

December 10, 2023

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## HOLY SPIRIT FAMILY OF PARISHES

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St. Augustine Church (SA)



St. Benedict the Moor Church (SB)



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### St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School

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Principal: Debra Johnson



Corpus Christi Church



Our Lady of Mercy Church

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**Sat., December 9, 2023**

4:30 p.m. at CC

4:30 p.m. at St. B

**Sun., December 10, 2023** *Second Sunday of Advent*

**All Holy Spirit Family of Parishes Regional Mass,  
Celebrating Queen of Martyrs 75th Anniversary**

11:00 a.m. at Queen of Martyrs, Dinner in McAuley Hall  
Peter Shears (Birthday) SA

**Mon., December 11, 2023** *(No Mass or Communion Service) St. Damasus I, Pope*

**Tues., December 12, 2023** *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

8:30 a.m. at CC

**Wed., December 13, 2023** *St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr*

8:30 a.m. at OLOM

**Thurs., December 14, 2023** *St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

8:30 a.m. at QM

**Fri., December 15, 2023** *(No Mass or Communion Service)*

**Sat., December 16, 2023**

4:30 p.m. at CC

4:30 p.m. at St. B

**Sun., December 17, 2023** *Third Sunday of Advent*

8:30 a.m. at St. A

9:00 a.m. at OLOM

10:30 a.m. at St. B

11:00 a.m. at QM  
Mae & Mike Meyring +  
Judy Baker +

**PASTORAL STAFF & LEADERSHIP**

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**Saturday, December 16, 2023 4:30 p.m. at CC**

**Presider:**

**Lector:** Dorothy Mann

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Pat Gill / Detsy Sacksteder

**Server:**

**Saturday, December 16, 2023 4:30 p.m. at St. B**

**Presider:**

**Lectors/Readers:** tbd

**Petitions:** tbd **Eucharistic Ministers:** tbd

**Sunday, December 17, 2023 8:30 a.m. at St. A**

**Presider:**

**Lectors:** Tim Pfeiffer

**Eucharistic Ministers:** tbd

**Sunday, December 17, 9:00 a.m. at OLOM**

**Presider:**

**Lectors:** Mary Obononoidem

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Carl / Karla Brun

**Server:** Mike Kessler

**Sunday, December 17, 2023 10:30 a.m. at St. B**

**Presider:**

**Lectors:** Judy Baker / Rita Ellicott

**Petitions:** Annette Young

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Janice Allen, Sharon Hairston (R)

Susan Smith, Robin Craft-Bell, Emmett Orr (L)

Deacon (C)

**Sunday, December 3, 2023 11:00 a.m. at QM**

**Presider:** **Lector:** Tom Carter

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Larry Schwieterman /

Charlotte Minnelli

**Server:** Carl Meyer

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

**Monday at noon**

*Send bulletin information to:  
[mphillips@qmdayton.org](mailto:mphillips@qmdayton.org)*

***Sacrament of Reconciliation***

*Saturdays at 4 p.m. before Mass at SB, or after daily  
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**Vice Chair:** Consuella Wilson



## HOLY SPIRIT FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKLY CALENDAR

**THANK YOU**  
for your generosity

| MONDAY December 11, 2023    |  |   |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 11:00 a.m.                  | St. Benedict the Moor Rosary<br>In the sanctuary<br>and Dial-In on Phone | Dial-In Number:<br>6677701427<br>Access Code:<br>556136 |
| TUESDAY December 12, 2023   |  |   |
| 9:30 a.m.                   | Charismatic Prayer Group   | CC Madonna Room   |
| 4:00 p.m.                   | Neighborhood Meal  | CC Madonna Room   |
| WEDNESDAY December 13, 2023 |  |   |
| 9:30 a.m.                   | QM Bible Study   | QM McAuley Hall   |
| 11:30 a.m.                  | Chair Fitness Class  | QM McAuley Hall   |
| 6:30 p.m.                   | St. Augustine Rosary   | SA Church   |
| 6:30 p.m.                   | Advent Reconciliation<br>(OLOG and QM Reconciliation<br>on Dec. 21)      | SA Church   |
| 7:00 p.m.                   | St. Benedict Bible Study   | In the meeting room                                     |
| THURSDAY December 14, 2023  |  |   |
| 6:30 p.m.                   | Our Lady of Grace Bible Study Group                                      | CC Madonna Room   |
| 7:00 p.m. -<br>8:00 p.m.    | Eucharistic Adoration & Prayer   | OLOM Church   |
| SATURDAY December 16, 2023  |  |   |
| SUNDAY December 17, 2023    |  |   |
| Third Sunday of Advent      |  |   |



