

# Joy Advent

## Our Lady of Victory *Loving God. Loving Others. Making Disciples.*

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*"You shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." Matthew 22:37 & 28:19*

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[www.facebook.com/ourladyofvictorychurchtallmadge](https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofvictorychurchtallmadge)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:00-9:30 AM or by appointment.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples should call the Parish Office upon their engagement to arrange a date for their wedding. The bride or groom must be a registered parishioner of Our Lady of Victory.

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:30 & 11:00 AM
Daily (Mon -Thur)	8:30 AM
Holydays & Other	As announced within

### OFFICE HOURS

PARISH: Mon-Fri	8:30-4:00 PM
RELIGIOUS EDUC.:	8:30-4:00 PM
LUNCH (offices closed):	12:00-1:00 PM

*(Offices closed holidays & major holydays)*

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms can usually be scheduled for any weekend Mass. Attendance of a preparation workshop for first-time parents is required. Parents can call the Parish Office to arrange a date for Baptism, and to check dates for the Baptismal Workshop. Sponsors can call the Parish Office for details about acquiring a Certificate.

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Available at any time to those who are ill, facing surgery, or in danger of death. Sacramental care is provided by chaplains at all area hospitals. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

### R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This is a process for those interested in the faith of the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Linda Herold at 633-3637 or email her at [lherold@ourladyofvictory.net](mailto:lherold@ourladyofvictory.net).

### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Parents can call the Parish Office for information.

### PRAYER FOR EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

(to be prayed before the Blessed Sacrament)

Lord Jesus, as we gather at your altar, you give yourself to us in the Most Holy Eucharist, so that we might become what we receive.

May we be transformed forever by your love that stretches forth to us from this altar.

May your sharing in our humanity humble us to share in your divinity.

Heal our brokenness with your real presence and help us to draw strength from you in the Eucharist. Unite us to you in this Sacrament that brings healing and redemption.

As we glorify you by our lives, give us grace and courage to share your love with a world sorely in need of your mercy. May your true presence bring hope to those on the peripheries, dry the tears of the poor and the wounded, and end our divisions.

May your Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity be a constant source of revival for us. Let us become one with you as we seek the peace of your kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

[www.dioceseofcleveland.org/eucharist](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/eucharist)



**MASSES & SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK**

**(ALL PRAYER/MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED. WEEKEND MASSES ARE ALSO BROADCAST OVER FM 93.7)**

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Monday, Dec 18 (O Sacred Lord/ O Adonai)	(8:30 am-C) For the Parishioners (7:00 pm-PC) Exposition/Evening Prayer Jer 23:5-8; Ps 71:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday, Dec 19 (O Flower of Jesse's Stem/O radix lesse)	(8:30 am-C) Angelina Sgro (7:00 pm-PC) Adoration/Night Prayer Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday, Dec 20 (O Key of David/ O clavis David)	(8:30 am-C) Armando & Angelina Colella (7:00 pm-C) Exposition/Evening Prayer Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday, Dec 21 (O Radiant Dawn/ O Oriens)	(8:30 am-C) George Keller Jr & Sr (7:00 pm-PC) Adoration/Night Prayer Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Friday, Dec 22 (O King of all the Nations/O Rex gentium)	(No Mass) (7:00 pm-PC) Adoration/Night Prayer 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Saturday, Dec 23 (O Emmanuel)	(9:00 am-C) Confessions (5:00 pm-C) Mary Lou Clark Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Sunday, Dec 24	(8:30 am-C) Deceased OLV Priests/Staff Members (10:30 am-C) For the Parishioners (Note time!) <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38  (4:30 pm-C) Youth Choir Christmas Program (5:00 pm-C) Christine Lackney <b>Vigil of the Nativity (Christmas Eve)</b> Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25  (8:00 pm-C) Agnes Dahlkemper <b>Nativity of the Lord (Christmas/Mass in the Night)</b> Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

**In Our Parish – What/Where/When**

MONDAY, DEC 18, 2023

TUESDAY, DEC 19, 2023

WEDNESDAY, DEC 20, 2023

AA Meeting/FH/10:00 am

Youth Choir Practice/Church/3:30 pm

THURSDAY, DEC 21, 2023

Bible Study/PCR 100/2:00 pm

Women's Book Study/PCR 100/7:00 pm

FRIDAY, DEC 22, 2023

**\*\*Offices Closed until Wed, Dec 27**

SATURDAY, DEC 23, 2023

Confessions/Church/9:00 am

SUNDAY, DEC 24, 2023 – **4<sup>th</sup> Sun of Advent/Christmas Eve**

Child Liturgy of the Word/Church/8:30 am

Youth Choir Christmas Program/Church/4:30 pm



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Faith Direct (12/4/23) .....	\$11,155.00

**YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS**

**COLLECTION BOXES** - All donations received in the collection boxes through Sunday evening Mass, Dec 31 will go toward your 2023 Contributions. Donations received in the collection box beginning Monday, Jan 1, 2024, must go toward your 2024 Contributions no matter the date on the check, per the Internal Revenue Service.

**MAILED-IN CONTRIBUTIONS** - If the postmark on the outside of the envelope is dated for 2023, it will be recorded as a 2023 contribution. If the postmark is dated for 2024, it will be recorded as a 2024 contribution; again, no matter the date on the check. The date of the postmark is the most important, not the date on the check, again, per the IRS.

**FOR FAITH DIRECT USERS**, they will be accepting one-time Checking/Savings account gifts and live one-time credit card gifts until **midnight on December 31** if you'd like to do an end-of-year contribution.

