

ST. PETER'S RAMBLER

4th Sunday in Advent

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SUNDAY HYMNS

Our Lady of Walsingham Cathedral

Virgin-born, We Bow Before Thee

Charles Waters (1895-1975)

Creator of the Stars of Night

Frans Michael Franzén (1772-1847)

Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending (1758)

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

St. Barnabas, Omaha

Creator of the Stars of Night

Frans Michael Franzén (1772-1847)

The Lord Whom Earth and Sea and Sky

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night (1825)

John Bowring (1792-1872)

St. Mary the Virgin, Arlington

Lo' How a Rose is Growing

Gracia Grindal (1943-Present)

Redeemer of the Nations, Come (4th C.)

Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

S. Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

Tell Out, My Soul; The Living Christ (1962)

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-Present)

Nova, Nova, Ave Fit ex Eva

Traditional (15th-17th C.)

St. Thomas More, Toronto

Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending (1758)

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Hail, O Star that Pointest (6th C.)

Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

St. Alban's, Rochester

Praise We The Lord This Day (1846)

Anonymous

Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending (1758)

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Almost Christmas

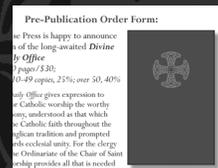
Today, the final Sunday of Advent, prepares us for Christmas approaching on Friday. We've included a profile of St. Barnabas' Advent charity, good news from St. Aelred's and St. Luke's, more news on the Divine Office, and more. Happy Sunday!

The Newsletter will, throughout the month of December, be shorter in length, due to the constraints of the editor, but will remain weekly.

Would you consider writing a Parish Profile? Is there a ministry, good work, or event you'd like others to know about? Would you help excerpt passages? Email ordinariatenewsletter@outlook.com to tell us more. Thank you to all the contributors this week.

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ANOTHER DAILY OFFICE UPDATE



And, very likely, not the last. The first sets of pre-orders were shipped in the last week, including the orders of St. Mary the Virgin's, St. Aelred's, and St. Alban's. St. Alban's will be organizing a variety of events to orient parishioners to the book, in-person and on Zoom—they will likely not be the only one, especially as the clergy assembly covered *singing* from the book as well.

There was wide-spread (but mostly charitable) criticism of the POCSP's office roll-out, centering on the very limited first printing and the quality of the printing. As of a week ago, a second printing had already been ordered, and there was some talk of a third. While this doesn't make up for the avoidable confusion this month, it does not seem that those who want a copy will not be able to eventually get one. The printing itself is glued binding, and many have expressed concern that the books won't hold up to twice-daily use. This decision seems to prioritize accessibility over durability. Whether this was a good bet will become clear over the next few years. It may be, however, that when a later, more useable printing is released, more people will be praying the office than would if initial orders had cost \$60.

Catholic Truth Society has prudently chosen, blessedly, to register initial interest for all its Ordinariate books, including the forthcoming Daily Office: "Commonwealth" edition, which will be coming out sometime early next year. Many POCSP members have expressed interest in having a copy. Make sure to head over to the CTS website and let them know. Remember also to [register your interest](#) with Newman House Press. Despite some unnecessary difficulties, this remains overall a good situation: the Office is finally here, and its main problem is too much interest.

Official Office: prayer.covert.org

Have a submission or an announcement? Want to help? Contact ordinariatenewsletter@outlook.com.

Enjoyed the paper? Please donate \$2 or more to the Diocesan seminarian fund, at <https://ordinariate.net/give-to-sff>.

Feel free to print out and distribute copies.

On the Morning of Christ's Nativity

John Milton (1608-1674)