*Don't forget the cookies!*

### Weekend Collections

To be updated next week.



- **Prayer Chains, Sacrament of the Sick**  
Call office 937-268-6697
- **Weddings, RCIA/RCIC:**  
Call office 937-268-6697
- **Baptisms:**  
Call office 937-268-6697  
Deacons Ken Stewart & Victor Obasuyi,  
and Marty Phillips, instructors
- **Reconciliation:** Saturdays at 4 p.m.  
before Mass at SB, or after daily Masses at  
CC, OLOG, QM or by appointment.

## CHURCH INFORMATION

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Website <http://ourladyofgracedayton.org/>  
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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

### 2nd Sunday of Advent

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

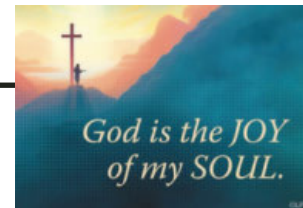
— Father John Muir

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### Our Lady of Guadalupe

When Mary appeared to Juan Diego as Our Lady of Guadalupe, she had encouraging words for him. "Am I not here, I who am your mother?" In the image on Juan Diego's tilma (tunic), Mary identifies herself with the Aztec people. She has their hair and features, their symbolic maternity dress. She incorporated their important symbols of the sun, moon, and stars. Today's Mass includes two Gospel options. Both are familiar passages from the Gospel of Luke - the Annunciation and the Visitation. Both are equally relevant to today's feast because Mary's yes to Christ isn't only to care for him but to come to us. Our Lady of Guadalupe is pregnant. The image bears witness to Mary's yes to conceive the Savior of the World. But even in her pregnancy, she goes to care for Elizabeth. Now Mother to all the world, Mary comes to the aid of her children, reminding them of her presence among them.



### Jubilation to Share

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



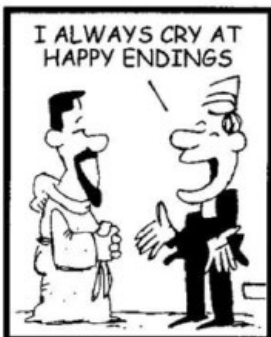
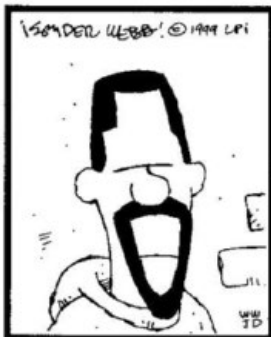
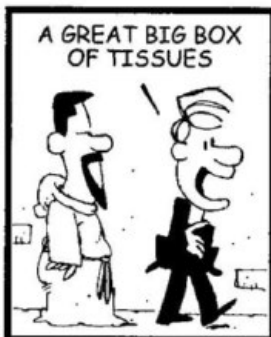
### THANKS FOR YOUR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY DONATION TO THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES -

Your generosity allows God's love to become real! Catechists, religious sisters, and priests serve in churches, schools, orphanages, and clinics in 1,100 mission dioceses in Africa and Asia. Also, young men are enabled to become priests and young women to become sisters so they can train their Catholics to become self-sufficient and Christ-like leaders. If you wish to further support our 1,100 mission dioceses, please go to: [www.givecentral.org/pontificalmissionsocieties](http://www.givecentral.org/pontificalmissionsocieties).

