

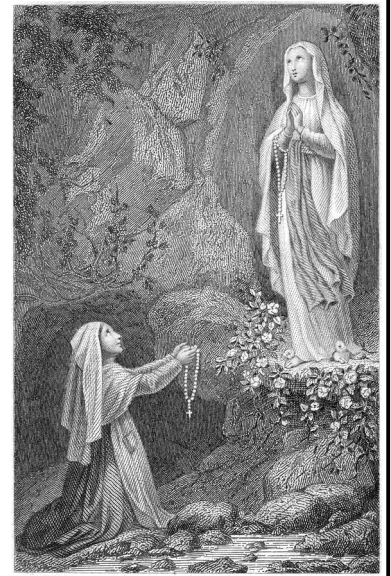
Our Lady of Lourdes

Diocese of Covington's Latin Mass Parish

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



JE SUIS L'IMMACULÉE CONCEPTION

DEAR PARISHIONERS, *Praised be Jesus Christ!* I would like to share a short reflection on Advent by the late Pope Benedict XVI. On the preparation aspect of Advent, he states: "Christmas is a privileged opportunity to meditate on the meaning and value of our existence. The approach of this Solemnity helps us on the one hand to reflect on the drama of history in which people, injured by sin, are perennially in search of happiness and of a fulfilling sense of life and death; and on the other, it urges us to meditate on the merciful kindness of God who came to man to communicate to him directly the Truth that saves, and to enable him to partake in His friendship and His life. Therefore *let us prepare ourselves for Christmas with humility and simplicity*, making ourselves ready to receive as a gift the light, joy and peace that shine from this mystery". At the birth of the Savior, we see His great humility and simplicity by becoming a little baby. It is easy to approach a baby. And that is precisely what He wants us to do. If He came in His kingly regalia, everyone would be fearful to approach Him. So, He makes it easy for "all who are weary and find life burdensome" to come to Him. Also, live simply. Don't consume yourself with things of this world. Live a life of detachment from the things of this world. Focus on what really matters. The Incarnation teaches us what really matters. What really matters is our relationship with God. He comes to us in the flesh for us to have that relationship. May we this holy season draw ever closer and deeper in love with our Savior and Lord who comes to have that relationship with us. God bless you, Fr. Matt

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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	December 1: First Sunday of Advent
7:00 AM	Bishop John Iffert
(Union) 7:00 AM	Linda Newman
9:00 AM	Ed & Jenny Miller and family
11:30 AM	Pro Populo
MONDAY	December 2: St. Bibiana, Virgin & Martyr
6:30 AM	Annabella Tepe
12:10 PM	Mike & Renay Trosten family
TUESDAY	December 3: St. Francis Xavier, Confessor
6:30 AM	Isabella Evans
12:10 PM	(+) Arthur Wang
WEDNESDAY	December 4: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor
12:10 PM	(+) Gabriela Aguilar
THURSDAY	December 5: Feria of Advent
6:30 AM	Arabella Tepe
12:10 PM	(+) Emma Grace Haacke
FRIDAY	December 6: St. Nicholas, Bishop & Confessor
6:30 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
12:10 PM	Susan Davis
SATURDAY	December 7: Immaculate Heart of Mary
9:00 AM	Jesse & Rebecca Evans



First Sunday of Advent

December 1st, 2024

Weekly Financial Report Week of Sunday November 24, 2024

Sunday Collection:	
Checks	\$2102.50
Cash & Coin	\$739.01
Online & Other Donations	\$1502.00
Candles	\$131.00
TOTAL	\$4474.51
<i>Weekly Budgetary Needs</i>	<i>\$4,395</i>

- † Class with Fr. Cushing on Monday evenings at 6:30pm.
- † St. Nicholas will be visiting OLOL this Friday, Dec. 6th! After the 12:10 Mass, there will be a light lunch and then St. Nicholas will visit the children. Please bring a snack to share.
- † The Baby Item Drive for the Franciscan Daughters of Mary will be going from today to December 15th. Donations can be left in the undercroft. Diapers, wipes, any baby care item appreciated. Toddler clothing also in need.
- † Extra Confession Times: For Advent, Fr. Matt will be in the confessional at OLOL from 11am to 1pm every Saturday.
- † This year, the Bishops have made December 9th a Holy Day of Obligation since the Immaculate Conception is moved because of the 2nd Sunday of Advent. However, for us here at OLOL, since in our calendar we celebrate the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, Dec. 8th, our Bishop has dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Monday we who celebrate this Feast on Sunday.
- † Starting in 2025, if there is a 5th Saturday of the month, Holy Mass will be at Our Lady of Lourdes instead of the Oratory. That way, it is easier to remember. Odd Saturdays will be at OLOL. Even Saturdays will be at the Oratory.

“O man, why do you think so little of yourself when God thinks so highly of you? Why dishonor yourself when God so honors you? Why be so concerned with the stuff from which you are made and so little with the purpose for which you are made? All visible creation is your home. For you the light dispels the darkness; for you the sun, moon, and stars shed their light; for you the earth bears flowers and trees and fruits; for you the air and the earth and water are filled with marvelous life – all so that earthly life may not be sad and make you blind to the joy of eternity.” — St Peter Chrysologus

**O Mary, Conceived without original sin,
make my body pure and my soul holy.**

Hail Mary... (3 times morning & night)

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.



NOVENA PRAYER TO IMMACULATE MARY (NOV 29 - DEC 7)

MOST HOLY VIRGIN, who was pleasing to the Lord and became His Mother, Immaculate in body and spirit, in faith and in love, look kindly on the wretched who implore thy powerful patronage. The wicked serpent, against whom the primal curse was hurled, continues fiercely to attack and ensnare the unhappy children of Eve. Our Blessed Mother, our Queen and Advocate, who from the first instant of thy conception didst crush the head of our enemy, receive these special intentions (*mention intentions*) that we unite single-heartedly to thine and beseech thee to offer at the throne of God, that we may never fall into the snares that are laid for us, and may all arrive at the port of salvation; and, in the midst of so many dangers, may holy Church and the fellowship of Christians everywhere sing once more the hymn of deliverance, victory and peace. AMEN. *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...*

ALL WE HAVE TO ENDURE COMES FROM GOD (from the Roman Catechism):

HE WHO THINKS HIMSELF INJURED ought above all to be persuaded that the man on whom he desires to be revenged was not the principal cause of the loss or injury. Thus that admirable man, Job, when violently injured by the Sabeans, the Chaldeans, and by Satan, took no account of these, but as a righteous and very holy man exclaimed with no less truth than piety: *The Lord gave, the Lord has taken away.* The words and the example of that man of patience should, therefore, convince Christians, and the conviction is most just, that whatever chastisements we endure in this life come from the hand of God, the Father and Author of all justice and mercy. He chastises us not as enemies, but, in His infinite goodness, corrects us as children. To view the matter in its true light, men, in these cases, are nothing more than the ministers and agents of God. One man, it is true, may cherish the worst feelings towards another, he may harbor the most malignant hatred against him; but, without the permission of God, he can do him no injury. This is why Joseph was able patiently to endure the wicked counsels of his brethren, and David, the injuries inflicted on him by Semei. Here also applies an argument which St. Chrysostom has ably and learnedly handled. *It is that no man is injured but by himself.* Let the man, who considers himself injured by another, consider the matter in the right way and he will certainly find that he has received no injury or loss from others. For although he may have experienced injury from external causes, he is himself his greatest enemy by wickedly staining his soul with hatred, malevolence and envy.”