**So . . . you are strongly encouraged to get your end-of-year donations in EARLY, and THANK YOU in advance, for your continued generosity to our parish. Blessings to you in 2024!!**



**THANK YOU** for your response to our recent annual "Renewal/Recommitment" initiative "**Loving God . . . Loving Others . . . Becoming and Making Disciples - beginning our 80<sup>th</sup> Year!**" I am humbled and grateful for your continued commitment to Our Lady of Victory Parish. Our parish remains vibrant, engaged, and Christ-centered in the Eucharist, and in serving one another, because of your generosity. God's work is never done! Your prayerful response, both materially and spiritually, is setting the groundwork as we move forward to the future and continue our critical mission and ministries. Our Lady of Victory Parish continues to grow as a strong, faith-filled stewardship community because of parishioners like each of you!



## Holiday Celebrating Notes

**ADVENT COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION THIS SUNDAY:** This year our 5-parish service of communal confessions will be at Holy Family, Stow, at 2:00 pm Sunday, Dec 17. (Note earlier time)

**PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS:** The offices will be closed on Friday, Dec 22 and will reopen Wednesday, Dec 27 at 10:00 am. The offices will again be closed on Friday, Dec 29, and reopen Wednesday, Jan 3 at 10:00 am. If you have an emergency during those times, please call the office, dial extension 18 (Fr Mike), and follow the instructions.

### MASSES FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVE (DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>):

You are **REMINDED**, that on **Sunday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>**, the Mass Schedule for the Fourth Sunday of Advent is: **8:30 AM and 10:30 AM** (note the earlier time). The Vigil Mass for Christmas is **5:00 PM or 8:00 PM**. The obligation to participate in the Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and Christmas, remain **two separate** obligations. Also, please be aware that the Youth Choir will begin singing at **4:40 PM** on Christmas Eve, immediately prior to the beginning of 5:00 PM Mass. *Thank you! Blessed Advent to all!*

**CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING:** Please finalize your financial gifts for our annual Advent "Christmas Gift Giving" as soon as you can and remember to make checks payable to Our Lady of Victory. Or you may give online through Faith Direct by visiting <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/OH669/53879>. Thank you!

**THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY** of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph will be celebrated on Saturday, Dec 30, at 5:00 pm, and Sunday, Dec 31 at 8:30 and 11:00 am.



**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD** (New Year's Eve/Day) will be celebrated Sunday evening, Dec 31, at 5:00 pm, and Monday at 10:00 am.

### Question of the Week

**Reading:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

**Adults:** Today, Isaiah speaks of being anointed and sent from the Lord; John the Baptist also speaks of being sent from God to testify to the light. On this Gaudete Sunday, we are called to rejoice because we too are part of this mission. How will your life this week reflect the joy of the Lord for others?

**Children:** John the Baptist spoke of Jesus as being the "Light". How well do I let the "Light" that is Jesus shine in and through my life?

## Coming Events/News in our Parish

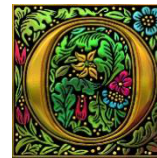
**THANK YOU to MEMBERS of OUR KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS** (and 2 spouses) who helped get the Parish grounds lit up for the upcoming Christmas Holidays! A beautiful job well done, and we are grateful!

**LIFE LINE SCREENING COMING TO OUR LADY OF VICTORY!** Take a step toward staying healthy and active. Be smart – do more for your cardiovascular health! Mark your calendar for **Friday, Jan 5, 2024**. To register, call 800-640-6307 or visit [LLSA.SOCIAL/HC](http://LLSA.SOCIAL/HC). More details coming next week.

## News & Notes in our Neighborhood

**A UNIQUE PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN AND HEAL YOUR MARRIAGE – Beginning January 26, 2024** - The Retrouvaille program is designed to help married couples develop improved ways of communicating and relating to each other in order to overcome challenges which have left them feeling frustrated, hurt, distant, or even hopeless. Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, and is open to couples of all faiths. For more information, or to register, visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org), or call Shelly or Rob at 216-509-0301 or 440-836-4810.

**O ANTIPHONS & BETHLEHEM PEACE LIGHT** – You're invited to an Advent Service of Peace, Prayer, Music, Scriptures -



In the last seven days of Advent (Dec. 17-24), each of the antiphons of evening prayer begins with an exclamation "O" and ends with a plea for the Messiah to come. As Christmas approaches, the cry becomes increasingly urgent. These are known as the great "O Antiphons" and will be used as the basis of our prayer and reflection on **Sunday, Dec 17, at 6:00 pm at St Joseph Parish, 1761 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Cuy Falls**. Families will also have the opportunity to light candles from the Peace Light - a flame that has been continuously burning for over 1,000 years, originating from the Grotto of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

## Celebrating the Sacraments

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS:**  
25<sup>th</sup>: STEVEN & ANA THEISEN – 12/19/98



## Caring Commission

**Pray for the Sick:** Kelly Castle, John Charterina, Bob Christian, Agnes Clark, Mary Dumke, James Fairhead, Danny Firth, Floss Firth, Doug Fox, Daysha Furtney, Robert Giet, Gerry Hollenack, Julianne Jenkins, Dan Lane, Nancy Litten, Mary Lombardo, Tom Lorkowski, Beth Mariola, Lin Mattingly, Kate Naglak, Carol Scalley, George Serba Jr, Paula Simmons, Kay Lynn Tafari, Giovanni Testa, Mary Testa, Tina Testa, and all who suffer from the coronavirus.



We pray with the Church that Barb Druckenmiller (aunt of Sue Christopher), Margie Gerry (aunt of Paul Burris), and Fr Bob Pahler may share in the peace and joy of the Risen Lord.

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