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Since 1848, this historic Cathedral Church in the middle of Cleveland's civic center has served Catholics and the wider community of Cleveland as a prayerful oasis and spiritual home. As the Bishop's Church, the Cathedral is the "Mother Church" for over 710,000 Catholics in the Diocese of Cleveland. All are welcome! Your generous support is very much appreciated.



Masses

Sunday:

8:00, 10:30 am, 12:15, & 5:30 pm

Monday - Friday:

7:15 am, 12:00 noon, 5:10 pm

Saturday: 7:15 am

4:30 pm (Sunday Vigil)

Confessions

Monday-Friday:

6:30-7 am, 11:30-12:30, 4:30-5 pm

Saturday:

7:45-8:15, 3:00-4:00 pm

Devotions & Novenas

Miraculous Medal - Monday: 12:30 pm

St. Anthony - Tuesday: 12:30 pm

Sacred Heart - Friday: 12:30 pm

Rosary - Sunday: 11:30 am



1 December 2019 - Advent I

SATURDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2019

ST. ANDREW

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

7:15 Sadie & Thomas Simon

4:30 People of the Cathedral Parish

SUNDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

5:30 pm Visiting Choir: St Richard
Parish (North Olmsted)

MONDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2019

Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

7:15 Most Rev. Richard G. Lennon

12:00 Anniversary of Missionaries
Killed in El Salvador

5:10 Tetlak Family

5:45 pm Holy Hour of Reparation

6:30 pm Centering Prayer

7:30 pm Concert: Daughters of St. Paul

TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2019

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

GIVING TUESDAY

Is 11:1-10;

Lk 10:21-24

7:15 Jamie Uniatowski

7:45 am-12:00 pm

Eucharistic Devotions

12:00 Intention of Catholic
Community
Foundation Donors

12:40-5:10 pm

Eucharistic Devotions

5:10 Vespers

6:30 am Women's Prayer Group

6:00 pm RCIA

WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2019

ST. JOHN DAMASCENE

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

7:15 Edward Davis

12:00 Frank Hackett

5:10 Michelina Rapa

THURSDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2019

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

7:15 Christopher Miller

12:00 Owen & Danny French

5:10 Poor Souls

12:30 pm Advent 15-Minute Catechism

FRIDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2019

ST. NICHOLAS

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

7:15 Intention of Michael Kiely, Jr.

12:00 Louis Besancon

5:10 Eileen Mullally

6:30 am Men's Prayer Group

SATURDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2019

ST. AMBROSE

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

7:15 Int. Victims of War

4:30 People of the Cathedral Parish

SUNDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

11:30 am Advent 15-Minute Catechism

5:30 pm Visiting Choir: St Peter Parish
(Lorain)

Wedding Banns

I Samantha Stahler

& Matthew Barbara

II Jennifer White & Matthew Brooks



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Our Cathedral Mission is to provide all people with access to the saving love of God through Word, Sacraments, and a community of justice and love, that empowered by the Holy Spirit, we might all become beloved disciples of Jesus Christ, living and inviting others to a holy and abundant life.

Cathedral Parish Membership

October: 1,096 households, 1,783 individuals

Parish Finances

*Due to publication deadlines,
collection figures will be
listed in the December 8th bulletin.*



Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Cathedral,

Born in AD 1506, in what is today Spain (then the Kingdom of Navarre), to a noble family, his mother was an esteemed heiress and his father an advisor to King John III. Unlike his brothers, who entered the military, Francis went to the University of Paris, in AD 1525, eventually earning his licentiate in philosophy and remaining at the university to teach. But it is here, in AD 1528, that he met a man who would alter the course of the rest of his life – from the prospect of a promising and prestigious teaching career, to one of the greatest missionaries in the history of the Church. The man he met was Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Ignatius wanted Francis to join the group of young men he had gathered together who were looking to glorify God with their lives. At first, Francis Xavier was resistant, as the austere lifestyle did not appeal to him. However, Ignatius and another dear friend continued to set before him the words of Jesus from the Gospel: “What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?”

Eventually, Francis decided to abandon his own plans and open himself up to the possibility that God was calling him in an entirely new direction. He, along with Saint Ignatius and five other men, came together in AD 1534 and took vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, as well as a vow of personal obedience to the Pope, forming the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). Francis then traveled with Ignatius to Venice, where he and the other companions were ordained priests in AD 1537. From there, they traveled to Rome, where three years later, Pope Paul III confirmed the Jesuits as an official religious order of the Catholic Church.

