

# ST. PETER'S RAMBLER

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

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## SUNDAY HYMNS

### **Our Lady of Walsingham Cathedral**

*Deliver Us, O Lord our God*

Adrian Batten (1591-1637)

*How Beautiful Upon the Mountains* (1880)

John Stainer (1840-1901)

*The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*

John Brownlie (1857-1925)

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* (C. Coffin)

John Chandler (1806-1876)

### **St. John the Baptist, Bridgeport**

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

*Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding* (5th C.)

Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

### **St. Mary the Virgin, Arlington**

*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* (1671)

Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* (C. Coffin)

John Chandler (1806-1876)

*E'en So, Lord Jesus, Come* (1953)

Paul O. Manz (1919-2009)

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

Frans Michael Franzén (1772-1847)

### **St. Thomas More, Scranton**

*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* (1671)

Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

*Hark! A Herald Voice is Calling* (6th C.)

E. Caswall (1857-1925)

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

*How Bright Appears the Morning Star* (P. Nicolai)

William Mercer (1811-1873)

### **St. Thomas More, Toronto**

*On Jordan's Bank* (C. Coffin) (Litany)

John Chandler (1806-1876)

*Ye Servants of the Lord* (1755) (Advent Prose)

Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

### **St. Alban's, Rochester**

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* (C. Coffin)

John Chandler (1806-1876)

*Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending* (1758)

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

This week marks the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which, for the American half of the POCSP, is our Nation's Patronal Feast. In celebration, we've included Dr. Clinton Brand's liturgical notes on the Feast, and its close ties to English ecclesiastical history. In addition, we've included notes on St. John the Baptist's E-Day held last month, and more. Happy Sunday, and Happy Solemnity! Please note also that the OOLW's *Bulletin on Divine Worship's* [second issue](#) has been released.

The Newsletter will, throughout the month of December, be shorter in length, due to the constraints of the editor. Nevertheless, it will still come out weekly. If you are interested in helping, please reach out!

Would you consider writing a Parish Profile? Would your priest consider allowing us to transcribe a homily excerpt? Is there a ministry, good work, or event you'd like others to know about? Would you be interested in excerpting passages from English Protestant literature? Email [ordinariatnewsletter@outlook.com](mailto:ordinariatnewsletter@outlook.com) to tell us more. Thank you to all the contributors this week.

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## E-DAY AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



In 2018, Edel Lukens and her husband, a convert, found a new spiritual home in the Bridgeport area at St. John the Baptist. After requesting that Fr. Ousley allow their local Legion of Mary Praesidium, based in Norristown, to run a Patricians group at the parish, he enthusiastically agreed, serving as its spiritual director (a monthly discussion group meant to get Catholics comfortable talking about their faith). Interested by their Evangelization Day, or "E-day" ministry, he asked that the Patricians group organize one in the area surrounding St. John the Baptist, which is at the center of a historically Catholic region beset with difficult closures of ethnic parishes (St. John the Baptist itself occupies the building of the one-time Italian Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish). Many Catholics, put off by the closure of their childhood parishes, had stayed away from the consolidated parish, or simply grown more lax in attending. This ministry would help reach out to them, as well as to non-Catholics in the community.

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## St. John Baptist's Day

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers. Malachi iv. 5, 6.

Twice in her season of decay  
The fallen Church hath felt Elijah's eye  
Dart from the wild its piercing ray:  
Not keener burns, in the chill morning sky,  
The herald star,  
Whose torch afar  
Shadows and boding night-birds fly.

Methinks we need him once again,  
That favoured seer—but where shall he be  
found?

By Cherith's side we seek in vain,  
In vain on Carmel's green and lonely  
mound:

Angels no more  
From Sinai soar,  
On his celestial errands bound.

But wafted to her glorious place  
By harmless fire, among the ethereal  
thrones,  
His spirit with a dear embrace  
Thee the loved harbinger of Jesus owns,  
Well-pleased to view  
Her likeness true,  
And trace, in thine, her own deep tones.

### Holy Sonnet XV

*Wilt thou love God as he thee? Then digest,  
My soul, this wholesome meditation,  
How God the Spirit, by angels waited on  
In heaven, doth make His temple in thy breast.  
The Father having begot a Son most blest,  
And still begetting—for he ne'er begun—  
Hath deign'd to choose thee by adoption,  
Co-heir to His glory, and Sabbath' endless rest.  
And as a robb'd man, which by search doth find  
His stolen stuff sold, must lose or buy it again,  
The Sun of glory came down, and was slain,  
Us whom He had made, and Satan stole, to unbind.  
'Twas much, that man was made like God before,  
But, that God should be made like man, much more.*

-John Donne (1572-1631) was a poet, writer,  
and Anglican priest.

