



Parish Schedule & Mass Intentions

SATURDAY	December 15	<i>Advent Weekday</i>
Mass	5:00pm	Justine Krane
SUNDAY	December 16	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>
Mass	8:30am	People of the Parish
PSR	10:00am	PSR Christmas Pageant
Mass	11:00am	Michael Kichurchak
MONDAY	December 17	<i>Advent Weekday</i>
Mass	8:30am	Father Raymond Carr, SM
Confession	7:00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation Service</i>
TUESDAY	December 18	<i>Advent Weekday</i>
Mass	8:30am	John Bohovic
WEDNESDAY	December 19	<i>Advent Weekday</i>
Confession	7:00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
Mass	7:30pm	John Lahoski (7th Anniversary)
Meeting	8:00pm	AA Meeting (Church Hall)
THURSDAY	December 20	<i>Advent Weekday</i>
Mass	8:30am	Harvat and Pribonic Families
FRIDAY	December 21	<i>Advent Weekday;</i> <i>St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>
Mass	8:30am	Sister Dorothy Macey
SATURDAY	December 22	<i>Advent Weekday</i>
Confession	11:30-12:30	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
Confession	3:00-4:30	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
Mass	5:00pm	Joseph and Magdalene Karee
Confession	6:00-6:30	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
SUNDAY	December 23	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>
Confession	7:30-8:20	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
Mass	8:30am	Lucietta Terzano (96th year)
Confession	9:30-10:45	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
Mass	11:00am	People of the Parish
Confession	12:00-1:15	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
Decorating	1:30pm	Christmas Church Decorating

Ready Your Hearts!

With all the **preparation for Christmas**, what room will the Lord find in our hearts for his coming? Gifts are made or purchased for family and friends. Homes are put in good order and decorated to make festive the holidays. Extra care is taken for guests coming to visit. How and what are the preparations for greatest guest and treasure of Christmas? **The Sacrament of Reconciliation** is the answer...come open your hearts to the Lord's merciful love! **It will make for the best Christmas!!!**

Scriptures for Week of December 16, 2012

Sunday	Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18
Monday	Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday	Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25
Thursday	Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38
Friday	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Lk 1:39-45
Saturday	1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56
Sunday	Mi 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45



*Read and pray
the Scriptures daily!*



From the Pastor's Desk

*Joyful anticipation, grace filled excitement, wonder and awe greets this **Third Sunday of Advent**. Rightful called **Gaudete Sunday** from the Latin word meaning "rejoice." So should we be, **rejoicing at the coming of God**. God who is already with us and God who invites us to commemorate Christmas with hearts renewed by the deepening of our relationship in and with Christ Jesus and for one another **through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, prayer, and kindness**. How will this be possible? **God is merciful and loving**. We believe this and so we could be filled with joyful anticipation as we commemorate and celebrate Advent and Christmas...so **rejoice!***

*O God, Who see how Your people
Faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,
Enable us, we pray,
To attain the joys of so great a salvation
And to celebrate them always
With solemn worship and glad rejoicing.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity
Of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

*Collect of the Third Sunday of Advent
The Roman Missal, 3rd Edition*

General Intercession

That families will be eager to uphold the rights of others and not be misled by ignorance or self-interest. Let us pray to the Lord.

Family Perspectives

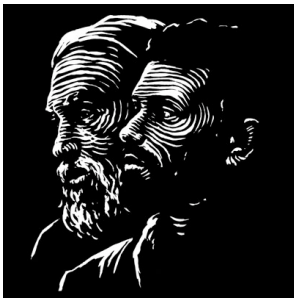
During this season we give gifts to friends and family. The gospel asks us if we plan to share with those who have little or nothing. If our impoverished brothers and sisters aren't on our gift list, we may be missing the point of Christmas. Let us be generous with our charitable giving.

In your prayers...

Emma Aguilar, George Arnold, Celia Bican, Dolores Bryan, Heidi Burmeister, Johannah Conner, Tom Gardner, Chris Gibbs, James Ging, Marilyn Griffith, John Guerriero, Tayha Hostetler, Bob and Kathy James, Maureen Joyce, Mike LaMarre, Carol Leach, Marca Kaplar, Marcene, Margaret, Megan, Mark Munnings, Ashley Munoz, George Novak, Rita Lucy, Dorothy Rogus, Andrew Sanford, Theresa "Tess" Slenn, Bruce Styles, Marla Sliwinski, Hank Symanski, Phyllis Todd, Laura Tories, Sylvia Trecaso, Margaret Wills...

*O Holy Mary, we pray,
Intercede for them!*





*December 16, 2012
3rd Sunday of Advent*

“What should we do?”

-- Luke 3:10



Advent Prayer

*Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan
You sent a messenger to prepare people’s
hearts*

For the coming of Your Son.

Help me to hear His words

And repent of my sins,

So that I may clearly see the way to walk,

The truth to speak,

And the life to live for Him,

Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Today’s Missal, OCP, 2012



Sunday 16 December: Luke 3:10-18

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel. (Is 12)

- **In difficult situations, how do you respond to waiting with pain or anxiety?**
- **Searching for hope this Christmas? Reflect on past goodness in your life?**
- **In what ways can you and your family refocus attention on Jesus as the “reason for the season”?**
- **What do you really want for Christmas? Who needs a gift of the heart from you?**

The trials of life, while helping us to understand the mystery of the Cross and to participate in the sufferings of Christ, are a prelude to the joy and hope to which faith leads us. (PF 15)

What is Original Sin? What does the fall of Adam and Eve have to do with us?

Sin in the strict sense implies guilt for which one is personally responsible. The term “Original Sin” refers, not to a personal sin, but rather to the disastrous fallen state of mankind into which the individual is born, even before he himself sins by a free decision. Pope Benedict, in talking about Original sin, says “that we all carry within us a drop of the poison on that way of thinking, illustrated by the images in the Book of Genesis that the individual does not trust God.”

- (From the Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church)

YEAR OF FAITH RESOURCES

Be sure to visit the diocesan Year of Faith web page at www.dioceseofcleveland.org/yearoffaith and utilize the helpful family resources.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

On Thursday, December 27, the Solemnity of St. John the Evangelist, our Diocesan Patron Saint, will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist at the 7:15am, 12:00pm, and 5:10pm Masses and Solemn Vespers will be sung at 7:00pm amidst the splendor of Christmas at St. John’s Cathedral. Bishop Richard Lennon will be the presider and preacher. All are welcome to the Solemn Vespers, especially the young and those preparing for Christian Initiation and Reception into Full Communion. Following Vespers there will be brief tours of the Cathedral Church.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Thank you for your prayers and donations for our elderly Religious! A sister from Pennsylvania writes...

In our prayers, all the sisters remember in a special way the faithful of the dioceses who support the [Retirement Fund for Religious] collection. We realize that their sacrifices and generosity have made this [financial] assistance possible. May God reward them.

December 9, 2012

<i>Sunday Offering</i>	<i>2,276.00</i>
<i>The Immaculate Conception</i>	<i>591.00</i>
<i>Retirement Fund for Religious (additional)</i>	<i>607.27</i>
<i>Christmas 2012 (additional)</i>	<i>1,008.00</i>
<i>Poinsettia Fund (additional)</i>	<i>175.00</i>
<i>Special Offerings</i>	<i>15,000.00</i>

May the Lord reward your generosity!