It was at this time that the King of Portugal asked the Pope to send missionaries to his territory, and so Francis Xavier was sent, along with some other companions. After some months of laboring in Portugal, Francis was eventually sent to India where he served for 10 years. During that time, he labored intensely to bring the Catholic Faith to the people there. He found the Portuguese colonists who had settled in India to be living less than Christian lives, so he worked to reform them. Francis immersed himself into the lives and customs of the natives, living in a dirt hut and surviving on only rice and water. He preached, took care of the sick and the poor, and baptized tens of thousands of men and women into the Catholic Faith. He also established the Jesuit Province in India and was named by Ignatius as its first provincial.

In AD 1545, he expanded his missionary activity to Malaysia, and eventually set his sights on Japan in AD 1549. There, he learned enough of the language to evangelize the peasantry. But, when he encountered some resistance from a group of people there who asked – if Christianity is true then why don't the wisest people in the world, the Chinese, know about it? So Francis resolved that he had to get to China to evangelize the people there. He set out in AD 1552, and landed on the Island of Sancian within sight of mainland China, but became ill and died before ever reaching it, on December 3rd, 1552.

Saint Francis Xavier labored tirelessly for many years to bring the truth of the Catholic faith to tens of thousands of people. He overcame language barriers, lack of cooperation on the part of other Christians, hostility and resistance to the faith, and lack of resources, in order to be obedient to Jesus' command to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. While God has, perhaps, not asked us to leave our homes and travel to the other side of the world to bring the Gospel to those who do not believe in Jesus, each of us has a duty to witness our faith to our families, coworkers, friends, communities, and indeed every person we meet. May Saint Francis Xavier pray for us, that we might be effective in the work of evangelization in whatever spheres of influence God has placed us.

Father Sean Ralph

Cathedral Eucharistic Devotions**Tuesday, December 3rd****Adoration: 7:45 am – 12:00 pm****& 12:30 pm – 5:10 pm****Vespers & Benediction: 5:10 pm****All are welcome.**

Please consider signing up to
commit to a period of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on
that day. Sign up for a time slot online at:

<tinyurl.com/Devotions2019>

or use the sign up list available near the Baptismal Font.

“Giving Tuesday”

In the Spirit of Thanksgiving, you can participate in “Giving Tuesday.” You have heard about Black Friday and Cyber Monday – now you can share your blessings on **Tuesday, December 3rd – Giving Tuesday**. All day, around the globe, people are asked to contribute to their favorite charities and nonprofits. The Diocese of Cleveland asks you to be part of Northeast Ohio’s Online Day of Catholic Giving: <[#weGiveCatholic](https://weGiveCatholic.org)>, which allows you to contribute to over 160 Catholic schools, parishes, Catholic Charities programs and sites, ministries and other Catholic nonprofits in Northeast Ohio. Simply use your computer or smart phone on Tuesday, December 3, to access <weGiveCatholic.org>, search the list of participants and donate to your favorites; **St. John Cathedral is on the list!** In the spirit of the season, remember to Give Catholic on Giving Tuesday.

#weGIVECATHOLIC
with the Catholic Community Foundation

Advent 15-Minute Catechism - Join us for an Advent study of the topic “What is God?” There will be three segments, each presented on Thursday afternoon at 12:30 pm, and repeated on the following Sunday at 11:30 am. All are welcome.

Session I Dec. 5 – 12:30 pm & Dec. 8 at 11:30 am

Session II Dec. 12 – 12:30 pm & Dec. 15 at 11:30 am

Session III Dec. 19 – 12:30 pm & Dec. 22 at 11:30 am

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - Since December 8 falls on the first Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity is transferred to Monday, December 9th, and is not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2019.

Retirement Fund for Religious - Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests offer their lives in service to others: educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Please give generously to this collection next weekend, December 8/9.

This Week at the Cathedral**SUNDAY**

5:30 pm Visiting Choir:
St. Richard, North Olmsted

MONDAY

5:45 pm Holy Hour of Reparation
6:30 pm Centering Prayer
7:30 pm **Concert: Daughters of St. Paul**

**TUESDAY - GIVING TUESDAY**

6:30 am Women’s Prayer Group

Eucharistic Devotions:

7:45 am - 5:10 pm

5:10 pm **Vespers**

6:00 pm RCIA

THURSDAY

12:30 pm Advent Study

FRIDAY

6:30 am Men’s Prayer Group

SATURDAY

2:00 pm Wedding Liturgy of the Word:
White / Brooks

SUNDAY

Retirement Fund for Religious

9:00 am Social Action Meeting

11:30 am Advent Study

5:30 pm Visiting Choir: St Peter Parish
(Lorain)

Holy Hour of Reparation - We

may wonder what we can do to help establish justice, bring healing, and purge corruption from the Church. One thing that we can do, is to pray for the Church, and all those affected. To that end, on the first Monday of each month, the Cathedral has a **Holy Hour of Reparation and Healing** following the 5:10 pm Mass, from approximately 5:45-6:45 pm on **Monday, December 2nd**. It will provide an opportunity for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and conclude with prayers of reparation.



