

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH · CELEBRATING 170 YEARS OF SERVICE

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 2017

## *Our Ministers*

ALL Ministers – Please arrive 10 minutes before Mass, check at the Sacristy for attendance and any further instruction from the Pastor. Thank You.

### Acolytes

**December 17, 2017 – Third Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. Ron Hitzler, Liz Berry, Stan Carlos

11:00 a.m. Nate Powers, Leonard Carmichael, Mary Walton

**December 24, 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. Ron Hitzler, John Green, Kenneth King

11:00 a.m. Nate Powers, James Roper, Robert Johnson

### Announcers

**December 17, 2017 – Third Sunday of Advent** – Calista Smith

**December 24, 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Advent** – Calista Smith

### Catechists

**December 17, 2017 – Third Sunday of Advent**

**Lead Catechist:** Reganne Edwards

Gail Burton, Pat Charlton, Nadie Mays-Magruder, Joyce Edwards

**December 24, 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Lead Catechists:** Nadia Mays-Magruder

Gail Burton, Pat Charlton, Regan Edwards, Joyce Edwards

### Eucharistic Ministers

**December 17, 2017 – Third Sunday of Advent**

Stephanie Edwards, Pam Franklin, Nanci Mays-Roddy,  
Mary Richardson, Gail Smith, Theresa Thien, Joyce Edwards,  
Reggie Lee, Bill Jefferson, Edna McCoy

**December 24, 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Pam Bias-Daniels, Lester Freeman, Edna McCoy, Jack McWilliams,  
Joyce Edwards, Shirley Robinson, Denise Stockstill, Kathleen Woods,  
Bruce Seidel, Pam Franklin, Reggie Lee

### Lectors

**December 17, 2017 – Third Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. George Kinley, Grant Smith

11:00 a.m. Pam Franklin, Gail Smith

**December 24, 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. Grant Smith, Anne Shaffer

11:00 a.m. Lester Freeman, Melba Marsh

### Readings

**December 17, 2017 – Third Sunday of Advent**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

**Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

**December 24, 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**First Reading:** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

**Second Reading:** Romans 16:25-27

**Gospel:** Luke 26-38

**Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule** – St. Joseph Church: 15 minutes before each Mass, Father is available for Confessions by appointment. Please call 513-381-4526.

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## From The Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Today, our Church celebrates the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Which is also called Gaudete Sunday which means "Rejoice." The liturgical vestment color is Rose.

Advent is a time for prayer and preparation for the coming of the Messiah at Christmas.

We rejoice...

**COME! COME! EMMANUEL! COME!**

Last week, we sent out our annual Christmas Appeal letter. Asking every individual or family to give an extra donation of \$171.00. In honor of our 171 years of our founding.

We will be collecting these funds throughout the Christmas Season which latest until Sunday January 7, 2018, The Epiphany of the Lord.

Thank you to everyone who have already made their contributions.

Donations are also being collected for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please place your donations in the collection baskets.

We will send a check from our parish to the Office for Religious at the archdiocese in the next week. Thank you for your contributions.

The focus of the reading today reminds us to be prophets for our time.

Let us keep each other in our prayers.

Father Rey, Pastor

## *Mass Intentions*

**Sunday, December 17, 2017 – 3rd Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. Mass – St. Joseph Church

For Robert Boekmker (D) by John Gennon

11:00 a.m. Mass – St. Joseph Church

For Drayton Robinson Sr. (AD)

by Shirley Robinson and Family

for Cookie "Ruth" Vogelpohl (AD) by SJCC

**Wednesday, December 20, 2017 – Advent Weekday**

12:00 p.m. Mass – The Cincinnati VA Medical Center

For Deceased Priests and Deacons of the Archdiocese

of Cincinnati and the Deceased Priests of the

Military Archdiocese by Father Rey

**Thursday, December 21, 2017 – St. Peter Carnisius**

12:30 p.m. Mass – St. Joseph Church

For Cookie "Ruth" Vogelpohl (AD) by SJCC

**Friday, December 22, 2017 – Advent Weekday**

For Sister Daniella Marie, SFP (D) by Father Rey

## *Stewardship*

**December 10, 2017**

Regular Sunday Collection	\$3,733.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 120.00
Christmas Appeal	\$ 938.00
Childrens Collection	\$ 10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 142.00
Sunday Saints	\$ 96.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 110.00
Social Action	\$1,000.00
Funeral – Willie Johnson	\$1,000.00
Missals	\$ 46.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 20.00
Krogers	\$ 383.96
Total	\$7,616.96
Weekly Budget	\$6,500.00
Over/Under Budget	\$1,116.96

