



## Welcome to Nativity!

We hope you will find a place of comfort, consolation and encouragement; a place where you will meet Christ in a community of faithful and they will find Christ in you. If you have any questions about Nativity, please contact any of the staff below and they will be glad to help.

### Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:30 pm
Sunday	11:00 am
Weekday: Tuesday & Friday	8:15 am
Reconciliation—Saturdays	3:00-4:00 pm
Reconciliation—First Friday	9-9:30 am

### Contact Us

Parish Office (513) 531-3164  
5935 Pandora Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45213  
[parish@nativity-cincinnati.org](mailto:parish@nativity-cincinnati.org)

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[school@nativity-cincinnati.org](mailto:school@nativity-cincinnati.org)

St. Vincent de Paul (513) 531-0283

### Marriage

Please contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to desired date to schedule a meeting with the Pastor

### Mobile Devices

Please turn off all mobile devices upon entering the church. Thank you!

### Parish Staff

Fr. Eric Roush-Pastor  
Mrs. Sharon Kindell-Executive Assistant to the Pastor  
Mr. Rudy Gruenke IV-Systems & Special Projects  
Sr. Janet Schneider, CDP-DRE/Pastoral Associate  
Mr. John Puljanowski-Accounts Manager  
Mrs. Julie Abraham-Development Director  
Mr. Thomas Franklin-Music Ministry  
Mrs. Claudia Kimura-School Secretary  
Mrs. Mary Lennard-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

### Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism. There are no baptisms during Lent. Attendance at the preparation program is required before a first child's Baptism. To sign up for the Baptism Program please contact Sr. Janet Schneider.

### Hearing Enhancement Equipment

Hearing enhancement equipment is available to help you hear the service. An usher would be happy to assist you. Please return the unit after the service.

**THIS WEEK AT NATIVITY****SUNDAY:**

10:45-12:00pm-Catechesis, POB

11:00am-Mass, Church

**MONDAY:****TUESDAY:**

8:15am Mass, Church

**WEDNESDAY:****THURSDAY:**

9:30-11am Catechesis, POB

4:00-5:30pm Catechesis, POB &amp; Upstairs

**FRIDAY:**

8:15am Mass, Church

9:00am Confessions, Chapel followed by Adoration

**SATURDAY:**

3:00-4:00pm Confession, Chapel

4:30pm Mass, Church

**PO—Parish Office****POB—Parish Office Basement****Readings for November 29, 2020****Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64: 2-7****1 Corinthians 1: 3-9****Mark 13: 33-37****Saturday-4:30 pm Mass****Lectors: Ed Smith, Bitsy Smyjunas****Sunday-11:00am Mass****Lectors: Beth Adkins, John Finn**

Sunday: For the People

Tuesday: For the People

Friday: For the People

Saturday: For the People



# Prayer Requests

**Sick & Shut-ins**

Bill Bach, Reid Baumgartner, Liz Bellew, Mary Jo Beresford, Dottie Brinker, Eugene Carlson, Kathy Chalfin, Barbara Cottrell, Diana DeRhodes, Joe Doering, Declan Donovan, Stella Evans, Barry Funk, Jim Kaufman, Fr. Ray Kellerman, Mary Sue Loftus, Al/Mary Lou Matre, Mary McErlane, Gretchen Niswonger, Ron Rulon, Debbie Schneider, Maureen Sullivan, Carl Udry, Bob Valerius, Jan Weaver

**Friends & Family**

Mark Behring, Sally Bowron, Aaron Bradford, Sheila Caldwell, James Doolittle, Bob Finn, Rick Holtz, John Mack, Doug Martin, Bob Mitchell, Ellen Molloy, Greg Morley, David Palmer, Holly Rough, Peg Schuckman, Susan Shakelford, Mary Ellen Spaite, Mike Tebbe, Mary Williams, Craig Wrober

**CHURCH OFFERINGS****November 22, 2020****Fiscal YTD**

Regular Collection

School Support

Online Collection

Total Offerings

Budget

Over/Under Budget

**DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR 11/22 WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.**

# *From the Pastor's Desk*

As daylight dwindles, approaching the winter solstice, we notice more darkness in our days. Many of us are likely waking up before the sun rises and by the time we return home from work it's already dark. We might be missing even more than usual the summer sunshine or the lingering light of autumn casting long shadows. It is amidst this encroaching darkness that we enter the Advent season, the beginning of the Catholic liturgical year.

