden

Pick vegetables and herbs from the St Isidore Community Garden to give to the hungry served by St Vincent de Paul on Mondays at 9.30a. Questions? Contact Katie Bein at katiemwilliams88@gmail.com

men's bible study

Deacon Michael Thompson leads a Men's Bible Study meeting Tuesdays at 7p studying the Book of Luke! Contact Deacon Thompson at 864.365.8178 to learn more.

resumes 3 January with Luke, Chapter 4

Prayerfully consider donating the following:



sanctuary candle \$20 donated by Mary Jean Heap in honor of Tammy Lopez & Family



flowers \$200



bread & wine \$20 in memory of Donald E Owen, Sr.,& Guelda Spirito



music \$300

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wedding coordinator needed

Please contact Maria Rauch if you're interested in serving as a wedding coordinator. Hours would include Fridays at 4p and Saturdays 11a-3p.

blessing of mothers on gaudete sunday

Congratulations to our expectant mothers and new foster mothers who received a



special blessing this past Gaudete Sunday!

latin mass community news

The Latin Mass community hosts a community-wide potluck the first Sunday of each month in Croghan Hall after the 12n EF Mass. Please bring a main dish to share. Set up and clean up help is necessary.

abortion healing

If you or someone you love has experienced an abortion, healing is available. Learn about anonymous support offered virtually or in person by calling Support After Abortion at 844.289.HOPE. Healing is offered to men and women.

new planning committee—parish picnic in 2023

Join the planning committee for the 7 May parish picnic with a 50s theme by contacting Maria Rauch.

thank you to the parish school

The parish school children raised \$175 and donated 219 items to the St Vincent de Paul Pantry through their recent TAG Day (teaching about giving)!

epiphany celebration 2023

Join us for a parish-wide potluck and crafts for children to celebrate Epiphany in the PAC on Saturday, 7 January after the 5p Mass. Activities for children provided. Bring a dish to share! RSVPs appreciated at this <u>link</u> or by emailing Maria Barontini.

fraternus & fidelis ministries

Fraternus & Fidelis are mentoring programs for 6th-I2th graders—fraternus is for boys & fidelis is for girls. Mentors form a brotherhood/sisterhood of virtue and invite the teens into it. Events are Tuesdays at 6.30p. Learn more:

- families of 6th-12th grade boys should contact Billy at <u>upstatefraternus@gmail.com</u>
 - registration for Fraternus Ranch 2023 is open! Cost is \$635 for 12-16 July at Ocoee Ridge Camp. Camp sells out quickly—do not miss out!
- families of 6th-12th grade ladies should contact Kelly at <u>upstatefidelis@gmail.com</u>

prayer shawl ministry

The prayer shawl ministry meets on the third Friday of the month at 10.30a. They crochet/knit shawls/lap robes which they donate to nursing homes, cancer and dialyses centers. They welcome more volunteers and donations of yarn is always welcome. For information call Paulette at 864.434.0278.

welcome committee

Interested in helping new folks feel at home at our parish? From emails to phone calls to welcoming events, there's a way to pitch in! Contact Tracy Rozsa at trozsa@yahoo.com to learn more about the Guild of St Benedict Welcome Committee.

welcome new parishioners

Join us in welcoming the following new parishioners: Beth Wright and Emilie Bracchitta

friends of st josemaria recollections

The purpose of a recollection is to help participants sanctify their ordinary life in and through their work, family, and recreational activities. In the spirit of Opus Dei, the next Recollections are:

Men: Friday, 20 January at 7p, reception after **Women:** Saturday, 21 January at 9a

automated external defibrillator (AED)

The Church has an automated external defibrillator (AED). It is located just outside the ladies restroom by the bookcase in the church.



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board of remembrance

Please collect your picture(s) on the Board of Remembrance from the parish office. They will remain in the parish office if not collected.

st vincent de paul needs

St Vincent de Paul has a collection box (wood) in the Narthex. Those they serve are in particular need of the following items (not expired):

- pork & beans
- dish or laundry detergent
- jelly
- white rice

triune mercy kitchen—feed the hungry

Make a **corporal work of mercy by feeding the hungry** of Triune Mercy Kitchen on the first Sunday monthly. Please <u>sign up here</u>. Contact John Olson with questions at <u>jamolson@gmail.com</u>.

compline

Compline (also known as Night Prayer,) is the final Church service (or Office) of the day in the Christian tradition of canonical hours. We will have Compline on Sundays during Advent at 7p through 18 December.

music at midnight mass 2022

At Midnight Mass this year, the St. Cecilia Choir will sing Jean Mignon's Missa Lætitia Sempiterna ("Eternal Joy Mass"). Mignon was a French composer of the middle Baroque period who led the music at Notre Dame de Paris from 1664 to 1694. This work has never been recorded, so the only way to hear it is live on Christmas! Below you can see the original score, printed in Paris in 1707 "with the privilege" of King Louis XIV.

