



December 5, 2021

St. Monica

Catholic Church



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open
8:00am—4:00 pm. Mon.,
Tues. & Thurs & 8:00
am— Noon on Wed. & Fri.

MASSES: 7 days a week
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
and 10:45 a.m.
Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m

Bulletin Announcements due to
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PARISH CLERGY

Rev. Thomas A. Haren, **Pastor**
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: We, the parish of St. Monica, work to create a Christlike family, welcoming all people where one encounters a loving God, by serving the spiritual, educational and social needs of the community.

BAPTISM: Please make arrangements in advance. Baptisms are performed on Sundays, immediately following the 10:45 a.m. Mass. Pre-Baptismal instruction is required for parents. Please call the Parish Office for time of next scheduled class.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Adults and school-age children seeking full membership in the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist can make an appt. to continue their conversion process by calling the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION: Opportunities to celebrate God's forgiveness in one's life are available on Saturday afternoons from 3:15-3:45 p.m. Individual appointments with a Priest can be arranged.

MATRIMONY: The Diocese of Cleveland requires a 6-month preparation period for marriage. Call the Parish Office to set your wedding date and plan your celebration.

CONFIRMATION: Any adult or high school student needing Confirmation, please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Celebrated upon request. Call the Parish Office to make arrangements with one of our Priests.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please call the Parish Office to register.

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Provides Catholic education for students K-8. School hrs.: 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. *Before & After Care* available. Mrs. Lisa Oriti, *School Principal*

EUCCHARIST FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Parish Team and Staff Members visit the homebound on a monthly basis. If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive communion, call the Parish Office.



LITURGY SCHEDULE
Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 5

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 Mary and Ernest Malicki
10:45 William J. Gadomski

Monday, December 6

Advent Weekday

8:00 Joseph & Marie Ungarsky and Paul & Frances Svoboda
6:30 Eucharistic Exposition & Rosary w/Confessions

Tuesday, December 7

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 PFC William Foster Veterans and families
4:00 Florence Sadowski

Wednesday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 Henry, JoAnn & Tom Murovsky
9:00 Tom & Joan Dowd
7:00 Deceased members of the Ogorzoly Family

Thursday, December 9

Advent Weekday

8:00 Judy Podwojski

Friday, December 10

Advent Weekday

8:00 Terry Kosmata

Saturday, December 11

Advent Weekday

3:15 Confessions
4:00 Mariano Deliberato & Dominic Festa

Sunday, December 12

Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 People of the Parish
10:45 Rudolph and Cecilia Gurgol



Please keep in your prayers the following members of our Parish Community:

Denise Vlasek, Joann Reddinger, Gloria Unger, John Jacob, Anthony Lupica, Madison Jacob, Lisa & Gaylene Bielawski, Mike Wyrzykowski, Jan Angus, Alex Hervey, Larry

Piechowiak, Toni Oden, Veronica Mayak, Joan Kaczmarczyk, Carol & Gerald DeLooze, Harrison Justin Shepherd. The names will remain in the bulletin for two weeks. Please call the parish office if your name or a loved one's name needs to be added to the list. If you have a special intention you would like remembered in prayer, please call Lillian Neptune (216) 662-5464.

Pastoral Scene

2nd Sunday in Advent 2021 C

The person of John the Baptist is featured this Sunday as he prepares the way for the promised one of Israel. A person quite different from Jesus but a person who is the “bridge” in bringing to the world the fulfillment of the promise found through the prophets. This week’s gospel presents the beginning of Jesus in his public ministry. It is a reminder of our own adult faith and commitment to the promised Messiah and that it deepened each year during our Advent journey to celebrating the birth of Christ.

The Virgin Mary and John the Baptist are two important figures of the Advent Season. They both exemplify qualities to be followed. Mary’s receptiveness to God’s grace as she pondered all which God had done in her life and John the Baptist who followed his call to prepare the way of the Lord. The qualities of contemplative prayer and seeking our true call in life are shown to us in these two holy people.

A very practical way of living this message is to be open to the guests who visit St. Monica Church during these days. It is true that this hospitality should be practiced all year long but particularly during the Advent and Christmas season. I have recently met people from out of State and from other countries who have found their way to our Church. They remarked about the church’s beauty both in the structure and in the people they encountered. May we continue to bring this beacon of light to all who enter this holy place.

