

**Third Sunday of Advent, 2020 ... We wait in GRATITUDE!**

*... to assist in your prayer this week.*

## Liturgy at Home

### Scripture

Read the scripture readings of the Sunday Mass and sit with them quietly.

See the Parish Newsletter or website [edmontoncatholicparish.org.au](http://edmontoncatholicparish.org.au)

### Did you know?

... that the song “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” is based on the O Antiphons, which are prayed starting 17 December? Each antiphon, prayed before the *Magnificat* during evening prayer, uses an ancient biblical image for the Messiah, connecting us to the great tradition of those who await the coming of the Saviour. O Come, Emmanuel.

### Conversation Starters

- Besides John the Baptist, who have been effective witnesses to the presence of Christ? Consider the examples of the saints or of people you know. How can we elevate ourselves to follow their example?
- How might we remember to keep the anticipatory spirit of Advent in our hearts amid this busy time?

### Faith in Action

*Luminaria* refers to the Mexican custom of lighting a path to your home to ‘prepare the way’ for the Christ child. Even one candle in your room can say the same thing.

### Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you are Emmanuel, God with us.

In these holy days of Advent,

may your justice, healing, and peace be present to all your people.

Fill us with a spirit of love and generous service,

so that our hearts will be ready to celebrate your coming at Christmas,

and that our lives will reflect your Kingdom already among us.

For you live and reign with the Father,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever. Amen.