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“It’s the Season...”

During this season of Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus, our Savior. We retell the story of that coming through prayer and celebrations. We hear the encouraging words of Isaiah and John the Baptist saying, one will come, who will be called “*Emmanuel*”, which means “*God-with-us*.” “*Prepare the way*” and “*make straight his path*.” We sing the song of invitation, “*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*.”

We remember the Advent saints, St. Nicholas (6); Immaculate Conception (8); Our Lady of Guadalupe (12); and St Lucy (13).

During the final days of Advent, we pray the Christmas novena “*O Antiphons*” and become involved in the ethnic and local tradition of “*Las Posadas*.” This will lead us all into the most beautiful time of the year Christmas.

During this time, we are reminded to focus on the real meaning of the season which is the birth of Jesus.

Let this time be a time for families to get together and let it be a time of laughter and love for all to share. I wish all of you a “*holy*” and “*blessed*” Christmas filled with God’s greatest gifts of *peace, joy* and *love*.

Sr. Cindy



Advent Morning Prayer

With the dawning day,
I rise to praise you, O Lord.
As I watch and wait for the coming
of your Son, our Savior,
help me to be a faithful servant
in these Advent days. Amen.

Advent Nighttime Prayer

On this Advent night,
Hear my prayer, O God.
Forgive me for my failings and
strengthen me to serve you
in the days to come. Amen.

Advent Household Table Prayer

Rejoice in the Lord!
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Fill this home, O Lord!
May this meal be a sign
of your love and care.
Rejoice in the Lord!

Fill this home, O Lord!
May your justice and peace
shine in your Church.
Rejoice in the Lord!

Fill this home, O Lord!
Let your generosity
end all selfishness and greed.
Bless this meal, bless all your
children.
Rejoice in the Lord!

Fill the world with joy, O Lord.
Let all the people rejoice in you.
Amen.

The “O Antiphons”: each one calls upon the Lord with a different title, a beautiful image of the Messiah, used by the prophets to describe the amazing promises of God.

December 17 O Wisdom
 December 18 O Lord
 December 19 O Flower of Jesse
 December 20 O Key of David
 December 21 O Dayspring
 December 22 O King of Nations
 December 23 O Emmanuel

O Wisdom

O come, O Wisdom from on high, Who orders all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O Lord

O come, O come, great Lord of might, Who to your tribes on Sinai's height, In ancient times once gave the law, In cloud, and majesty, and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O Flower of Jesse

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem, From every foe deliver them. That trust your mighty pow'r to save And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Feast of Guadalupe

The parish will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and will hold their annual Jamaica on Sunday, December 11th from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. We encourage all our parents to come by and spend a day filled with prayer, fun and fellowship.

“God of mercy, through the prayers of Our Lady of Guadalupe help us to place our trust in you, and with ever growing faith, to care for the poor and the needy in your name.” Amen.



Mass

We encourage our school families to attend Mass regularly. We will be letting you know when there will be a special Mass for the children. We invite you and your families to the following:

- Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe-Monday, December 12th - Mañanitas, Procession then Mass. (Presentation of the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe at all the Masses)
- Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. (Presentation of the Gospel Reading; the Birth of Christ) Check parish bulletin for times.

Our parish looks forward to these upcoming celebrations at Guadalupe. It is with joy and enthusiasm that we rejoice and praise the Lord as a family.

Reminder: For the 3rd grade parents that the children need to be attending the Liturgy and participating in order to receive First Holy Communion. Please be a witness of faith for your child. Thank you.

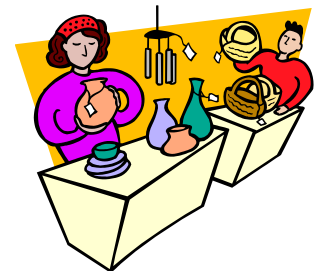
Parent Volunteers

We will be needing parents to volunteer for the day of the Jamaica. It is through the help of the Jamaica that allows us to keep our tuition costs low. We will need help in our school booth as well as the hamburger booth. Please be reminded of your commitment of service to the school. (Handbook pg 18 & 19) We ask for your help and support on this day. Please call the school office and leave your name with Mrs. Schelstrate. Thank you.



