

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30pm **Sunday:** 8:45am & 11:00am

Daily Masses

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am

Reconciliation

Monday: 7:30pm Saturday: 3:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:15am

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ADVENT DAY OF GRACE: SATURDAY, DEC. 8TH 9:30AM-3:00PM IN THE CHAPEL



Liturgical Calendar and Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 2: First Sunday of Advent

8:45AM Vocations

11:00AM People of Our Lady of Victory

Monday, December 3: St. Francis Xavier

8:30AM † Thomas Schiller

Tuesday, December 4: Advent Weekday

8:30AM † Louis Albers 7:00PM Mother's Mass

Wednesday, December 5: Advent Weekday

8:30AM † Tom Freeman

Thursday, December 6: Advent Weekday

8:30AM Special Intention

Friday, December 7: St. Ambrose

8:30AM † Bonnie Otten 7:00PM † Betty Mueller

Saturday, December 8: Immaculate Conception of the BVM

9:00AM † Joe Ruwe

4:30PM † Mary & Bob Story

Sunday, December 9: Second Sunday of Advent

8:45AM People of Our Lady of Victory

11:00AM † Michael Rolfes

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - DECEMBER 9

1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

2ND READING: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS FOR THE DECEASED

We invite you to place the names of your loved ones in the Anniversary Book found in the Chapel.

The following death anniversaries occurred the week of December 3—9:

Loretta Mazzaro, John Schill, Clara Reimerink-Essen, Joseph Feist, Marguerite Deters, and Dorothy Schoenung.

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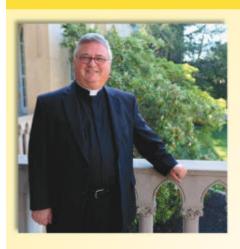
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First Sunday of Advent



As you all know, I am an impatient priest and I hate waiting for anything. I've always been that way. Some years ago, it was popular to say that Advent was a time of waiting. We are waiting for the coming of the Lord at Christmas, we are waiting for Christ to come at the end of time, and, of course, we are waiting for the Lord to come to each of us at the end of our life. You would think that Advent, the season of waiting, would be my least favorite time of the Church's year. But I love Advent. Why?

Because Advent is not a time of waiting at all, it is rather, a time of preparation. That's why the expectant Virgin Mary, Our Lady, is the image and model of Advent. I'm the oldest of my siblings, so I can remember my mother being pregnant with my twin sisters

who are five years younger than me. I can certainly recall my sisters being pregnant, not to mention cousins and friends. Now while they were expecting they weren't passively sitting by "waiting." Advent is like the time when we are waiting for a baby to arrive – how about that – and that's just what we are doing in waiting for the baby Jesus at Christmas.

When my sisters were expecting they didn't sit by passively waiting for the stork to turn up. They were very actively preparing for the arrival of their child (between them seven children actually). As well as constant doctors' visits, prenatal checks, and ultrasound photos, rooms must be made ready, cots bought, prams, bedding, feeding utensils, food, diapers, clothes, and on, and on. Names must be considered; some people already enroll their children in the schools they hope they will attend. My sisters had to make small pointy hats and brooms, and buy small cauldrons and black cats in preparation for their daughters.

Interestingly, family and friends get together and hold "showers" and provide presents in preparation for the arrival of the new child. We get ready for the coming of a child, we prepare, we are "expectant," hopeful, we are full of energy, and we are actively waiting. This is what Advent is supposed to be like for all of us. It is a time of spiritual preparation as we wait to receive Jesus. We prepare to meet Jesus in three ways: First at Christmas when we remember He came to save us, and we receive Him into our hearts. Secondly, we turn our minds to the end of time and we remember He will come again, not as a child, but as the judge so we need to get ready. And finally, we remind ourselves to prepare for Him, because soon we will face Him as our days on earth come to an end. Advent reminds us to be ready, to prepare, because Jesus is coming to us.