Thank You!

With overwhelming gratitude, the Social Action Ministry of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, would like to thank you for your generosity in helping the poor and the homeless throughout the year. We extend our wishes to you all for a very blessed Advent season.

Footprints - Similar to a track left in the mud, humans leave our carbon footprint on the world. Many individuals are reluctant to adopt environmentally friendly practices, due to expense or mundane tedious tasks, so here are creative ways to go reuse and recycle while also keeping your budget in mind:

- When you make a purchase, don't take a bag unless you absolutely need one. Also consider re-usable shopping bags!
- Rent things you use infrequently instead of purchasing them.
- Use cloth instead of paper napkins.
- Use a sponge or cloth instead of paper towels.
- Look for items with little or no packaging.
- Use reusable plastic containers for food instead of plastic bags.

Serving the Poor in Our Midst

Each day, numerous people come to the rectory office seeking assistance. Through your generosity, and with the assistance of the workers at the Bp. Cosgrove Center, we are able to fill some of their needs. Listed below is a report on the assistance the Cathedral has offered this past month, and on your generosity in support of these efforts.

November Charitable Donations

Charitable Assistance Fund	\$1,387.01
Cosgrove Center	\$552.01
November PIC Collection.....	\$1,451.00

October Assistance Expenses

Greyhound	\$229.19
RTA Assistance.....	\$842.50
Rent / Utility Assistance	\$998.03
Emergency.....	\$197.12
ID Assistance.....	\$16.19
Total \$2,283.03	

A Community of Justice & Love



Advent Giving Tree 2019

Note the dates! The annual Advent Giving Tree project at the Cathedral is under way! The Advent Giving Tree provides clothing, gifts, and household items, mostly to children in downtown Catholic schools. Last year, we were able to provide Christmas gifts to 360 children and many low income seniors! Please note the following important dates and information.

- Tags are available on the back walls of the Cathedral. Volunteers are needed to replace tags as they are taken from the walls.
- **To participate**, pick one or more tags, purchase the item(s) and wrap the gifts. Make sure to **tape the tag securely to the outside** of the wrapped gift.
- **You can donate for school uniforms online at:** tinyurl.com/SJCGivingTree.
- **December 15 (Sunday)** - Gifts will be sorted in the Cathedral after the 5:30 Mass. This is the big event! Sorting takes about 1½ hours and refreshments are served after the gifts are sorted.

**Gifts MUST be returned NO LATER
than the 5:30 pm Mass
on Sunday, December 15th!**

Gifts received after the 16th will not be delivered to the schools.

- **December 16 (Monday)** - Gifts will be delivered in the morning. Volunteers are needed to load the gifts on the truck and to deliver to the schools. Loading the truck takes about an hour and begins at 9:00 am, with delivery typically finished by noon.
- **The Advent Giving Tree is in need of a box truck or large capacity van (not a minivan) for delivery of this year's gifts on Dec. 16th. Please contact Jeff or Sarah Stoner at 216-644-8009 if you have a vehicle that could be used for deliveries on that day. (The time needed would be from 8:00 am until 1:00 or 2:00 pm.)**
- **Volunteer Opportunities** - This event has been very successful in the past due to the generosity of the Cathedral community who donate items, and donate their time to help plan, sort, and deliver the gifts. This event is truly amazing because of the dedication and community spirit brought about by the volunteers. Please invite your friends and family to participate and welcome in the Christmas season! If you would like to volunteer for a specific task or have any questions, please email Jeff and Sarah Stoner, sarahscribe@msn.com, or leave a message at 216-644-8009.



Advent 1

1 December 2019

Prelude

4:30 vigil Conditor alme siderum Alexandre Guilmant

8, 10:30, 12:15 Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme J. S. Bach

10:30 & 12:15 Choral Introit – Ad te levavi (Psalm 25:1-4)

Ad te levavi ánimam meam. Deus meus in te confido, non erubescam; neque irrideant me inimici mei; etenim universi qui te expéctant, non confundéntur. Ps. Vias tuas, Dómine, démonstra mihi; et sémitas tuas édoce me. [Chant, Mode VIII]

Unto you I lift up my soul. My God, I trust in you, let me not be put to shame; do not allow my enemies to laugh at me; for none of those who are awaiting you will be disappointed. Ps. Make your ways know unto me, Lord, and teach me your paths

5:30 pm St Richard Choir Tom Czajkowski, Director
St Mel Choir Bobby Bolin, Director
The King Shall Come John Brownlie

The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks, When beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.

