

SAINT PIUS X PRIORY  
SINGAPORE

WEEKLY BULLETIN  
& MASS SCHEDULE

17 DECEMBER 2017  
THIRD SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT

SUN 17 Dec	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent <i>1<sup>st</sup> Class, rose or violet</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass
MON 18 Dec	Feria <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Class, violet</i>	11.30 – Low Mass
TUE 19 Dec	Feria <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Class, violet</i>	11.30 – Low Mass 18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
 WED 20 Dec	Ember Wednesday <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Class, violet</i> <i>Fast &amp; Abstinence for SSPX members</i>	07.15 – Low Mass
THU 21 Dec	Saint Thomas Apostle, <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Class, red</i> Feria of Advent ( <i>Comm.</i> )	18.20 – Rosary & Benediction 19.00 – Low Mass
 FRI 22 Dec	Ember Friday <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Class, violet</i> <i>Fast &amp; Abstinence for SSPX members</i>	18.20 – Stations of the Cross 19.00 – Low Mass
 SAT 23 Dec	Ember Saturday <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Class, violet</i> <i>Fast &amp; Abstinence for SSPX members</i>	11.30 – Low Mass
SUN 24 Dec	Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord <i>1<sup>st</sup> Class, violet</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass 23.30 – Christmas Carols Followed by Midnight Mass

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Priests on duty.** Fr. Tyler NELSON, stationed in south India, will be in Singapore from December 15 to 19. You may receive his blessing of newly ordained priest.

**Donation for Orphans.** Thank you for your generous contribution to the Christmas gifts for the Indian orphans. The amount received was S\$1,137.50.

**Banns of marriage.** Mr. Ignatius Yeo and Miss Loke Yee Yun intend to get married on January 6, 2018. If you know any impediment to this wedding, contact Fr. Wailliez promptly.

**5 to 10 February 2018.** An Ignatian Retreat is being tentatively scheduled in Penang, Malaysia. Kindly contact Fr. Wailliez as soon as possible. **Cost: SGD84 for triple room, SGD107 for double sharing, SGD175 for single room.**

**Children's Catechism.** Catechism classes will resume on 6 January. **Sunday 21 January.** AGM of Friends of the International Priestly Society of St. Pius X after the 10am Mass. Please, make sure you are up-to-date with your membership fees.

Confessions: 30 min before Sunday Masses; on demand every day.

**Children's Catechism on Saturday:**

First Communion 14:00-14:45

Post First Communion 14:45-15:30

Older Group (13-18 years) 14:45-15:30

Mass Stipends:

One Mass: \$25

Novena: \$250

Gregorian Masses: \$1,000

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Donations to SSPX by cheque: make it payable to "Friends of the International Priestly Society of St. Pius X"



# THE “O ANTIPHONS” OF ADVENT



The **O Antiphons**, also known as **The great Os**, are Magnificat antiphons used at Vespers of the last seven days of Advent. They are referred to as the **O Antiphons** because the title of each one begins with the vocative particle "O".

The exact origin of the **O Antiphons** is not known. Boethius (c. 480-524) made a slight reference to them, thereby suggesting their presence at that time. At the Benedictine abbey of Fleury (now Saint-Benoit-sur-Loire), these antiphons were recited by the abbot and other abbey leaders in descending rank, and then a gift was given to each member of the community. By the eighth century, they are in use in the liturgical celebrations in Rome.

The importance of the **O Antiphons** is twofold: Each one highlights a title for the Messiah: *O Sapientia* (O Wisdom), *O Adonai* (O Lord), *O Radix Jesse* (O Root of Jesse), *O Clavis David* (O Key of David), *O Oriens* (O Rising Sun), *O Rex Gentium* (O King of the Nations), and *O Emmanuel*. Also, each one refers to a prophecy of Isaiah on the coming of the Messiah.

December 17: *O Sapientia* (O Wisdom). (See Isaiah 11:2-3 and 28:29).

*O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!*

December 18: *O Adonai* (O Lord) (See Isaiah 11:4-5 and 33:22).

*O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!*

December 19: *O Radix Jesse* (O Root of Jesse) (See Isaiah 11:1 and 11:10; see also Micah 5:1).

*O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!*

December 20: *O Clavis David* (O Key of David) (See Isaiah 22:22 and 9:6).

*O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!*

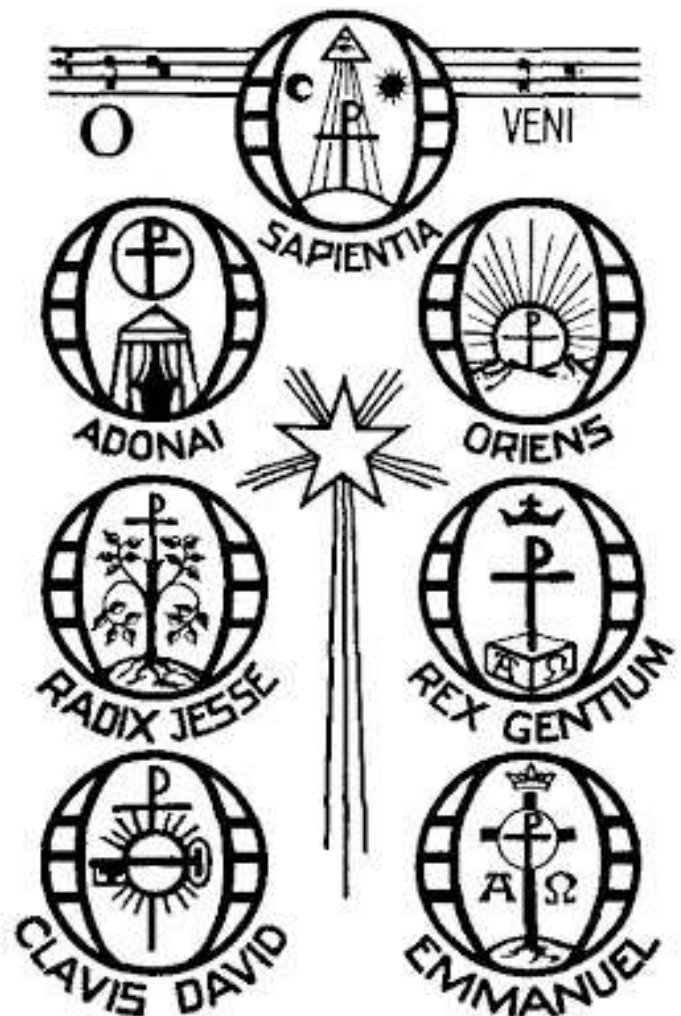
December 21: *O Oriens* (O Dayspring) (See Isaiah 9:1). *O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.*

December 22: *O Rex Gentium* (O King of the nations) (See Isaiah 9:5 and 2:4).

*O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!*

December 23: *O Emmanuel* (O With Us is God) (See Isaiah 7:14).

*O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!*



The Benedictine monks arranged these antiphons with a definite purpose. If one starts with the last title and takes the first letter of each one - Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapientia - the Latin words “ero cras” are formed, meaning: “I will be (here) tomorrow”

