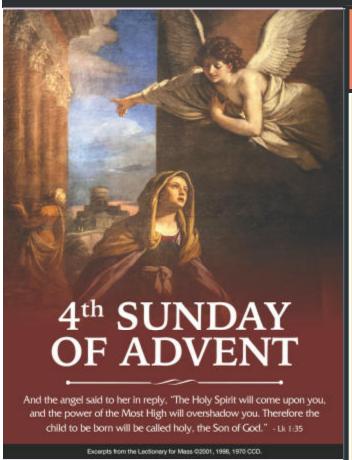


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DECEMBER 20, 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This blessed time of year the Christmas Nativity Scene– also called a Crèche – beautifully adorns homes and churches. It recalls the Christ child in a manger together with Mary and Joseph. Sometimes there even are shepherds, angels, various barn animals and, with time, the three wise men might arrive. Make a special place to pray throughout this special season of grace.

2 Samuel 7:1-5

In the First Reading King David wants to build God a most impressive dwelling place. However, God does not want David to construct this. Ultimately, God's Messiah – not brick and mortar – will reconcile and restore all people to right relationship with Him.

Luke 1:26-38

Two remarkable stories are told in today's Gospel. First, we hear the story of God's new creation. With the arrival of the Holy A nointed O nthe Messiah (Hebrew) and Christ (Greek) - God enters into the human drama perfectly. Just as the Spirit hovered over God's initial creation, so now the Spirit of God is present as Mary accepts God's gift of His Son. Second, there also is the story of the response of humanity to God's presence in all the events of our lives. May the gift and mystery of God's arrival lead us all the more deeply away from our own petty plans.

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Readings for the week of December 20, 2020

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd]/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

[7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-4

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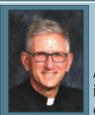
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FATHER DAVE NUSS



GROWING HOPE 4th Sunday of Advent [B]

Although Advent soon gives way to the splendor of Christmas, how different would it be if we dared to live our lives as a continuous advent? That is, approaching each day as the day we will be with God forever. Our daily task remains the same: finding Jesus in this life

and remaining beside Him for all eternity.

There is no better final preparation for Christmas than by keeping Mary close company.

As the only one "full of grace" and perfect model of holiness, she wants only to lead us to her Son, our blessed Lord Jesus.

Very soon we will see the Christ Child lying in the manger. What joyous proof of God's mercy and love! Let us rid ourselves of discouragement and irritability. Christmas unleashes hope! No struggle and no failure, however intense and persistent, can do anything to stifle the inexhaustible love of God which conquers all things.



You all grow my hope.

Thank you for your consistent, courageous, and compassionate witness to Catholic Faith and commitment to Little Flower Parish in Toledo. Your spirited support especially inspires as the pandemic rages and you dare to stay engaged and help perpetuate our vital mission to advance God's Kingdom in hearts and homes.



This Christmas, let us join the shepherds, who go and see Jesus! Let us reach out to others and tell them what has been told to us about the Infant.

This Christmas, like Mary, let us meditate and keep these great displays of God's love in your hearts so that they may not end up only being a passing impression but a flame lit in us that burns brightly for the whole year, no matter what our other duties and what inconveniences befall us.

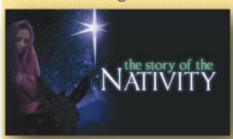
This Christmas let us make visible the prose of joy, liberty and peace.

FAITH FORMATION

ADVENT SERIES: We conclude our Advent Series on Little Flower Live with the topic of The Peace Jesus Brings and the message of the prophet Micah. All are invited to join the webinar presentation this Tuesday evening at 8:00pm for this reflection and sharing. Go to littleflowertoledo.org and click on the Advent Series banner for more information on how to join.



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EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for the January 3 bulletin is noon on Monday, December 21.

