

# Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 9, 2018

## 2nd Sunday of Advent

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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, December 10

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Eduardo Flores

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Charles Walton

#### Tuesday, December 11

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Jose Davila Rexach

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Austin Begg

#### Wednesday, December 12

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Living & deceased members  
James & Evelyn McCarthy family

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Bombina Condry-Russell

#### Thursday, December 13

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Jean Thomason

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Jim Peacock

#### Friday, December 14

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Living & deceased members  
Trick family

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Gaylee Foley

#### Saturday, December 15

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Robert Coyle

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Tom Flynn

4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Martha Juerling Samuels

5:15 PM Emmanuel.....Tom Subler

#### Sunday, December 16

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Oliver & Rosella Gast

10:00 AM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners

10:30 AM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners

11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners

#### Next Week's Readings:

Bar 5: 1-9, Ps 126, Phil 1:4-6, 8-11, Luke 3: 1-6

#### Confessions Schedule

Emmanuel: Saturday 4:00-5:00 PM, Sunday: 10:00 AM

Holy Trinity: Sunday: 8:00 AM

St. Joseph: Monday-Saturday 11:30 AM; Saturday: 4:00 PM

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**Miraculous Medal Novena with Adoration and Benediction** at Emmanuel on Tuesdays 7:00 PM

**Anointing of the Sick** the first weekend of the month.

**To Register for any parish** please contact the parish office

**For Baptisms, Weddings or Ministry to the Homebound** please contact your parish office.

## PASTOR'S PEN

Growing up in a household of eight children, Sunday mornings could be a challenge. Inevitably one of us was lagging behind the others in getting ready for Church and we would hear Mom or Dad say, "Hurry up, get dressed and let's go."

In today's First Reading, the Prophet Baruch is speaking to the people of God who are suffering in exile at the hands of the Babylonians around the year 587 B.C. Baruch's prophecy is a word of hope because he sees that the time is coming when God will overthrow their captors and lead them safely home. Therefore, they are to put aside their robes of mourning, disappointment and misery and put on the mantle of faithfulness, justice, mercy and peace.

The prophets remind us that God did not just create man and woman to be left to their own demise. Over and over again throughout history God has intervened in the lives of his people preparing the way for that day when he would send his only son.

The gift of salvation is not some fairytale story that happened once-upon-a-time. In today's gospel Luke is very specific about when the events leading up to the birth of Christ took place. He carefully writes, "In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee....the Word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert." Luke wants us to see that the coming of Christ is an important part of the world history in which God is fulfilling his promise to bring salvation to the whole world.

God continues to intervene in human history through the Church, the sacraments and the many encounters we have through the power of the Holy Spirit. The words of the Prophet Isaiah and John the Baptist are important for us to hear today. "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight his paths." All too often we wonder aimlessly through life taking all kinds of curves and detours in our sinfulness. Advent calls us to straighten the road in our heart so that we head straight to the Christ and the light of His truth.

History has shown us that we cannot save ourselves. We need God and the path to God is justice, righteousness, repentance, compassion and generosity. Even though the going gets tough we are to follow St. Paul's example and offer a message of hope and encouragement to others. St. Paul wrote the message of today's second reading from prison. By the tone of his message we can tell that his heart was not clothed with disappointment, worry and misery. Rather, his heart was dressed with confidence, love and hope as one redeemed in Christ. It's as if he could see Jesus on the horizon and he reassures us that the best is yet to come!

As we prepare for Christmas, we are not just to decorate our houses, shop for gifts and bake holiday treats, we are to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord in glory. In doing so, we may need to enter the wilderness of the desert by disconnecting from social media, the internet, the shopping malls and the hustle and bustle of the season so that we can refocus our heart to the things God wants us to experience. We must take off the clothing of impatience, negativity and a "bah-humbug" attitude and put on the clothing of love, peace and hope.

Once we are appropriately dressed we need to get going on the journey to the manger so that we can encounter Christ anew. We need not worry about the obstacles we will encounter along the way because they are simply opportunities for growth and greater trust in God. What we see on the horizon in this holy season is not just the celebration of the event of the birth of Jesus, but the advent, the coming of Christ in glory.

Each time we respond to God's grace we catch a glimpse of what will be in the Day of the Lord and renew our hope in the promises that God has made. In this second week of Advent be aware of what you are wearing and where you are going for our salvation is near at hand.

## REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Region 7 Advent Communal Reconciliation Service** will be held on Sunday, December 9th at 12:45pm at Holy Trinity Church. There will be several priests to hear confessions.

### **Free College Students Christmas Break Retreat!**

On the Lawn presents *Anchor!*, a free retreat for College students, ages 18-23, on Friday December 28th from 4pm-10pm at St. Francis of Assisi. Dinner, Mass, and reflection talks will be included. To register go onto [daytoncatholicya.com](http://daytoncatholicya.com) under "college" tab. If you have any questions contact the DCYA team at [daytoncatholicya@gmail.com](mailto:daytoncatholicya@gmail.com) or Shaughn at [shillips@daytontowncatholic.com](mailto:shillips@daytontowncatholic.com).

