

Our Lady of Lourdes

Diocese of Covington's Latin Mass Parish

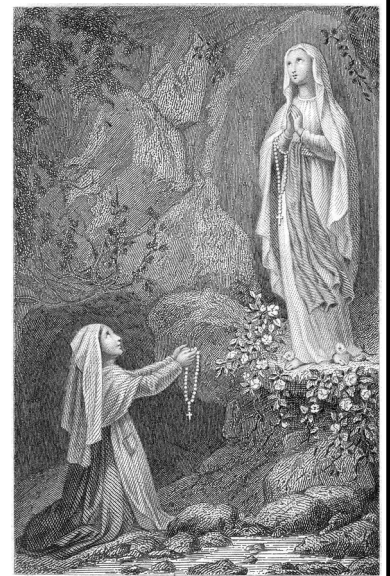
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"I do not promise you happiness in this life, only in the next"



DEAR PARISHIONERS, PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST! I hope everyone had a nice, peaceful Christmas. Thank you so much for the prayers and gifts. You are very kind. May God bless your generosity. Tomorrow is the Epiphany of the Lord. A whole lot is revealed on the Epiphany. We see the enemies of the Lord who is just newly born, come on to the scene. We hear of Herod who was troubled at the appearance of the star and the homage that was being paid to the Christ-child. He lies to the Kings from afar, and tells them to report back to him so he can pay the Child homage. When his plan doesn't work, he slaughters the Holy Innocents. He thought this Child would be a threat to his kingdom. Imagine if he would have accepted the Child. Christ would have offered Him a kingdom. We also see the state of the people in Sacred Scripture at His birth. Not only was Herod troubled, but Scripture mentions that all of Jerusalem was as well. What does this say about the time the Lord was born? The people were comfortable in their sin and misery. They were not looking for God. They didn't want the true King to be part of their lives. Yet, it is precisely this time that the Lord is born to show His love and mercy for the people. He wants to save them. So, what is our response to Him? May our response be like the 3 kings from the East. They left everything to pay homage to the Newborn King. They bring gifts to Him. One king brings gold, symbolizing that he recognizes Him as King. One king brings frankincense, symbolizing that he recognizes Him as God. The third king brings myrrh, recognizing that He would die. After they give their gifts, they go back home another way. They do not go to back to report to Herod. This symbolizes the fact that their lives were



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Baptism and Marriages

All Sacraments at Our Lady of Lourdes are performed according to the *usus antiquior* of the Roman Rite, with the 1962 liturgical books being normative. Contact the pastor for any sacramental needs.

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Mass Calendar & Intentions

SUNDAY	January 5: Holy Name of Jesus
7:00 AM	Emily Gossard
(Union) 7:00 AM	Veronica Rechamacher
9:00 AM	Fr. Lawrence Carney
11:30 AM	Pro Populo
MONDAY	January 6: Epiphany of the Lord
12:10 PM	Noelle Trosten
TUESDAY	January 7: Feria of Epiphany
12:10 PM	(+) Emma Grace Haacke
WEDNESDAY	January 8: Feria of Epiphany
12:10 PM	(+) Christopher Smith
THURSDAY	January 9: Feria of Epiphany
12:10 PM	Callie Meinhart
FRIDAY	January 10: Feria of Epiphany
12:10 PM	Alex Meinhart
SATURDAY	January 11: Saturday of Our Lady
(Union) 9:00 AM	In reparation for sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary



Holy Name of Jesus

January 5th, 2025

changed with this encounter with the Lord. They can't go back to their regular lives. They go back changed men, ready to serve the True King. In contemplating this story, we can ask ourselves, what gifts have I brought to the Lord? Do I use my gifts and talents that He has given me for His greater glory? What sacrifices have I made for Him? After our encounter with Him, especially here at Holy Mass, are our lives changed for the better? Do we put true effort in avoiding sin? Does He inspire us to live holy and virtuous lives in His honor and out of love for Him? Our world is not the same because of His birth. May we, in turn, not live worldly lives, but lives on a journey to meet in person, face to face, this King that the 3 kings came to adore from so far away, and to be with Him forever in Heaven! Glory to God in the Highest!
 – God bless you all, Fr. Matt



