

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 4, 2022

2nd Sunday of Advent

Pastor: Fr. Angelo Anthony, C.P.P.S.

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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 5

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Connie & Donna Zvonar
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Carolyn & Jerry Palmer
Anniversary

Tuesday, December 6

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Barbara Keegan
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Ed Thomas

Wednesday, December 7

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....David & John Baumann
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....John Zimmerman
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners

Thursday, December 8

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Catherine Woodruff
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Gladys Maria Tejada
6:00 PM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners

Friday, December 9

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Ralph Berry
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Time McCrate

Saturday, December 10

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Effie Minham
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Vernon Wilson Family
4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Apollonic Hunkler
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners

Sunday, December 11

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners
10:00 AM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners
10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Mark Eric DuMeny
11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Jerry Glaser

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10; Psalms 146: 6-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; James 5: 7-10;
Matthew 11: 2-11

Confessions:

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

Contact your parish office to: Register, schedule Baptism,
Weddings or Ministry to the Homebound.

FR. ANGELO'S REFLECTION

One of the familiar sounds that we hear during the week is the sound of a siren announcing to all who can hear that some type of emergency vehicle is on the way to a fire, to the hospital or on the move to help someone in need. When we hear a siren, we are to slow down, look around and be prepared to respond as needed.

John the Baptist was one such siren announcing the coming of the Messiah. He said, "Reform your lives, the reign of God is at hand." Slow down, stop, and look inside your heart; get rid of distractions that keep you from listening to the voice of God. John is saying, if you desire to share in the Prophet Isaiah's vision then you must turn away from your old way of sin and live in the light of the Lord.

In today's gospel, John the Baptist gets tough with the Pharisees and Sadducees calling them a 'brood of vipers' because they came out to be baptized without truly repenting of their sins and changing their lives. They came out to him for appearance's sake. After all, so many people were going to John for Baptism, it stands to reason that the religious leaders needed to be there. They were like the millionaire who was talking to Mark Twain and said, "Before I die, I will go to the Holy Land. I will climb Mount Sinai and read aloud the Ten Commandments." Mark Twain, said in reply, "Sir, I have a better Idea. You could just stay home and keep them."

In the Day of the Lord, "the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid goat with a child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors and the baby shall play by the cobra's den" (*Isaiah 11*). In this vision, enemies become friends. Creation is restored to the original harmony that God intended when he created the world. This harmony was lost with the sin of Adam and Eve and ever since that time God has been working to bring reconciliation and peace to our world. That's why St. Paul prayed in his Letter to the Romans, "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you the ability to think in harmony with one another."

This vision of harmony and unity is part of the miracle of Christmas. During this time of the year there is a greater willingness to see one another as brothers and sisters. We work extra hard to be more patient, more understanding, more accepting of one another. Our Advent mission is to work to restore the harmony that was lost in the Garden of Eden; not only to speak about the vision, but to live the vision each day.

This might mean reaching out to that family member who has distanced themselves from the family or maybe there is someone who has hurt you. Do you hold a grudge, or do you walk the path of mercy and forgiveness? When we seek to transform the world one person at a time we are living into Isaiah's vision when he wrote, "then the wolf shall be the guest of the lamb."

God will judge us not by appearance or how nicely we prayed, he will judge us by justice, the kindness we shared, the mercy and forgiveness we extended to others. We must be willing to remove the darkness of sin, our prejudice, jealousy, or pride and live in the light of truth which respects the dignity of each person as a child of God. Living into Isaiah's vision and announcing God's living word to others will transform the world.

That is why the message of John the Baptist is so important for us in this Advent journey. John is calling us to repent so that we will be ready to meet the Lord! The Scripture scholar, Sr. Diane Bergant, reminds us that the "word repent comes from the Greek root for metanoia, a change of mind and heart, a change that is much more easily described than accomplished." All too often we are like St. Augustine who once said: "Change me, Lord—but not yet." If we are to experience the peace of Christ, then we must be willing to change our hearts. God is ready to enter your heart...are you ready to receive this gift?

REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule will be:
Wednesday, December 7th, 5:15 PM at Emmanuel
Thursday, December 8th, 7:30 AM at Emmanuel
12:00 Noon at St. Joseph
6:00 PM at Holy Trinity

Advent Bible Study:

Welcome the New Liturgical Year by studying the Gospel of Matthew on Mondays, Dec. 5 and 12 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Presented by Dennie Stieritz at the St. Joseph Parish Center.

Advent Reconciliation Service – On Sunday, December 11th at 12:45pm we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Holy Trinity Church in preparation for the Christmas season. Several confessors will be present to hear confessions.

Can You Hear Me Now? A Musical Cantata by Fr. Francis O'Brien

An evening of liturgical music that invites us to consider our call to discipleship through the events of everyday life. Friday, Dec. 9 at 6:30p.m. at Precious Blood Church. A joint project of the NE 6 Family of Parishes in collaboration with St. Vincent De Paul. A free will offering will be taken up with the proceeds benefiting St. Vincent De Paul.

