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St. Mary Magdalene Family of  
Parishes will celebrate Christ in the  
Eucharist, form joyful disciples, and  
evangelize others through loving  
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St. Veronica School - (513) 528-0442 - [www.stveronica.org](http://www.stveronica.org)

## WELCOME

Whether you are just passing through the area or looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you to the St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family – Saint Andrew, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and Saint Veronica. We hope you find our worship environment hospitable and prayerful. If you are interested in knowing more about our parish family, please contact the parish office or visit [www.saintmarymagdalene.org](http://www.saintmarymagdalene.org).

## POINTS TO PONDER

The wolf shall be the guest of the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the baby goat, and the calf and young lion will browse together – graze, not window-shop – while a child guides them. Cow and bear will have their young resting side by side. A baby will play without fear of cobras, and a young child will not fear venomous snakes. There will be no harm and no sin on God's holy mountain. Imagine living in a time and place where this kind of peace is possible.

The Prophet Isaiah longed for such a day for Israel, offering a vision rich in poetic imagery. And the truth is, this kind of peaceful synchronism is possible for human beings. Yet our cynicism often persuades us that conflict is inevitable, that we will always be at odds with those different from ourselves, that war will always be present somewhere, that polarization makes true communion impossible.

But God's prophet did not see things that way. Speaking with God's voice, Isaiah saw the world as God sees us, not as we have resigned ourselves to believe it must be. This is why we need Advent.

On the Solemnity of Christ the King, Pope Leo XIV issued the Apostolic Letter *In Unitate Fidei* ("In the Unity of Faith") on the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. Organized into twelve concise points, the document aims to encourage the whole Church to renew her enthusiasm for the Profession of Faith. Pope Leo released it in anticipation of his papal visit to Turkey, where ancient Nicaea is located.

I urge you to read the document. It is accessible, rich, and a remarkable reminder that Christians have been professing the Creed together for 1700 years as a sign of unity. Pope Leo suggests strongly that it is the Church—not any other group of human beings—that will help bring peace to the world. The Church, composed of people of many backgrounds, cultures, and differences, shows what it means to stand together with all our complexity. That witness itself is a path to peace.

*Truly, what unites us is much greater than what divides us! In a world divided and torn apart by many conflicts, the one universal Christian community can be a sign of peace and an instrument of reconciliation, playing a decisive role in the global commitment to peace. Saint John Paul II reminded us, in particular, of the witness of the many Christian martyrs from all churches and ecclesial communities: their memory unites us and spurs us on to be witnesses and peacemakers in the world. (In Unitate Fidei, §12)*

May Advent be a time for us to dare to hope for peace—in our personal lives, in our Church, and in our world.

**Read the whole document here:** <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2025/11/23/0895/01615.html#inglese>

*Fr. Del Staigers*

What is my purpose in life?  
Is there life after death?  
Why do we need a Church?

### THE SEARCH

A 7-Session Video & Discussion Series that explores life's big questions.

Tuesdays January 6, 13, 20, 27  
February 3, 10, 17  
(Bad Weather Backup Dates:  
February 24, March 3)

7:00 pm-8:30 pm  
St. Andrew Church Basement

Contact: Elizabeth Otte  
Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation  
513-831-3353 Ext 104

Scan to Preview!




## QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

December 14, 2025  
Third Sunday of Advent

Mt. 11:2-11

**Who are Jesus' prophets today?  
How far would you go to see them? To heed them?**



# MASS INTENTIONS

Key: (A): St. Andrew, (S) St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, (V) St. Veronica

## Monday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

- 8:45 a.m. (S) Jean Ann Sheehy †
- 12:00 p.m. (S) Karen Busam †
- 7:30 a.m. (V) Intentions of the Kugbe Family †
- 9:00 a.m. (V) Beth Snyder †
- 6:00 p.m. (A) Julie Kruse †

## Tuesday, December 9

- 7:30 a.m. (A) Eleanor & Luke Liette †
- 7:30 a.m. (V) John Iacobucci †

## Wednesday, December 10

- 8:45 a.m. (S) John Sheehy †
- 12:00 p.m. (S) Marty Stephan †
- 9:00 a.m. (V) Intentions of the Kugbe Family

## Thursday, December 11

- 2:00 p.m. (A) Kelly Cousino †
- 12:00 p.m. (V) Liam Snyder †

## Friday, December 12

- 8:00 a.m. (S) Nancy Lemmel †

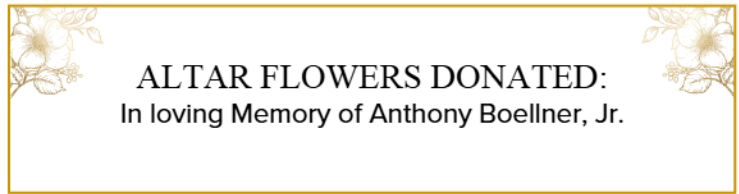
## Saturday, December 13

- 7:30 a.m. (A) Tom Germann †
- 5:15 p.m. (A) Celeste Riehle †
- 5:00 p.m. (S) Nancy Simmons †
- 4:00 p.m. (V) People of Our Parish