St Bernard on the Holy Name

THE SWEET NAME OF JESUS produces in us holy thoughts, fills the soul with noble sentiments, strengthens virtue, begets good works, and nourishes pure affections. All spiritual food leaves the soul dry, if it contain not that penetrating oil, the name Jesus. When you take your pen, write the name Jesus: if you write books, let the name of Jesus be contained in them, else they will possess no charm or attraction for me; you may speak, or you may reply, but if the name of Jesus sounds not from your lips, you are without unction and without charm. Jesus is honey in our mouth, light in our eyes, a flame in our heart. This name is the cure for all diseases of the soul. Are you troubled? think but of Jesus, speak but the name of Jesus, the clouds disperse, and peace descends anew from heaven. Have you fallen into sin? so that you fear death? invoke the name of Jesus, and you will soon feel life returning. No obduracy of the soul, no weakness, no coldness of heart can resist this holy name; there is no heart which will not soften and open in tears at this holy name. Are you surrounded by sorrow and danger? invoke the name of Jesus, and your fears will vanish. Never yet was human being in urgent need, and on the point of perishing, who invoked this helping name, and was not powerfully sustained. It was given us for the cure of all our ills; to soften the impetuosity of anger, to quench the fire of concupiscence, to conquer pride, to mitigate the pain of our wounds, to overcome the thirst of avarice, to quiet sensual passions, and the desires of low pleasures. If we call to our minds the name of Jesus, it brings before us His most meek and humble heart, and gives us a new knowledge of His most loving and tender compassion. The name of Jesus is the purest, and holiest, the noblest and most indulgent of names, the name of all blessings and of all virtues... To think of Jesus is to think of the great, infinite God Who, having given us His life as an example, has also bestowed the necessary understanding, energy and assistance to enable us to follow & imitate Him, in our thoughts, inclinations, words and actions. If the name of Jesus reaches the depths of our heart, it leaves heavenly virtue there. We say, therefore, with our great master, St. Paul the Apostle: If any man love not our Lord Jesus Christ, let him be anathema (I Cor. 16:22).



MAGNIFICENT QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND MISTRESS OF THE ANGELS, thou didst receive from God the power and commission to crush the head of Satan; wherefore we humbly beseech thee, send forth the legions of Heaven, that, under thy command, they may seek out all evil spirits, engage them everywhere in battle, curb their insolence, and hurl them back into the pit of Hell. "Who is like unto God?" O good and tender Mother, thou shalt ever be our hope and the object of our love. O Mother of God, send forth the holy Angels to defend us and drive far from us the cruel foe. Holy Angels and Archangels, defend us and keep us. Amen.

Weekly Financial Report	
Week of Sunday December 29, 2024	
Sunday Collection:	
Checks	\$6768.00
Cash & Coin	\$1144.28
Octave of Christmas	\$1529.55
Online & Other Donations	\$160.00
Candles	\$106.00
TOTAL	\$9707.83
<i>Weekly Budgetary Needs</i>	<i>\$4,395</i>

- † Monday Catechism will not be meeting on January 6th. Class resumes the evening of January 13th at 6:30pm.
- † **Please carefully note the Mass schedule for this week.** Due to Fr. Cushing traveling to visit his family, there will be no 6:30am Mass at OLOL from January 6-10th. Fr. Paul Berscheid will be here for the 12:10pm Masses.
- † There will not be Solemn Exposition & Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament this Friday, January 10th.
- † The League of St Martin meets at OLOL this Saturday, January 11th, at 1pm to make reparation to the Holy Face.
- † If you have items you would like blessed, Fr Cushing will bless these after the 9am First Saturday Mass each month in the Church social hall.
- † Epiphany water will be blessed this afternoon, January 5th. For those who brought their own jugs, these can be picked up anytime Monday onwards.
- † Our annual Epiphany Party is after 11:30 AM Mass today. Bring a hearty dish to share, and be ready to enjoy good cheer & entertainment! The play will be performed at 2:30pm
- † Banns of marriage are published between Dan Warner and Mary Gruen, both of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. If any of you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it. This is the first time of asking...

To dress becomingly for God and neighbor, and in keeping with the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, kindly refrain from wearing shorts, tee-shirts, tank-tops, revealing blouses, sleeveless or backless dresses, or form-fitting clothing of any sort. Please wear dresses and skirts that fall below the knee when sitting even with leggings (around mid-calf). With due regard to time and circumstance, all are encouraged to wear decorous attire befitting sacred and divine worship.