### **December Young Adult Movie Watch**

St. Ignatius tells us to see God in all things. Why not through movies? Come join other young adults Tuesday, December 18th at 7pm to watch a Christmas Classic: Polar Express! A short reflection will follow afterwards. Email [Shaughn.Phillips](mailto:Shaughn.Phillips) for further details and to register.

### **Formed Pick of the Week: 1531—A Story That Is Not**

**Finished Yet.** Our Lady of Guadalupe came to change the World. This presentation shares the history of why millions of Aztecs converted to the Catholic Faith and the little-known truth that this incredible story is not finished yet. To access the FORMED website, go to [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) and login using our parish code: FZ4VY9 (All upper-case letters).

**Best Advent Ever** is a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. You will receive inspirational videos and practical tips for every-day life. To sign-up, visit: [BestAdventEver.com/Christmas18](http://BestAdventEver.com/Christmas18).

**Advent Eucharist Adoration** will be held at St. Joseph Church on the Saturday's of Advent (Dec. 15 & 22) following the noon Mass until 4:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with the Lord this Advent season.

### **Young Adult Advent Series**

Join other young adults (20s and 30s) to pray with scripture and the downtown parishes' Nativity stained glass windows this Advent. It will take place at Emmanuel on Saturday December 15th from 2-3pm. Young parents are encouraged to bring their children as well. Optional pint and fellowship afterwards!

**A Service of Lessons and Carols** will be celebrated on Sunday, December 16th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church. This service of scripture readings and carols recounts the Fall of Humanity, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. This is a beautiful way to reflect upon God's covenant of love revealed to us in sacred scripture and to prepare your heart for the gift of Christmas.

**Retirement Fund for Religious** - A second collection will be taken up at Mass this weekend in support of senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests whose communities lack sufficient retirement funding. This appeal continues to serve a crying need as hundreds of religious orders lack sufficient retirement savings, due in part to historically low compensation for their ministry. "Most senior religious worked for years for small stipends and did not receive retirement benefits." For example, the average annual Social Security benefit for a religious is \$6,453 while the average U.S. beneficiary receives \$16,849. Religious communities are financially autonomous from the parish and diocesan structures of the Catholic Church and are solely responsible for the support and care of their members. Your help is greatly appreciated!

## EMMANUEL CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for December 2, 2018

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$7,980.00	\$10,573.00
YTD excess or (deficit):	(\$8,359.00)	
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$1,057.30	

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#### Prayer List

Daniel Branch	Nancy Glazier	Mike McDonald
Bernard Chachula	George Hendrix	Mary Mustaine
Michael Dalessio	Peggy McCrley	Randy Rosenthal
Annette & John Fohl	Kathy McCrabb	Vincent Schommer

**Our Sympathy** is extended to the family of Dr. James Rodeghero who was buried this week from Emmanuel Church. May he rest in the Peace of the Lord.

**Please pray for parishioner Heidemarie Williams** who will undergo extensive endometriosis surgery out of town in Atlanta on December 20. The surgery requires a specialist who is not in network and so the costs are an extreme financial hardship. If you would like to contribute financially to help offset this burden, you can do so at: [gofundme.com/heidemarie-surgery-fund](https://gofundme.com/heidemarie-surgery-fund). For meal train information, please email Malissa Green at: [meal\\_train@roadrunner.com](mailto:meal_train@roadrunner.com).

#### Christmas Giving Tree Project

Please take an ornament from the Giving Tree and purchase an item to benefit the Elizabeth's New Life Center. Gifts should be returned **unwrapped to 155 Franklin Street, before or after Mass next weekend December 15th and 16th.**

**Emmanuel Christmas cards** are on sale now. Proceeds support the many Pro-Life projects. The cards contain an inspiring message from Venerable Bishop Fulton J. Sheen.

Once again the **Emmanuel Respect Life Committee** is offering to help fund people going to the March for Life in January. The first ten people to respond will receive up to \$100.00 for expenses. Please email Mark Miller at [marknancymiller@att.net](mailto:marknancymiller@att.net) to sign up, or for more information. Let us all pray to end abortion!

**Bible Study—James:** The letter of James is to the New Testament what Proverbs is to the Old Testament. It is a book of wisdom, a compilation of pithy teachings meant to help a fledgling, growing Church live out its faith in the face of persecution and a worldview opposed to the gospel. Join us to study **James: Pearls for Wise Living** at Emmanuel beginning in January. Register with flyers at the back of church. Registration is due by December 17th. Questions?? Call 890-6262.



#### Christmas Mass schedule at Emmanuel

December 24th 5:15 & 10:00 p.m.  
December 25th 10:30 a.m.

#### Confession Schedule at Emmanuel

December 18th and 19th - 6:30 p.m.  
December 22nd - 4:00-5:00 p.m.  
December 23rd - 10:00-10:25 a.m.

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for December 2, 2018

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$ 6,400.00	\$8,171.72
YTD excess or (deficit):	(\$13,360.70)	
Outreach:	\$ 760.00	

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#### COME HELP US CELEBRATE TODAY AFTER MASS

Our music director, Tom Aldridge is retiring after many years of service at Holy Trinity. We will be celebrating Tom and wishing him well today in Trinity Center. Come, be with us! Light refreshments will be served.



