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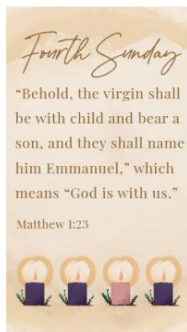


Advent

Liturgy Readings for the Week

Saturday,	December 18	
4:00 p.m.	Jer 23:5-8	Mt 1:18-25
	Lew Zahara	
Sunday,	December 19-Fourth Sunday of Advent	
Mi 5:1-4a	Heb 10:5-10	Lk 1:39-45
8:30 a.m.	Ellen Moran	
11:30 a.m.	For the People of St. Mark & St. Mel	
Monday,	December 20	
	Is 7:10-14	Lk 1:26-38
8:30 a.m.	Anna & Joseph Tilow	
Tuesday,	December 21	
	Sg 2:8-14	Lk 1:39-45
8:30 a.m.	George & Marilyn Toth	
Wednesday,	December 22	
	Sm 1:24-28	Lk 1:46-56
Thursday,	December 23	
	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24	Lk 1:57-66
8:30 a.m.	Maureen Gale	
Friday,	December 24-Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord	
Is 62:1-5	Acts 13:16-17, 22-25	Mt 1:1-25
4:00 p.m.	Bill & Therese Briggs	
10:00 p.m.	Nahrstedt and Brazis Families	
Saturday,	December 25-The Nativity of the Lord	
Is 9:1-6	Ti 2:11-14	Lk 2:1-14
8:30 a.m.	For the People of St. Mark & St. Mel	
11:30 a.m.	Maggie Willmitch	
Sunday,	December 26-The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	
Sm 1:20-22, 24-28	Jn 3:1-2, 21-24	Lk 2:41-52
8:30 a.m.	Luke McGraw	
11:30 a.m.	Dolly Tinnirello	

Pope's Intention December: Catechists. Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Luke McGraw Memorial Candles
Weekly Intention
December 19
Luke McGraw

Liturgical Ministers

Please stop in the sacristy to sign up for Christmas Liturgies.

Thank you for your continued service!

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace. In Jesus' name, Amen!

Please Pray for Our Sick

William Adams	Irene Gurchensky	William Schmitz
Gianna Andolina	David Kurth	Mildred Schmitz
Sam Auble	Catherine Kutsick	Sr. Mary Ann Spangler
Katy Brent	Loree Leasure-Poirier	Mary Stark
Ann Eames	Mary Maloney	Nancy Stinson
Margaret Fadrowski	Jim McIlwee	Nora Sudetic
Michael Ferris	Mary Miller	George Surovec
Nicole Foerstner	Maisie Nowlin	Herb Tippie
Helen Forlini	Sr. Josette Obodzinski	Joe Wantz
Mary Frantz	Ryan Puzzitiello Jr.	Charlotte Whiting
Cecilia Frischauf	Bill Retzer	Lillian Zahara
		Mary Zavatchen
		Thomas Zavatchen

Liturgical Ministers Sunday, December 26

Sunday, December 26 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Stamper, Karen Cocita, Jim Stamper

Lector: Michael Garvin

Altar Servers: Jack McGervey, Richard Ziemann

Cantor: Tim Mohr

Sunday, December 26 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Dave, Michael Garvin, Rosa

Lector: Deborah Roscoe

Altar Servers: Isabella Evans, Eion Mueller

Cantor: Patty Joyce

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Envelopes:..... \$ 7,057.00

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Total Sunday Collections: \$12,761.00

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Join us in prayer and worship during

The Christmas Season

Christmas Eve

Fri Dec 24th

4:00pm St. Mark
4:30pm St. Mel
7:00pm St. Mel
10:00pm St. Mark

Christmas Day

Sat Dec 25th

8:30am St. Mark
10:00am St. Mel
11:30am St. Mark

There will be no Saturday Vigil Masses on Christmas Day

The Christmas season continues with Masses at their regular times. The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God on January 1st is not a holy day of obligation this year, due to its proximity to Sunday.

The Holy Family

Sun Dec 26th

The Epiphany

Sun Jan 2nd

The Baptism of the Lord

Sun Jan 9th

Christmas is a ray of light for all, because it reveals to us God's love and makes us feel the presence of Jesus with everyone, especially with those who are suffering. Just for this reason Jesus willed to be born in poverty and in the abandonment of a cave and to be laid in a manger.

Saint Pope John Paul II, *Address to Young People*, 1978

Background: Peter Paul Rubens, *Adoration of the Magi*, 1633

Friends,

As you make your final preparations for Christmas, I want to extend to you my heartfelt prayers that this Advent time has been fruitful and that you celebrate the birth of Christ with great joy. I most certainly find joy in seeing Christ revealed in all of you! While we may think of our lives as being very ordinary, they are not... the things that you do in your daily life that are done out of love and service to others are the fruit of your life in Christ. As we celebrate the Christmas liturgies, the thankfulness in my heart will be for being a part of your lives. God bless you and your families this Christmas, and always.

In Christ,

Fr. Adam



Behold, a Virgin shall
conceive
and bear a son;
And his name will be
called
Emmanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

**PLEASE BE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR
2022 PARISH CALENDARS,
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CHURCH ENTRANCES**

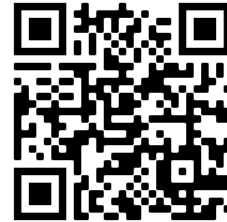
(we apologize but the supply is limited this year)

Looking for feedback!