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## Prayer for Vocations

Almighty Father, You have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

– Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr



Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in Your healing presence. Show Your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking You for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

## Please Pray for Our:

### Hospital-Nursing Home

Carmichael, Leonard	Christ Hospital
Crowder, Vivian	Scarlet Oaks
Dysart, Richard	Covenant Village
Griggs, Ruth	Christ Hospital
Hogue, Bernie	Drake
Hurst, Father Paul	Bayley Place
Matthews, Will	Montgomery Care
Meyers, Fr. Harry	Western Hill Retirement
Morin, Mary	Bridgeway Point
Porter, Georgia	Ivy Woods
Powell, Cedric	VA Medical
Richards, Kathy	CommuniCare
Slaughter, Isaac	Children's Hospital
Smith, Essie	Pristine Senior Living
Whitlow, Janet	Good Samaritan
Wolfolk, Joe	Indian Springs
Zimmerman, Helen	Lincoln Crawford

### Homebound/Sick-Shut-In

Byes, Annie	<b>Prayer List</b>
Caldwell, Billie Jean	Gibson, Mamie
Charlton, Joseph	Hill, Hestella
Cowherd, Diana	Hunter, Deanna
Cullen, SC, Helen	Irby, Frances
Daniels, Larry	Kroeger, Twins (Conjoined)
Foster-Waller, Alberta	Lampkin, Christopher
Freihofer, Alex	Mason, Cynthia
Knight, Linda	Payne, Yolanda
Richey, Beverly	Posey, Julie
Robinson, Shirley	Rohan, Ned
Stevenson, Ruth	Smith, Vicki
Tolliver, Shirley	Turner, Pam
	Warren-Malone, Belinda

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### CHRISTMAS BREAK:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 THROUGH  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, December 17, 2017 Gaudete Sunday

9:00 a.m. Mass – St. Joseph Church  
RCIA Session

11:00 a.m. Mass – St. Joseph Church

### Monday, December 18, 2017 – Weekday

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Parish Office – Open

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. St. Joseph Catholic School – Open

6:30 p.m. Bible Study – St. Ann Chapel – Church

### Tuesday, December 19, 2017 Weekday

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Parish Office – Open

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. St. Joseph Catholic School – Open

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. WEEC&P – Convent – Open

12:00 p.m. Mass – The Cincinnati Children's Hospital

6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship Room – Church

### Wednesday, December 20, 2017 Weekday

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Parish Office – Open

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. St. Joseph Catholic School – Closed

12:00 p.m. Mass – The Cincinnati VA Medical Center

2:30 p.m. Holy Spirit Prayer

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Church

### Thursday, December 21, 2017 Weekday

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Parish Office – Open

St. Joseph Catholic School – Closed

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. WEEC&P – Convent – Open

12:30 p.m. Mass – St. Joseph Church

### Friday, December 22, 2017 Advent Weekday

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Parish Office – Open

St. Joseph Catholic School – Closed

12:30 p.m. Mass – St. Joseph Church

## BLACK THURSDAY BREAKFAST AND SHOP

December 21 – 10:00 a.m.; Cost: \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family.

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**HOURS:** 7:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m.

**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** 513-721-0643

Everyone in need of shelter who would otherwise be outside is encouraged to come.

## WEST END EMERGENCY CENTER AND PANTRY

BARREL COLLECTION DAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

## The observance of the World Day of Peace before the Solemnity

of **Mary the Mother of God** – Monday, January 1, 2018, 10:00 a.m., at Ascension Parish, 2025 Woodman Drive, Kettering, the Holy father designates each New Year's Day as a special opportunity for the universal Church to pray for a year of greater peace, respect for life and social justice. Join us as we pray for nonviolence and healing in our communities, nation and world.

or

Cincinnati Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains (Corner of 8th and Plum Streets, Downtown Cincinnati), at 11:00 a.m. Celebrated by Bishop Joseph Binzer