The Virgin Mary was prepared to receive the Lord into her body because she had already prepared her heart to receive Him. That's what "Hail Mary, full of grace" means. If grace is God's life in us and Mary was already full of grace, she could have no room for anyone but Jesus. She had no room for sin. And He came to her. She was waiting for Him by preparing for Him. She gave herself to Him completely so that even His flesh is made from Her body, her blood flows through His heart. We are called to do the same. To wait for Jesus by preparing for Him.



This Week at OLV

Monday, December 3

8:30am — Mass (Church)

9:15am — Adoration Begins (Chapel)

3:00pm — Athletics (CC Main Hall)

6:45pm — Religious Education (School)

7:00pm — Cub Scouts (CC Meeting Room)

7:15pm — Benediction (Chapel) 7:30pm — Confession (Chapel)

8:00pm — Catechist Meeting (Teacher's Lounge)

Tuesday, December 4

8:30am — Mass (Church)

9:30pm — Advent Coffee Talk (CC Meeting Rm)

3:15pm — Ladies CRHP 6 (PC Room)

7:00pm — Boy Scouts (CC Meeting Room)

7:00pm — Mother's Mass (Church)

Wednesday, December 5

8:30am — Mass (Church)

3:00pm — Athletics (CC Main Hall)

3:15pm — Creative Writing Club 6-8th grade

(Room 5)

7:00pm — Cub Scouts Committee Leader

Meeting (CC Meeting Room)

7:00pm — Rosary Group (Chapel)

Thursday, December 6

8:30am — All School Mass (Church)

3:00pm — Athletics (Main Hall)

7:00pm — RCIA (CC Meeting Room)

Friday, December 7

8:30am — Mass (Church)

9:15am — Church Cleaning (Church)

3:00pm — Girl Scouts (CC Meeting Room)

6:00pm — Black Out Day begins

7:00pm — Mass (Church)

7:00pm — Holy Hour for the Dying (Chapel)

Saturday, December 8 - Black Out Day

9:00am — Mass (Church)

9:30am — Day of Grace (Chapel)

3:30pm — Confession (Chapel)

4:30pm — Mass (Church)

5:30pm — Parishioner Event (CC Main Hall)

Sunday, December 9

8:00am — Confession (Chapel)

8:45am — Mass (Church)

10:15am — Confession (Chapel)

11:00am — Mass (Church)

12:30pm — Private Event (CC Main Hall & Chapel)

7:00pm — Confirmation Spirit Sunday (Cafeteria)

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Envelopes & Cash \$10,422 Electronic Contributions \$4,205 Total \$14,627

 YTD Actual (21 weeks)
 \$308,933

 YTD Budget (21 weeks)
 \$291,070

 Collection OVER Budget
 \$17,863

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Envelopes & Cash \$7,782 Electronic Contributions \$3,266 Total \$11,048

 YTD Actual (22 weeks)
 \$319,981

 YTD Budget (22 weeks)
 \$302,070

 Collection OVER Budget
 \$17,911

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading

Jeremiah speaks of God's fidelity to His people. In what ways do you experience God's commitment to your life and well-being?

Second Reading

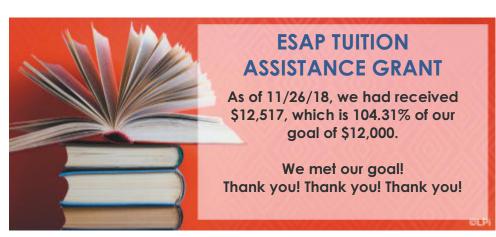
St. Paul stressed to the Christians in Thessalonica the importance of having one's perspective and behavior focused on the return of Christ. How does the Second Coming of Christ impact your behavior as a believing Christian?