Next Sunday, December 12, is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Lady appeared to a 57 year old Indian widower by the name of Juan Diego who lived in a small village near Mexico City. On a Saturday morning, December 9, 1531 Mary appeared to him and gave him a message for the Bishop. Three days later she appeared again this time providing him roses to be put in his cape or *tilma*. Returning to the Bishop he opened his cape and behold, not only the roses, but an image of Mary dressed in traditional Indian dress.

Because of the close link between the Church in Mexico and the Church in the United States, the feast is celebrated as she is called today: the Patroness of the Americas. She is depicted as a woman with child, she is a reminder of respecting life in all its stages. This important focus fits into our celebration of God’s life in us and the Holy Season of Advent in which we journey.

Fr. Ted Marszal



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the families and friends of: **Andrew Boksansky, Terry Lew and Francis (Frank) Major** who were recently buried. May they, and all of our dearly departed, rest in peace.



When Was the Last Time You Went To Confession?

The Sacrament of Penance is vital to our spiritual formation as Catholics. None of us are perfect. All of us are sinners. Jesus did His part by suffering for our sins, but we must do our part by asking for forgiveness. For the past nineteen months we have been suffering from the physical effects of the pandemic. But at the same time we have been suffering from its spiritual effects too. When was the last time you have gone to Confession?

During the Season of Advent there will be numerous opportunities to receive the Sacrament of penance. Every Saturday, two Priests are available from 3:00 – 3:45 pm in the Confessionals located in the East Nave of our Church. On Monday evenings Priests will be available during the Eucharistic Holy Hours at 6:30 pm. There will also be opportunities during the weekdays before Christmas.

If you have been away from the Sacrament of Penance for a while, please make time in your schedule to come to confession, and tell Jesus you are sorry for your sins. This is a wonderful way to prepare yourself for the Christmas Holidays.

Fr. Haren and Fr. Marszal

CONFIRMATION

It is with great joy that Saint Monica Parish joins together to congratulate our fully initiated teenagers who celebrated their Confirmation on Saturday, November 20th.

- Jeremy Christopher Joseph Ade**
- Brandon William Christopher Gerlak**
- Christian Robert Martin Keith**
- Bosson Karl Emmanuel Sebastian Krah**
- Madeline Grace Margaret Lewis**
- Anthony Mychal Sebastian Marino**
- Mia Elizabeth Catherine Marino**
- Mia Elizabeth Vanessa McCarroll**
- Mia Isabella Bridget McGinnis**
- Jacqueline Betzabe Mary Magdalene**
- Miranda-Rios**
- Zachary William Gabriel Wittenmyer**

They are the 'gift' we send to a future we will not see or experience. Please pray for them as they go forward in their faith journey!

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MASS SCHEDULE :

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH :
4:00PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER
8TH :

6:30AM, 9:00AM AND 7:00PM



A New Organ for our Church

As you are probably aware, we have been in need of a new organ in Church for quite some time. The organ is almost 20 years old, and because the manufacturer of our instrument went out of business a few years ago, we have been unable to obtain the parts needed to make necessary repairs.

Almost two years ago, we began a discussion about replacing the instrument, but with the onset of COVID-19 and all of its ramifications, we placed the process on hold.

At a recent Finance Council meeting we reopened the discussion, which resulted in the approval to purchase a new instrument. The organ that was approved will be very similar in style, function and sound, and as well as reasonably priced. More details will be forthcoming.

- Fr. Haren and Bob Soeder

Oplatki Christmas Wafers



These are now available in the Parish Office. Cost is \$1.00 for a pack of 2 wafers. This is a Polish tradition that families of all nationalities enjoy at Christmas time.

COFFEE & DONUT SOCIAL

Join us for our Coffee & Donut Social this Sunday after the 9:00 am Mass. Hosting are Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Mass Coordinators. The next social will be held on December 19 when Lectors and members of PreCana will host.



Religion Question of the Week

What is a "relic"? (Answer on page 4)

Did You Know?

Did you know that there are nine Catholic "Assisted Living" facilities located in the Diocese of Cleveland?

One Liner

"When you carry someone else's cross, don't send the person the bill".

