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**HOLY MASS & INTENTIONS**

The Eucharist is the source and summit of all Christian life. In the Eucharist, the sanctifying action of God in our regard and our worship of him reach their high point: It contains the whole spiritual good of the Church, Christ himself, our Pasch. Communion with divine life and the unity of the People of God are both expressed and effected by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharistic celebration we are united already with the liturgy of heaven and we have a foretaste of eternal life.

Saturday, December 7, 2019 – Saint Ambrose, bishop & doctor of the Church

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

11:30  Andrew Braun, Chelsea Parr & Family  Father Raymond Larger

Saturday, December 7, 2019 – Vigil for the Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

4:30  Mary Kisbert  Father Jan Schmidt

Sunday, December 8, 2019 – Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

8:30  Troy & Crystal Reynolds  Father Raymond Larger

11:00  Parishioners & Friends of the Cathedral  Father Jan Schmidt

6:00  Reverend David Endres  Father Jan Schmidt

Monday, December 9, 2019 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Patronal Feastday of the USA, not a Holyday of Obligation

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

7:00  †John C. Schuler  Father James Bramlage

11:30  †Vito & Jessie Aloisio  Father Jan Schmidt

5:15  Barb Maas  Father Raymond Larger

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 – Advent Weekday

Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

7:00  †Kevin Callahan  Father Raymond Larger

11:30  Paula & Jack Morgenroth  Father Jan Schmidt

5:15  Orphée  Father Raymond Larger

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 – Saint Damasus I (optional)

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

7:00  †Williams E. Watkins, Jr.  Father Raymond Larger

11:30  †Edward J. Schultz  Father Raymond Larger

5:15  †Margaret Mary Birck  Father Thomas Snodgrass

Thursday, December 12, 2019 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 OR Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 OR Lk 1:39-47

7:00  †Ric Aloisio  Father James Bramlage

11:30  †Mary A. Niehaus  Father Raymond Larger

5:15  †Brad Callahan  Father Jason Williams

Friday, December 13, 2019 – Saint Lucy, virgin & martyr

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

7:00  Gwennette K. McQuary & Family  Father Thomas Wray

11:30  †Melissa Hill  Father Jan Schmidt

5:15  †Norma Erhardt  Father James Bramlage

Saturday, December 14, 2019 – Saint John of the Cross & doctor of the Church

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

11:30  †Charlie Kuhlenberg  Father Jan Schmidt

Saturday, December 14, 2019 – Vigil for the Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

4:30  †Margaret Mary Birck  Father Josep Cardone

Sunday, December 15, 2019 – Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

8:30  The Dwyer Family  Father Jan Schmidt

11:00  Parishioners & Friends of the Cathedral  Father Jan Schmidt

6:00  †Williams E. Watkins, Jr.  Father Raymond Larger

†Deceased
Dear Parishioners and Visitors to the Cathedral,

In many ways the subject matter I address below seems out of place as we find ourselves in the midst of Advent, approaching Christmas. I present these thoughts to you out of a concern for our future ... after all, that is why Jesus came to be with us ...to make our future here and beyond a brighter one!

We have less than a year to go until our next election and I am worried about its outcome. As you will be around family and friends this Christmas I thought I would share my thoughts in the hopes that you will do the same with them!

As I contemplate the meaning of Socialism I can only think of the darkness such a political concept has brought upon our world and the tens of millions that have suffered and died because of it ... and yet, and yet we have today proponents of such a dangerous system winning over hearts and minds to such a travesty in the making.

What is Socialism? I can think of no better person to explain than one of the more important philosophers and theologians in my life. Here is what Saint Pope John Paul II had to say on the subject. Socialism, the now-Catholic saint argued, disregards the sanctity of individual life. That's why it's truly evil and always leads to poverty, famine, and death.

Saint John Paul II:

"The fundamental error of socialism is anthropological in nature. Socialism considers the individual person simply as an element, a molecule within the social organism, so that the good of the individual is completely subordinated to the functioning of the socio-economic mechanism. Socialism likewise maintains that the good of the individual can be realized without reference to his free choice, to the unique and exclusive responsibility which he exercises in the face of good or evil.