This is the month, and this the happy morn,
Wherein the Son of Heav'n's eternal King,
Of wedded Maid, and Virgin Mother born,
Our great redemption from above did bring;
For so the holy sages once did sing,
That he our deadly forfeit should release,
And with his Father work us a perpetual peace.
That glorious Form, that Light unsufferable,
And that far-beaming blaze of Majesty,
Wherewith he wont at Heav'n's high council-table,
To sit the midst of Trinal Unity,
He laid aside, and here with us to be,
Forsook the courts of everlasting day,
And chose with us a darksome house of mortal clay.
Say Heav'nly Muse, shall not thy sacred vein
Afford a present to the Infant God?
Hast thou no verse, no hymn, or solemn strain,
To welcome him to this his new abode,
Now while the heav'n, by the Sun's team untrod,
Hath took no print of the approaching light,
And all the spangled host keep watch in squadrons bright?
See how from far upon the eastern road
The star-led wizards haste with odours sweet:
O run, prevent them with thy humble ode,
And lay it lowly at his blessed feet;
Have thou the honour first thy Lord to greet,
And join thy voice unto the angel quire,
From out his secret altar touch'd with hallow'd fire.
It was the winter wild,
While the Heav'n-born child,
All meanly wrapt in the rude manger lies;
Nature in awe to him
Had doff'd her gaudy trim,
With her great Master so to sympathize:
It was no season then for her
To wanton with the Sun, her lusty paramour.
Only with speeches fair
She woos the gentle air
To hide her guilty front with innocent snow,
And on her naked shame,
Pollute with sinful blame,
The saintly veil of maiden white to throw,
Confounded, that her Maker's eyes
Should look so near upon her foul deformities.
But he, her fears to cease,
Sent down the meek-ey'd Peace:
She, crown'd with olive green, came softly sliding
Down through the turning sphere,
His ready harbinger,
With turtle wing the amorous clouds dividing;
And waving wide her myrtle wand,
She strikes a universal peace through sea and land.
No war or battle's sound
Was heard the world around;
The idle spear and shield were high uphung;
The hooked chariot stood
Unstain'd with hostile blood;
The trumpet spake not to the armed throng;
And kings sate still with awful eye,
As if they surely knew their sovran Lord was by.

But peaceful was the night
Wherein the Prince of Light
His reign of peace upon the earth began:
The winds with wonder whist,
Smoothly the waters kist,
Whispering new joys to the mild Ocean,
Who now hath quite forgot to rave,
While birds of calm sit brooding on the charmed wave.
The Stars with deep amaze
Stand fix'd in steadfast gaze,
Bending one way their precious influence;
And will not take their flight,
For all the morning light,
Or Lucifer that often warn'd them thence,
But in their glimmering orbs did glow,
Until their Lord himself bespake, and bid them go.
And though the shady gloom
Had given day her room,
The Sun himself withheld his wonted speed,
And hid his head for shame,
As his inferior flame
The new-enlighten'd world no more should need:
He saw a greater Sun appear
Than his bright throne or burning axle-tree could bear.
The shepherds on the lawn,
Or ere the point of dawn,
Sate simply chatting in a rustic row;
Full little thought they than
That the mighty Pan
Was kindly come to live with them below:
Perhaps their loves, or else their sheep,
Was all that did their silly thoughts so busy keep;
When such music sweet
Their hearts and ears did greet,
As never was by mortal finger strook,
Divinely warbled voice
Answering the stringed noise,
As all their souls in blissful rapture took:
The air such pleasure loth to lose,
With thousand echoes still prolongs each heav'nly close.
Nature, that heard such sound
Beneath the hollow round
Of Cynthia's seat, the Airy region thrilling,
Now was almost won
To think her part was done,
And that her reign had here its last fulfilling:
She knew such harmony alone
Could hold all heav'n and earth in happier union.
At last surrounds their sight
A globe of circular light,
That with long beams the shame-fac'd Night array'd;
The helmed Cherubim
And sworded Seraphim
Are seen in glittering ranks with wings display'd,
Harping in loud and solemn quire,
With unexpressive notes to Heav'n's new-born Heir.
Such music (as 'tis said)
Before was never made,
But when of old the sons of morning sung,
While the Creator great