Hey, Michael the Seminarian here! I can't believe it's almost Christmas! As I approach the half-way point of my internship here, the Seminary conducts a mid-year review of my time here at St. Mark's to see how well my internship has been going. Part of that review involves your feedback! I'd love to hear what you think about my time here and how you think I've been doing here at St. Mark's, so feel free to follow the link below (or scan the QR code) and leave a comment for me. Thank you in advance for your observations!

www.percorso.app/GiveFeedback/mfgarvin

Michael, the Seminarian Intern



Prayer Chain

One of the most powerful things we can do for one another is to pray. There are always prayers being requested for people who are ill, facing surgery or even those who have died. For those people who are at home or have no computer, please consider joining our Phone Prayer Chain. If you are interested in being a part of the Phone Prayer Chain, please contact Kathy O'Malley at (216-390-8591)



Join in praying the Rosary

**in Church every Sunday
after the 8:30 a.m. Mass**



Fourth Sunday of Advent

VIRTUS COMPLIANCY — IMPORTANT

The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) will be doing on-site audits at parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland. It is imperative that prior to working with children - coaches, scout leaders and helpers, St. Mark Staff, catechists & teachers (PSR and DAY school), parent volunteers, etc. - are Virtus compliant. This means that one must be:

- Virtus trained (see below)
- **Current with reading on-line bulletins**
- Read and signed off on Policy for **Protecting Children Revised 2016 (turn into Parish Office)**
- Read and signed off on **Standards of Conduct Revised 2016 (turn into Parish Office)**
- New registrations for volunteers must complete a Background Check through OBCI & I at a fingerprint location (Warren Village BMV must have cash or check) and have report submitted to the Church Office attention Fr. Adam Zajac. **Current volunteers with a BCI report that is 5 years or older must now renew Background check through Virtus.org under tab "Toolbox" and go to Selection.com. Must have a credit card to complete this process.**
- Filled out a **St. Mark Volunteer Application (turn into Parish Office)**

All of the above-mentioned requirements are mandatory. (You can check your compliancy by going to "Virtus.org", signing in, and clicking on the green 'Training' tab.) If you are not sure of your compliancy, call Cheryl Birchfield at the Parish Office (216-226-7577) and your compliancy will be verified. If one is not Virtus compliant, **YOU MAY NOT WORK/VOLUNTEER WITH CHILDREN.**

To see available Virtus training sessions please go to Virtusonline.org click on First Time Registrant, Begin Registration Process also available is List of Sessions, select the Cleveland Diocese. You **MUST** register to attend a session.

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday,	December 18	
9:00am-2:00 pm	CYO Basketball Games	G
3:00 pm	Confession	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	December 19	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary (LS)	CH
11:30 am	Mass	
6:00 pm	Youth Group Christmas Party	SH
Monday,	December 20	
	School Closed	
8:30 am	Mass	
2:30 pm	RCIC	SH
4:00pm-9:00 pm	Basketball Tourn.	G
7:00 pm	Symbolon Series (at St. Mel)	
Tuesday,	December 21	
	School Closed	
8:30 am	Mass	
4:00pm-9:00 pm	Basketball Tourn.	G
Wednesday,	December 22	
	School Closed	
12:00 pm	Arts & Environment	CH
4:00pm-9:00 pm	Basketball Tourn.	G
Thursday,	December 23	
	School Closed	
8:30 am	Mass	
4:00pm-9:00 pm	Basketball Tourn.	G
9:00 pm	HS Basketball Prac.	G
Friday,	December 24	
	School Closed	
	Church Office Closed	
4:00 pm	Mass (LS)	
10:00 pm	Mass (LS)	
Saturday,	December 25	
8:30 am	Mass	
11:30 am	Mass	
Sunday,	December 26	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
11:30 am	Mass	

Note: (LS)=Livestreamed



4th Sunday of Advent

Parish Office Schedule

Friday, December 24th - Closed

Monday, December 27th - Closed

Friday, December 31st - Closed

Monday, January 3rd - Closed

**Merry Christmas and many blessings
in the New Year!**



Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene

In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223.

The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time.

When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R/. Who made heaven and earth.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, [Luke 2:1](#) (lines 1-8) or [Isaiah 7:10](#) (lines 10-15, the birth of Emmanuel).

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The leader prays with hands joined:

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Savior was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,
bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns forever and ever.
R/. Amen.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, Say to the Lord,
"My refuge and fortress, My God in whom I trust."
Psalm 91:1-2

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all our military men and women presently serving and those who have returned home.

Jason Bochert, James Boone, Jr., Elijah Brolly, Kurt Brown, Nathan Chomoa, Jeremy Cole, Matthew Craven, Josh Dunleavy, T.J. Finucan, Martin Hartsel, Joe Isabella, John Kester, Randy Kloos, Stephanie Lasch, Adam Lemmerman, Torrey Lynch, Ron McDough, Andrew J. McGinty, Owen McGrew, Jake North, Jon Novak, Danny O'Malley, Sean P. O'Reilly, Nick Ortiz, Steven Podhradsky, Nico Russo, Tom Sarko, Matthew Shirley, Brady Smith, Montana Stiegelmeier, Edward Thomas, Joseph Toole, Jacob Trefney, Jonah Treible, Lukas Whitney.



God Bless them all!

Kathy O'Malley womalfam@sbcglobal.net for any updates.



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