 **Activities**CALENDAR

MONDAY, December 6

4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
 4:15 p.m. Walking Group (J)
 6:30 p.m. H.N. Rosary & Meeting (c)
 7:00 p.m. WRNC Mtg. (ocu 1&2)

TUESDAY, December 7

2:00 p.m. Senior Mtg. (J)
 4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
 6:30 p.m. Guild Board Mtg. (F)

WEDNESDAY, December 8

3:00 p.m. Christmas Play practice (g)
 4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
 7:00 p.m. G.A. Mtg.(AR)

THURSDAY, December 9

3:00 p.m. Christmas Play practice (g)
 4:00 p.m. Athletic practice (g)
 4:00 p.m. RCIA (F)
 4:15 p.m. Walking Group (J)

FRIDAY, December 10

3:00 p.m. Set up Breakfast w/Santa (c/g)

SATURDAY, December 11

8:30 a.m. Men of the Vine (ocu 1&2)
 9:00 a.m. Breakfast w/Santa (c/g)

SUNDAY, December 12

2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Holy Hour (+)
 7:00 p.m. A.A. (AR)

SENIOR GROUP

THE ST. MONICA SENIOR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH AT 2:00 PM IN THE ST. FRANCIS ROOM IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

We have a Drop Box!

There is now a mailbox slot to the left of our office door!



This should be a great help for those who have difficulty with the stairs, or because of our office hours, or for those who have to return keys after meetings or events. Please take advantage of this new convenience and feel free to leave correspondence, keys, or donation envelopes through this slot. Any questions, please call the office.

Answer to This Week's Religion Question

What is a "relic"?

Answer: this is an object related to a Saint (eg. An article of clothing etc.).

STEWARDSHIP 

November 28, 2021

Regular Offertory.....	\$ 4,144.00
St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 412.00
Misc. Envelopes.....	\$ 112.00

On the weekend of December 11/12 there will be a second collection basket for the retired Religious Sisters, Priests, and Brothers who have served our Catholics so well over the years. At the present time the number of Religious who are still able to support their Communities has diminished due to their aging population. This collection is used to help all Religious Communities that need additional support for their retired members. Please be generous.

*Please continue to mail in your donations, donate online or drop off at the office. You can also drop your donation in the baskets in church.
 Thank you for your continued support.*

MEMORIAL FLOWER ENVELOPES

We will again post the names of deceased loved ones remembered through the Christmas Flower Memorial Fund envelopes. Names you submit with your donation **by Friday, December 17th**, will be posted on the bulletin boards in the Rockside Road vestibule during the Christmas season. Through your generous offerings, flowers and supplies are purchased to enhance our liturgies throughout Advent and Christmas. This is a beautiful way to remember your loved ones and at the same time contribute to our liturgical celebrations. Please turn these envelopes in through the Sunday collection or drop off at the Parish Office as soon as possible.



Annual Peterson Nut Sale

IMPORTANT:
 New bags have been received! Peterson Nut Company has informed me they are doing everything they possibly can to get our order together and out to us as quickly as possible. We appreciate everyone's patience with this matter. As soon as we know what our delivery date will be, we will pass that along to everyone. We remain hopeful that we will receive our order in time for the Christmas holiday. Any questions, call Sue Shepka, 216-965-5315.



Special Holy Hours in Advent

Recently the American Bishops met in Baltimore, Maryland to discuss the importance of the Eucharist in the lives of Catholics. One of the suggestions was to promote Eucharistic Adoration in our extra-ordinary services that we conduct in our Churches. During pre-covid times we used to have Holy Hours during the Season of Advent. We will continue this practice again this year, but with a special emphasis. Each Holy Hour will be focused on a particular need for our Catholic Church in America. These Holy Hours will be celebrated on Monday evenings, beginning November 29th, through December 20th. They will begin at 6:30 pm in Church:

On November 29th we will pray for our Supreme Court who will be hearing a special case that could help overturn Roe v. Wade. This decision in 1973 legalized the killing of unborn children in our country. Since that time over 62,000,000 children have been killed in the name of "reproductive rights" in America. This abomination must come to an end, and our prayers before the Blessed Sacrament can help make this possible.

On December 6th, we will pray for all who have suffered, in any way, from the covid-19 pandemic which has been raging for over twenty-one months in our Country. Many have suffered from this illness, and many have lost relatives and friends to this disease. We will pray that Jesus will comfort all who are still suffering, and also pray for an end to this terrible blight on our world.

On December 13th, we will be celebrating a Festival of Praise, with special music, to pray for those who are experiencing any health or economic needs at this present time.

On December 20th, we will pray the "O Antiphons" commemorating the days of Advent which celebrate the anticipation of the Messiah coming into the world at Christmas.

