

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 11, 2022

3rd Sunday of Advent

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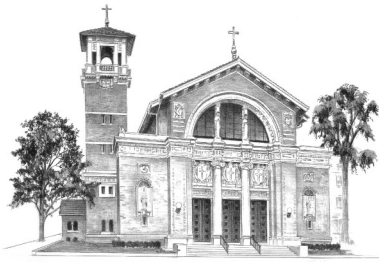
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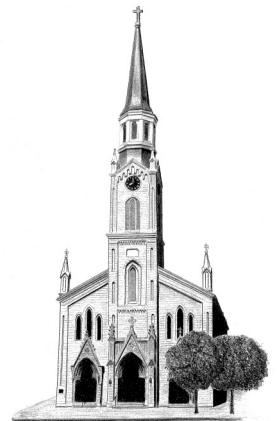
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 12

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Maureen Bird

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Beth Anderson

Tuesday, December 13

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Ron May

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Dayton Council 500 Family & Friends

Wednesday, December 14

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Living & deceased members of Jim & Maxine Monnin Family

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

Thursday, December 15

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Anthony Rocco

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Patricia A. McHale

Friday, December 16

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Jack P. Hamilton II

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Bob & Sandy Brinkman

Saturday, December 17

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....John R. Braun

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Dan Hecker

4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Kenneth Mast

5:15 PM Emmanuel.....Eugene Wilson

Sunday, December 18

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:

Isaiah 7: 10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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

A lot has changed in the life of John the Baptist since last week's gospel reading. Last week we heard John come on strong, full of confidence, calling the Pharisees "a brood of vipers" and telling us that the Messiah will come with his winnowing fan in hand and will clear the threshing floor, the chaff burning with unquenchable fire. "Repent, the Kingdom of God is at hand."

In today's gospel John is in prison. We know he will not leave prison alive, his tone is one of uncertainty. "Is Jesus the Messiah or are we to look for another?" John knows God can do amazing things. After all, he was born to elderly parents beyond childbearing years, his father had a vision of an angel revealing the news that John had a special mission. Yet, Jesus has not come with fire, might and destruction.

In many ways we can relate to John as we make this Advent journey. Is God really with us now? Daily we are confronted with violence, uncertainty, broken relationships, economic uncertainty, confusion about what is truth, and a general lack of peace. God seems far away from us.

Advent wakes us up to see what the world is and what the world should be. We're given the vision of the Prophet Isaiah telling us that in the day of the Lord, the lion and the lamb shall lie down together, the rough roads will be made smooth, the eyes of the blind will see, and the deaf will hear, sorrow and mourning will flee. Yes, God is with us, and the good news is that there is more to come!

This weekend we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, a time of rejoicing. Just as our ancestors waited in hope, we too wait trusting that nothing stands outside God's transforming love. This is an important message for us today because our world, filled with advanced technology, can cause us to think that the answers to life's problems should be found as easily as looking up an answer on the internet or popping a meal in the microwave.

The apostle James reminds us that patience and perseverance are the keys to a joy-filled life. Look at the farmer who awaits the yield of the soil. He can't just say, "Ok seed, grow." He must prepare the soil, plant the seed, cultivate its growth all the while realizing that it is God who brings about the growth of the seed. So too, the journey of life takes work, patience, and hope, a belief that God is bringing all things to the good. The spiritual journey is all about getting in touch with the dream God has placed in our heart, that dream for unity, the ability to see the hand of God at work all around us, for as Jesus said, the Kingdom of God is in our midst.

The season of Advent invites us to see with new eyes, to hear with new ears the truth of God's abiding presence. Our world of easy answers says, "prove it to me." Certainly, there is no one thing that will prove the existence of God like links on a chain. Rather, the gift of faith is like a rope made of many fibers. Its strength is not in any one fiber. Instead, it is found in many fibers coming together giving us the strength to say yes to God. And so, we wait in hope because we know God is leading us to life.

Advent invites us to see our waiting for the coming of Jesus not in a passive way, sitting back and twiddling our fingers, no, we are invited into active waiting in which we are constantly observant, being attentive to the light of Christ no matter how small or insignificant. Upon seeing that light we rejoice!

On this Gaudete Sunday we rejoice in the example of the religious priests, sisters and brothers who give witness to the hope that is found in God's covenant of love. We rejoice in the circle of family, friends, and parishioners that God gives to us for support and encouragement. We rejoice in Jesus who give us his Body and Blood to strengthen us so that our lives can reflect the light of God's love to others. We rejoice in the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ in glory who lifts our drooping spirits, who forgives our sins, who shares with us the Good News that we are precious children of God.

REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deepen Your Understanding of the Mass - Archbishop Dennis Schnurr would like you to join him for a special study of *The Mass* video series from Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Ministries. Each Sunday from January 8 through February 12, Archbishop Schnurr will email you one episode of the series along with his own brief insights, which you can watch on your own time and at your own pace, to explore the wonder of the Mass. Each episode of the series is only about 25 minutes. This is a great way to join fellow Catholics across the archdiocese to deepen your understanding of the Mass and experience it in a whole new way. Visit catholicaoc.org/theMass to sign up for free.

Advent Bible Study:

Welcome the New Liturgical Year by studying the Gospel of Matthew on Monday, Dec. 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.

Retirement Fund For Religious. Help aging religious. Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously.

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!

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.

Save the date! Marriage Uncorked is hosting a Sweetheart Dinner Dance on February 11, 2023. More information to come!

Advent Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Joseph Church on Saturday, Dec. 17th following the Noon Mass until 4:00 PM.

Plan Ahead...Special Advent Confession Schedule

December 19th 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church
December 19th 6:30 PM at Emmanuel Church
December 20th 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church
December 20th 6:30 PM at Emmanuel Church
December 21st 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church
December 22nd 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church
December 23rd 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church
No Confessions December 24th or 25th.

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 Dec. 4, 2022

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$ 7,177.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 717.70
Year to Date Deficit:	\$(17,700.00)

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External Restoration Campaign Update! As of December 6th we have received \$82,600 in pledges toward our campaign goal of \$200,000. Of that amount \$63,400 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	Special Intention
Ed Chartrand	Thomas Ledinsky	Adam
Nancy Cartuyvelles	Tim McCrate	Christine
Michael Dalessio	Patrick McDonald	Dale
Marilyn Dehner	Randy Rosenthal	Grant
Annette Fohl	Katie Schultz	Justin
Cindy Gardina	Louie Schulze	Kelli
Gary George	Robert Thoman	Helen
Craig Hathaway	Jan Timerding	

Advent Notes from the Loft... "Hark! A Herald Voice is Calling" is a traditional Advent hymn whose text comes to us from the 6th-century *En clara vox redarguit*, translated by Fr. E. Caswall (1814-1878). The tune, "Merton," is by W. H. Monk (1823-1889).

Christmas Giving Tree Project – FINAL DAYS. Thank you for taking an ornament from the Christmas tree to help support the Elizabeth's New Life Center. Please return the gift, unwrapped and with the ornament attached, to the Parish Office no later than Thursday, December 15th or place under the Christmas tree at the Masses next weekend, December 17/18. Questions? Contact Tracy Harman, harman.tracy@yahoo.com. Thank you for your generosity!

Miraculous Medal Novena with Adoration and Benediction
Join us on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm for the Miraculous Medal Novena, with church doors opening at 6:30pm. During this holy hour we pray the Novena as well as have Exposition, Benediction, Communion and a short homily.

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:

"Laughter is the beginning of prayer."
– Reinhold Niebuhr, *Protestant theologian*

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Dec 4, 2022

Weekend Offertory:	Budget:	Collection
	\$6,250.00	\$10,245.67
Outreach:		\$ 781.00

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What a joy Breakfast with Santa was last Sunday! Our thanks to Barb Gilbert and Robyn Essman for coordinating the event, all the adult helpers, our youth, the youth from Emmanuel and the C-J kids that came to help and especially Santa Claus. I would be remiss if I did not say a big THANK YOU to the Bajarano family for the beautiful music they provided for our enjoyment.

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 today at 12:45 p.m. Please join with us in prayer, scripture, song and the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Thanks to All who donated nonperishable 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.

Extra Help will be needed on Monday, December 19 when we deep clean the church. There will be two sessions: one at 9:00 a.m. and one at 6:00 p.m.. We will be cleaning the pews with lemon oil and scrubbing the kneelers in addition to the normal cleaning. Bring your favorite cleaning tools.

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.

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 cardboard.

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.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Dec 4, 2022

Weekend Offertory: Collection
\$8,659.50
Charity: \$ 147.00

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I'll be retiring at the end of the year and 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 today Sunday, following the 10:00 Mass. Santa will be stopping by to say Hi! All are welcome.

We like to welcome to St. Joseph parish Glen & Donna Johnson. We're delighted you've decided to join us and look forward to getting to know you.

Please remember in your prayers Nicholas D'Amico and Thomas Zukowitz who were buried from St. Joe's this week. May they rest in peace with the Lord.

Congratulations to LeAnna Galyk and Joseph Walton who were married at St. Joe's on Saturday. We wish you much happiness!

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

Elizabeth's New Life Center has been saving babies and changing lives for 33 years. We have an immediate need for employees in the Dayton area. Please visit our website at elizabethnewlife.org/careers/ for more information or to apply. RN/RDMS to perform limited obstetrical ultrasounds. Consultant to work with women facing crisis pregnancies. Executive Director to carry out all executive responsibilities of the organization to ensure services are provided in accordance with ENLC's mission and strategic plan.

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.

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