

7:00 Welcome, prisoner prayer intentions and Opening Prayer

Saint of the Day, Dec 4: St. John Damascene (of Damascus)

“All that is yours, we venerate,” John writes, as the treatise finally becomes untrammelled prayer, “your servants, your friends, and above all the Mother who gave birth to you.” The monk John of Damascus, a writer and a poet who composed hymns still used in the Byzantine liturgy, died around 750. He did not live to see the end of iconoclasm, but the Church did not forget what he wrote. At the Second Council of Nicaea in 787, his position was vindicated and the holy images restored. Fountain of Wisdom, St. John Damascene is revered in both East and West as a Doctor of the Church. The last Greek Father (doctor) of the Church.

7:05 Upcoming Sunday gospel; discuss question of the week

7:15 Core Team Updates

1. A personal witness story (Prayer Chain introduction, JoAnne)

- Join prayer chain *specific to Prisoner* prayer intentions:
gateofmercyandhope@gmail.com
- Share story of experience with Encounter and the value it can bring to our prisons

2. General ministry progress - Alison

SMM website, go to Outreach ministries

- *Final 2025 ministry meeting
- Our Advent speaker, Christine Marallen and her book

3. Serenelli Re-entry and mentoring ministry - Barry, Ken

- Promotional testimonies
- Serenelli House: 725 Delhi Ave., Sedamsville (Cincinnati)
 - Serenelli Saturdays,
 - *2nd Saturdays, 8 - 12 ~ All are Welcome!
- <https://serenelliproject.org/>

7:30 Introducing Guest Speaker Christine Marallen (:30 mins.)

- Author of Good Lookin' Out, Chapel Girl in Prison
- 20 yrs. experience
- Prison Ministry
- Re-entry development
- Prison Ministry - Nancy, Suzette
- Serenelli Project/Mentoring - Karen, Barry
- Lebanon bi-annual Kairos Retreats - Alison

8:00 Insights and Q&A

- A win or take-away that you would like to share with the group

8:20 What's coming, Thank you and **Closing prayer**

- Thanks to all for a great first year in a new and important parish ministry!!!