Waiting in Silence

Carey Landry

Waiting in silence, waiting in hope; we are your people, we long for you, Lord. God ever with us, Emmanuel: Come, Lord Jesus. Maranatha

Like a Shepherd

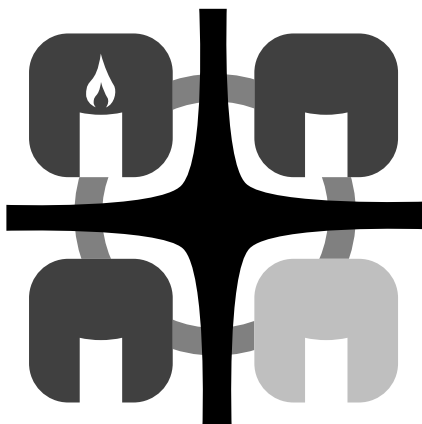
Bob Dufford

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms, holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home. Say to the cities of Judah: Prepare the way of the Lord. Go to the mountaintop, lift your voice: Jerusalem, here is your God.

Organ Postlude

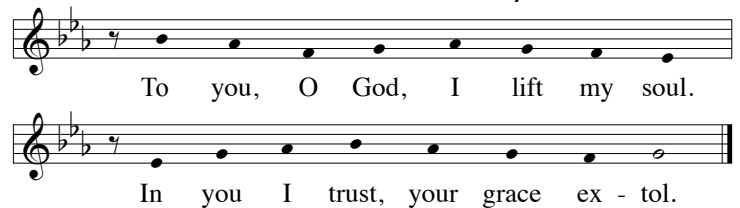
4:30 vigil, 5:30 PICARDY (Partita for Organ) arr. Richard Hillert

8, 10:30, 12:15 Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme Max Reger



Introductory Rites

To You, O God, I Lift my Soul



Refrain Text: Psalm 25:1-2; Introit, Advent I. Verses: Creator of the Stars of Night, Latin 9th C; Tr. The Hymnal 1940, © 1940, The Church Pension Fund. Tune: CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM.

Cantor

1. Let not my foes exult o'er me, spare all from shame who hope in thee:
2. Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light:
3. O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call:
4. When this old world drew on toward night, you came, but not in splendor bright:
5. Not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild:
6. To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One:
7. Praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally:



Greeting

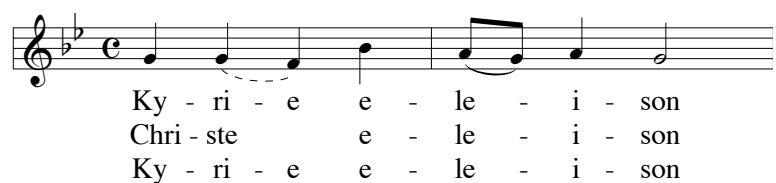
Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

(striking their breast, all say)

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.



Tune: NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

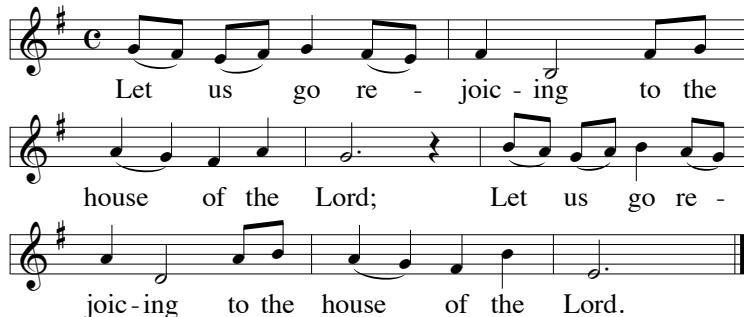
Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from Isaiah 2:1-5

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 122



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I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house." And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is a city built with unity and strength. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law is to praise God's name and there to give God thanks. There are set the judgement thrones for all of David's house.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. "May those who love you prosper; May peace ever reign in your walls, and wealth within your buildings."

For love of my family and love of my friends I pray that peace be yours. For love of the house of the Lord our God I pray for your good.

Psalms for the Week

Sat: The judgments of the Lord are true, and all of them are just.

Mon: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Tue: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Wed: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Thur: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Fri: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

A Reading from Romans 13:11-14

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Alleluia



Tune: NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Show us, Lord, your mercy and love; Grant us your salvation.

Liturgy of the Word

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel...

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel according to Matthew 24:37-44

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(*All bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

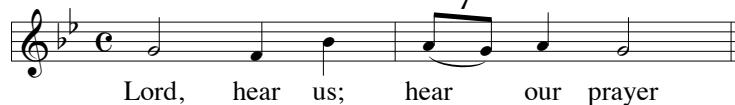
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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Universal Prayer



Tune: NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Presentation of the Gifts

E'en so Lord Jesus Quickly Come

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins; Who loved us all, and shed his blood that we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God, who was and is, and is to come; Sing holy, holy Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein; Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, For Christ is coming, is coming soon; for Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; They need no light, no lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all! [Rev 22]

**5:30 - St Richard Choir, NorthOlmsted (Tom Czajkowski, Director)
& St Mel Choir (Bobby Bolin, Director)**

Warm the Time of Winter

Ruth Duck / Lori True

When the wind of winter blows, bringing times of solitude, fill the silent, icy night; be our hearts' compassion.

