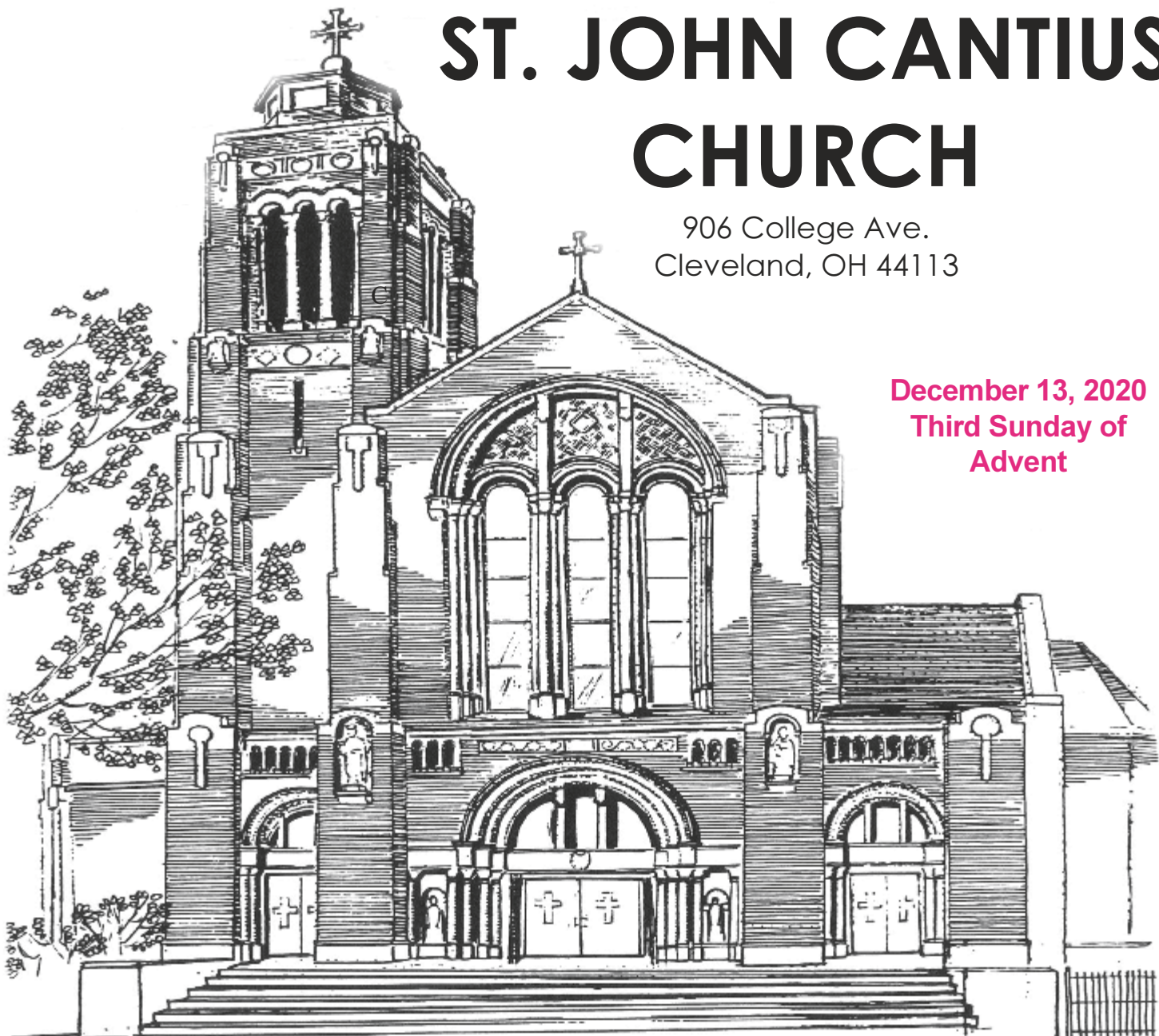


ST. JOHN CANTIUS CHURCH

906 College Ave.
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December 13, 2020
Third Sunday of
Advent



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday (Miraculous Medal Novena), Wednesday ..6:30 pm
Tuesday, Thursday 8:30 am
Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:30 am (Polish) & 11:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:15-3:45 pm
Sunday (Polish) 9:00-9:30 am

BAPTISM: Baptisms may be scheduled at most anytime. Please call the rectory and speak with the Pastor to make baptismal arrangements.