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS ANNUAL COLLECTION

RFR is the U.S. Catholic bishops' effort to support our elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests via an annual collection. Hundreds of religious communities lack sufficient financial resources to meet the retirement and healthcare needs of aging members. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference and blesses our local communities. Please give generously December 9 and 10! For more information, contact Maria Reinagel, Director, Office of Consecrated Life, Archdiocese of Cincinnati at [mreinagel@catholicaoc.org](mailto:mreinagel@catholicaoc.org) or 513.263.6683.

### 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### VOCATION VIEW

John the Baptist stands as a sign of contradiction, calling his contemporaries back to a relationship with the Living God. Perhaps you are being called to follow in John's footsteps today. (Mark 1:1-8)

### RESPECT LIFE CORNER

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn how at [respectlife.org/support-her](http://respectlife.org/support-her).

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS:

*Kenneth Bronston, Mary Helen Spanish, Pat Bell, Betty Jones, Susie Roberts, Angelina Matin, Nancy Green, Mary Dudley, Annena Younger, Keno Hampton, Sherman Mosley, Juanita Newell, Robert Florence, Loure Hayes, Renee Raisch, Ray Metzger, Richard Dillion, Joyce Merch, Sue Kozarec, Marie Hodapp, Craig Powell, Al Cochran, Mike Mobley, Rachel Woods, Peggy Neff, Wanda Offenberger, Fran Rickett, Pat Meyer, Norm Magoto, Kira Prikkel, Dave Hoerner, Pat Chirco, Keith Jones, Teresa Bond, Bev Ossege, Doncella Parks, Jeanne Sipniewski, Mikayla Powley, Ken Pendery, Samantha M., Joan Means, Mike Kessler, George Noeth, June Phillips, Chris Gavin, Ralph McEldowney, Kevin Oleckniche, Julie Moreo, Ryan Ravestein, Toni Schilling, Andrea Kittel, Betty Meehan, Karen Kuritar, Dorianne Minnelli, Fred Caudell, Mary Foster, Joe Hartenstein, Petronella Chirco, Carl Meyer, Skip Royer, Mildred Singleton, Ann Heaney, Christopher Garvin, Jerome Johnson*

PLEASE CALL 937-274-2107 EXT 3001 TO ADD OR REMOVE A NAME ON THE PRAYER LIST

### NURSING HOMES

*Eddie Weaver—Mary Scott  
Laure Hayes—Laurels of Kettering  
Deloria Harris—Laurels of Kettering*

### WE SALUTE OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

*Major Matthew Fecke, Tiffany Kracus Lewis, Sgt. Matthew Stull, Lance Corporal Patrick Nevius, Caleb Weaver, Spc. Phoebe Moreo, Adam Wilhelm, Martha Moreo, Capt. U.S. Space Force EM3 Douglas R. Sortman, Major Darren Ward, Staff Sgt. Jacob Naas, Spc. Jonathan Gladden, AB Makayla Picker, Ssgt. P. J. Picker*

### DO YOU NEED PRAYERS?

Please call Pat Wilson at 937-836-2006 and she will pray for you.

## The Real Presence

### Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion

#### For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

#### For our fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-eucharist/guidelines-for-the-reception-of-communion>



### FOR DECEMBER 17, 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent

#### Bringing Joy Through Justice



*I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation. (Isaiah 61:10)*

*Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 • The Mission to the Afflicted*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 • Christian Conduct; Blessing*

*John 1:6-8, 19-28 • John as Witness to the Light*

*Adults: What work of justice could you do this week to bring someone joy?*

*Kids: What could you do for someone this week to make them happy?*

### (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### The World Is Pregnant

There is a character, Rose of Sharon, in John Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath* who is pregnant with her first child. As her impoverished family migrates from their native Oklahoma to California, Rose of Sharon's all-consuming preoccupation is her unborn child. Everything she eats, every drink she lets pass her lips, every action she takes — none of it is done without thought for the child that is still so small as to make his mother's expectancy barely discernible to the naked eye.