Jamaica Raffle Tickets

Please turn in any sold or unsold tickets to the school office by Friday, December 9th. You can drop off any tickets to the rectory office at any time. Also, we do have more tickets at the school office, if you need any. We thank those families who have already purchased and sold their tickets.



Tuition

Just a reminder that tuition is due the beginning of the month; please make sure your balance is up-to-date for 2011. Thank you.





O Key of David

*O come, O Key of David,
come, And open wide our
heav'nly home, Make safe
the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Isreal.*



O Dayspring

*O come, O Dayspring, from
on high And cheer us by your
drawing nigh; Disperse the
gloomy clouds of night, And
death's dark shadow put to
flight. Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to
you, O Isreal.*



O King of Nations

*O come, Desire of nations,
bind In the hearts of
humankind; Come bid our sad
divisions cease, And be for us
the King of Peace. Rejoice!
Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come
to you, O Isreal.*



O Emmanuel

*O come, O come,
Emmanuel, And ransom
captive Isreal, That mourns
in lonely exile here Until
the Son of God appear,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Isreal.*



Thank You

I would like to thank all our staff, students and parents who remembered and helped me to celebrate my birthday. Years are going by quickly. Thank you, to all those who sent words of wishes and gifts. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Penquin Patch Shoppe

The student council will be hosting a Christmas shopping spree. The students will view the items on Wednesday, November 30th and Thursday, December 1st. At this time they will be able to see the items and do a budget card for their purchases. They can then talk it over with the parents and bring their actual money on Friday, December 2nd. Items will be gift wrapped for them. Thank you for supporting our Student Council Fundraiser.



Chess Team

Congratulations to our OLG Chess Team members who attended their first chess tournament on November 6th. Oceano Rodriguez (Gr 2) won 6th place and Alex Guerra (Gr 4) placed 17th. Congratulations to all our players, it is certainly a learning experience. Our next tournament is Saturday, December 3rd. Good luck to all!



Student Council

The induction of officers and class representatives will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7th at the parish hall. Parents are invited to attend.

No School

Please note that there will be no school on Monday, December 12th. There will be a staff in-service day on this day. Thank you.



Christmas Show

We will be having our school Christmas Program on Thursday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The children will have to be here by 6:00 p.m. Our music teacher, Mrs. Sullivan will be coordinating the program for the evening. Mr. Garza will also have a presentation by the students who have been taking instrument lessons after school with him. We hope all parents and family members can attend.

Last Day of School

Friday, December 16th is our last day of school for this year. Dismissal will be at 11:30 a.m. School resumes on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012 for students.

No Uniform Day

Friday, December 16th, will be School Spirit Shirt Day.





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School Chorus

The school chorus has been invited to sing on Thursday, December 1st at 12:00 noon at the Mission Historical Museum. Mrs. Sullivan will be accompanying the students.

Also, the school chorus has also been invited to sing on Saturday, December 3rd at Veterans Memorial Park (down the street from OLG) for a Winter Texan’s Program. Parents are welcomed and invited to stay for the whole show. Please let the office know if your child will be attending. Mrs. Sullivan will be there.

WFC Fundraiser

Many are asking about our World’s Finest Chocolate Sale - Coming Soon! Sales begin in January.

OLG Window Decals

It is nice to see our school decal on the windows of our parents/faculty and friends vehicles. I have to say it looks very sharp. Please return any monies that are due by Christmas break. Thank you.

Cub Scout Popcorn

Thank you to all who helped the popcorn sale. We appreciate your support. We have some extra bags of popcorn at the office if you want more. It is very good and delicious. Please see Mrs. Schelstrate if interested.



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