His constellations set,
And the well-balanc'd world on hinges hung,
And cast the dark foundations deep,
And bid the welt'ring waves their oozy channel keep.
Ring out ye crystal spheres!
Once bless our human ears
(If ye have power to touch our senses so)
And let your silver chime
Move in melodious time,
And let the bass of Heav'n's deep organ blow;
And with your ninefold harmony
Make up full consort to th'angelic symphony.
For if such holy song
Enwrap our fancy long,
Time will run back and fetch the age of gold,
And speckl'd Vanity
Will sicken soon and die,
And leprous Sin will melt from earthly mould;
And Hell itself will pass away,
And leave her dolorous mansions to the peering Day.
Yea, Truth and Justice then
Will down return to men,
Orb'd in a rainbow; and, like glories wearing,
Mercy will sit between,
Thron'd in celestial sheen,
With radiant feet the tissu'd clouds down steering;
And Heav'n, as at some festival,
Will open wide the gates of her high palace hall.
But wisest Fate says no:
This must not yet be so;
The Babe lies yet in smiling infancy,
That on the bitter cross
Must redeem our loss,
So both himself and us to glorify:
Yet first to those ychain'd in sleep,
The wakeful trump of doom must thunder through the deep,
With such a horrid clang
As on Mount Sinai rang
While the red fire and smould'ring clouds outbrake:
The aged Earth, aghast
With terror of that blast,
Shall from the surface to the centre shake,
When at the world's last session,
The dreadful Judge in middle air shall spread his throne.
And then at last our bliss
Full and perfect is,
But now begins; for from this happy day
Th'old Dragon under ground,
In straiter limits bound,
Not half so far casts his usurped sway,
And, wrath to see his kingdom fail,
Swinges the scaly horror of his folded tail.
The Oracles are dumb;
No voice or hideous hum
Runs through the arched roof in words deceiving.
Apollo from his shrine
Can no more divine,
With hollow shriek the steep of Delphos leaving.
No nightly trance or breathed spell
Inspires the pale-ey'd priest from the prophetic cell.
The lonely mountains o'er,
And the resounding shore,

A voice of weeping heard and loud lament;
From haunted spring, and dale
Edg'd with poplar pale,
The parting Genius is with sighing sent;
With flow'r-inwoven tresses torn
The Nymphs in twilight shade of tangled thickets mourn.
In consecrated earth,
And on the holy hearth,
The Lars and Lemures moan with midnight plaint;
In urns and altars round,
A drear and dying sound
Affrights the flamens at their service quaint;
And the chill marble seems to sweat,
While each peculiar power forgoes his wonted seat.
Peor and Baalim
Forsake their temples dim,
With that twice-batter'd god of Palestine;
And mooned Ashtaroth,
Heav'n's queen and mother both,
Now sits not girt with tapers' holy shine;
The Libyc Hammon shrinks his horn;
In vain the Tyrian maids their wounded Thammuz mourn.
And sullen Moloch, fled,
Hath left in shadows dread
His burning idol all of blackest hue:
In vain with cymbals' ring
They call the grisly king,
In dismal dance about the furnace blue.
The brutish gods of Nile as fast,
Isis and Orus, and the dog Anubis, haste.
Nor is Osiris seen
In Memphian grove or green,
Trampling the unshower'd grass with lowings loud;
Nor can he be at rest
Within his sacred chest,
Naught but profoundest Hell can be his shroud:
In vain with timbrel'd anthems dark
The sable-stoled sorcerers bear his worshipp'd ark.
He feels from Juda's land
The dreaded Infant's hand,
The rays of Bethlehem blind his dusky eyn;
Nor all the gods beside
Longer dare abide,
Not Typhon huge ending in snaky twine:
Our Babe, to show his Godhead true,
Can in his swaddling bands control the damned crew.
So when the Sun in bed,
Curtain'd with cloudy red,
Pillows his chin upon an orient wave,
The flocking shadows pale
Troop to th'infernal jail,
Each fetter'd ghost slips to his several grave,
And the yellow-skirted fays
Fly after the night-steeds, leaving their moon-lov'd maze.
But see, the Virgin blest
Hath laid her Babe to rest:
Time is our tedious song should here have ending.
Heav'n's youngest-teemed star,
Hath fix'd her polish'd car,
Her sleeping Lord with handmaid lamp attending;
And all about the courtly stable,
Bright-harness'd Angels sit in order serviceable.

ST. BARNABAS & PINE RIDGE MISSION

At the beginning of Advent, St. Barnabas collected Christmas presents to be donated to children at the Pine Ridge Lakota Reservation, continuing a ministry that the parish has been able to maintain in its transition from the Anglican Church in America (ACA), which it entered in 2007, to the Ordinariate, which it entered in 2013.