Deathless himself, he joys with thee  
To commune how a faithful martyr dies,  
And in the blest could envy be,  
He would behold thy wounds with envious  
eyes,

Star of our morn,  
Who yet unborn  
Didst guide our hope, where Christ  
should rise.

Now resting from your jealous care  
For sinners, such as Eden cannot know,  
Ye pour for us your mingled prayer,  
No anxious fear to damp Affection's glow,  
Love draws a cloud  
From you to shroud  
Rebellion's mystery here below.

And since we see, and not afar,  
The twilight of the great and dreadful day,  
Why linger, till Elijah's car  
Stoop from the clouds? Why sheep  
ye? Rise and pray,  
Ye heralds sealed  
In camp or field  
Your Saviour's banner to display.

Where is the lore the Baptist taught,  
The soul unswerving and the fearless  
tongue?  
The much-enduring wisdom, sought  
By lonely prayer the haunted rocks among?  
Who counts it gain  
His light should wane,  
So the whole world to Jesus throng?

Thou Spirit, who the Church didst lend  
Her eagle wings, to shelter in the wild,  
We pray Thee, ere the Judge descend,  
With flames like these, all bright and  
undefiled,

Her watch-fires light,  
To guide aright  
Our weary souls by earth beguiled.

So glorious let thy Pastors shine,  
That by their speaking lives the world may  
learn

First filial duty, then divine,  
That sons to parents, all to Thee may turn;  
And ready prove  
In fires of love,  
At sight of Thee, for aye to burn.

## The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow

*The Lord will come and not be slow,  
his footsteps cannot err;  
before him righteousness shall go,  
his royal harbinger.*

*Truth from the earth, like to a flower,  
shall bud and blossom then;  
and justice, from her heavenly bower,  
look down on mortal men.*

*Surely to such as do him fear  
salvation is at hand!  
And glory shall ere long appear  
to dwell within our land.*

*Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,  
this wicked earth redress;  
for thou art he who shalt by right  
the nations all possess.*

*The nations all whom thou hast made  
shall come, and all shall frame  
to bow them low before thee, Lord,  
and glorify thy Name.*

*For great thou art, and wonders great  
by thy strong hand are done:  
thou in thy everlasting seat  
remainest God alone.*

-John Milton (1608-1674) is most  
known for his *Paradise Lost*.

-John Keble (1792-1866) was an Anglican  
priest, poet, and father of the Oxford movement,  
most known for his Church Year.



For some time, the Philadelphia Senatus of the Legion of Mary has held “e-days”, or evangelization days, where they organize teams to go knocking on doors in the community surrounding a parish. This practice has even spread to surrounding states.

What is the schedule of an E-Day? Things begin with the daily Legion prayers, a rosary, and confession, followed by Mass and breakfast. The spiritual director then leads the recruited volunteers in training for the day, going over how to deal with different situations, and how to best reach others: spend most of the time listening, “let Jesus do the heavy lifting”. Then divided into 2 person veteran-newbie teams, they go out on an organized route, knocking door by door, offering rosaries, miraculous medals, and prayer cards, offering to talk and pray with those they met. They filled out a card after each meeting, describing anything that had come up. A small group of volunteers remain behind at the parish to pray for the success of the ministry that day. Once the teams are done, they meet and each report on the success they found on their routes. The spiritual director takes care of any requested follow-up meetings, and the Praesidium takes care of finishing any parts of the route that the larger volunteer group was unable to do.