Besides the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Sacrament of Penance will also be available on these evenings for those who would like to make this a part of their spiritual preparation for the Feast of Our Lord's Birth. Please make some time in your busy schedules to come to Church this Advent Season. It will add a lot to your enjoyment of the Christmas Season.

God bless you,
Fr. Thomas Haren, Fr. Ted Marszal, Deacon Stan Drozell, Bob Soeder and Sr. Helene

Memorial Bricks:

All of the bricks that were ordered earlier in the year have been engraved and installed at the shrine. We will start taking orders for additional bricks starting in the Spring.



There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour **Sunday, December 12 at 2:30 pm** in Church. All are welcome!



250 Club:

The winning numbers for the 110th round of the 250 club were pulled in October. The grand prize winner of \$1200 was Delores Monteleone. Winning \$100 each were Kitt Donlan, Mike Wyrzykowski (#81), Fr. Haren, Gerry Golem, Shepka Girls, Connie Nadolski, Dawn Varrati, Sue Hauser, George Medvetz, Ralph D'Amico, Nicholas Chapple, Rose Welich, Ken Prybor, Kate Chapple, Mike Colagiovanni, Mike Wyrzykowski (#56), Sue Urasek and Joe Monteleone. Congratulations to all of our winners!



Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2021 Fall Campaign of 40 Days for Life. God blessed the campaign and we know 850 babies, mothers, fathers and families were spared from abortion, 8 more abortion workers experienced conversion, and 2 more abortion facilities closed. Praise God! Cumulatively over the 14 years of 40 Days for Life, there have been 20,328 babies spared from abortion, 229 converted abortion workers, and 114 abortion facility closures. Praise God! We look forward to praying with you from March 2 – April 10 in the 2022 Fall Campaign. God bless you and thank you. John Noall, campaign director

St. Nicholas Gift Giving 2021

The St. Monica St. Nicholas Christmas Gift Sharing Program will be held again this year. **Tags identifying the age, gender and type of suggested gift can be obtained in the vestibule starting this weekend and December 11th & 12th.** Please return to Church the wrapped gifts with the tags securely attached the weekend of **December 18th & 19th.** **Volunteers are needed to help sort on Sunday, December 19th after the 10:45 am Mass.**

A 23 and Me Experience

I must confess that the topic of ancestry and lineage, where I came from and whose genes I bear has always fascinated me. This fascination most probably sprouted from the fact that my Dad insisted he and Mom found me in a cabbage patch!

As my Dad would often explain, when he pulled out the family Bible or photo album, knowing whom you are related to just makes your roots in the family stronger. This is especially important when we have not spoken to relatives in a long time or only greet distant relatives through a Christmas card, or are prevented from getting together because of Covid 19 restrictions.

Knowing who your family is and what traits you have inherited from them has become an important activity in uniting family members, informing relatives of health factors, and just satisfying our human curiosity in answering the question "Who am I?"

Knowing your family line – your genealogy, for want of a better term – was essential to the Jews of Jesus' time. Who you were, who your relatives were and what they did, determined how people treated you in society. Whereas we might deliberately eliminate an ancestor or two, (especially those who were less stellar), Jewish genealogy was incredibly precise in describing anyone's family tree.

The Gospel of Matthew opens with a long and difficult reading delineating Jesus' forty-two generation genealogy from a specific viewpoint. Matthew terms it '*the genealogy of Jesus Christ* (Christ meaning the 'anointed one' or Messiah) *the son of David* (fulfilling God's promise to David), and *the son of Abraham* (the father of the Jewish people) in whom all the nations of the earth would find blessing. There are, of course, other individuals in Jesus' genealogy who were not the best individuals, but whom God used to fulfill the promise of a Savior.

Like Jesus, all of us have good, and not so good individuals in our genealogy as well. No family is perfect but every family member is important in teaching us who we are. Whether you have a well-delineated genealogy of your family, or one that lists relatives from only twenty-years ago, remembering who they are and acknowledging that God knows everything about us, loves us on our best and worst days, and loves our ancestors in the same way should be a great comfort.

This Advent, please consider giving your one-a-year relatives some extra thoughts and prayers, and maybe a card or phone call, too. If you have old photos, invite relatives to share one or two memories from their lives – happy or sad, funny or serious with you and your children. God gave us memories so that we can have roses in December!

May your Advent season be filled with memories of relatives and friends. May the fragrance of those memories remind you of the love you shared and the privilege of having a personal genealogy!