Retirement Fund For Religious. An abbot writes, "Your gift helps ease our worldly burdens and allows us to continue living out our mission of seeking God and serving the Church." Donations to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection help hundreds of US religious communities to provide for their aging members. Please give generously. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Dare to date! Marriage Uncorked Ministry is hosting a Christmas white elephant exchange and newlywed game (Christmas style) on December 10th from 6:30-9pm in the Emmanuel school building. Please bring one gift, it can be a real or gag gift, and a snack to share! Babysitting is available! Please rsvp to Courtney Mark at marriageuncorked@gmail.com.
Save the date! Marriage Uncorked is hosting a Sweetheart Dinner Dance on February 11, 2023. More information to come, but please mark your calendars!

Lessons and Carols – Wednesday evening, December 21st at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph's Church we will celebrate a service of scripture and song that recounts the fall of humanity, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each scripture lesson is followed by a carol or song that reflects the lesson's message and a brief prayer. A social gathering will follow in the parish center. This is a wonderful way to prepare for the coming of Christmas!

FORMED this Advent – Daily Reflections with Dr. Tim Gray will help us to grow closer to our Lord this Advent season using the daily Mass readings every day during the Advent and Christmas season. To sign up go to: daily.formed.org.

Reflections on "The True Meaning of Christmas" with Dr. Michael Barber. Visit FORMED.org and Click "Sign Up." Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization" find your parish by zip code or name, "St. Joseph" Enter your email and you're in!

SVdP Fundraiser Dinner. Tickets now available! Please see insert in today's bulletin.

Flocknotes... Would you like to receive email from us? Follow this link <https://downtowndaytoncatholicpa.flocknote.com/>, fill in the needed information, and click "Sign Me Up" to be on your way to receiving messages from the Downtown Dayton Parishes.

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

Yves Benimana	Jacob Gutwein	David Musgrove
Michael Borgert	Nicholas Kern	Diane Nyirasimbi
John Carner	Morgan Konsdorf	Anthony Pelfrey
Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles	Cody Landers	Jessica Pruitt
Jon Chachula	Greg Marcus	Susan Varmuza
Laura Chachula	Alex McGarvey	Justin Williams
Caleb Fowler	Zachary McIntyre	

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Nov. 27, 2022

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$ 6,637.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 663.70
Year to Date Deficit:	\$(16,897.00)

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External Restoration Campaign Update! As of November 30th we have received \$60,500 in pledges toward our campaign goal of \$200,000. Of that amount \$53,300 has already been paid. Thank you to those who have sent in their pledges! If you have not sent in your pledge please do so by December 18th. Any gift is greatly appreciated to help us reach our total overall goal of \$400,000, half of which has already been pledged by the Zwiesler and Niehaus families.

Prayer List

Virginia Allen	George Hendrix	Jan Timerding
Ed Chartrand	Trisha Junker	Special Intention
Nancy Cartuyvelles	Thomas Ledinsky	Adam
Michael Dalessio	Tim McCrate	Christine
Marilyn Dehner	Patrick McDonald	Dale
Annette Fohl	Randy Rosenthal	Grant
Cindy Gardina	Katie Schultz	Justin
Gary George	Louie Schulze	Kelli
Craig Hathaway	Robert Thoman	Helen

Advent Notes from the Loft... "Comfort Ye My People," is the first vocal piece of Handel's beloved oratorio, *The Messiah*, composed in 1741 for orchestra, chorus and soloists and completed in only 24 days. Isaiah 40:1-3 provides the text for this well-known tenor solo: *Comfort ye, my people, saith your God; speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardon'd. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

Christmas Giving Tree Project to support Elizabeth's New Life Center takes place now through Sunday, December 18th. It's as easy as 1-2-3!

1. **Take an ornament** from the tree located in the back of church.
2. **Shop** for a baby item listed on the ornament.
3. **Return Gift**, unwrapped and with the ornament attached, by placing it under the Christmas tree at next weekend's Masses or to the Parish Office by Thursday, December 15th.

More details, contact Tracy Harman, harman.tracy@yahoo.com. Thank you for your generosity!

Holy Father's Prayer Intention... For volunteer not-for-profit organizations. We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

From the Joyful Noiseletter:

Sign outside St. John's Lutheran Church, Winter Park, FL:
"Try an attitude of gratitude today."

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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Weekend Offertory:	Budget:	Collection
	\$6,250.00	\$4,562.00

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If you have been attending Holy Trinity for a while and would like to be a registered member, please call the parish office 937-228-1223 or download a registration form at Holytrinitydayton.org.

Our Advent Penance Service is Sunday, December 11 at 12:45 p.m. Please join with us in prayer, scripture, song and the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Thanks to All who donated non-perishable food and/or cash to our food collection for Emmanuel St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. As per usual, the response was overwhelming and well received by the Food Pantry.

Help Will Be Needed Sunday, December 18 immediately following the 11:30 Mass to set up the stable, hang the wreaths and decorate the trees in the sanctuary. If all goes well and we have many volunteers, we should be finished by 2:00 p.m. Many hands will make for light work for all.