FUNERALS: We request that you first contact your funeral director before contacting the parish. This will insure that your requested date is available for both the funeral home and the church. After the date has been chosen, the funeral director will contact the parish with all the details to set up the funeral. Finally, a representative from the parish will contact you about planning the Mass or parlor service for your loved one..

WEDDINGS: Wedding arrangements are made by contacting the pastor. There is a 6 month minimum wait from the day you contact the pastor and your actual wedding date. This allows for proper wedding preparation and instruction. Please call the pastor if you wish to inquire further about details on having your wedding at St. John Cantius.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**LITURGY SCHEDULE
ROZKŁAD MSZY SW.****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13**

9:30 a.m. ✠ Jozefa Kobialka
11:30 a.m. ✠ Stanley Streiner

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:30 p.m. Parishioners of S.J.C.
Novena following Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:30 a.m. ✠ Richard Jablonski

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:30 p.m. Presiders Intention

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:30 a.m. Presiders Intention

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

4:30 p.m. Wedding of
John Singler & Morgan Russell

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

4:00 p.m. ✠ Barbara Ross

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:30 a.m. ✠ Emily Trela
11:30 a.m. ✠ Stanley Streiner

COLLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 4:00 p.m.	\$ 761.00
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	\$ 437.00
Sunday 11:30 a.m.	\$ 753.00
Mail	\$ 1,265.00
Eoffering	\$ 724.00
Total	\$ 3,940.00

PLEASE KEEP US IN MIND AT CHRISTMAS

Our weekly collections continue to be extremely low due to the pandemic as more parishioners continue viewing Mass on TV or live streaming. We ask that you be as generous as possible with your Christmas Donation this year and consider using On Line Giving. On Line Giving has proven a real blessing during these most challenging of times. God bless you for your continued support and love of our parish.

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

This Saturday the Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is a Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary associated with a series of five Marian apparitions in December 1531 near Mexico City. The story begins when the Blessed Mother introduced herself as the Mother of God and the mother of all humanity when she appeared on the hill of Tepeyac in Mexico in 1531. A young indigenous peasant boy, Juan Diego, saw a glowing figure on the hill. After she had identified herself to him, Our Lady asked that Juan build her a shrine in that same spot, in order for her to show and share her love and compassion with all those who believe. Afterwards, Juan Diego visited Juan de Zumárraga, who was Archbishop of what is now Mexico City. Zumárraga dismissed and discredited him and told him without proof he could do nothing.

Juan Diego returned asking the Lady for some sort of proof he could present to the Archbishop. Although it was winter and nothing should have been in bloom, Juan Diego found an abundance of flowers he had never seen before. The Virgin bundled the flowers into Juan's cloak, known as a tilma. When Juan Diego presented the tilma of exotic flowers to Archbishop Zumárraga, the bouquet fell out of his tilma and the bishop immediately recognized them as Castilian roses. These type roses were not from the area and would never have bloomed in winter. He was convinced Juan Diego had seen the Blessed Mother. In addition, the imprint of Our Lady was left upon his tilma (cloak) and to this day, hangs in the National Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

Most apparitions of Our Lady have occurred in some of the most secluded, odd, and unlikely places requiring the recipients to bring forth proof. How much proof would we need today with camera phones in our pockets and satellites orbiting that could zoom in and record anything in seconds? Are miracles a necessity to prove my faith? If I do not experience one does that mean I'm not worthy? I defer to my favorite 20th century Christian writer, C.S. Lewis to answer that question. He writes, "*Miracles are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see.*"
Fr. Roach



IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember the sick and infirm of the parish in your prayers: Craig & Sam Bak, Barbara Bak, Barbara Byers, Ted Blanda, Walter & Carol Buczek, Delores Cass, Teresa Cieslik, Susan Daly, Jean Elko, Roseanne Ewazen, Edward Falkowski, Ann Kilbane Friedl, Stella Fryger, Lloyd Gordon, Mieczyslaw Janczura, Anne Kalas, Diane Kearsley, Stella Kobak, Josephine Kohut, Fran Kopack, Henry & Rita Kozlowski, Ted Kusek, Theresa Lipka, Barbara Lishko, Larry & Pam Makowski, Greg Masevice, Toby Morgan, Philip Parente, Edward Pieciak, Lou Potokar, Joyce Resek, Betty Ryba, Barbara Skalski, Jessie & Chris Stachurski, Albert & Irene Stepnowski, Alex Sutowski, Joshua Szymczak, Janice Tkacz, Roberta Virzi, Adele Walczak, Emilia Wojcik, Hettie Wojtonek, Edward Zubel, and anyone we may have omitted.

JOIN BISHOP MALESIC FOR TELEVISED CHRISTMAS MASSES

Join the Most Rev. Edward Malesic, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, as he celebrates Masses from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day that will be livestreamed or broadcast on local television.

The bishop will be the celebrant for the 4:30 p.m. livestream of Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 Mass. The Mass will be streamed live via the internet on the diocesan website, dioceseofcleveland.org. It also will be available on demand on the diocesan website after the broadcast.

On Christmas Day, Dec. 25, Bishop Malesic will celebrate Christmas Mass from the cathedral on WOIO—Channel 19—at 9 a.m. The Mass also will be available on demand on the diocesan website at dioceseofcleveland.org.

For a schedule of weekday and Sunday livestreamed Mass from the cathedral, which is in downtown Cleveland, visit the diocesan website at dioceseofcleveland.org.

CHRISTMAS SET UP FOR CHURCH

We will begin to set up the church for Christmas on Monday, December 14 at 9:00 a.m. We are in need of help setting up the trees and manger.

ZIARNO WSŁOWA BOZEGO

Jan Chrzciciel był największym spośród wielkich świętych. Nic więc dziwnego, że wielu ludzi przychodziło ze wszystkich stron, aby zobaczyć i usłyszeć tego dziwnego ascetę grmiącego na pustyni. Pewnego dnia zapytali go oficjalnie wysłańcy żydowskich przywódców:

„Kto ty jesteś?”, „Co mówisz sam o sobie?”. On im odpowiedział: „Jam głos wołającego na pustyni: Prostujcie drogę Pańską!”. Nie jestem Mesjaszem-Zbawicielem, ale Jego posłańcem, Jego głościkiem. Ja nie jestem Mesjaszem, ale On już jest wśród was. „pośród was stoi Ten, którego wy nie znacie”. Tak, jest wśród nas Ten wielki Ktoś, jak dawniej, tak i dzisiaj, bardzo często zbyt mało znany, albo nawet w ogóle nieznan, bardzo często zdradzony – On, Syn Boży, Jezus Chrystus. On jest wpleciony w historię świata, we wszystkie wydarzenia, w życie każdego człowieka. Pośród nas jest Ktoś wieczny, Jezus Chrystus, którego nikt nie zdoła usunąć. „Pośród was stoi Ten, którego wy nie znacie”. To ostrzeżenie. Kościół pragnie, abyśmy Go dobrze poznali, szczególnie w tym czasie, kiedy przygotowujemy się do obchodu święta Jego narodzin.

OGŁOSZENIA PARAFIALNE

Polskim zwyczajem w wigilię łamniemy się opłatkiem. Opłatki są do nabycia w zakrystii, nie ma ceny tylko dobrowolna ofiara na kościół.

Zwracam się z prośbą o złożenie chojnej ofiary na Boże Narodzenie, ze względu, że przychodzą duże rachunki za gas, które trzeba zapłacić. Sami wiecie, że gas został podrożony i doświadczacie płacąc swoje rachunki. Niech Bóg Wam błogosławi w Nowym Roku.

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT



O God, who sent prophets to prepare the way for Your Son: help us to hear their warning and their message of great joy which was given for all people; so that the Birthday of your Son, our Redeemer, we may receive Him more joyfully into our hearts through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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