

# Peace Advent

## Saint Mary

### MASS TIMES:

**SATURDAY - 4:30PM | SUNDAY- 9:00AM**

**CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 3:45-4:15PM**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** held on Saturdays 3:45pm to 4:15pm. or any time when requested.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** can be administered during Sunday Mass or at a private ceremony. New parents are required to attend a Baptism instruction. Recommended that this take place during the pregnancy.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**—call the Parish Office to make arrangements at least six months in advance. Marriage instructions are required.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK** administered upon request to those who are sick.

**REGISTRATION**—Persons moving into our area are asked to notify the Parish Office to be registered. Notify the Parish Office with changes in contact information.

**P.S.R. CLASSES** (September—April) Grade School - Sundays: 9:00am (Mass) to 11:00am. [Next classes begin in September 2022]

**FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR TO SCHEDULE ANY OF THE ABOVE, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MON-THURS : 9AM—3 PM**

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### Mission Statement

*We, the members of St. Mary Parish, dedicated to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, are conscious of the struggles of our faith-filled ancestors. We strive to become a holy and vibrant community through personal prayer, meaningful liturgies, and opportunities to develop our faith. As God's people, we recognize the values and importance of each person and desire to reach out to all the people in our area who need God's Word, Love and Care.*

### The Diocese of Toledo

remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and to contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880; or to write to: Victim Assistance Coordinator 1933 Spielbusch Avenue Toledo, Ohio 43604.



# SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



*Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy. May Your healing hand rest upon me.  
May Your life-giving powers flow into every cell of my body and the depths of my soul,  
cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness  
and strength for service in Your Kingdom.*

*Amen.*

## PRAYER LIST

**Victor Rich, Doug Grahl, Meghan Grahl, Linda Burnett,  
Robert & Carolyn Kuhlma, Marcia Glick, Bob Martin, Jean Garvin, Gene Cook,  
Linda Hayman, Geraldine Hill, Barb Conley ,**

and everyone affected in any way by COVID-19 or any other illness or injury.

*To recommend an individual to be placed on the St. Mary Prayer List,  
please contact the Parish Office.*

*Under HIPAA guidelines, the request must be made by  
either the person or the person's representative/caretaker.*

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## From the Desk of...

Deacon José Zamora, Pastoral Leader

It is the passage we hear in the first reading that Mark chooses in part to open his Gospel, which he calls “*the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God*.” This is telling. His goal in writing this account, the first of the Gospels to be written, is to establish that the man Jesus was, first, the Messiah (Christ in Greek), but more importantly, the Son of God. Therefore, it makes sense that he starts by quoting Isaiah and Malachi, identifying John the Baptist as the messenger who prepared the way for the Messiah. Immediately after this passage, Mark describes Jesus’ baptism, during which God’s voice is heard saying, “*You are my beloved Son*.” However, as Mark goes on to reveal, both assertions are rejected by most people and doubted by even his disciples. As his disciples now, we too can have our doubts.

Perhaps our task this Advent is to prepare our hearts for the Lord by removing those obstacles that can lead us to doubt. Perhaps the mountain that blocks our faith is a narcissism that wants to believe that we can do it alone. Perhaps the valley that needs to be filled in is a despair that makes us feel abandoned by God. Perhaps the rugged land is an overwhelming guilt that makes us feel unworthy of forgiveness. Perhaps making a straight path is as simple as opening our hearts to the possibility that God has an answer to all our doubts. Perhaps God’s power, comfort, and forgiveness, proclaimed by both Isaiah and John, are just searching for a clear path into us.

John the Baptist baptized with water, precious to someone like John who had emerged from the desert. But ever since Jesus, the Holy Spirit has also come in baptism, bringing life and sustenance to our spiritual thirst. May we realize what a life-giving gift we have received in baptism. May we find in the Holy Spirit the power we need to overcome the obstacles that thwart our joy. What is the most difficult obstacle I face in preparing a way for Christ to come into my heart anew this Christmas? How can I remove this obstacle?



## Scripture Readings

## For the Week of December 10, 2023

- 11— Mon** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14;  
Lk 5:17-26
- 12—Tue** **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or  
Lk 1:39-47
- 13—Wed** **Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**  
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10;  
Mt 11:28-30
- 14—Thu** **Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest  
and Doctor of the Church**  
Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab;  
Mt 11:11-15
- 15—Fri** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19
- 16—Sat** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19;  
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- 17—Sun** **Third Sunday of Advent**  
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54;  
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## Mass Intentions

- 16—Saturday** † **Emma Rose Jenkins**  
**4:30 pm** † **Parishioners**
- 17—Sunday** † **Parishioners**  
**9:00 am** † **Parishioners**

## Liturgical Calendar

## December

- 10—**International Human Rights Day
- 11—**Optional Memorial of St. Damasus I
- 12—**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 13—**Memorial of St. Lucy
- 14—**Memorial of St. John of the Cross
- 15—**Hanukkah ends (at nightfall)
- 16—**Simbang Gabi begins  
Las Posadas begins.  
Las Parrandas begins.