Holy light, warm our night; warm the time of winter.

When we shiver in despair, when the chill of death comes near, hold us, Spirit, calm our fear, while the evening deepens.

Holy light, warm our night; warm the time of winter.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation - My Soul in Stillness Waits



Verse: Psalm 25:1-3, *Ad te Domine Levavi*; Offertory, Advent I. Refrain & Music: Marty Haugen;
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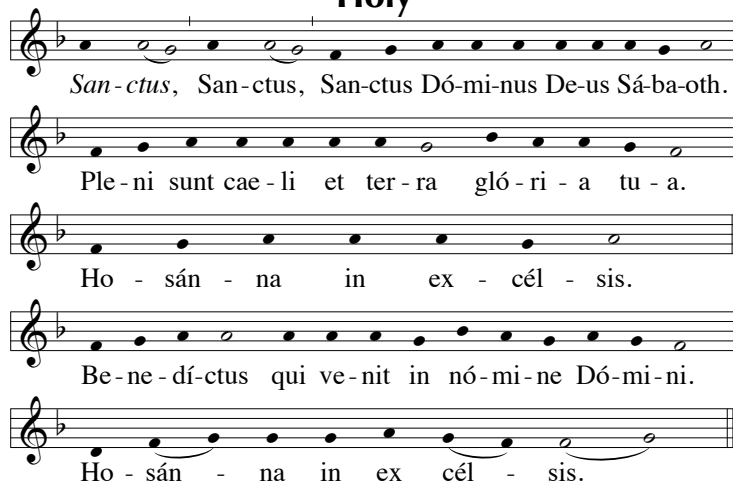
To you, O Lord, I've lifted up my soul; O Lord, my God, I trust
in you alone. In mercy, let me not be put to shame.

To you, O Lord, I've lifted up my soul; do not allow my enemies
to laugh. For none who wait will ever be dismayed.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God **It is right and just.**

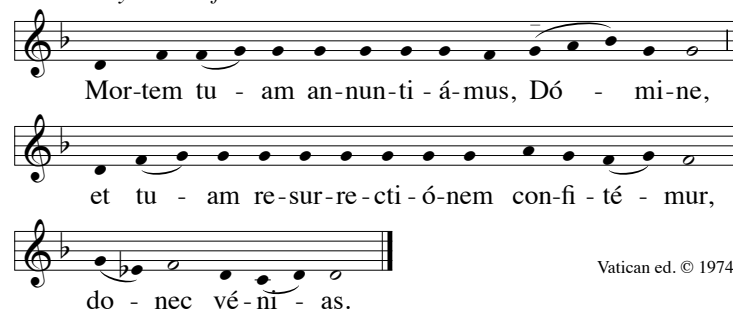
Holy



Vatican ed. XVIII - *Missa Deus genitor alme*.

Mystery of Faith

Priest: Misterium fidei...



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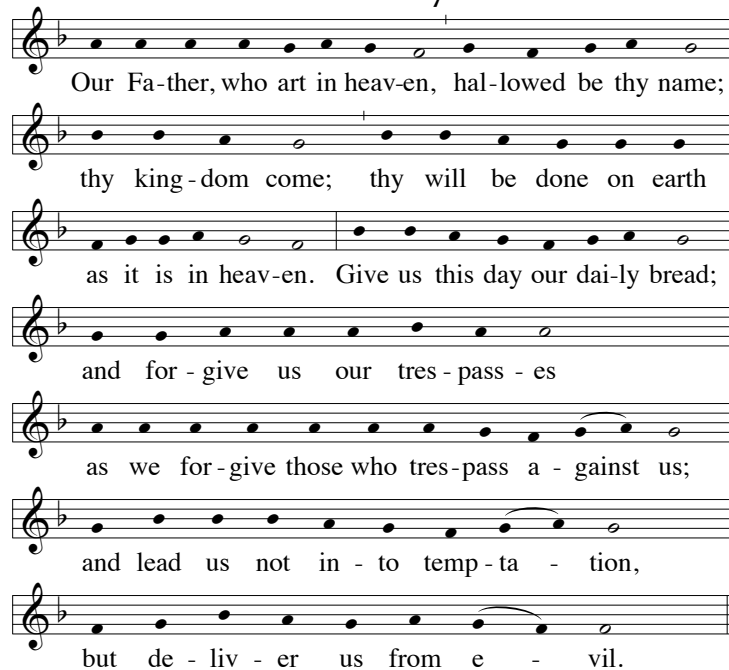
Amen

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.



