

# Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

## MASSES OF THE WEEK

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018**

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 am Jake Wittich (d)  
11:00 am Lisa Limerick (d)  
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018**

- 8:30 am Carol Lynch (d)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018**

- 8:30 am Gloria Richmond (d)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018**

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (USA)

- 8:30 am Pilgrims & Elder Class of '47 and '48

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018**

Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

- 8:30 am Beatrice Hasinski (d)

3pm-5pm **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2018**

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- 8:30 am Jerry Schwager (d)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2018**

- 8:30 am Henry Hofmeyer (d)

- 4:30 pm Sondra Vache (L)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018**

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 am Lisa Limerick (d)  
11:00 am Richard Prost (d)  
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

**St. Lawrence is thinking of you!**

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## SERVERS

**December 15/16**

- 4:30 pm Ben Hornback  
9:00 am Jay Brannon  
11:00 am Angelia Blake  
Isabella Blake  
7:00 pm Josh Huiet

## LECTORS

**December 15/16**

- 4:30 pm Gary Rogers  
9:00 am Jerry Gonnella  
11:00 am Karen Prater  
7:00 pm Matt Thompson

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**December 15/16**

- 4:30 pm Bailey Dugan, Blake Dugan  
TBD, TBD  
9:00 am Melissa Jones, Skip Jones  
Bob Kessler, Matt Schneider  
11:00 am Antonietta DiCorpo, Janet Hay  
Noah Hornback, Frank Sheppard  
7:00 pm Drake Hicks, Matt Thompson  
TBD, TBD

**Please be sure to stop in the sacristy before Mass to let Father know you are present. Thank you!**

## OFFERING

**DECEMBER 2, 2018** \$8,214.75  
**EDUCATION FUND** \$552.50

*Thank You for your Generosity!*

***Thought for the Day:*** "This great season of Advent, the Church has always celebrated with special solemnity. We too should always observe it with faith and love, offering praise and thanksgiving to the Father for the mercy and love he has shown us in this mystery. In his infinite love for us, though we were sinners, he sent his only Son to free us from the tyranny of Satan, to summon us to heaven, to welcome us into his innermost recesses, to show us truth itself, to train us in right conduct, to plant within us the seeds of virtue, to enrich us with the treasures of his grace, and to make us children of God and heirs of eternal life."

—St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

# The Laurentian

## BINGO

Sunday workers: please report at 11:30am

Tuesday workers: please report at 5:30pm

Parents of the students listed below are asked to work the following Bingo:

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9:** Arianna Pence, Blanca Perez Soto, Denny Pickens

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11:** Si'Aisha Pitts, Hugo Romero Silva, Hollis Sopapia

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16:** Savanna Taylor, Randy Velasquez, Jacob Watkins

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18:** Jacob White, Desiree Wilson, Arianna Amison

**St. Lawrence in Loving Memory:** Starting in January 2019, a section on the back of the bulletin will be available to list a deceased loved one's name. The cost is \$55.00 per name and all names will remain on the bulletin for one year. This helps defray the cost of printing our bulletin for the entire year. If interested, please clip and fill out the slip below and put it in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office, 3680 Warsaw Avenue, Cincinnati OH, 45243.

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Loved One's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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**Additional Bell Ringing during Eucharistic Prayer:** Beginning in Advent, the servers will ring the bells at the Epiclesis. The Epiclesis is the invocation of the Holy Spirit over the gifts of bread and wine before the consecration. This happens, when Father extends his hands over the gifts. Having the bells ring at this time calls our attention to this moment and prepares us for the great miracle soon to take place before our eyes.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** An excellent way to prepare for Christmas is to make a good confession and spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration. Eucharistic Adoration is on Thursdays from 3pm-5pm. During Eucharistic Adoration, I hear confessions from about 3:15pm-3:45pm.

**Christmas Masses:** Please make sure you see the Christmas and New Year's Mass schedule on the enclosed insert in the Laurentian!

**Congratulations** to the following students of who made the HONOR ROLL for the first quarter at Elder High School:

**First Honors**

Samuel B. Allgeier

Bailey J. Dugan

Cameron A. McWilliams

Tommy Nguyen

Jaison Wu

Ocean Wu

**Second Honors**

Landen N. Bell

Cade P. McGinnis



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### *The Symbolism of the Advent Wreath*

During the time of Advent, many people have an Advent wreath in their homes. While these decorations are certainly festive and add to the holiday spirit, there is also much symbolism in the wreath that people may not recognize.