## Sunday, December 14

- 9:00 a.m. (A) People of our Parish †
- 11:00 a.m. (A) Kenneth Martin †
- 8:00 a.m. (S) People of our Parish
- 10:00 a.m. (S) Megan Reckman †
- 8:00 a.m. (V) Maureen Lyons †
- 9:30 a.m. (V) Ron Petitt †
- 11:30 a.m. (V) Joyce Levo †

† – Deceased



## Schedule Update!

### Week of December 9

Due to work being done in the church at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the church will be CLOSED during the day Tuesday, December 9 thru Friday, December 12. We will not have Mass on Wednesday, December 10 and we will not have Mass or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, December 12. Choir practice and First Reconciliation are NOT impacted by this.  
Thank you for your understanding.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### Sharing God's Gifts

Sunday Offering for November 30, 2025  
Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

#### St. Andrew

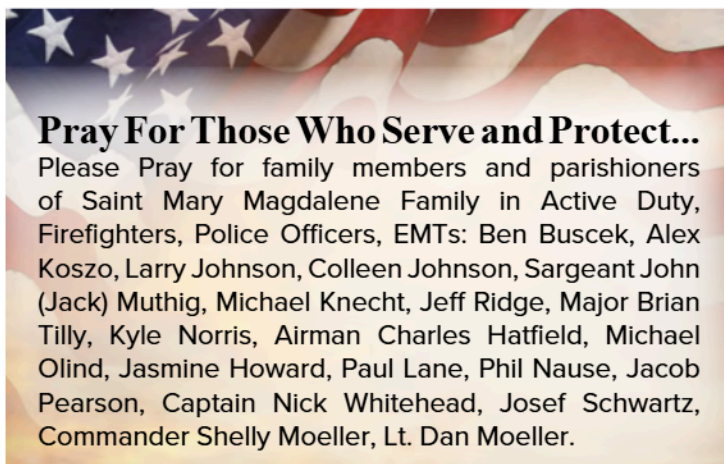
Weekly Collection Total .....	\$ 7,736.00
Weekly Collection EFT .....	\$ 4,000.00
Weekly Collection Budget .....	\$ 15,000.00
Weekly Total .....	\$ 11,736.00

#### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Weekly Collection Total .....	\$ 5,270.28
Weekly Collection EFT .....	\$ 3,791.00
Weekly Collection Budget .....	\$ 15,000.00
Weekly Total .....	\$ 9,061.28

#### St. Veronica

Weekly Collection Total .....	\$ 8,428.04
Weekly Collection EFT .....	\$ 8,239.00
Weekly Collection Budget .....	\$ 17,500.00
Weekly Total .....	\$ 16,667.04



### Pray For Those Who Serve and Protect...

Please Pray for family members and parishioners of Saint Mary Magdalene Family in Active Duty, Firefighters, Police Officers, EMTs: Ben Buscek, Alex Koszo, Larry Johnson, Colleen Johnson, Sargeant John (Jack) Muthig, Michael Knecht, Jeff Ridge, Major Brian Tilly, Kyle Norris, Airman Charles Hatfield, Michael Olind, Jasmine Howard, Paul Lane, Phil Nause, Jacob Pearson, Captain Nick Whitehead, Josef Schwartz, Commander Shelly Moeller, Lt. Dan Moeller.

# SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

By Fr. Chris Worland



John the Baptist captured the imagination of the people who flocked to hear him. He announced that the day of salvation was near. His message was as challenging as it was simple: Reform your lives through prayer and fasting for the kingdom of God is at hand. Advent is an invitation to conversion and John the Baptist shouts this message from the desert. This season of Advent is an opportunity to ask ourselves what needs to be turned upside down so that we can better let God into our lives.

This is a time of prayer and penance. It is an opportunity to welcome the Lord. However, John the Baptist reminds us that welcoming God means removing the obstacles that prevent us from connecting with God.

God always loves us, but when we remove the obstacles that keep us from God, and we live the words we preach, then we announce Christ to others every day through our acts of kindness, honesty and faithfulness to Christ's teaching.

True Devotion to Mary  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School  
"please enter through the doors  
closest to the church."

December 9<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-8:30pm

Questions?  
Contact Eileen  
513-324-5889 or  
cpdeveraux@hotmail.com

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE  
*Baptism Class*

for parents who would like their children  
under the age of 7 to be Baptized

Tuesday December 9, 2025 at 7:00 pm

St. Veronica  
Parish Ministry Center  
To Enroll, go to:  
saintmarymagdalene.org/baptism  
and select a Baptism class at the bottom

**COMFORT & JOY** ADVENT CONCERT  
with Sarah Hart and Steve Angrisano

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 - 7:00PM  
ST. VERONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
4473 MT. CARMEL-TOBASCO RD. CINCINNATI

St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family

Children's Liturgy  
of the Word

This month, Children's Liturgy of the Word  
takes place December 14 & 21 at St. Veronica!

# Happy Retirement

There will be a Retirement Party held for Father Bok in the St. Andrew Basement after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 14th.