Bring Some Joy to one or more of our senior members of Holy Trinity Parish. Send a card, pay a visit or make a telephone call to let them know that we at Holy Trinity are remembering them and wish them a blessed Christmas. Simply take a snowflake from our giving tree in the sanctuary and bring a little joy to their life.

Thank you to all the parishioners who are participating in the Holiday Giving program sponsored by the CSSMV. Gifts are all to be returned to the parish office by December 8, with the family number and letter on the outside of the package. Thanks so much.

Our Advent Almsgiving This Year is a request for NEW, warm gloves for children. They may be put under the tree in the sanctuary or in the branches. We will be collecting gloves until Sunday, December 18 and then they will be distributed to agencies that service children. Thank you!

Christmas Flowers: If you would like to help beautify the church for the Christmas season, we are accepting donations for the poinsettias, in remembrance of your loved ones or simply to thank God for His goodness and mercy. You may place your donations, along with the name of the individual you wish remembered and put it in an envelope marked "Christmas flowers" and place the envelope in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. We will be accepting the names until December 18.

Thanks to all who are participating in our recycling program here at Holy Trinity. The green and yellow dumpster at the north end of Bainbridge Street are there so we can recycle magazines, newspapers, office papers and cardboards.

Please continue to bring your aluminum beverage cans to the parish when you come to Mass or when you are passing through the area, you can put them at the garage door. Please tie the bags shut. We also recycle spent batteries. Please place them in the plastic tub on the steps in the vestibule, so they can be disposed of properly.

If you would like to bring up the Offertory gifts at the Mass you attend, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back of church.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Nov. 27, 2022

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$5,588.00
Charity:	\$ 618.00

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I'm doing a Happy Dance! Know why? I get to retire at the end of the year! I wanted to thank all of you for your help over the last 22 years. We've accomplished a lot and our parish is a vibrant reflection of your willingness to get involved and create a community who supports one another. Christopher Lockhart will be our new business manager. Chris is retired military and has a lot of experience in finance and human resources that will serve him well in his new position. I know you will welcome Chris and help him as he learns all about St. Joe's and his new responsibilities. I'll still be around volunteering and helping out where I can. Thank you again for all your support these past 22 years! Rita

Join us for Coffee and Donuts on Sunday, December 11th following the 10:00 Mass. Santa will be stopping by to say Hi! All are welcome.

We would like to welcome Adriana Sutton and Bonita Western to St. Joseph parish. We're delighted you've decided to join us and look forward to getting to know you.

The Giving Tree in the back of church will support Elizabeth New Life Center with baby items for their clients. Please take an ornament from the tree, purchase the item, and then bring the unwrapped item to church with you and place it by the tree. Please return all items by December 18th. Thank you for your support.

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on December 18th starting at 2:00. Please mark your calendar. All are welcome.

We still have plenty of our 175th anniversary remembrance items i.e., sun catchers, ornaments and greeting cards appropriate for Christmas. The picture on each item is our stained glass window in church of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. These will make wonderful Christmas gifts. Call or email Rita at 937-228-9272.

*Please keep the following people in your prayers.
Call the rectory if you would like to be added to the prayer list.*

Beth Anderson	Michael Glackin	Greg Osif
Cheryl Anderson	Gary Grump	Vanessa Padgett
Austin Beggin & Family	Bennett Hart	Victor Polovskis
Colby Berry	Carol Hartke	Theresa Reiff
Jim Brokamp	Paul Hartke	Tony Riggs
Bob Bruns	Marie Henry	Janet Rudy-Gerrard
Kathy Buschur	Andrea Kittel	Terri Sullivan
Sara Bustetter	Colette Kropp	Jack Summers
Mooneen Caufield	Alma Landry	Karen Thomas
Michael Culp	Colleen Maples	Tony Trick
Rita Downs	William Meikle	Joann Weisenbach
John Fitzgerald	Joe Moretto	Sharon Wenzel
Jim Flynn	Mary Beth O'Connor	Linda
Junior Fowler		

Area Activities

Naim, the organization for widowed Catholics switches to "Winter Hours" for the Monday, December 12, meeting at 1 PM in the St. Henry PAC, 6660 N. Springboro Pike. Cards will follow. Friday, December 16, Naim members celebrate Christmas with dinner & entertainment at Koehler's Banquet Center. This event requires reservations, so if YOU want to participate in either event, contact Sue Caulfield at 937-395-9891.

U.D. Marian Library Christmas Creche Museum. This year the featured theme is the Christmas story of the Juggler who performed for Our Lady. Visiting the library, you will find a selection from the ever-popular Marian Library Crèche Collection. The Nativity sets on display illuminate a variety of gifts brought to the manger and complement the Christmas story of the Juggler. Open through Jan. 27, 2023, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Saturdays & Sundays Dec. 3-4 and 10-11, 1 to 4 p.m. For more details: go.udayton.edu/Christmas-exhibit.



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