First, the wreath is always in the form of a circle. Since a circle has no beginning and no end, it is a symbol of God, who is eternal and without beginning or end.

The Advent wreath is always made from evergreens. These branches, as the name indicates, are “ever green” – ever alive. They are symbolic of Christ, who died, but who is alive, never to die again. The evergreen branches also symbolize our soul’s immortality. Christ came into the world to give us never-ending life. Entwined around the circle of evergreens are red berries. They look like large red drops of blood, and symbolize the bloodshed by Christ for mankind. They remind us that Christ came into this world to die for us and redeem us. It is through the shedding of His blood that we have eternal life.

The wreath has four candles, three violet ones and one rose colored candle. These symbolize the four weeks of the Advent season, our time of preparation for Christmas. Each day, the Liturgy tells us of the Hebrew expectation of the Messiah in the Old Testament reading, and the Gospels begin to introduce us to the characters of the Christmas story. At the beginning of Advent a single candle is lit, but each week another candle is lit. As the light from the wreath increases each week as more candles are lit, the wreath reminds us that the birth of the Light of the World is coming closer. So may our souls grow brighter in their love for, and anticipation of, the Christ Child as this season of grace continues.

The color of the four candles also has significance. The violet candles have a penitential appearance, much as we find violet in the church during the penitential season of Lent. The violet is to remind us that Advent is a season of preparation in which we should be spiritually preparing our souls to receive Christ on Christmas. The single rose-colored candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, which is called “Gaudete “ Sunday. “Gaudete” is the Latin word for “rejoice” and symbolizes an element of rejoicing in the midst of

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our penitential preparation, for the joy of Christmas is almost here.

Mixing violet with white makes the rose color. It is almost as if the joy we celebrate at Christmas (symbolized by bright white) cannot contain itself during this penitential season (violet) and burst forth a bit into the Advent season.

The Advent wreath should be placed in a prominent place in our church. Many families have a smaller Advent wreath in their homes. This both reminds families of the wreath in their church and serves as a reminder of their link to the parish church. The candles are lit before the main meal of the day, with each new candle being lit on Sunday, the first day of the week. Joining around the table for a meal should remind the family of the table of the Lord around which they gather each week to celebrate the Eucharist – the meal of the Lord that nourishes our soul.

So, the next time you see or display an Advent wreath, don’t just think of it as a nice decoration. Remember all the symbolism it has for us as it reminds us of the need for spiritual preparation to fully share in the great joy of the birth of Christ, the Son of God, who gave His life for us so that we might have eternal life.

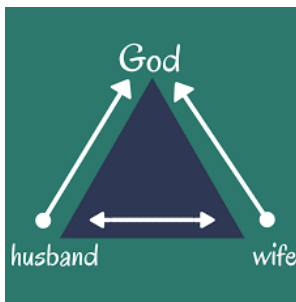


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**World Day of Peace:** Start your New Year off with the observance of the World Day of Peace on the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God- Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at an 11:00am Mass. This will take place at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Plum Street, Cincinnati. The Holy Father designates each New Year's Day as a special opportunity for the universal Church to pray for a year of greater peace, respect for life and social justice. Join us as we pray for nonviolence and healing in our communities, nation and world. A reception with light refreshments will follow after Mass. For more information, contact the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Social Action at (513) 421-3131, ext. 2660.



**Struggling Marriages:** The Retrouvaille Program helps couples restore and rebuild a loving relationship. It is for couples with marriages that are struggling, not communicating well, and those who are considering marriage separation and divorce. The Retrouvaille of Cincinnati/Tri- State 2019 Weekends are: January 11-13, March 29-31 and September 6-8. For more information, contact: 1-513-456-5413 or HelpOurMarriage.com.



**Advent Concert - "The Perfect Storm:"** On Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 7:00pm Our Lady of Lourdes Church, (3450 Lumardo Avenue, Cincinnati, Oh 45238) will be having their Advent Concert. "The Perfect Storm" featuring popular singer and Catholic evangelist Mike Davis. Help prepare for the coming of Christ by joining Mike for a powerful night of prayer, music, and scripture, as we bring our lives to the one who calms our storms – Jesus Christ! The event is free to the public with a free will offering.



**Holy Hour for Vocations:** The monthly holy hour for Vocations will be on December 13, from 8:00pm to 9:00pm at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center. This event is co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Vocations Office and the Children of Mary. All are welcome.

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