Man is thus reduced to a series of social relationships, and the concept of the person as the autonomous subject of moral decision disappears, the very subject whose decisions build the social order. From this mistaken conception of the person there arise both a distortion of law, which defines the sphere of the exercise of freedom, and an opposition to private property. A person who is deprived of something he can call "his own," and of the possibility of earning a living through his own initiative, comes to depend on the social machine and on those who control it. This makes it much more difficult for him to recognize his dignity as a person, and hinders progress towards the building up of an authentic human community."

Please take the time to help your relatives and friends, especially the young to know the danger that lurks!

God Bless,

Father Jan
Jack Rowley was welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism on November 24, here at the cathedral!

If you are a registered parishioner who is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the cathedral office.

The Immaculate Conception, according to the teaching of the Catholic Church, was the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. Mary was conceived naturally but God kept her soul immaculate, i.e. free from original sin. The official confirmation of the dogma was defined in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, although the belief that Mary was sinless and conceived free from sin is very old. The Feast of Immaculate Conception is celebrated in the Catholic Church on December 8. In the United States, the obligation to attend Mass is dispensed this year because December 8 falls on Sunday and the celebration is transferred to Monday, December 9. The transfer is made as the Second Sunday of Advent takes precedence.

Help make Christmas a little more merry and bright for a neighbor in need this year. For our neighbors who have difficulty paying basic bills, Christmas can be a difficult and depressing time. Many go without having any Christmas at all. There are two ways in which you can help... our Christmas Meal Food Boxes and our Giving Tree. Please take a brown box (or more if you are able), shop for the items on the list inside each box and return the meal box on or before December 8. Also, consider taking one or more ornaments from the Giving Tree and help someone have a Christmas gift to open. Please wrap each gift and attach the ornament to it then bring it to the December 14th and 15th Masses (next weekend!). If you would also like to help deliver the gifts on December 21st call 260-2270.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Our Church History

Father Jan will be sharing 2 weeks of our Catholic Church History for the Cathedral RCIA group. These two evenings are open to all! You are invited to this very informative and interesting look at where we, as a Church, have come from and how we understand who we are today. Light snacks and soft drinks will be provided. These are “not to miss” evenings! **Monday December 9th and 16th from 6:00 PM-7:30 PM in Undercroft South.** Please enter via the elevator.

Join us as Father Jan presents Apologetics: The challenge, explaining and defending our Faith. Catholic or non-Catholic, practicing or non-practicing, all are welcome! The Catholic Church and its people are being vigorously challenged today. Most Catholics feel ill-prepared to defend their faith in the face of these challenges. The next talk will take place in Synod Hall from 6:30-8:30pm on **December 10**, and the topic is **Marian Doctrines and Questions about Mary**. These evenings will provide you with the faith, facts, and the basics of what we believe in and why we do what we do as it comes from Scripture and Tradition. Catechists may receive 8 Vocare credits for attending this course, however the course is designed for all Catholics!

**Usher & Greeter Ministry**

We have an urgent need for volunteers at the 4:30pm Mass, who are willing to greet visitors and help them to feel welcome! It is a very simple, yet profoundly important role in our parish. Please call the sacristy if you are interested. 513.263.3373

**COLLECTION WEEKEND IS THIS WEEKEND ~ DECEMBER 7 AND 8!!!**

Our Advent series will take place on Mondays, December 9, & 16 from 12-1pm in Synod Hall. Theologian, Monsignor Frank Lane, will reflect on the upcoming Sunday Scriptures. Drinks are available for a donation to accompany your brown bag lunch. All sessions are free and open to the public. Bring your friends, a lunch and have Lunch with the Lord! All are welcomed!

Our dedicated priests and religious have sacrificed so much over the years. They have dedicated their lives to the Church and to us. The help we give to this second collection is what provides them with the care they need and deserve as they enter into retirement.
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MINISTRIES

**Baptism Preparation for Infants & Children**
Deacon Trimpe 513-263-3380

**Eucharistic Adoration**
Bob Harpenau 513-263-3373

**Liturgy Ministries**
Deacon Trimpe 513-263-3380

**Finance Commission**
Ed Birck 513-263-3371

**Pastoral Council**
Fr. Jan Schmidt 513-263-6653

**ProLife Group**
Stephanie Ramsey 513-263-3374

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**
Debbie Birck 513-263-3370