"For Rose of Sharon was pregnant," wrote Steinbeck. "And the world was pregnant to her."

It is the same for us Christians in the Advent season. We can feel a change coming, and the hope of this change consumes us. It shapes our actions and our plans, we feel it in our hearts and in our souls and in our limbs. From the food we eat to the clothing we wear to the words we use, the unseen Child lives and breathes and works in every small part of this blessed season.

Even the commercial clamor that is the secular "Christmas holiday" cannot fully distract us from the holy sense of anticipation we have. We are baptized, and so it is inside of us, this voice that cries out in the desert. When we hear it, we cannot help but listen.

The Virgin is pregnant, and the world is pregnant to us.

"We await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." — 2 Peter 3:13 ©LPi





## Holy Spirit Family of Parishes

### ALL HOLY SPIRIT FAMILY OF PARISHES NEWS

#### Join your church family in praying the Rosary for the community and each other.

**St. Benedict Rosary** is every Monday at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary **Dial-In Available at:**  
New Dial-In Number: 6677701427 Access Code: 556136

**St. Augustine Rosary** is in person every Wednesday a 6:30 pm. Holy Hour every First Thursday of the month

**Queen of Martyrs Rosary** is in person every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., just before the 11:00 a.m.. Mass

#### Bible Studies

St. Benedict Bible Study every Wednesday Evenings  
7:00 pm in the meeting room.

Queen of Martyrs Bible Study Wednesday mornings  
9:30 am to 11:00 am. McAuley Hall. Year round.

### OUR LADY OF GRACE NEWS

#### Our Lady of Grace Giving Tree

Beginning **November 26 through December 17** in support of our *St. Vincent de Paul Conferences*, we are asking parishioners to donate one or more gift cards (any amount) to Kroger, Walmart, Meijer or Sav-a-Lot. We are also putting together Christmas gift bags for shut-ins. You can put together a complete bag for a man or woman or bring in one or more of the following items: Shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, socks, razors, soap, deodorant, puzzle books, pencils, etc. Please take a gift tag from one of the Giving trees set up at Corpus Christi or Our Lady of Mercy. The gift items can be placed under the giving trees at either church. Any questions call the Parish Office at 937.274.2107 ext. 3002. Thank you for your support!



### ST. AUGUSTINE NEWS

#### ST. AUGUSTINE PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to be a part of the St. Augustine Prayer Chain, please contact Marie Klotz at [saintaprayingtowntown@gmail.com](mailto:saintaprayingtowntown@gmail.com)

#### ST. AUGUSTINE ONE CALL

To be added to the St. Augustine one-call, please contact Fran Delegato at [delegatof@outlook.com](mailto:delegatof@outlook.com)

#### Sonshine in a Bag

"Sonshine in a Bag" really appreciates the **small pop top cans, as well as large cans of green beans and corn** St. Augustine is providing. If you want to make donations of cash in the envelopes provided in the weekly collection, it is used to purchase these items. However, these donations are not counted with the weekly collection and are not recorded as such. A special sheet is being kept by Mary Hick-  
le of donations of both canned corn and green beans, and cash used to purchase these items. A quarterly report will be provided to St. Augustine members. **If you want the monetary donations counted for tax purposes, a check would have to be made out to St. Augustine with Sonshine in a Bag on the memo line of the check and placed in one of the Sonshine in a Bag envelopes.** Mary and Marie will then use these monies to buy the monthly vegetables needed.

Thank you, Randy Klotz

### QUEEN OF MARTYRS NEWS

#### Queen of Martyrs 75th Anniversary Mass

December 10, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in church.  
Celebration and Dinner will continue following Mass in McAuley Hall.

**This will be a Holy Spirit Family of Parishes Mass!**  
**This will be the only Sunday Mass**  
**in our parish family.**  
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