donations—sanctuary lamp & bread and wine

If you would like to donate bread and wine, a sanctuary lamp, flowers, or sacred music, in honor or memory of someone, please pick up a donation envelope in the Narthex. Envelope can be dropped in the collection basket or returned to the Parish Office.

st clare's home—volunteer needs

St. Clare's Home is an upstate maternity home for expectant mothers who choose life and are in need of shelter, safety, and security. They are in need of more volunteers who support the mission! Please email stclaresvolunteer@charlestondiocese.org for the many ways you can get involved.

pop christmas ornament

For those that are new to the parish and have not gotten a Prince of Peace Christmas ornament, they are for sale in the church office for \$20.



confession schedule for advent

During Advent we welcome you to take advantage of additional available times for confessions:

Tuesdays at 6p (Advent only)

Wednesdays at 5p (normal)

Thursdays at 6p (Advent only)

Saturdays at 3.30p (normal)

There will be no confessions on 24, 28 or 31 December

receive candles

If your loved one had a candle on the St Joseph altar, family members are asked to pick up the candle from the Parish Office, no later than I January.

parish office closing

The office will close at noon on Wednesday, 21 December. We will open on Tuesday, 27 December.

advent week 4 prayer

All 4 candles are lit, and the prayer for the third week is said:

O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure souls. Amen.

O Lord, let your blessings come upon us as we light all the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

st rafka's monthly pasta dinner

St. Rafka's will not host a monthly dinner in January.

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season of giving

This holiday season we **thank everyone** who has supported Prince of Peace Catholic Church this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions, and look forward to support from all of our parishioners in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Contact Mark Pulley at 864-331-3907.

fr smith named chaplain

On Gaudete Sunday, Fr. Christopher Smith received news that he had been admitted as a Member of Real Circolo Francesco II di Borbone, and named the Chaplain for the US Delegation of Real Circolo, with the approval of the Prior of Real



Circolo, Dr. Don Fernando Maria Cornet, and the President of Real Circolo, Cav. Dr. Paolo Rivelli. The US Delegate of the Circolo, Cav. Dr. Anatole Upart brought this news upon the completion of the Sunday Mass. Mary Immaculate, Pray for us! St. George, Pray for us! Servant of God, Francesco II, Pray for us!

men's breakfast

All men of the parish and their friends are invited to join for breakfast and fellowship on Thursday, 5 January at 8a at Denny's on Wade Hampton Blvd. For more information, call Don Foertsch at 864.268.3810.

ladies lunch bunch

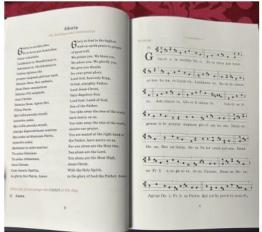
The Ladies Lunch Bunch will not meet in January.

women's group

The POP Women's Group meets on Wednesday nights in the school. This is a group for women of all ages and life stages to connect with one another and grow in faith. We are currently studying the Endow Groups' Catholic Social Teaching. It's never too late to join as the discussion is new every week. For more info on the study itself, and to order a copy of it, visit endowgroups.org. We'd love to have you come learn with us!

- For more information on our group at POP, visit our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/groups/EndowatPOPTaylors.
- The group will not meet on 21 or 28 December.

new missals for school children



At Prince of Peace, we take the liturgical formation of children very seriously. Every Wednesday at 8.30a the heart of the school week is a solemn celebration of Holy Mass. The

school children have beautiful new missals just for them so they can learn the Mass parts in English and in Latin. They also learn a great repertoire of classic English hymnody that they sing so well. We're super excited about this new books to help us participate even more fully in the Sacred Liturgy!

traveling holy family statue goes to nyc

Our traveling Holy Family statue quite literally went the distance with our Thompson Family. The statue, that resides week to week from family to family across our parish school, earned its wings going to New York City, including a visit to St Patrick's Cathedral! The



Thompsons said, "It was very nice to share with others what it was all about."

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Happenings & Needs

christmas & new year's mass schedule

Saturday, 24 December: Christmas Eve

4p Family Mass with the Children's Choir
6p Vigil Mass with the Youth Choir
12a Solemn Choral Mass (Missa Laetitia Sempiterna by Jean
Mignon (C.1640-1708)) with the St Cecilia Choir *music begins at 11.30p

Sunday, 25 December: Christmas Day 10a

Monday, 26 December: Feast of St Stephen 9a daily Mass

Tuesday, 27 December: Blessing of Wine 9a daily Mass

Wednesday, 28 December: Blessing of Children 9a daily Mass

> Thursday, 29 December 9a daily Mass

Friday, 30 December 9a daily Mass

Saturday, 31 December: New Years Eve 5p Sung Mass

Sunday, I January: New Years Day 8a Low Mass, 10a Sung Mass & 12p EF Low Mass

Monday, 2 January no Mass

Tues-Fri, 3-6 January 9a daily Mass

Thursday, 5 January

7p Blessing of Water and Chalk Lessons & Carols and Benediction

Friday, 6 January: Epiphany
7p Solemn High EF Mass

No confession on 24, 28 and 31 December

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parish offertory | november

Giving to the offertory is convenient and easy. Scan the QR code to connect to Tithely to make your gift. Options to give to special projects are available. Keep supporting your parish home when you are on vacation with this convenience!