Thank you!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For our Sick

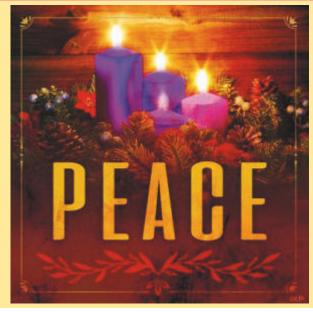
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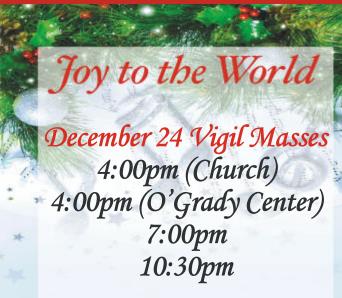
For our Military

Bless and protect these military who serve us with honor and dignity...

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Chase Rogalski, Joseph Diehl, Shane Kohtz, Ciara
(Gentle) Stevenson, Corey Browne, Kevin W. Smith,
David M. Lambert, Chelsea Holmes, James
Jagodzinski, Dominique & Nate Davis, James
Waddington, Patrick Bishop (US Naval Academy)



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Christmas Day Masses

8:30am 11:00am

A few notes as you plan your family's Christmas Mass schedule:

- At 4:00pm on Christmas Eve, there will be a live in-person Mass both in Church and in the O'Grady Community Center. Please choose the space that works best for your family.
- All Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses will be both in-person and livestream.
- Holy Communion will be distributed at the Tower Entrance for all Masses.
- For any Mass where seating capacity is reached in Church and the St. Francis Room, there will be overflow seating in the O'Grady Community Center with livestream.

Especially during these unusual and challenging circumstances, we desire to provide a welcoming atmosphere for all who come to celebrate with us. Please help us by offering a kind word or greeting and providing assistance for anyone in need.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Currently, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment only. Please call the Parish Office at 419.537.6655 to schedule.

<u>Saturday, December 19</u>

4:30 pm Mass - Edward & Rose Beauregard; Bill and Theresa Mitchell; Michael Flowers; Mary Jane Sussman; Natalie Brenot; John Paszek; Delbert Lee Blankenship

<u>Sunday, December 20</u>

8:30 am Mass - Little Flower Parishioners

9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atria)

11:00 am Mass - Cosimo Figliomeni; Ron & Carolyn Pietrzak; Joanne Hahn; Luanne Meyer

1:00 pm Baptism - Alana Barnovsky

5:30 pm Mass - Janice Ohlman; Kathryn Allegrini; Delbert Lee Blankenship; Dick Gebbhard

Monday, December 21

8:15 am Mass - David Krall; Delbert Lee Blankenship

6:30 pm Rosary

Tuesday, December 22

8:15 am Mass - Louis Duenas; Delbert Lee Blankenship

6:30 pm Rosary

8:00 pm Little Flower Live - Advent

Wednesday, December 23

8:15 am Mass - Christopher Hensien; Delbert Lee Blankenship

6:00 pm Holy Hour for Life with Reconciliation

6:30 pm Public Rosary

6:50 pm Benediction

<u>Thursday, December 24</u>

4:00 pm Mass - Ronald & Carolyn Pietrzak; John Kornacki; Graeson Sattler

7:00 pm Mass - John Delcher; Luanne Meyers; Delbert Lee Blankenship

10:30 pm Mass - Robert & Anastasia Flagg; Kevin

<u>Friday, December 25 - Solemnity of the Birth</u> Of Jesus

8:30 am Mass - Geraldine Ohlman; John Delcher; Carol J. Roth

11:00 am Mass - Ed McDermott

Saturday, December 26

4:30 pm Mass - Frank, Edna & Daniel Madalinski; Norbert & Elda Wyland; Ed Vollmar

Sunday, December 27

8:30 am Mass - Linda, Margaret & John Rade; Fran

Dastoli; Gene Kwapich

11:00 am Mass - Matt, Kitty, Dave, Linda & Sean

Kruse: Nicholas Micozzie

5:30 pm Mass - Little Flower Parishioners

MASS TIMES AND SACRAMENTS

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am; 11:00 am; 5:30 pm Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday: 8:15 am

Thursday: 7:00pm

Reconciliation (Confession)

By appointment. Please contact the Parish Center.

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Marriage

Please contact the Parish Center at least six months prior to your wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

If you or a loved one are seriously ill or facing surgery, please contact the Parish Center.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday - Holy Hour for Life 6:00pm

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Our final ENCOUNTER Evening of Eucharistic
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November 2020	66,290	80,100	-13,810
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