## BLESSED FAMILIES ANNOUNCEMENT

The third Saturday of December is the 20th. Blessed Families WILL NOT meet that day with it being so close to Christmas. We will resume our monthly meetings in January.

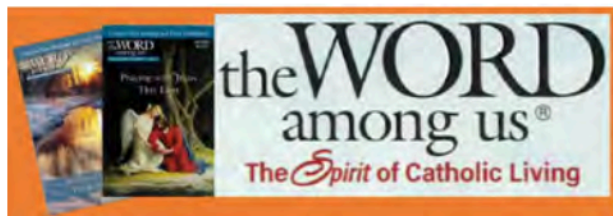


## SECRET SANTA SHOP WITH SANTA AT SAINT VERONICA

Stop by and visit with Santa sponsored by FAB and shop at the Secret Santa Shop sponsored by PTO. Located in the St. Veronica School cafeteria, The Shop will be open between Masses from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and after Mass from 12:30-2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 14th. Payment for Shop and Visit will be accepted via Cash, Check, or QR Code.

## SETON GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree at Seton is up in the Narthex. Please bring unwrapped gifts back to church by Sunday, December 14 by 10:00 a.m. We suggest putting the gifts in gift bags or adding a roll of wrapping paper with the gifts. Please make sure that the tag you take from the Tree is securely attached to your gift. Without that, we will not know which family the gift belongs to. A suggestion would be to take a picture of the tag when you take it off the Tree, just in case you lose the tag. If you have any questions, please call Sue Lang at 513-312-8137.



If you would like to order your annual subscription, it's \$19.00/year. Order deadline is December 12, 2025. Please send cash or check to Sherry Wessel, 5675 Tall Oaks Drive Milford, Ohio 45150. Questions? Please call 513-575-0138.

## Inclement Weather Policy

St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family campuses and activities will follow closures of the corresponding school district. If West Clermont Schools are on a delay, morning Masses at St. Veronica are canceled. If Milford Schools are on a delay, morning Masses at St. Andrew and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton are canceled. If the school districts are closed, all Parish activities are canceled at the corresponding campus unless otherwise communicated. Communication will be sent out via Flocknote and posted on social media if we are able to open our facilities. As always, your safety is our priority.

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception



ST. ANDREW  
6:00pm December 8th

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON  
8:45am and 12 noon  
December 8th

ST. VERONICA  
7:30am and 9:00am  
December 8th

## Christmas Caroling

Looking for an Advent service opportunity? Lets go Christmas Caroling!

Sunday December 14th

1pm at Eastgate Village  
and/or  
3pm at Sem Haven

All are welcome!



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## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

### St. Andrew

Saturday: 5:15 p.m., Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Saturday: 5:00 p.m., Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

### St. Veronica

Saturday: 4:00 p.m., Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

### St. Andrew

Tuesday: 7:30 a.m., Thursday: 12:00 p.m.,  
Saturday: 7:30 a.m.

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Monday & Friday: 8:00 a.m., Wednesday: 8:45 a.m.  
(August-May when school is in session), 12:00 p.m.

### St. Veronica

Monday & Tuesday: 7:30 a.m., Wednesday: 7:30 a.m.  
(only when school is not in session), 9:00 a.m.

(August-May when school is in session), Thursday:  
12:00 p.m., First Friday of the month only: 7:30 a.m.

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

**St. Andrew:** Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:** 3:30 p.m.

**St. Veronica:** 2:30 p.m.

Other times are available by appointment

## EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

**St. Andrew:** First Tuesday of the month, after 7:30  
a.m. Mass until Noon.

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:** Fridays after 8:00 a.m.  
Mass until 1:00 p.m. and the first Friday of the  
month, 6:00 p.m.-Midnight

**St. Veronica:** First Wednesday of the month,  
1:00-5:00 p.m.

## Grief Support Group

Parents Who've Lost Children

Parents who have lost children of any age, recently or years ago, are invited to attend our monthly support group.

Every 3rd Monday from 7-8:30pm  
St. Veronica Welcome Center

\*located to the right of the main Church doors.

**This month's meeting is on December 15.**

For more information contact Carol Glaser  
cglaser@saintmarymagdalene.org or 513-528-1622 x402

GRIEF SUPPORT TEAM SPONSORED:

## Coffee & Desserts

Our Grief Support Team is sponsoring quarterly coffee and desserts for anyone who has held a funeral in the past year and anyone who might need some support.

December 11 at 7pm  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish  
Office Conference Room

Join us for support and connection.

RSVP encouraged. Please call either parish office: 528-1622 or 831-3353



## Grief Support Group


### Navigating the Death of a Spouse

St. Veronica Welcome Center  
Second Wednesday of every month from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

December 10, 2025  
@ 6:30 pm

You're suddenly single...  
Now what do you do?  
We understand what you're going through.

Questions? Contact Carol,  
cglaser@saintmarymagdalene.org



# SAINT OF THE WEEK



## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

*Saint of the Day: December 12*

*Patron Saint of the Americas and Mexico*

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story.

A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually, the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time, Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless, the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

Read the full article: "Our Lady of Guadalupe" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,  
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/our-lady-of-guadalupe/>  
(Accessed November 16, 2025).