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#### AROUND THE ORDINARIATE

- *OLW Cathedral, Houston TX*— Sun. Dec. 6 Adult Forum, Sr. Maria Guadalupe OP “St R. Southwell: Eng. Jesuit, Poet, and Martyr”
- *OLW Cathedral, Houston TX*— Dec. 12 5:30-6:30 PM, 13 9-6 PM, Advent Market (fundraiser for Holy House Academy)
- *OLW Cathedral, Houston TX*— Sun. Dec. 13 Adult Forum, Dr. June Mabry “The Dawn of Christianity in the British Isles”
- *OLW Cathedral, Houston TX*— Sun. Dec. 13 4 PM, *Festival of Lessons and Carols*
- *OLW Cathedral, Houston TX*— Tuesdays 1-6 PM, Adoration in the Cathedral, with Benediction at 6 PM
- *St. Mary the Virgin, Arlington TX*— The Boxes of Joy Advent fundraiser was a success, raising 106 boxes, surpassing the 100 goal
- *St. Mary the Virgin, Arlington TX*— Catholic Charities is collecting non-perishable side dishes for Christmas, collected at the parish
- *St. Mary the Virgin, Arlington TX*— Free Maginificat Advent Companions are provided in the Narthex, one per family
- *St. Mary the Virgin, Arlington TX*— The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Country Store follows Mass on Dec. 6th
- *St. Alban, Rochester NY*— *Cor ad Cor* Study continues, Wednesdays at 7 PM (on St. JH Newman’s Advent Sermons)
- *St. Alban, Rochester NY*— Sun. Dec. 6th Evensong and Benediction at 7 PM
- *St. Alban, Rochester NY*—Dec. 19th, Lessons and Carols at 7 PM at St. Cecilia’s
- *St. Alban, Rochester NY*—Bethany House collection in back of church for non-perishable food items and women’s toiletries
- *St. John the Baptist, Bridgeport PA*— Wednesdays at 11:05 on Zoom, Adult Bible Study (currently on Luke)
- *St. John the Baptist, Bridgeport PA*— Saturday, Dec. 5th Fr. Scharbach will visit for the annual Advent Quiet Day (9 AM Mass, breakfast, silence with addresses and confession, ending with 2 PM benediction)
- *St. John the Baptist, Bridgeport PA*— A Thursday night catechesis on Anglican/Catholic differences is in development
- *St. John the Baptist, Bridgeport PA*— Evening prayer continues on Zoom, 5PM every day but Saturday
- *Incarnation, Orlando FL*— The Flower Guild, responsible for coordinated decoration of the Church, needs volunteers
- *Incarnation, Orlando FL*— Knights of Col. hosted Men’s Morning Holy Hour with Adoration & Confession
- *Incarnation, Orlando FL*— Knights of Columbus are collecting pre-orders for “Keep Christ in Christmas” magnets and cards
- *Incarnation, Orlando FL*— Christmas Potluck immediately follows the 10:15 AM Mass, Sunday Dec. 6; RSVP by Nov. 29th
- *OLSJ, Louisville KY*— 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, “God and Geek” study continues
- *OLSJ, Louisville KY*— The Monday Bible Study continues on Zoom
- *Corpus Christi, Charleston*— Dec. 13th, for Gaudete Sunday (Bambinelli Sunday) Christ child figures will be blessed at end of Mass
- *St. Barnabas, Omaha*— Fridays 5-6 PM the Blessed Sacrament is currently exposed for adoration on a trial basis
- *St. Barnabas, Omaha*— Advent ministry: Christmas gifts were collected for children on Lakota reservation
- *St. Thomas More, Bridgeport ON*— Fri. 18 8 PM, Lessons and Carols will be held with Benediction, streamed on Zoom
- *St. Thomas More, Scranton PA*— Every first Saturday will be verger training, covering both its liturgical and defensive role
- *St. Thomas More, Scranton PA*— Dec. 9 1-4 PM pick-up of the orders from the Fruit Sales fundraiser for Maria Kaupas Academy
- *St. Thomas More, Scranton PA*— Dec. 12, Advent retreat for the Maria Kaupas Academy, beginning with 8 AM Mass
- *St. Thomas More, Scranton PA*— Dec. 20 10 AM, Christmas Pageant
- *St. John the Evangelist, Calgary AL*— has acquired a relic of Bl. Dominic Barberi, exposed at the St. John Henry Newman Chapel
- *Minnesota Members of the Ordinariate*— Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, Mass of St. Mary’s at 9 AM, Confession at 8:30, Walsingham devotions following
- *St. Benedict, Edmunton AB*— Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 4 PM a Christmas Mass will be celebrated, hosted by Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Church (cancellation is possible, if Government regulations change)
- *St. Benedict, Edmunton AB*— Held two talks for the Catholic Women’s League on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>



**Sunday, December 6**

Morning

Diocese of Aguascalientes, México  
Chaldean Catholic Archeparchy of Ahwaz, Iran  
Diocese of Keta-Akatsi, Ghana  
Diocese of Tarazona, Spain  
Diocese of Warszawa-Praga, Poland

**Monday, December 07**

Archdiocese of Catania, Italy  
Diocese of Down and Connor, Ireland  
Archdiocese of Los Altos, Quetzaltenango-Totonicapán, Guatemala  
Territorial Prelature of Trondheim, Norway

**Tuesday, December 08**

Diocese of Jérémie, Haïti  
Diocese of Osorno, Chile  
Ordinariate of the Faithful of the Eastern Rites in Poland  
Diocese of Sant Feliu de Llobregat, Spain  
Diocese of São José dos Campos, Sao Paulo, Brazil