#### Children's Pageant for Christmas Eve 5:00 P.M. Mass

There will be a practice for the Children's Pageant on Sunday, December 23 at 10:30 a.m. in church. ALL children are welcome to be a part of the pageant. Please come to the practice.

**The Giving Tree** is in place in the sanctuary. On each snowflake is the name of one of our senior members. Please brighten their Christmas with a phone call, a greeting card and/or a visit.

**Our Regional Advent Penance Service** is today at 12:45 p.m. here at Holy Trinity. Come celebrate the sacrament with us in prayer and song.

**St. Nick's Shop** – We are very grateful to all the families who purchased gifts for the St. Nick Shoppe sponsored by the Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley. Once again, parishioners came through with flying colors.

**Warm Hat and Glove Collection** - We are collecting warm hats and gloves for adults and children. Please place them in the boxes behind the last pew.



**We are accepting donations for poinsettias** to beautify our sanctuary for Christmas. If you would like to remember a loved one or simply wish to help beautify the church, please place your donation in an envelope and put in the collection basket. You may enclose the name of a loved one you wish remembered. Please mark the envelope

“Christmas Flowers”. December 16 is the last day to submit names for publication in the bulletin.

#### Dates to Mark on Your Calendar!

December 16 – 12:30 p.m. – Join with us next Sunday immediately after the 11:30 Mass to help decorate the church for Christmas. Some strong backs and many hands will make for light work for everyone. Can you give us an hour of your time?

December 17 – Just another request for your time and energy to help us clean the church in preparation for Christmas. We will be cleaning at 9:00 a.m. and at 6:00 p.m. for all that was not completed in the morning. No need to bring cleaning supplies – they will be here for you.



## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for December 2, 2018

Weekend Offertory: Collection  
\$9,961.00  
Charity: \$ 171.00

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**Join us for Coffee and Donuts** this Sunday following the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the school cafeteria. All are welcome.

**We will decorate the church for Christmas** on December 20th following the noon Mass. If you've never helped before, plan to join us this year. Not only is it a lot of fun but the end result is beautiful!

### Christmas Mass schedule at St. Joe's

December 24th 4:30 p.m.  
December 25th 10:00 a.m.

### Christmas Confession Schedule at St. Joe's

December 18th and 19th - 11:30-11:55 a.m.  
December 20th and 21st - 11:00-11:55 a.m.  
December 22nd - 11:00-11:55 a.m. and 4:00-4:25 p.m.

**Please keep the following people in your prayers.**

*Call the rectory if you would like to be added to the prayer list.*

Katie Blausner	Brenda Magnum	Tony Riggs
Dolores Broerman	Vanessa Padgett	Sharon Wenzel
Kristina & John Cole	Victors Polovskis	Diana Whittle
Michael Culp	Karen Thomas	

### Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

Rebekka Anders	Cody Landers	David Musgrove
Michael Borgert	Greg Marcus	Anthony Pelfrey
Nick Borton	Alex McGarvey	Jessica Pruitt
Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles	Zachary McIntyre	Susan Varmuza
Gary Eilers	Matthew Melvin	Justin Williams
Morgan Konsdorf		

## Area Activities

**National Night of Prayer for Life** – Each year, the National Night of Prayer for Life takes place from 9:00 p.m., December 8th until 1:00 a.m., December 9th. For further information Google *National Night of Prayer for Life*.

### Live Nativity

Mark your calendar for the Live Nativity at Our Lady of the Rosary Church on Sunday, December 9, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

**Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion** to the sick are needed for Miami Valley Hospital. If you are interested in helping with this comforting ministry, please contact Fr. Chris Worland (937-293-1191 or [cworland@stalbertthegreat.com](mailto:cworland@stalbertthegreat.com)). We ask that you get a letter from your pastor commending you for this ministry. Please pray about taking part in this most important ministry.

**University of Dayton Marian Library Nativity exhibits** can be seen on the seventh floor of the Roesch Library through January 18. For more information visit [go.udayton.edu/manger](http://go.udayton.edu/manger).

**International Human Rights Day.** On the 70th anniversary of the UN Declaration on Human Rights, the University of Dayton and Immaculate Conception parish are organizing a prayer vigil at the Butler County ICE Detention Center on December 10th at 8:00 pm. For parking reasons busing will be provided. For information, registration and RSVP please go to <https://humanrightsvigil.com>.

### Winter is getting cold. Is your marriage cooling off too?

Spice things up with a Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter weekends in this area January 25-27 at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Sharonville, OH\*\* and February 15-17 at Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, OH. \*\*this weekend is an in-Parish weekend. Couples will leave each evening, and return each morning, no lodging provided. The content and format of the weekend is the same. For more details or reservations contact Andy and Jeanne Folfas at (937) 866-5196 or [jeannemarie42@hotmail.com](mailto:jeannemarie42@hotmail.com) or [esharing.org](http://esharing.org).

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