

Our Lady of Lourdes

Diocese of Covington's Latin Mass Parish

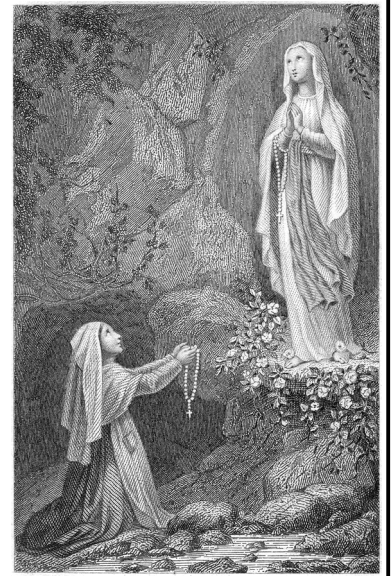
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"I do not promise you happiness in this life, only in the next"

Dear Parishioners: Praised be Jesus Christ!

FROM THE PILLAR: The Dicastery for the Causes of Saints gave notice this week of the advancement of several causes for new potential saints. Alongside the normal steps taken in the process of beatification and canonization for several men and women, Pope Francis also employed the little-known process of equipollent or "equivalent" canonization for the French Carmelite sisters martyred in the French Revolution. But who are they...? The sixteen sisters of Compiègne, whose story was famously dramatized in Francis Poulenc's opera, "Dialogues des Carmélites" —debuted 1956 — have been the object of popular devotion since the time of their death. The account of their martyrdom is well-suited to the high drama of opera — and needed no exaggeration to fit on stage. During the Reign of Terror following the French Revolution, religious communities were disbanded, and common prayer and religious dress were made criminal offences. After a rushed conviction on ambiguous charges, the whole community of sisters were given a death sentence. On their way to the guillotine, the sisters, still in formation, were permitted to affirm their vows. The community went joyfully, singing prayers, and encouraging Catholics around them; they had resolved to offer their lives for the Church in France. When they arrived at the guillotine, they knelt one by one before their religious superior, and asked permission to die. The oldest of the sisters executed



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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 22: Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:00 AM	(+) Mamerto & Rajaela Bonot
(Union) 7:00 AM	Karen Kunkel
9:00 AM	Eric Miller
11:30 AM	Pro Populo
MONDAY	December 23: Greater Feria of Advent
6:30 AM	(+) Agapito & Maria Nogra
12:10 PM	Renay Trosten
TUESDAY	December 24: Vigil of Christmas
6:30 AM	David & Abigail Schuster and family
12:10 PM	(+) Emma Grace Haacke
WEDNESDAY	December 25: Nativity of Our Lord
Midnight	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
(Union) Midnight	Bishop John Iffert
9:00 AM	Fr. Shannon Collins
11:30 AM	Fr. Sean Kopczynski
THURSDAY	December 26: St. Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr
6:30 AM	Jon Schaefer
12:10 PM	(+) Kiera Grindstaff
FRIDAY	December 27: St. John the Evangelist, Apostle
6:30 AM	Noelle Trosten
12:10 PM	Jeff Adams
SATURDAY	December 28: Holy Innocents, Martyrs
(Union) 9:00 AM	Monica Fitzsimmons



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22nd, 2024

could not even stand up on her own; she was 78. *From Rorate Caeli:* On the day following her feast, the Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel would receive her dear French daughters, martyred for their faith in her Son and for their loyalty to His Church. The revulsion caused in the general populace by their calm acceptance of the guillotine was so great that their martyrdom finally put an end to the Terror: ten days after their death, it was the turn of the demonic Robespierre, and the end of the bloodiest days of the satanic Revolution. O glorious Martyrs of Compiègne, pray for us!

They were willing to give their lives for the King in whose birth we have been preparing for at the end of this holy season of Advent. Come, Lord Jesus!

God bless you, Fr. Matt

Weekly Financial Report Week of Sunday December 15, 2024

Sunday Collection:	
Checks	\$2262.50
Cash & Coin	\$1387.85
Online & Other Donations	\$0.00
Candles	\$110.00
TOTAL	\$3760.35
<i>Weekly Budgetary Needs</i>	<i>\$4,395</i>

† Monday Catechism Class with Fr. Cushing will not be meeting on December 23rd or December 30th. Classes will resume on Monday, January 6th, at 6:30pm.

† The Christmas Midnight Mass at OLOL is a High Mass. All other Masses that day will be Low.

† There will not be Solemn Exposition & Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament this Friday, December 27th.

† Please join us for our annual Epiphany Party-Play-Potluck after the 11:30 AM High Mass on January 5th. Bring a hearty dish to share, and be ready to enjoy good cheer and edifying entertainment! The play will be performed at 2:30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE:

12:00 AM MIDNIGHT MASS (BOTH LOCATIONS);

9:00 AM ✠ 11:30 AM (OLOL)

OCTAVE DAY – JANUARY 1ST:

7:00 AM ✠ 9:00 AM ✠ 11:30 AM

ALL AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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 for Christmas

December 22

O KING of the Gentiles, yea, and desire thereof! O Cornerstone, that makest of two one, come to save man, whom Thou hast made out of the dust of the earth! *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...*

December 23

O EMMANUEL, our King and our Law-giver, Longing of the Gentiles, yea, and salvation thereof, come to save us, O Lord our God! *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...*

December 24

O THOU that sittest upon the cherubim, God of hosts, come, show Thy face, and we shall be saved. *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...*

“When the time had come for Him to be born, He went forth like the Bridegroom from His bridal chamber, embracing the bride, holding her in His arms, whom the gracious Mother laid in a manger among some animals that were there at the time. Men sang songs and angels melodies celebrating the marriage of Two such as these [God and man in Christ]. But God there in the manger cried and moaned; and these tears were jewels the bride brought to the wedding. The Mother gazed in sheer wonder on such an exchange: in God, man’s weeping, and in man, gladness, to the one and the other things usually so strange”
— St. John of the Cross.



A PRAYER FOR AMERICA



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, Mary Immaculate, heavenly Missionary to the New World, with thy sweet enchantment thou dost attract and enrapture the hearts of our people. And from thy sanctuary of Tepeyac where for more than four centuries thou hast shown thyself to be the mother and teacher of our peoples in the Faith, continue still to be our protector, defender, and shield. O Mary Immaculate, protect our republics, our presidents, and all the peoples of our Continent. O Virgin of Guadalupe, our Queen and our Mother, see that they always walk in the path of duty and of moral and material well-being so that, spiritually united, there may be realized in each & all the sublime ideal of Christian progress, the social kingdom of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, thy most beloved Son, the only true Governor of all the nations.