	As of November 30, 2022					
Offertory	Actual		Budget		Surplus / (Deficit)	
Month	\$	132,661	\$	122,308	\$10,353	
Year-To-Date	\$	682,516	\$	672,692	\$9,824	

new number for our parish school

Our parish school has had issues with certain carriers getting calls through. We've updated our phone number to school to 864.971.4POP (4767)!

subscribe to pop emails

Did you know we send out emails, sometimes with time sensitive information not found elsewhere? You can even sign up for special interest groups like the school news, parish updates, and funeral notices. Be sure to white list our address so it doesn't get lost in your SPAM.

- Sign up here
- white list the domain @princeofpeacetaylors.org

annual pop art party save the date



Follow the yellow brick road to the annual **POP Art Party** celebrating its 20th annual event on 29 April at The Hyatt Regency. As befits an emerald anniversary, we're heading to the Emerald City with Dorothy, Scarecrow, the Cowardly Lion. Tin Woodman

and more! Please contact the parish school to add your name to the invitation list!

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 $Submit\ your\ announcements\ 2\ weeks\ prior\ to\ the\ desired\ bulletin\ date\ to\ bulletinsubmissions@princeofpeacetaylors.org$

Living Liturgically

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An ancient Christian tradition is to pray the *O Antiphons* during the Octave before Christmas. Sometimes called the Greater Antiphons, or the O's of Advent, these seven responses are sung or recited before and after the Canticle of Mary (the Magnificat) at evening prayer of the Divine Office (and before the Gospel at mass) from 17 December to 23 December. Each Antiphon highlights a name or title for the Messiah, and each one refers to a prophecy of Isaiah of the coming Messiah:



- 1. O Sapientia (O Wisdom): Isaiah 11:2-3; 28:29
- 2. **O Adonai** (O Lord): Isaiah 11:4-5; 33:22
- 3. O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse): Isaiah 1:1; 11:10
- 4. O Clavis David (O Key of David): Isaiah 9:6; 22:22
- 5. O Oriens (O Rising Sun): Isaiah 9:1
- 6. O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations): Isaiah 9:5; 2:4
- 7. O Emmanuel (God with us): Isaiah 7:14

Originally written in Latin, the Church has been singing the *O Antiphons* since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient Biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah. Each antiphon is addressed to God using a noble title, petitioning Him to come save His people. Each antiphon is also tied to Mary because she is the vessel through which the Savior will be born. The order of the antiphons climbs climatically through the history of Redemption: In the first, *O Sapientia*, we take a backward flight into the recesses of eternity to address Wisdom, the Word of God. In the second, *O Adonai*, we have leaped from eternity to the time of Moses and the Law of Moses (about 1400 B.C.). In the third, *O Radix Jesse*, we have come to the time when God was preparing the line of David (about 1100 B.C.). In the fourth, *O Clavis David*, we have come to the year 1000. In the fifth, *O Oriens* we see that the line of David is elevated so that the peoples may look on a rising star in the east, and hence in the sixth, *O Rex Gentium*, we know that He is king of all the world of man. This brings us to the evening before the vigil, and before coming to the town of Bethlehem, we salute Him with the last Great O, *O Emmanuel: God with us.* It is widely pointed out that if you take the first letter of each Latin name and reverse the order —

Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapientia – the Latin words **ERO CRAS** are formed, meaning, *Tomorrow, I will come*. Therefore, the Lord Jesus, whose coming we have prepared for in Advent and whom we have addressed in these seven Messianic titles, now speaks to us, *Tomorrow, I will come*. The O Antiphons not only bring intensity to our Advent preparation, but bring it to a joyful conclusion. We can bring these responses into our daily prayer time during the Octave before Christmas as simple reminders of the one whose coming we are joyfully anticipating.

Sometime before the 12th century, selected verses from the antiphons were compiled into the hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." It is believed to be among the oldest of all the Christmas hymns. Sing this hymn around your advent wreath each night of the O Antiphons as a beautiful way to draw hearts closer to Christ and to prepare for His coming at Christmas.

Visit the link below to print a beautiful **O Antiphons Prayer Companion** that includes all the antiphons, symbols, prayers, and food suggestions for each day of the Octave:

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