This natural season of growing darkness seems an odd occasion to being the liturgical year whose center is Jesus Christ, the light of the world. And yet, this is precisely the perfect time. Through the liturgy the Catholic year follows the unfolding of salvation history, in which God's chosen people did not begin with the full light of truth but lived in hopeful anticipation of its coming. Advent is the season of awaiting the dawn!

Awaiting the dawn is also a fitting frame for facing this fallow season in the life of our local church, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Things might look rather dark at times, given the pandemic, the disconnectedness we feel in not being able to gather everyone together, the financial impact of the response to the spread of this virus, and a host of other issues. In the midst of this encroaching darkness, we as disciples of Jesus are to remember the light we bear within us. Through our baptism we have already received the light of Christ. The Son of God is risen in our hearts. The gospel for the first Sunday of Advent calls us to stay awake, to attend to the light we've received, to be watchful, eagerly anticipating the full light of Christ's glory. Indeed, we are called to be beacons of light!

Beacons of Light, in fact, is the name for the five-year process of strategic and pastoral planning upon which all parishes in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati are now embarking. As this process unfolds more information will be made available. At the moment, here is a brief outline of what to anticipate in the near future:

At the outset, Beacons of Light has two phases taking place simultaneously: Strategic Planning and Pastoral Planning. Strategic planning involves data gathering, analysis, and the identification of the best possible parish groupings throughout the Archdiocese. This is being done at the central offices downtown with a consulting group. Input is being collected from pastors through the deans of each deanery. Each pastor is to gather input from the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council at each of his parishes. In the first six months of the new year, the data and input from all the parishes will be utilized to form new groupings of parishes throughout the entire Archdiocese.

In the Summer of 2021, these new parish groupings will be announced. This could mean additional parishes becoming part of the Holy Trinity/Nativity Pastoral Region. Once the new groupings are enacted, then begins the Pastoral Planning phase. Pastoral Planning includes meetings through which parish leaders will discern the shape of parish life for their grouping and create a pastoral plan for the future. The Archdiocese intends to provide trained facilitators to accompany each pastor and his working group, comprised of parishioners from each parish in the new grouping, as they develop a plan together. This process is to align all resources on the parish grouping to the mission of the Church: to offer everyone a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ so they might know, love, and service Him in this life so as to be happy with Him forever. In short, we all become beacons of light that radiate Christ!

In fact, reading Archbishop Schnurr's pastoral letter Radiate Christ would be a great thing to do this Advent as we prepare to welcome Jesus Christ the light of the world into our homes and hearts at Christmas. Eventually information about Beacons of Light will appear in the Catholic Telegraph, so stay tuned. Meanwhile, monthly prayer and reflection resources, as well as updates on the process, will be available at [www.catholicaoc.org/beacons](http://www.catholicaoc.org/beacons). Let us prayerfully anticipate this opportunity to grow together as beacons of light. After all, Advent is the season of awaiting the dawn!



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Donate today to the “Building Our Community” Nativity Annual Fund

The “Building Our Community” Annual Fund kicked off recently with the goal of raising \$100,000 to establish a COVID Relief Fund to provide for unexpected expenses in the school due to the pandemic; to install technology in the church to allow for live-streaming of Mass and other sacramental celebrations; and to install a fire detection system in the parish office building. In addition, \$10,000 will be added to the School Education Fund which provides tuition aid to families in need. Also, \$5,000 will be allocated to be shared between St. Vincent de Paul and The Caring Place, a first-time annual fund priority to help our neighbors in the community. For more information regarding the “Building Our Community” Annual Fund go to [www.nativity-cincinnati.org/giving/annual-fund](http://www.nativity-cincinnati.org/giving/annual-fund). Donate now at <https://nativity-cincinnati.weshareonline.org/AnnualFund> Or, make a check out to Nativity Annual Fund, and mail it to Nativity, 5935 Pandora Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45213. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



### The Giving Tree - Acts of Christmas Kindness

The Giving Tree is an opportunity to spread Christmas joy by giving gifts to needy children and seniors in our community. A small number of gift requests are on the tree, but this year most are online. Please use the links below to select gifts you would like to give to needy kids or lonely seniors:

#### [2020 Nativity Parish Giving Tree: Children's gifts](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054ba9aa2fa64-nativity)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054ba9aa2fa64-nativity>

#### [2020 Nativity Parish Giving Tree: Adult Gifts](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054ba9aa2fa64-adult)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054ba9aa2fa64-adult>

All you need to do is shop for the gifts, wrap them, and attach a tag with the recipient's name and number. **RETURN gifts** before or after Masses on the weekends of Dec. 5-6, or Dec. 12-13. **FINAL DEADLINE for turning in gifts is Noon on Sunday DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>.** Please contact Grace Severyn: home 821-4163, cell 510-9453, or [graceseveryn@gmail.com](mailto:graceseveryn@gmail.com) for a list of additional “gently used” items needed. Thanks kindly for helping us maintain our tradition of kindness toward others.

### SVDP Coat Drive

It's that time of the year already and the SVDP Society at Nativity is collecting gently used and new coats of all sizes to be given to neighbors in need this winter. Check your closets and help fill the barrel located in the vestibule in the back of church. The area is accessible Monday-Friday 7:30 am through 2:30 pm and on the weekends at Mass time. Coats should be clean and have functioning zippers and buttons. Thank you ahead of time for your generosity.



The Caring Place in Kennedy Heights is in need of toilet paper and diapers of all sizes. If you can donate, just drop them off. You don't even need to get out of your car. Drop off times are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 am until 2:00 pm!



This Christmas the PTA will continue the tradition of joining together with families from both the Parish and School for a Staff Gift. For this gift, we ask that instead of purchasing individual gifts, individuals and families contribute to a staff gift fund. This fund is then used to provide a monetary gift to the amazing teachers and staff that work so hard throughout the year to make Nativity a great place to be. The PTA believes strongly in this gift and will match donations received up to \$10,000!

To donate, please use the We Share link <https://nativity-cincinnati.weshareonline.org/StaffChristmasGifts> or send an envelope (marked PTA Staff Gift) into the office with

cash or a check to Nativity PTA. In order to make sure this gift is given before the Christmas break, the deadline to receive donations will be Friday, December 4th. But why wait, check something off of your Christmas list now! Thank you for thinking of our valuable Nativity staff! If you have any questions please contact Colleen Pfister at [colleen.pfister@hotmail.com](mailto:colleen.pfister@hotmail.com)

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## **NATIVITY CHRISTMAS TREE SALE**



The Nativity Christmas Tree sale is up and running! All Proceeds go to the Nativity General Fund. Please help make 2020 - another great year. It takes over 500 volunteer hours to make the sale a success. This is an excellent opportunity for students who need to satisfy their High School service hours requirement. Christmas Tree Sale – we hope to be “sold out” by Wed, December 16th. We need volunteers to help sell trees and wreaths, especially on the weekends, our busiest time. This is a fantastic way to get in the Christmas Spirit, meet new folks, and help Nativity! Get a group of your friends together and work some shifts as a team. It’s a ton of fun! Consider taking the lead of a specific day/shift for the duration of the sale. With all the volunteers last year, we managed to sell out in exactly 2 weeks!!!! Cleanup Day –

Friday, December 18th or earlier (TBD) This is also a wonderful opportunity to help your church and meet some new parishioners! Must be cleaned up prior to Christmas Eve services!!!! This may happen sooner depending on sales! Will keep everyone posted. Two Easy Ways to Volunteer: We are using Sign Up Genius again to volunteer - Please use the following link to sign up - <https://bit.ly/3jFahhP> If you have any questions, please contact Phil Ganz at: ganz.pj@pg.com or 513-673-7366 (cell); 513-731-0012 (home) Thanks!!!



### **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

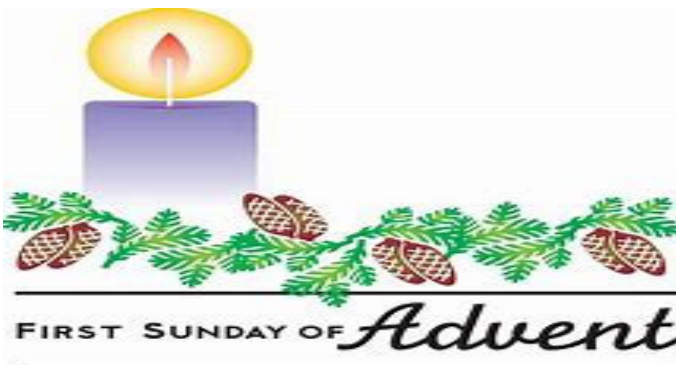
Advent Holy Hour, Monday, December 7, 2020, 7:00 PM at Holy Trinity Church. Vigil of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. We will be having exposition and Benediction as we pray, sing, and recite the rosary together. Father Eric will lead us and offer a reflection on the gospel. Please join us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

If you are planning the baptism of a child, please contact Sr. Janet Schneider to register for the Baptism Program. The class is usually held the first Sunday of each month, either in person or virtually.