Fr. Francis Apple, a Lakota priest who had been forced out of the Episcopal Church, was supported by the ACA at a small mission, Sun Star Anglican, on the Pine Ridge Reservation, which is among the poorest in the United States. When St. Barnabas was in the process of joining the ACA, Mr. Nick Behrens, a parishioner of St. Barnabas, reached out to Fr. Apple to learn more about his ministry, and began arranging donations for the mission's children. As he was arranging these donations, Mr. Behrens also began an annual project, pairing children with those willing to donate Christmas gifts each year. They started with 20 children, and have in some years reached as many as 60. This year, they were able to provide gifts for 38 children. Mr. Behrens has normally delivered the gifts himself, taking the Sun Star Anglican community out to eat afterwards,

AROUND THE ORDINARIATE

- *OLW Cathedral, Houston TX*— Tuesdays 1-6 PM, Adoration in the Cathedral, with Benediction at 6 PM
- *OLW Cathedral, Houston TX*— Shrine Shoppe closed for the next 2 weeks
- *OLW Cathedral, Houston TX*— Sung Mattins preceding the 11:15 Sunday Mass
- *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 Magnificat Advent Companions are provided in the Narthex, one per family
- *St. Mary the Virgin, Arlington TX*— Contributions to the Pastor's gift must be turned in by Dec. 23rd
- *St. Mary the Virgin, Arlington TX*— During 10:30 Epiphany Mass, the parish children will be performing the Epiphany Pageant
- *St. Alban, Rochester NY*— *Cor ad Cor* Study continues, Wednesdays at 7 PM (on St. JH Newman's Advent Sermons)
- *St. Alban, Rochester NY*— On 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. Alban, Rochester NY*— Sign up now for Zoom, in-person, and at-home orientation for the new Office Book
- *St. Alban, Rochester NY*—
- *St. John the Baptist, Bridgeport PA*— Wednesdays at 11:05 on Zoom, Adult Bible Study (currently on Luke)
- *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
- *OLSJ, Louisville KY*— Had Nine Lessons and Carols Dec. 19, 6:30 PM
- *OLSJ, Louisville KY*— Community Christmas Mass, Noon Christmas Day
- *OLSJ, Louisville KY*— 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, "God and Geek" study, Mondays Study, continue on Zoom
- *Corpus Christi, Charleston*— Dec. 13th, for Gaudete Sunday (Bambinelli Sunday) Christ child figures were blessed at end of Mass
- *St. Aelred's, Athens GA*— 6 PM Dec. 24, Lessons & Carols, followed by hot chocolate. Mass at 11 PM, and Mass on the Day 10 AM
- *St. Barnabas, Omaha*— The parish is assembling a group order for private copies of the Daily Office
- *St. Barnabas, Omaha*— Fridays 5-6 PM the Blessed Sacrament is currently exposed for adoration on a trial basis
- *St. Barnabas, Omaha*— Had Final "Evening of Reflection" Dec. 18 6:30 PM
- *St. Barnabas, Omaha*— Saturdays 9:30 at parish house, women's study group "Saint Edith Stein: Seeker of Truth"
- *St. Barnabas, Omaha*— No Socrateen Society this week (Deacon Simons is away)
- *St. Thomas More, Bridgeport ON*— Christmas Mass, Dec. 24th 5 PM (no Mass on the day)
- *St. Thomas More, Bridgeport ON*— On Fri. 18 8 PM, Lessons and Carols were held with Benediction, streamed on Zoom
- *St. Thomas More, Scranton PA*— Dec. 20 10 AM, Christmas Pageant
- *Minnesota Members of the Ordinariate*— Dec. 19th, Mass of St. Mary's at 9 AM, Confession at 8:30, Walsingham devotions following
- *St. Benedict, Edmunton AB*— Dec. 24th, 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*— 6 youth sessions will be held online from Jan. 12-Jan. 29

Sunday, December 13

Morning

Archdiocese of Beograd, Serbia
Archdiocese of Calabar, Nigeria
Chaldean Catholic Archdiocese of Kerkūk, Iraq
Diocese of Oppido Mamertina-Palmi, Italy
Diocese of Tarija, Bolivia

Monday, December 21

Diocese of Caxito, Angola
Archdiocese of Honiara, Solomon Islands
Chaldean Catholic Patriarchal Dependent Territory of Jordan
Diocese of São Tomé e Príncipe
Diocese of Satu Mare, Romania