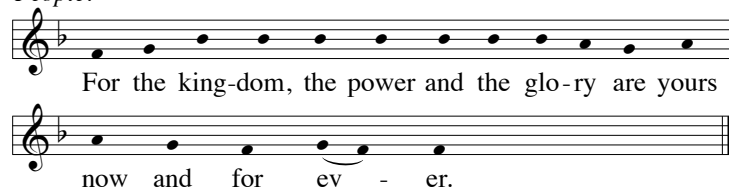
Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer



Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil...
as we await the blessed hope and coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

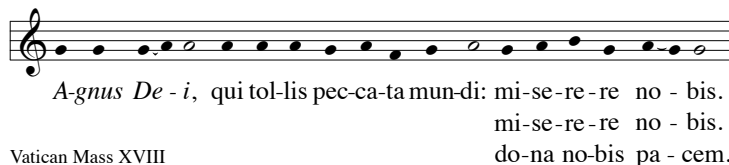
People:



Text: The Lord's Prayer. Music: adapted & arranged by Robert J. Snow, © 1964.

Rite of Peace

Fraction of the Bread

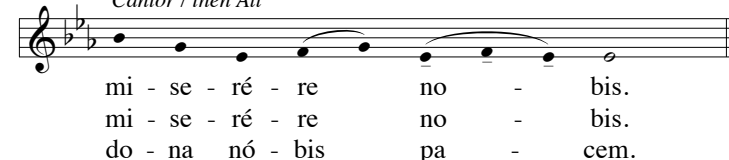


Vatican Mass XVIII

Sunday 10:30 & 12:15 masses

Choir: Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:

Cantor / then All

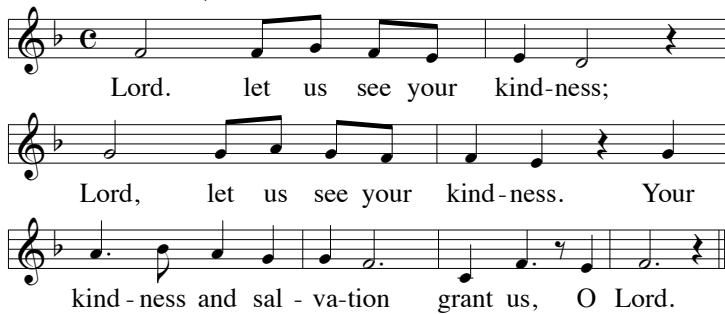


Vatican Mass XVII; *In Dominicis Adventus et Quadragesima*

Communion Rite

(Please remain standing throughout the Communion Rite until the Communion hymn has ended.)

Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness



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I will hear what the Lord proclaims; peace and salvation at hand, always near to those who fear him; glory dwelling in our land.

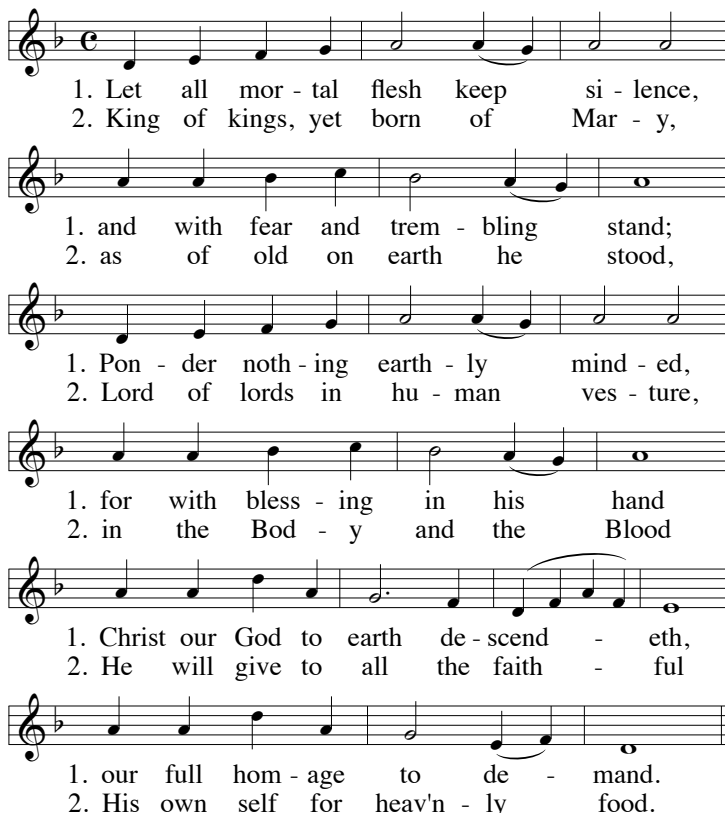
Kindness and truth shall meet at last; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven above.