**Wednesday, December 09**

Diocese of Koper, Slovenia  
Diocese of Lancaster, England  
Diocese of Menevia, Wales  
Diocese of Odienné, Côte d'Ivoire  
Diocese of Sambalpur, India

**Thursday, December 10**

Archdiocese of Bouaké, Côte d'Ivoire  
Diocese of Bragança do Pará, Brazil  
Diocese of Luoyang, China  
Diocese of Machakos, Kenya  
Diocese of Rio Branco, Acre, Brazil

**Friday, December 11**

Apostolic Vicariate of Archipelago of the Comores  
Diocese of Bambari, Central African Republic  
Military Ordinariate of the Philippines  
Diocese of Superior, Wisconsin, USA  
Archdiocese of Vilnius, Lithuania

**Saturday, December 12**

Diocese of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA  
Apostolic Prefecture of Hainan, China  
Diocese of Manono, Democratic Republic of the Congo  
Diocese of Mogi das Cruzes, Sao Paulo, Brazil  
Diocese of Socorro y San Gil, Colombia

Evening

Archdiocese of Cascavel, Parana, Brazil  
Archdiocese of Huancayo, Peru  
Diocese of Ipameri, Goias, Brazil  
Diocese of Lugano, Switzerland

Diocese of Corpus Christi, Texas, USA  
Diocese of Kandi, Benin  
Diocese of Osnabrück, Germany  
Diocese of Tura, India

Diocese of Caraguatatuba, Sao Paulo, Brazil  
Diocese of Matagalpa, Nicaragua  
Archdiocese of Pelotas, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil  
Diocese of Quimper and Léon, France

Diocese of Duluth, Minnesota, USA  
Diocese of Ihosy, Madagascar  
Diocese of Segovia, Spain  
Diocese of Tulcán, Ecuador

Armenian Catholic Eparchy of Alexandria, Egypt  
Diocese of Posadas, Argentina  
Diocese of Regensburg, Germany  
Archdiocese of Santiago de Compostela, Spain

Diocese of Aba, Nigeria  
Diocese of Hưng Hóa, Viet Nam  
Archdiocese of Raipur, India  
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia, USA

Diocese of Darwin, Australia  
Apostolic Vicariate of Jolo, Philippines  
Archdiocese of San Francisco, California, USA  
Archdiocese of Suva, Fiji

## Homily Excerpt

On June 1st, 2019, the Saturday after Ascension, 55 volunteers from both Legion members and recruited St. John the Baptist parishioners gathered at the parish. For many Legionaries, this was their first exposure to the Ordinariate Use. Fr. Ousley explained the role the parish could play in reaching out to both non-Catholics and disaffected Catholics. An Ordinariate parish offers the fullness of faith in a setting more familiar to Protestants, and can help them fill the need for what the Church can provide: authority, stability, and the sacraments. The community had also, in the process of converting, lost its own building, and could relate to the difficulties of a shattered community that many local Catholics felt.

They hiked up and down hilly streets—one volunteer joked it should be rebranded a “fitness E-day”—and met former parishioners, a devout Coptic Christian, an elderly couple requesting the sacraments, the father of a Protestant minister, interested in Catholicism, even a bartender interested in providing pamphlets with Mass times at her bar. In total, they knocked on 879 doors, talked with 336 people, gave out 46 miraculous medals and 57 rosaries, recruited 6 auxiliary members, and had 48 people request follow-up visits, which Fr. Ousley took care of with Matthew Hummel, then an ordinand, now priest of the Ordinariate. The next day, a number of those reached out to even showed up at Mass! Parishioners who had volunteered also reached out to others in the parish to volunteer at subsequent E-days.

[Part II next week]



LESSONS FOR THE WEEK (2019-2020 ORDO) (purchase [here](#))

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Violet)

Dec. 6: MP Pss: 148-150 Lessons: Is 5:1-16 ♦ Mt 24:29-end *Te Deum*  
(Sun.) EP 2 114-115 Is 5:18-end ♦ 2 Tm 3:14-4:8

DWM 158 Creed, Lec 5

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church *Memorial* (White)

Dec. 7: MP Pss: 25 Lessons: Is 17 ♦ Mk 4:21-end  
(Mon.) EP 1 Pss: 110, 113, 122 Lessons: Sir 24:17-22 ♦ Rom 8:28-30

D 895, L 181/688

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY *Solemnity* HDO (White)