Tuesday, December 22

Diocese of Angra, Portugal
Diocese of Floresta, Pernambuco, Brazil
Diocese of Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo
Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin, USA
Archdiocese of Pamplona y Tudela, Spain

Wednesday, December 23

Diocese of Apartadó, Colombia
Diocese of Arundel and Brighton, England
Syrian Catholic Archdiocese of Homs, Syria
Diocese of Kuzhithurai, India
Territorial Prelature of Tromsø, Norway

Thursday, December 24

Melkite Greek Catholic Archeparchy of Akka, Israel
Diocese of Armidale, Australia
Diocese of Ensenada, Baja California Norte, México
Diocese of Kurnool, India

Friday, December 25

Diocese of Cachoeiro do Itapemirim, Espírito Santo, Brazil
Diocese of Cesena-Sarsina, Italy
Diocese of Chachapoyas, Peru
Diocese of Hanzhong, China
Diocese of Tabasco, México

Saturday, December 26

Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro, Philippines Archdiocese of Chambéry, France
Diocese of Ebebiyin, Equatorial Guinea
Diocese of Taungngu, Myanmar
Diocese of Tortona, Italy

Evening

Diocese of Dassa-Zoumé, Benin
Diocese of Luiza, Democratic Republic of the Congo
Archdiocese of Pescara-Penne, Italy
Diocese of Zipaquirá, Colombia

Apostolic Vicariate of Istanbul, Turkey
Archdiocese of Perth, Australia
Archdiocese of Spoleto-Norcia, Italy
Diocese of Sulmona-Valva, Italy

Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma-Bonga, Ethiopia Diocese of Kabgayi, Rwanda
Diocese of Kaposvár, Hungary
Syro-Malabar Catholic Archdiocese of Trichur, India

Diocese of Bhagalpur, India
Diocese of Chartres, France
Diocese of Goya, Argentina
Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy of Pathanamthitta, India

Diocese of Aveiro, Portugal
Diocese of Azogues, Ecuador
Diocese of Itaguaí, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Diocese of Kayes, Mali

Archdiocese of Beira, Mozambique
Diocese of Campo Maior, Piauí, Brazil
Archdiocese of Gdańsk, Poland
Diocese of Savona-Noli, Italy

Diocese of Katsina-Ala, Nigeria
Diocese of Nkongsamba, Cameroon
Diocese of Saint Cloud, Minnesota, USA
Mission Sui Iuris of Tadjikistan



though Coronavirus has forced him to ship the gifts this year, as the reservation is currently locked down to visitors.

In 2013, as St. Barnabas entered the Ordinariate, Fr. Apple passed away. Fr. Scheiblhofer, who brought the community into the POCSP, arranged donations from St. Barnabas for Mr. Behrens to bring for the mission when he attended Fr. Apple's funeral. Since then, St. Barnabas has continued its connection with the mission, which is visited by an ACA priest a few times a year, and led weekly by Fr. Apple's grandson, now a licensed Lay Reader. Mr. Behrens, organist and choir-master of St. Barnabas for 20 years, continues to visit the mission. While Mr. Behrens chose not to enter the Ordinariate, he has helped continue fostering the connection, drawing in his church of record, Holy Apostles Anglican, into a secondary role assisting St. Barnabas in ministry. This is one more beautiful example of something St. Barnabas was able to carry from its long past, stretching back to 1869, into the Catholic Church.



Written with the help of Mr. Nick Behrens, longtime organist at St. Barnabas.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT [O Clavis David] (Violet)

Dec. 20: MP Pss: 24, 29 Lessons: Is 32:1-8 ♦ Mt 25:31-end *Te Deum*
(Sun.) EP 2 8, 84 Is 40:1-11 ♦ 2 Pt 3:1-14

DWM 164 Creed, Lec 11

21 Dec. (O Oriens) [*St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church*] (Violet)

Dec. 21: MP Pss: 61-62 Lessons: Is 46 ♦ Mk 10:32-end
(Mon.) EP 112, 115 Is 47 ♦ Jude 1-16

D 174, L 197; D 901 (Collect only)

22 Dec. (O Rex Gentium) (Violet)

Dec. 22: MP Pss: 66-67 Lessons: Is 48 ♦ Mk 11:1-26
(Tues.) EP 116-117 Is 50:4-10 ♦ Jude 17-end