## What's Goin' On at St. Mary Parish?!

## Sacrificial Giving for FY 2024

November 26, 2023

Offertory Collection:	\$2,412
Offertory needed per week:	\$3,600
Over <Under>:	<\$1,188>
Over <Under> for Fiscal Year 2024:	<\$1,554>

## St. Mary Bingo

November 21, 2023

# Players:	89
Proceeds:	\$3,078

## Parish Week at a Glance:

Week of: December 10, 2023

MON	Boy Scouts	6:30 pm	Gym
TUE	Bingo	6:30 pm	Parish Hall
WED			
THU	Adoration	6:30 pm	Church
FRI			
SAT	Rosary	4:00 pm	Church
	Mass	4:30 pm	Church
SUN	Rosary	8:30 am	Church
	Mass	9:00 am	Church
	PSR	9:45 am	Parish Hall

*all flesh shall see the  
salvation of God*

LUKE 3:6

## LITURGICAL ROLES..... DECEMBER 16 / 17

## ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday 4:30pm	Deborah Kuns	Cole Davis
Sunday 9:00am	Cole Dymond	Aric Kauble

## USHERS

Saturday 4:30pm	Greg Fox	Jim Fox
Sunday 9:00am	Virginia Gabel	Volunteer

## LECTORS

Saturday 4:30pm	Terry Schreck
Sunday 9:00am	Joni Wasserman

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday 4:30pm	Becky Rohrbach	Deborah Kuns
Sunday 9:00am	Bob Crockett	Virginia Gabel

## MONEY COUNTERS

Week 3      Jennifer House      Mary Kay Oakleaf



# BREAKFAST with SANTA

Don't forget Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> is  
Breakfast with Santa!

You'll enjoy a very hearty breakfast  
prepared and served by our  
Knights of Columbus!

Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Biscuits  
& Gravy, French Toast, Cinnamon  
Rolls, Juice, Milk & Coffee.

Adults \$10; Kids \$5.

Serving begins at 8:00 am, Santa  
arrives at 10 am with goodies!

Questions? Call the Parish Office at  
(419) 547-9687.

## St. Mary Parish Important Information

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are desperately needed to help fill special roles that are held at each Mass:

*Altar Servers, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Money Counters.*

Now is the time to step up and become more involved in Mass! If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to Deacon José either after Mass or contact him at the Parish Office.

Deacon can give more information about what each roles entails and what is expected.

### SAVE THE DATE:

### "LUNCH 'n LISTEN"

The next "Lunch 'n Listen" is on the books!

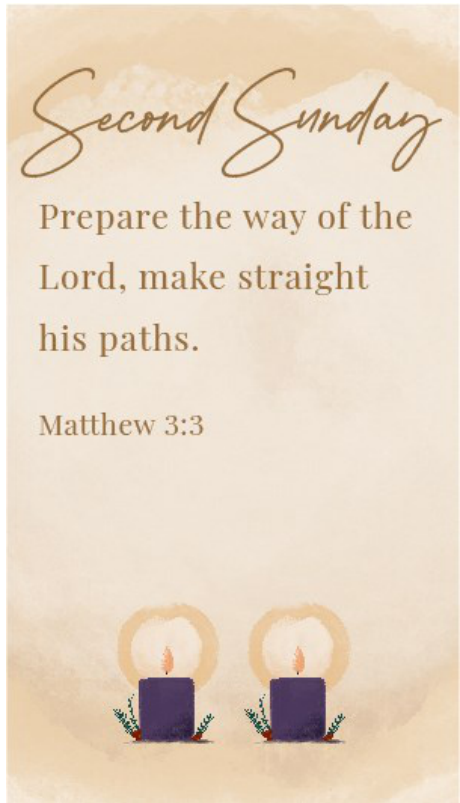
Call (419) 547-9687 to sign up for the no-cost next

LUNCH 'n LISTEN on

Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

Presenter: Dr. Bryan Kuns

Topic: "Jerusalem"



### GEORGE PICKETT 100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY

This past weekend, Mr. George Pickett celebrated turning 100 years old at the 4:30 pm Mass here at St. Mary Parish!

A reception was held in his honor in the Parish Hall following Mass.

Thank you to his family for decorating the hall and to all who came and celebrated this monumental occasion!







*If an error or omission occurred, call the parish office for correction.*

### Birthday Blessings for the period December 11—17, 2023:

11—Mary Cunningham, Wayne Gerber;

12—Darrin Allen, Audrea Albright;

13—Nancy Beier;

14—Marianne Stallard, Hailey Warner, Aubryn Hasselbach;

15—William Miller, Brandon Burner, Justin Phillips, Hank Webb;

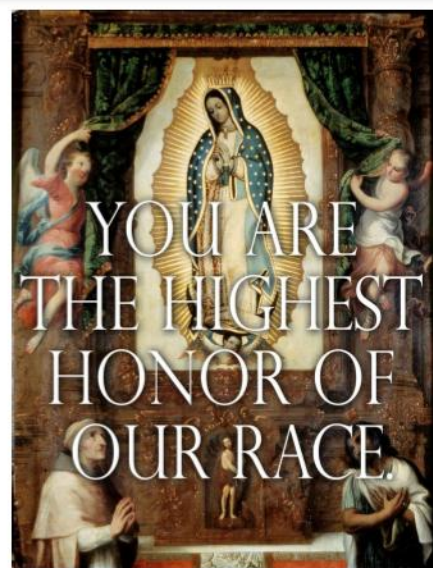
16—Clarissa Baker;

17—Arthur Maines, Amanda Begauer



### CHRISTMAS MAILING

Check your mailboxes in the next few days for a special mailing from St. Mary. If you did not receive the mailing, please contact the Parish Office at (419) 547-9687.