Dec. 8: MP Pss: 63, 100 Lessons: Is 61:10-62:5 ♦ 1 Cor 1:26-30 *Te Deum*  
(Tues.) EP 2 45, 93 Zep 3:14-17 ♦ Rv 11:19, 12:1-6, 10

D 896 Gloria Creed, L 689

Advent Feria [St. Juan Diego *Cuaubtlatoatzin*] (Violet/White)

Dec. 9: MP Pss: 38 Lessons: Is 21:1-12 ♦ Mk 5:21-end  
(Wed.) EP 119:IV-VI Is 22:1-14 ♦ Rv 14

D 158, L 183; D 897

Advent Feria (Violet)

Dec. 10: MP Pss: 37:I Lessons: Is 24 ♦ Mk 6:1-13  
(Thurs.) EP 37:II Is 28:1-13 ♦ Rv 15

D 158, L 184

Advent Feria [St. Damasus I, Pope] (Violet/White)

Dec. 11: MP Pss: 31 Lessons: Is 28:14-end ♦ Mk 6:14-29  
(Fri.) EP 35 Is 29:1-14 ♦ Rv 16

D 158, L 185; D 898, L 690

Our Lady of Guadalupe *Feast* (White)

Dec. 12: MP Pss: 24, 46 Lessons: Gn 12:1-7 ♦ Lk 11:27-28 *Te Deum*  
(Sat.) EP 1 Pss: 42-43 Lessons: Is 30:1-18 ♦ Rv 17

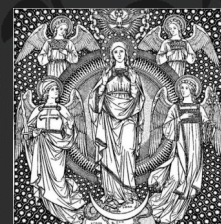
D 899 Gloria, L 690A

## Mary Immaculate, Our Advent Beacon

Devotion to the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady is one of England's greatest gifts to the Universal Church. Though the feast was first observed in the East by the sixth century, the pious commemoration of Mary's spotless conception took root in Anglo-Saxon England and spread thence throughout Europe.

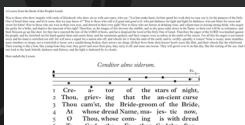
As early as 1067, in the country known as "Mary's Dowry," December 8 was set aside to celebrate the Immaculate Conception, and St. Anselm commanded the day to be celebrated with festive solemnity in all of England. Norman bishops tried to ban the feast on the grounds that it was not observed in Rome, but the English hung onto to their devotion. Throughout the Middle Ages, the doctrine that the Blessed Virgin had been spared the taint of the original sin was hotly disputed, even as several great Oxford theologians, including Robert Grosseteste, William of Ware, and Duns Scotus defended and elaborated the teaching with precision and subtlety. Only in the sixteenth century did Pope St. Pius V add the Feast of the Immaculate Conception to the General Roman Calendar, and it was not until 1854 that Pope Pius IX confirmed this article of faith as an infallible dogma of the Church. Seven years earlier, the same Pope declared Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception the special patroness of the United States of America, and ever since in this country her solemnity has been gratefully observed as a Holy Day of Obligation.

The liturgical celebration of the Immaculate Conception finds its date on December 8 for the simple reason that this day falls exactly nine months before the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin on September 8 (just as Christmas comes nine months after the Annunciation). Coincidentally, then, but ever so appropriately the Immaculate Conception arrives early in the season of Advent and reminds us that Our Lady is indeed "the Source and Cause of our Anticipation." As we prepare for Christmas, it is meet that we approach the mystery of the Incarnation through the self-surrender of Mary's fiat, that we seek to imitate her example, and that we beg her prayers in heaven. Thus may we draw nearer to the heart of God which took flesh from Mary's unblemished body even as we commune with Christ's own Sacred Body in the Holy Eucharist. As Pope Benedict XVI put it, "On the path of Advent shines the star of Mary Immaculate, a sign of certain hope and comfort."



## Update to prayer.covert.org

Starting yesterday evening, prayer.covert.org now includes the Office Hymns taken from *Divine Worship: Daily Office*. The first hymns to be added are *Conditor Alme Siderum* and *Verbum Supernum Prodiens*, which will only appear on Sundays. As the year goes on, new hymns will be added. Caleb Kortokrax, a parishioner at Mount Calvary in Baltimore, helped with type-setting.



## Podcast with Fr. Bradley

Fr. James Bradley was interviewed on Episode 3.04 of *Square Notes: Sacred Music Podcast* on Music in the Ordinariate.



He gives a helpful introduction to the history of Anglican music and hymnody, and the role the choral tradition can play in the Ordinariate (especially topical given the forthcoming Office books).