Next week our Outreach program (second collection) will be taken up for Nativity's St. Vincent de Paul Society.

As we begin Advent we are called to “Be watchful! Be alert” as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Your gift to St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Christmas.



### **Today is the first Sunday of Advent.**

Below are Confession times during Advent for both Nativity and Holy Trinity:

**Nativity (Chapel) Mondays 7:00 to 8:00 PM,  
November 30, December 7, 14 & 21**

Holy Trinity (Day Chapel) Thursdays 7:00 to 8:00 PM,  
December 3, 10 & 17.

**Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development!** As a parish we raised money to support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).



**Congratulations** to the following students who made honors for the first quarter;

**St. Ursula Academy**

**First Honors:** Lauren Brunswick, Meredith Hurst, Colleen Lake, Katelyn Neeb, Samantha Neeb, Rachel Reyerling, Caroline Schwartz, Abigail Spencer, Lauren Spencer

**Second Honors:** Catherine Strode

**Moeller High School**

**First Honors:** Joseph Burton, Henry Graham, Luke Hillebrand

**Second Honors:** Noah Lorbach

# Retirement Fund for Religious

**Please give to those who have given a lifetime.**



Our parishes will hold the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection December 12-13. In 2019, our Archdiocese raised \$650,000 in support of the Retirement Fund for Religious, which has provided financial and educational assistance to religious communities here and across the country. As this year's appeal will be hampered by limited parish attendance, please consider mailing your donation to the parish office payable to Retirement Fund for Religious and we will be sure to get it to the appropriate location.



# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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4:30 PM & 11:00 AM

◆ = MASS SETTING



**DUE TO COVID-19**  
**- SOTTO VOCE: SING IN A SOFT VOICE -**

Prelude: "Pastorale"

Léon Boëtman

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps. 25(24):1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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◆ Lord, Have Mercy 921

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

**R.** Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

**Gospel Acclamation** Cf. Ps 85:8

**R.** Alleluia, alleluia.  
Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.  
**R.** Alleluia, alleluia.

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of Gifts 65

**COME, LORD! MARANATHA**

Ricky Manalo CSP

1. Now is the time to wake from sleep; salvation is close at hand. Moving from night into day, lift up your voices and pray:

### Refrain

Come, Lord! Maranatha! Come and bring us your peace. Come, Lord, Maranatha! Come to us; set us free. Come, Lord, and bring us your peace.

2. Cast off the deeds of the dark. Put on the armor of light. Turn to the source of the day. Lift up your voices and pray:

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◆ Holy 925

◆ We Proclaim Your Death 926

◆ Great Amen 929

◆ Lamb of God 930

Communion 394

JESUS, COME TO US

### Refrain

Jesus, come to us, lead us to your light.  
Jesus, be with us, for we need you.

1. Lord, we come before you, listen to our prayer.  
Fill us all with hope and your love.

2. Lord, we come to praise you for your faithfulness  
through night. You will be with us, this we know.

3. Lord, you give us wonders, your glory to all.  
We believe in you, come to us.

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Meditation: "Ave Maria"

César Franck

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

Recessional 555

**SING OUT, EARTH AND SKIES**

Marty Haugen

### VERSE 1

Cantor: Come, O God of all the earth,

**ALL:** Come to us, O Righteous One.

Cantor: Come, and bring our love to birth,

**ALL:** In the glory of your Son.

### Refrain

Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves  
you! Raise your joyful cries! Dance to the life around  
you!

### VERSE 3

Cantor: Come, O God of flashing light,

**ALL:** Twinkling star and burning Sun.

Cantor: God of day and God of night,

**ALL:** In your Light we all are one.

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Postlude: "O Come, Divine Messiah"

César Franck