"Not from a cabbage patch" Sister Helene

**Celebrating Christmas Traditions
Christmas in the Philippines**

People in the Philippines like to celebrate Christmas for as long as possible! The playing of Christmas carols in shops can start as early as September! However, the **formal** Christmas celebrations begin on 16th December when many people go the first of nine pre-dawn or early morning Masses.

The last Mass is celebrated on Christmas day. In the Philippines the early masses held before Christmas are called the 'Misa de Gallo' or 'Simbang Gabi' in Filipino. The Christmas celebrations continue to the First Sunday in January when the Feast of the Three Kings is celebrated.

The Feast of the Three Kings, also called "Feast of the Epiphany", is observed among the Filipino Catholic community every 6th of January. It is a **time of feasting, visiting, and gift-giving**. ... Along the way, men dressed as kings ride horses through the main streets and distribute gifts to children who line the streets.

Most Filipinos are Christians with about 80% of people being Catholics. It is the only Asian country with so many Christians, and because of this, Christmas is the most important holiday in the Philippines. As a country in the tropics, December is actually one of the 'cooler' months of the year in the Philippines and is between the wet season – June to October, -- and the dry season that begins in April.

Christianity became widely known in The Philippines in the 1500s when missionaries from countries like Portugal and Spain traveled to the area. As a result, Christmas customs in the Philippines are a mixture of western and native Filipino traditions. People in the Philippines have Santa Claus (or 'Santa Klaus'), Christmas trees, Christmas cards, and Christmas carols and other familiar traditions from western countries.

Sr. Helene

**\$1,000 Holy Name Monthly
Raffle Winners-November 28**

- \$500.00 Nancy Zamiska #370
Seller: Will Skladany
Captain: Will Skladany**
- \$500.00 Nancy Fitch #2079
Seller: Guild
Captain: Will Skladany**

1549 tickets were sold



ST. MONICA GUILD
THE GRAPEVINE 2021

Hello December

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 7 - 6:30 p.m.
Membership Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 16 - 6:30 p.m.

*“All the Christmas presents in the world are worth nothing
without the presence of Christ.”*

David Jeremiah

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SUE KOLO – 216-536-7680 / 330-467-5972

I hope you all were able to enjoy a blessed and peaceful Thanksgiving with your families, because now the traditional craziness of the Christmas season begins! We look for that perfect Christmas tree, the perfect decorations to adorn our homes, both inside and out, and the perfect gifts for our family and friends. I get caught up in this every year, wanting to give everyone just the right gift that they will just love. This is not a bad thing, somewhat stressful at times, but not bad. I would just ask that, while we are doing our best to create that perfect Christmas experience, we would often stop and prayerfully reflect on the **perfect gift** that we already received on that first **perfect Christmas**, when God gifted us His most beloved Son, Jesus Christ—the true “Reason for the Season”.

Hopefully, you can all take a break from shopping and baking to come join us on **Thursday, December 16th** for our **Guild Christmas Party**, complete with the traditional rousing game of “**Bunco**”.

May you and your families be blessed with Peace, Joy, and Good Health
At Christmas and in the New Year!

Sue

PROGRAM

DIANE HOJNOWSKI – 440-232-2962

Thank you to our November speaker, Ilona Feinstein, for sharing her helpful tips on night driving. For some of us, our memories may have even been tested/refreshed on the road sign quiz. **Please join us Thursday, Dec. 16th, at 6:30 pm, for our Christmas party/meeting when we will again play our fun version of Bunco. Please bring 3-5 inexpensive wrapped gifts that will be used to play our Bunco dice game.** This could be Father Haren's favorite guild meeting month, as we will be playing one of his favorite games, as well as taking part in the monthly birthday celebrations. Wishing all our guild members and their families a very blessed Christmas, may it be a time of joy for all.

Peterson's Nut Sale!

SUE SHEPKA – 216-965-5315



Thank you to all who participated in helping to make this fundraiser a success! Peterson Nut Company received new bags, and has informed me they are diligently working to get our order packaged and delivered to us as quickly as possible. We remain hopeful that we will receive our order in time for the Christmas holiday! As soon as Peterson's advises us of our delivery date, you will be notified of the date/times for your order pickup at the Rockside Road Entrance of the Church. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions. Again, thank you for your support and we appreciate your patience in this matter.