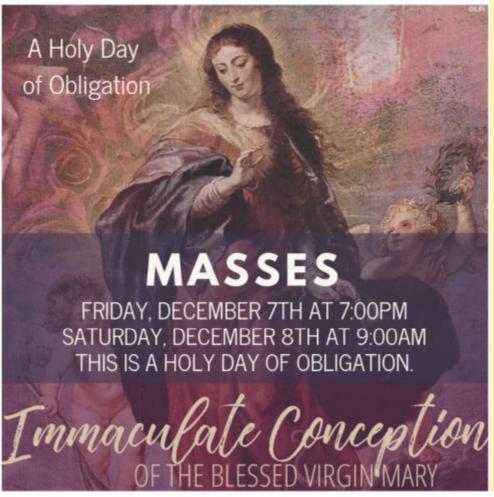
Gospel Reading

Jesus warns His disciples to be attentive about events that will be associated with the end times. How would you evaluate your own readiness for the return of the Son of Man?

World Mission Sunday Collection

The Archdiocesan Mission Office is very grateful for the donations you gave this past World Mission Sunday collection, totaling \$713. Your prayers and generosity will help 1,100 mission dioceses worldwide to serve the millions of people who seek the hope, mercy, and healing they find in Jesus Christ through the Church. For further information, please contact Dr. Mike Gable at (513)421-3131 x. 2630 or email mission@catholiccincinnati.org.





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Ministry Schedule

| DAILY MASSES | Altar Servers | Lectors | Extraordinary Ministers | |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---------------|
| Monday, December 3 8:30AM | Jack Cain Parker Smith | Bob O'Brien | | |
| Tuesday, December 4 8:30AM | Emma Fullenkamp Anna Schmitt | Bob O'Brien | | |
| Tuesday, December 4 7:00PM | Madie Martin Elizabeth Schulter | Lector Needed | Mariah Mevers * | |
| Wed., December 5 8:30AM | Haylee Hasson Mia Wilms | Esther Geiermann | | |
| Thursday, December 6 8:30AM | Kenney Bier Luke Hafner | | | |
| Friday, December 7 8:30AM | Jack Davis Tyler Garrison | Roberta Ferkins | | |
| Friday, December 7 7:00PM | Andrew Costa Henry Heitz Eric Lynn Jaden Walpole | 2 Lectors Needed | Audrey DeGregorio * | |
| Saturday, December 8 9:00AM | Ben Johnson Jacob Knepfle John Lutz | Rose Marie Niemeyer Lector Needed | Roberta Ferkins * | |
| WEEKEND MASSES | Jake Steinwert Altar Servers | Lectors | Extraordinary | Wass Captain |
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| Saturday, December 8 4:30PM | Riley Allgeyer Sydney Galbraith Josie Owens Elizabeth Schulter | Mary Feist Hank Boesing | Sannie Boesing * Lauren Frederick * Larry Grote | |
| Sunday, December 9 8:45AM | Chloe Banta Anna Schaiper Zola Sontag | Esther Geiermann Mary Licata | Aaron Kohler * Pauline Grome * Jim Grome Hailey Doerflein Meghan Davitt Allie Mangold | Mary Licata |
| Sunday, December 9 11:00AM | Ben Brinker Toby Brubaker Mitchell Kelly Luke Wilms | Rebecca Sontag Erin Honkomp | Rochelle Hafner * Myra Kathmann * James Hoeting | Janet Luthy |



Join us as we celebrate the birth of our King!

Christmas Mass Times

Monday, December 24th 3:00PM, 5:00PM, and 11:00PM

Tuesday, December 25th 10:00AM

Sunday Mass Attendance Report

| | 1st Mass | 2nd Mass | 3rd Mass | Week Totals |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Mass Times | 4:30 PM | 8:45 AM | 11:00 AM | |
| Oct. 6/7 | 244 | 185 | 450 | 879 |
| Oct. 13/14 | 293 | 215 | 480 | 988 |
| Oct. 20/21 | 327 | 235 | 470 | 1032 |
| Oct. 27/28 | 362 | 227 | 425 | 1014 |
| Column Totals | 1226 | 862 | 1825 | 3913 |

Each October, just like each parish in the Archdiocese, we complete a report on our Sunday Mass attendance.