God will grant abundant grace; earth will spring up with boundless life. Justice flows ever before him to prepare his way.

Choir: The Lord will grant abundance Charles Thatcher
 The Lord will grant abundance, and our land will yield its fruit.

Choir: Dominus dabit benignitatem Psalm 85:13, Communion
 The Lord will bestow loving kindness, and our land will yield its fruit.

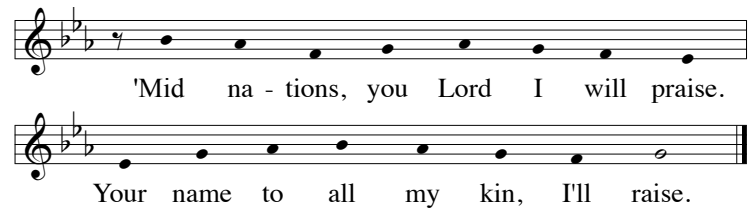
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



Text: *Liturgy of St James*, 5th C; trans by Gerard Moultrie. Tune: PICARDY

Dec. 3 - St. Francis Xavier

Amid Nations, Lord



Refrain: Psalm 18:50; 22:23; *Introit, St Francis Xavier*. Verses: *Creator of the Stars of Night*, Latin 9th C; Tr. *Hymnal 1940*, © 1940, Church Pension Fund. Tune: CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM.

Cantor

1. Let not my foes exult o'er me, spare all from shame who hope in thee:
2. Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light:
3. O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call:
4. When this old world drew on toward night, you came, but not in splendor bright:



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Join Us for the Peace Light Celebration - Dec. 9th



The Peace Light is a flame that originates in the Grotto of Bethlehem and is passed from lantern to lantern around the world each December, in the name of Peace. The Boy Scouts are sharing the light with as many as are willing to accept it. Join us in the Cathedral on Dec. 9th, at 7:00 pm, for an ecumenical prayer service and an opportunity to take the flame home to share it with others. For details visit: <pack72.com>; <peacelight.org>; or on Facebook, visit the group: <@Peace Light of North America>.

Family Perspectives - This Christmas season, we would all like to have the peace of Christ, the ability to give as Jesus gave, and hearts that are not troubled. As the rush begins, reflect on your past celebrations. What is it about Christmas and gift giving that you find life-giving? What traditions would you especially like to continue? How can you use your time and talents to spread the joy of the season?

Morning Prayer Groups - Please consider joining our weekly gatherings from 6:30-7:00 am in the Lower Sacristy of the Cathedral. Using the scriptures for the coming Sunday, these groups share their faith and some fellowship over a cup of coffee. The women's group gathers on Tuesdays, and the men's group on Fridays. Just show up at the Lower Sacristy, or contact the parish office with inquiries.

Centering Prayer is a spiritual practice of our Catholic contemplative tradition that opens us more deeply to a relationship with God in faith and intimacy. Our group meets on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Lower Sacristy.

School Shadow Visits are geared to young men who are juniors or seniors in high school and are interested in learning more about Borromeo Seminary. Individual visitors "shadow" a Borromeo seminarian through his day of seminary life. Call 440-943-7631 for more information.

Pray for Each Other - In your prayers, please remember those in need of healing and support, especially: Sherry Brodock * Natalie Rose Hayek, Drusilla Allen, William Loar Jr., Betty Allen, Mary Pierce, Dan F. * Maureen Kolar * Mary Theresa Dias & Family * Pat Hesland * Jim Nagle * Kristen LaManna, Peggy LaManna * Nancy Stinson, Alice Mycan, Melanie Dansko Mille * Tim Ward * Brian Churchmack * Gloria Diederick, Elizabeth Gurango, Joan Emerick * Kristina Oliver * Michael Rullo * Marquis Williams, Alfred LaManna, Doug Primus * Robert Grasso * John Ezerskis * Rene Bedard, Margaret Fadrowski, Terrel & Michael Washington * Andrey Agapov, Joan Uniatowski * Deacon Charles Doerpers, Cathy Cigoi, Shelly * **Please pray for the repose of the soul of Allan Schaffer, brother of parishioner Cathey Ullum. May the God of all compassion have mercy upon him and grant consolation to his family and friends.** * *If you, or one of your family, would like to be included in this prayer list, please contact the Cathedral Office. After 30 days, please let the office know whether to retain the person on the prayer list.*



Parish Pastoral Council

For details visit:

<SaintJohnCathedral.com/ParishCouncil>

Parish Council generally meets on the **second Tuesday** of the month at 6:00 pm. Any parishioner wishing to address the Council at this time should contact the Council with their request. E-mail <ParishCouncil@saintjohncathedral.com>, or contact the rectory at 216-771-6666 ext. 4700.