**Rosary Society**
Stephanie Ramsey 513-263-3374

**Sacristans/Altar Setup**
Bob Harpenau 513-263-3373

**St. Vincent de Paul (Helping the Poor)**
Mike Schwarz 513-260-2270

**Ushers & Greeters**
Bob Harpenau 513-263-3373

**Welcome New Parishioners**
Stephanie Ramsey 513-263-3374

**MINISTERS FOR December 14/December 15**

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If you do not receive our contribution envelopes and would like to donate to the Christmas Flower Fund, please write down your name and the names of the friends and family you would like to honor or remember with your donation, and place it in the mail to the parish office or drop it in any collection basket. The names will be published in the bulletins after Christmas. We are grateful for your willingness to assist in making the liturgies at the cathedral one of a kind!

Let us pray for those in our parish who are sick or in need of prayer …

**DECEMBER 2019 INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER**

Let every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

Before you begin your online shopping, use the link below and a percentage of your purchase will help support the Cathedral!

[https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-0537508](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-0537508)

Divine Healer, God of Wholeness, we place our parishioners in your hands; we ask for healing, but also for acceptance of their situation and of your holy plan. Help them and us to embrace whatever you have in mind for them. Support them in their anxieties, fears, pains, and the frustrations of their situation. Support them with the strength of the Holy Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus, compassionate healer of those in need of health and hope. Amen.

Prayer requests can be made one of two ways: fill out the “prayer request” form on our website or call the Prayer Line at 859-750-0397.
PARISH CALENDAR FOR December 7 – December 15

Saturday, December 7
9:00am St. Vincent de Paul Conference
11:30am Mass
12:00pm Reconciliation
3:00pm Phillips Baptist
4:30pm Mass
Sunday, December 8 – Retirement Fund for Religious Collection at all Masses
8:30am Mass
11:00am Mass with Choir
12:00pm Monthly Cathedral Tour
6:00pm Mass

Monday, December 9 – Parish Office Closed
7:00am Mass
11:30am Mass
12:00pm Reconciliation
12:00pm Advent Lunch with the Lord
4:30pm Reconciliation
5:15pm Mass
6:00pm RCIA & Church History with Fr. Jan

Tuesday, December 10
7:00am Mass
11:30am Mass
12:00pm Reconciliation
12:00pm MARRC Meeting
4:30pm Reconciliation
5:15pm Mass
6:30pm Apologetics with Father Jan

Wednesday, December 11
7:00am Mass
11:30am Mass
12:00pm Reconciliation
12:00pm MARRC Meeting
4:30pm Reconciliation
5:15pm Mass
6:15pm Fr. Bill’s AA Meeting

Thursday, December 12
7:00am Mass
11:30am Mass
12:00pm Reconciliation
12:00pm MARRC Meeting
3:00pm Good Sam College of Nursing
4:30pm Reconciliation
5:15pm Mass
5:00pm Benediction

Friday, December 13
7:00am Mass
11:30am Mass
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3:00pm Good Sam College of Nursing
5:15pm Mass

Saturday, December 14
9:00am St. Vincent de Paul Conference
11:30am Mass
12:00pm Reconciliation
4:30pm Mass

Sunday, December 15 – Deadline to Return Giving Tree Gifts
8:30am Mass
11:00am Mass with Choir
6:00pm Mass

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURER

The Sunday Collection for November 25th was $2,175.07, the CCHD Collection was $440 and the Sunday Collection for December 1st amounted to $2,726.30. Thank you for your generosity.

The publication dates for the Sunday Collections are off because of early bulletin deadlines around the holidays. Thank you for your patience!

FRIENDS OF THE CATHEDRAL

We invite you to join hundreds of others who want to help preserve the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains as one of the great treasures of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Your contribution of $25 or more entitles you to membership in the Friends of the Cathedral.

ARCHBISHOP KARL J. ALTER SOCIETY

You are invited to become a member of the Archbishop Karl J. Alter Society by contributing an annual gift of $1,000 or more. All contributions help to insure the preservation of the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, one of the finest examples of Greek revival architecture and the second oldest cathedral in continuous use as a cathedral in the United States.

Become a member at any of these levels:

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