We are happy to report that our Mass attendance is **up 26%** from last October! Please see the chart for our Mass attendance numbers.

We are to proclaim good news to the poor and give liberty to captives, sight to the blind, food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, and freedom for those who are oppressed and abused. What would the Advent season look like if this, rather than materialism, was the main focus of our joyful anticipation and expectation? Try it and see what results.

"Cry-Room" Renovation

I want to thank all those who were involved in the renovation of the "cry room." In particular I want to thank Amy Finke, Erin Rink, Melanie Pace, Mandi Bennett, and John Roebel.

Thank you for sharing your outstanding creative and artistic talents with us for the service of our children and families. The work is incredible, and the room looks so much more inviting, bright, joyful, and comfortable. You made an absolutely beautiful work of art. Thank you for sharing your talents for the good of the parish and the Kingdom of God. Who I'm sure is very happy with you all. God Bless You.

If you have not seen the "cry room" please take a moment to go in and take a look at their outstanding work.

- Fr. Ben

FORMED Pick of the Week

Prepare the Way of the King By Dr. Scott Hahn



Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ. PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING



"Just what I needed for this Advent!"

-Leslie H., Veneta, OR

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OLV Food Pantry

Thank you to all of the people who helped in any way to make our Thanksgiving a great one! We gave out a total of 159 boxes. Once again, your support of this program is outstanding! Now that Thanksgiving is over, we are preparing for Christmas.

Please help us restock our shelves by purchasing these items. We are in need of: Canned fruit, jelly, canned soup, crackers, spaghetti sauce, snacks, and boxed potatoes.

Please leave items in the Care Barrel Cupboard in Church.

Also, the envelopes for Christmas aift cards are now in the Atrium. Please return them in the collection basket or to the Parish Office.

Bulletin Deadlines

Dec. 9 issue – Due Dec. 3 Dec. 16 issue – Due Dec. 7 Dec. 23 issue – Due Dec. 11 Dec. 30 issue – Due Dec. 17 Jan. 6 issue – Due Dec. 20

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For the first time in Giving Tree history, we ran out of names the first weekend. We can't thank our parishioners enough for their generosity. If you didn't get an ornament and are still interested, we were able to get a few more names from the West End community. We will also increase our giving to Healthy Moms and Babes and Community Land Co-Op.

Gifts may be returned the next two weekends Dec 1/2 and Dec 8/9. It is very important that all gifts are returned by Sunday, December 9! Please attach the original ornament tag to your packages as they are sorted by the color of the tag.

Emergency shoppers will be needed to shop on Dec11 & 12.

Please call Katie Davis (662-5265 or katie@cdavisfamily.com) or Angela Aull (451-4970 or angaull@gmail.com) if you would like to help.

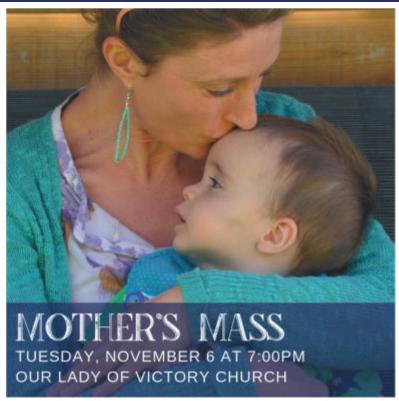
Thank you for your help and support with this wonderful tradition!

St. Vincent de Paul



As we begin Advent, we are called **† St.Vincent de Paul** to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the Neighbors helping neighbors rectory doorbell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.





Next Sunday, December 9th is our next Confirmation Spirit Sunday - for Candidates only.

Please remember that these items are due:

- Sponsor Form
- Service Journal 1

Questions? Contact the Office of Religious Education at 513-347-2071 or email **ischaefer@olv.org**.

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Advent Coffee Talk with Deacon Charley

Begin the Advent season with a new understanding and a closer walk with Christ

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Meeting Room

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