**The next meeting will be
Tuesday, December 10, 2019.**

Want to Become a Parishioner?

You can register to be a member of the Cathedral Parish by simply attending a 45-minute registration event in the Lower Sacristy. The next Parish Registration Days are:

Sundays at 11:30 am: **November 17,**

January 19, March 15

Saturdays at 5:30 pm: May 16

Welcome New Parishioners!

Richard Burns & Donna Richardson
Mary Baltas, Madeline Baltas, John Baltas,
Joseph Mannario, Brian & Kris Barren,
Mr. DeHavn, Marshall & Patricia Nill,
Robert, Agnes & Hunter Boal,
Jeff & Stephanie Pitts, Milita Nasuytis,
Victor Nasuytis, Charles & Kathleen Koch,
Madison Filicko, Natalie Monastra,
Jillian DePoy, The Hauser Family

Religious Education

Children's Ministries at St John's Cathedral include Parish Home School of Religion (PHSR); as well as Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation (8th to 11th grade).

PHSR and sacramental preparation:

Through small group, on-line, and home schooling, we provide Kindergarten to High School students with catechesis and sacramental preparation.

If you are interested in assisting in these ministries, registering your child for PHSR or sacramental preparation, or if you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Apperson at 216-771-6666, ext. 5620 or <capperson@dioceseofcleveland.org>.

Intention of the Holy Father

December – *The Future of the Very Young*
– That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.



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Home Energy Assistance Program

(HEAP) information is available in the literature rack for low income seniors and adults with disabilities to apply for the 2018-2019 HEAP season. This federally funded program is designed to assist eligible low income Ohioans with their winter heating bills. The program does not end until May, so there is plenty of time to apply.

Tax-Wise Gifting from your IRA

If you are 70½ or older, you may be able to reduce your taxable income with a gift made directly from your IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Your accountant or IRA administrator can help you understand how the IRA Charitable Rollover works and the particular steps you can take to lower your taxes and help St. John Cathedral. Questions? Contact our parish office at 216-771-6666. You are also welcome to contact Sandy Lucas of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 x1640 or via email at <slucas@catholiccommunity.org>.

In Our Diocesan Community

Journey to Bethlehem Mass - Join Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries for the 35th Annual *Journey to Bethlehem Liturgy* on **Saturday, December 7**, at 11:00 am, with celebrant Bishop Roger Gries. Mass will take place at St Augustine Parish, 2486 West 14th Street, in Cleveland. This liturgy for persons with disabilities, their families, and friends, is a beautiful Christmas celebration, with a light luncheon following. For information: 216-334-2962; email Marilyn Scott <mjscott@ccdole.org>; or go to our website <ccdole.org/disability>. All are welcome.

Theology on the Rocks West - the Catholic based discussion group for adults 40 and above will be held Monday, December 9th, at 7:00 pm. NEW LOCATION: VOSH, 1414 Riverside Dr., in Lakewood (The old Three Birds-Georgetown). Many of us have a 'general' idea of what Judaism, as a faith, is, but truth be told, there is so much we don't know or understand. Join us as Fr. Hilinski, Delegate for Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs, is joined by a special guest, Rabbi Stephen Weiss, B'nai Jeshurun Temple, to discuss with us what it means to be Jewish. \$12 per person (incl. appetizers & cash bar) - register in advance at <theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west>.

First Friday Clubs - There are First Friday clubs, with a meal and a speaker, held in Cleveland, Akron, and Elyria (First Friday Forum of Lorain County), but extensive information does not usually get to us in time to include in the bulletin. Next month includes :

Thursday, December 5, <FirstFridayClubCleveland.org> - Elvis Grbac, Athletic Director and Football Coach at Villa Angela - St. Joseph, Former NFL Quarterback and Motivational Speaker.

Bishop Perez will be the January speaker **Friday, December 6** <FirstFridayClubofGreaterAkron.org> along with John L. Allen, Jr. Assoc. Editor, Boston Globe, and senior Vatican analyst for CNN.

Faith-Based Community - Are you creative, responsible? Want to work for a faith-based community? You are invited to become a L'Arche Assistant, to act as direct support for community members with intellectual disabilities (core members). Assistants live in, create a home, and share life with persons with disabilities. No experience required, but assistants must be at least 18 years old and able to drive. For more information, call Jen at 216-721-2614 or visit the website:<larchecleveland.org>.



Please keep the health and safety of the members of our Armed Forces in your thoughts and prayers. God grant that they may return home safely and soon. **Please also let us know when your service people have returned.** Jewell Portwood, Luke Turbin, Devion Long, Craig Long, Travis Harman, Chris Paulett, Ben Maragliano. After 90 days, please let the office know whether to retain the name on the prayer list. (Please feel free to submit the names of service members for inclusion in this space.)

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