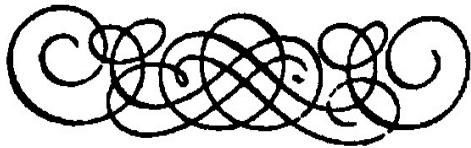


ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH



The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. 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.

December 17

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

December 18

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

December 20

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

December 21

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

December 23

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

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

Coming Soon! OUR NEW Directory!



It's time for a new parish pictorial directory. It won't be our directory without you! Look for more information to follow.



Once we get past the holidays, we'll begin setting appointments for photography. Dates for photography will be:

<i>Wednesday, Feb. 26</i>	<i>2pm—8:30pm</i>
<i>Thursday, Feb. 27</i>	<i>2pm—8:30pm</i>
<i>Friday, Feb. 28</i>	<i>3pm—8pm</i>
<i>Saturday, March 1</i>	<i>10am—3pm</i>

Every family who is photographed will receive a free 8x10 photo, as well as a copy of the completed Directory.

Volunteers will be needed to help set appointments after weekend Masses, as well as sign families for photography. Please contact Michelle Lindsey 419-704-1150; mmlinds@aol.com with any questions or if you would be willing to help.

Friday, December 27 - The Feast of St. John the Evangelist

Bring your Wine bottles to the church for a traditional *Blessing of Wine at 6:00pm!* Afterwards, all are invited to gather for a **reception in Padua Hall** with wine tasting and appetizers! *Please feel free to bring wine or an appetizer to share!*

Important Note: Despite what it will say in future bulletin publications that have already been submitted, there has been a change to the schedule and there will not be any Mass prior to the wine blessing this evening. The evening will still feature a 6:00pm Wine blessing followed by the reception. We are sorry for this alteration in schedule.