D 176, L 198

23 Dec. (O Emmanuel) [*St. John of Kanty, Priest*] (Violet)

Dec. 23: MP Pss: 72 Lessons: Is 51:1-16 ♦ Mk 11:27-12:12
(Wed.) EP 111, 113 Is 51:17-52:12 ♦ 2 Pt 1

D 178, L 199; D 902 (Collect only)

24 Dec. Morning (O Virgo Virginum) (Violet) or THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY (White)

Dec. 24: MP Pss: 45-46 Lessons: Is 52:13-53:1 ♦ Mk 12:13-34
(Thurs.) EP 1 Pss: 89:1 Lessons: Zec 2:10-end ♦ Ti 2:11-3:7

D 180, L 200/D 184 Gloria, Creed, L 13
(Nativity Proclamation at Mass in the Night or Evensong)

NATIVITY OF THE LORD *Solemnity* HDO (White)

Dec. 25: MP Pss: 2, 85 Lessons: Is 9:2-7 ♦ Lk 2:1-20 *Te Deum*
(Fri.) EP 2 110, 132 Is 7:10-14 ♦ 1 Jn 4:7-end

Gloria, Creed *Vigil*: D 184, L 13; (10 PM) *Night*: D 186, L 14; *Dawn*: D 188, L 15;
Abstinence Dispensed 9 AM) *Day*: D 190, L 16 (D 1058) (Last Gospel)

Saint Stephen, the First Martyr *Feast* (Red)

Dec. 26: MP Pss: 28, 30 Lessons: Gn 4:1-10 ♦ Acts 6 *Te Deum*
(Sat.) EP 1 Pss: 23, 27 Lessons: Nm 6:22-26 ♦ Lk 21:25-36

D 902 Gloria, L 696

Good News from St. Aelred's



On the Second Sunday of Advent, Bishop Lopes visited the community of St. Aelred's in Athens GA, whose priest, Fr. Gregory Tipton, was ordained on the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul in 2019. Fr. Tipton and Fr. Paul Moreau, who assists the community, concelebrated the Mass. The community had 187 in attendance for the event. Even more significant was the number of confirmations: 5 people were fully initiated (baptism, confirmation, and first communion), and 35 were confirmed, almost all of whom were former Protestants being received into the Church. 12 of these were from the Western North Carolina Ordinariate members, whose organizer (and possible future chaplain) Mr. Joshua Johnson, was also in attendance. Fr. Tipton had previously travelled to Hendersonville to celebrate one of that community's first Masses. St. Aelred's currently meets in the Bishop Community Center, which they are able to convert beautifully every week. They will be having Lessons and Carols this Christmas Eve at 6 PM, followed by hot cocoa, ending in time for the Midnight Mass. Congratulations to the community!



OLW Turkey Fundraiser

The POCSP seminarians who are studying in Rome will not be able to make it home for the holidays due to Coronavirus (Mr. McDonald was able, however, to return to Alberta from Houston). To help provide for them during the Christmas season, the Knights of Columbus chapter at the Cathedral is selling smoked turkeys today—they reserved 30 turkeys from HEB, and smoked them this weekend (with opportunities for families to reserve them before the sale at Masses today). Non-reserved turkeys will be sold today, first come first served. The money collected will be used to buy presents to send to the seminarians. Keep them in your prayers!

An Update from St. Luke's (DC)

To enable the planned refinishing of the pews and floor and any other restorations in the historic St Ignatius church, we are now celebrating one 11 am Divine Worship Mass in the auditorium rather than simultaneous Masses in both. (The regular Latin Rite parish with which we are associated continues to have Roman Missal Masses early Saturday evening as well as 8 and 9:30 Sunday morning). The auditorium accommodates applicable pandemic space limits, while bringing us together in one space and, by staffing one rather than two Masses, returns us to celebrating Solemn High Mass on most Sundays: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! In addition to singing hymns, we effectively have three choirs, often all engaged at the same Mass, including six youngsters delightfully singing one choral work last Sunday. Father John Vidal and Deacon Randy King continue to make a very positive difference in the life of our parish, which draws from all over the DC area.



David Lewis is an Instituted Acolyte and Parishioner at St. Luke's.