FASHION SHOW/LUNCHEON

MARLYN PRAZNIK – 216-218-2482

We are looking forward to "Celebrating the Sunshine" at our 36th Annual Fashion Show/Luncheon on April 10, 2022! During this season of gift giving and receiving, please remember us and donate your new or gently used items for the basket raffles. We need "new" gifts, gift cards/gift certificates that will not expire until after April 2022. And we can also use good old cash! Donations can be dropped at the parish office, brought to our membership meeting or call Jan Dinardo (216-577-5622) to make arrangements for pick up or drop off. Jan can also accept items at her hair salon, Complements, 7525 Granger Rd., Valley View, OH. 44125.

SUNSHINE

BARB OKUROWSKI – 216-406-3731

I haven't sent out any greetings lately, please continue to let me know of anyone you think might need a little sunshine sent their way. Stay warm and healthy. Wishing Christmas Blessings to you and your family.

TRAVELING MADONNA

RITA STANOWICK 216-662-1513 / ROSEMARY WELICH 216-410-5003

The Traveling Madonna has been visiting with Nancy Simpson for the month of November. She will continue Her travels in December to the home of Rita Stanowick and visit with her through January. If you would like to schedule a visit to your home, please call Rita Stanowick or Rosemary Welich.

JENNINGS SOCIAL

LAURA MUROWSKY- 216-587-2172

The November Jennings Social was cancelled due to staff members contracting Covid. As we mentioned at our meeting, this could occur, and we would need to be flexible. At this time, Jennings remains closed to outsiders. Hopefully, we'll be able to join the staff and residents at a later date. If so, we will notify you through email as to when the date we can resume the Jennings Social. Wishing everyone a Blessed Christmas!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Gail Tippen	Dec 1 st	Agnes Ungarsky	Dec 1 st	Laverne Cappelli	Dec 2 nd
Agnes Kobzowicz	Dec 2 nd	Marcella Marrali	Dec 10 th	Barb Vaughn	Dec 11 th
Betty Lou Tomko	Dec 14 th	Mandy Corsi	Dec 14 th	Debbie Kosmata	Dec 19 th
Connie Holub	Dec 20 th	Barb Duritsky	Dec 23 rd	Nancy Fitch	Dec 25 th
Tina Anelli	Dec 27 th	Joan Fischer	Dec 27 th		

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Editor: Sue Medvetz

The Second Sunday of Advent

“Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.”

Entrance Chant:

Maranatha (*Journeysongs* #283)

Maranatha, we long for your peace. Maranatha, we long for your mercy.
Maranatha, we long for your coming, O God.

1. In your image you have fashioned us,
in the garden you made us;
you have given us your breath of life,
voice to praise your name, voice to praise your name.
2. In our weakness we have turned from you,
turned from light to the darkness,
ever longing for salvation,
O Lord of light, O Lord of light.
3. In your love you have sent your Son,
your salvation for ev'ryone;
Word incarnate, God's compassion,
hope for humankind, hope for humankind.
4. We await your day of glory,
Christ Jesus, return for us,
Gentle King, Just Deliverer,
You will bring us home, you will bring us home.

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Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

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Offertory Chant:

Bless the Lord, O My Soul (10,000 Reasons)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul. I worship your holy name.

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when evening comes.
2. You're rich in love and your slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing;
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
3. And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come;
still my soul will sing your praises unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore.

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Communion Chant:

Save Us, O Lord (*Journeysongs* #528)

Save us, O Lord, carry us back, rouse your power and come.
Rescue your people, show us your face. Bring us back.

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us.
Return and we shall be saved.
Arise, O Lord, hear our cries, O Lord.
Bring us back.
2. How long will you hide from your people?
We long to see your face.
Give ear to us. Draw new to us,
Lord God of hosts!
3. Turn again; care for your vine; protect what your right hand has planted.
Your vineyards are trampled, uprooted, and burned. Come to us, Father of might!

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Sending Forth:

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (*Journeysongs* #274)

Rejoice ! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appears.

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3-6 para in Psalterium Cantuarum Catholicorum, Cologne, 1710; fr. by Hugh N. Baskem 1818-1866; verses 2, 7 fr. The Hymnal 1940, alt.
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The Second Sunday of Advent - Cycle C

Reading 1 Bar 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

*Responsorial Psalm Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

R The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion,
we were like men dreaming.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with rejoicing. **R**

Then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."
The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed. **R**

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the torrents in the southern desert.

Those who sow in tears
shall reap rejoicing. **R**

Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,
They shall come back rejoicing,
carrying their sheaves. **R**

Reading 2 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Lk 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert.

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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