### Area Advent Penance Service

Sun., Dec. 10, 3-5pm

St. Joseph's Church



### CHURCH PHOTOS NEEDED!

We are looking for any photos any of you may have of the exterior and/or interior of St. Mary's Church over the years.

The reason? Updating our website—we'd like to include photos of the church both from days past on up to the present. Photo credit will be given to anyone who submits photos for our use. To submit photos [digital or print] please contact Cheri at the Parish Office:

[office@clydestmary.org](mailto:office@clydestmary.org) or (419) 547-9687.

Office hours are Mondays-Thursdays,  
9 am-3 pm.



# Happenings Around the Diocese...



## Advent Penance Services, Confessions, & Adoration

### **St. Mary (Clyde):**

#### **Masses:**

Sat: 4:30pm with Rosary prayer at 4:00pm

Sun: 9:00am with Rosary prayer at 8:30am.

Adoration every Thursday at 6:30pm.

### **St. Boniface/ Our Lady of Lourdes:**

#### **Adoration:**

Tue., Dec. 5, 12, and 19 at St. Boniface from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Thu., Dec. 7 at Our Lady of Lourdes from 9:30 am to 6:30 pm

Thu., Dec. 14, and 21 at Our Lady of Lourdes from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

#### **Reconciliation:**

Tuesdays at St. Boniface from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Wednesdays at Our Lady of Lourdes, Genoa from 8:30 am - 8:50 am

Thursdays at Our Lady of Lourdes

8:30 am - 8:50 am

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Fridays at St. Boniface from 8:30 am - 8:50 am

### **St. Joseph/ St. Ann:**

**Day of Grace** on Wed., Dec. 6: 8:30-11am at St. Ann, 1-3pm at St. Joseph,

6:30-7:30pm at St. Ann

#### **Adoration:**

St. Joseph Tues. 12/12/23 9am-4pm

St. Ann Wed 12/13/23 6:30-7:30

St. Joseph Tues. 12/19/23 9am-4pm

St. Ann Wed 12/20/23 6:30-7:30

#### **Confessions:**

St. Ann Wed. 12/6/23 8:30am-11am

St. Joseph Wed. 12/6/23 1pm-3pm

St. Ann Wed., 12/6/23 6:30-7:30pm

St. Joseph Fri., 12/8/23 8:30 am

St. Joseph Sat. 12/10/23 4pm

St. Joseph Fri., 12/15/23 8:30 am

St. Joseph Sat. 12/17/23 4pm

St. Joseph Fri., 12/22/23 8:30 am

St. Joseph Sat. 12/23/23 4pm

### **St. Mary Millersville/ St. Michael Gibsonburg:**

#### **Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament:**

Fri., Dec. 1 at St. Mary's after the 8:30 am Mass until 10:00 am

Sun., Dec. 10, at St. Michael's, 10:00 am - 10:45 am (before 11am Mass)

Tue., Dec. 12, at St. Michael's, 4:00pm-4:45pm (before 5:00pm Mass)

Fri., Dec. 15, at St. Mary's, after the 8:30 am Mass until 10:00 am

Tue., Dec. 26, at St. Michael's, 4:00pm -4:45pm (before 5 pm Mass)

#### **Advent Night of Reflection:**

Blessed Sacrament with guided meditation, by Fr. Tad Oxley ending with Benediction at 8:00 PM

#### **St. Mary and St. Michael's Advent times for Reconciliation:**

Reconciliation is available Tuesdays after 5:00pm Mass at St. Michael

Fridays after 8:30am Mass at St. Mary

Saturdays 4:00pm at St. Michael

Sundays 8:00 am at St. Mary

Additional times for Advent are: Sat. Dec. 9, 9-11 am at St. Mary and

Sat. Dec. 16, 9-11 am at St. Michael

#### **Sacred Heart:**

#### **Confessions:**

Wed., Dec. 20 from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM, and 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Regular confessions:

Tuesdays 8:45 AM

Wednesdays 5:30 PM

Saturdays 3:00 PM

#### **Advent Adoration:**

Sun., Dec. 3 - Fri., Dec. 22

Sundays 7:15 PM - 10:00 PM

Mon., Tue., Thu. 10 am - 10 pm

Wed. 10 am - 5 pm, 7 pm - 10 pm

Fridays, Saturdays 10 am - 3 pm

#### **Area-wide penance service:**

December 10 at 3 pm at St. Joseph





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