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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Wednesday: 9am—8pm

Thursday & Friday: 9am—5pm

(Closed for lunch 12:30–1:00pm)

Saturday: 1pm—3:45pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am and 11:00am

Monday: 11:00am

At Westpark Healthcare Campus

4387 W. 150th St.

Tuesday: 8:30am

Wednesday: 8:30am

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: 8:30am

RECONCILIATION

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT THIS TIME

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Blessed Trinity Parish is an open and welcoming Catholic community, centered in the Eucharist and celebrating God's gift of Diversity. We bring God's love to one another and support one another in responding to the challenge of living the Gospel. We strive to deepen participation and encourage all parishioners to take ownership for the everyday life of their church, especially Spiritual Growth, Community Life, the Building of a Just Society, and Service to All God's People.



Psalm 89



For ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the Lord.

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This morning it's the Advent season.
This afternoon it's the Christmas season.

This year we have the shortest Advent season possible. Our last week of Advent can begin no earlier than the first anticipated Mass on Saturday afternoon and it will come to an end with the first Mass of Christmas Eve on Sunday afternoon. This "week" of 24 hours or less seems to be a trick of liturgical time. Perhaps it's also a reminder that God doesn't wear a watch or carry a Day-Timer. God's time is as different from ours as God's thoughts are bigger than our imaginations. Only God would dream up a plan to save the world by starting with young Mary of Nazareth. Only God would keep turning to us, hoping for obedience.

The message we are invited to ponder today during this 24-hour, final week of Advent, is that the Creator of the universe wants to be with us. When we are invited to ponder all that could be, the angel reminds us "nothing will be impossible for God." The mystery of Christmas that we celebrate with lights and crèche scenes, gifts and shared food, is not just a historical commemoration. Luke wants us to listen for Gabriel's wings approaching our town. The angels will tell us, "Do not be afraid." Heaven is hoping we will respond with the obedience of faith.

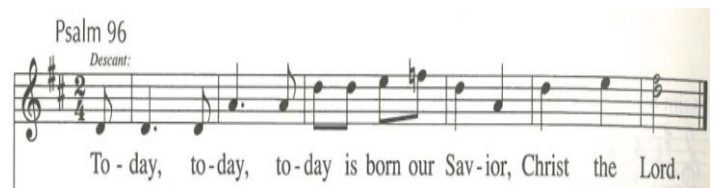
Christmas day has finally dawned. There's been so much anticipation, so much hype, that it's hard for one day to bear the weight of all the expectations. That's pretty obvious as we look at gifts scattered around the living room and wrapping paper on its way out. Great expectations have a lot to do with this feast, but they are great expectations that go through significant revisions along the way.

We know that the expectation of a Messiah had a long, long history. The downtrodden people of God yearned for the savior God would send them. Their hopes were chronicled in their history and the writings of the prophets. Like ourselves, they turned to God's word for hope and, like us, they brought their own images to their reading of the Scriptures. They read God's word in the light of their own mindset and created their own images of the savior God would send. They who had been bowed down would be raised up and all the world would see that they were God's own people.

Today's readings tell us the story of God's greatest response to human hopes. God sent a savior who was neither king nor warrior. One of the clearest signs that a message or happening is from God is that something extraordinarily good is happening and it's not at all how we anticipated it would be. No matter how much we learn from the Scriptures, God surprises us by working from another script.

Our shepherds were the absolute opposite of cynics. Having heard that God was coming to them as a child born in the poorest circumstances imaginable, they thought that it was worth seeing for themselves. We don't know exactly what they believed. They never could have answered the questions necessary to receive confirmation, but they shamelessly told others what they had seen and heard. Uneducated and inarticulate as they must have been, they were the first evangelists.

The Gospel of Christmas invites us to reexamine our expectations. Where do we seek God? For thousands of years God has been in the habit of appearing among us in the most unobtrusive ways. Supernovas and skies full of music only to point us toward something much simpler, something we must be meek enough to learn about from the humble. We will have to stoop very low to perceive it. Have a merry and blessed Christmas.





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Christmas Collection 12/10	\$ 275.00
Immaculate Conception 12/10	\$ 223.00

The Fourth Advent collection will support the St. Vincent De Paul Society. You can use your own mailed envelopes or envelopes will be provided at masses.

Now selling in the Rectory

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Applesauce-\$ 5.00

Calendar Raffle still available -\$ 10.00

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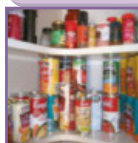
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Please pray for all who are serving in the military, especially the men and women connected to our parish:

- * Brook Robinson (Navy), son of David & Michelle and grandson of Dolores Coleman
- * Kyle A. Riley (Air Force), nephew of Robert Hollowell
- * Greg Koch (Air Force), nephew of Nancy Koch
- * Francisco Cacho (Police), son of Medel Cacho and Stepson to Marianne Cacho.
- * Michael Duniec (Air Force), grandson of Dottie Schultz and nephew of Margie Pavone
- * James Andrews (Navy), nephew of Bob and Kathy Grega
- * A.J Butler. (Army) Grandson of Nancy Butler

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For the month of December the Bountiful Basement could use canned prepared meals. Thank You!!



This Week at Blessed Trinity

Saturday, Dec 23	Have a Blessed Saturday!!!
Sunday, Dec 24	Christmas Eve !!!! Office / Rectory is Closed !!!
Monday, Dec 25	Christmas Day !!!!! Office / Rectory is Closed !!!
Tuesday, Dec 26 8:00 am - 8:30 am 9:00 am – 11:00 am 9:30 am - 12:00 pm 6:30pm-8:00pm	Office /Rectory is Closed Novena - Rosary (Church) IDCC (Joseph Center) Bountiful Basement (BB) Centering Prayer Group (JC Lg)
Wednesday, Dec 27 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm 5:00 pm - 6:45 pm 7:00pm-8:30pm 7:00pm-8:00pm	IDCC (Joseph Center) Bountiful Basement (BB) LGBTQ Faith Sharing Grp. (R Liv) Tai Chi (FH)
Thursday, Dec 28 11:00am-12:00 pm	A.A Meeting (R B)
Friday, Dec 29	Rectory/Office is Closed!!!
Saturday, Dec 30	Rectory/ office Closed !!!
Sunday, Dec 31	New Years Eve !!!!
9:30am—10:00am 10:00am-11:00am 7:00pm-8:00pm	RCIA (R Lib) Breaking open the Word (R Lib) Interfaith Service for Peace

Office Help

We are in need of volunteers to cover the office on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 5pm-8pm. Also on Saturday 1pm-3:45pm. Some morning shifts as well when needed. Contact the office if interested.

An inter-parish men's group will meet January 5th for a First Friday luncheon at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted. Registration begins at 11:15 AM, followed by the luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Please call George Perz at (440) 937-6606 by Tuesday, January 2nd to make a reservation. Cost is \$16.00.

Early bulletin announcement deadlines for the holidays : If any ministry/ organization has announcements coming up for December 31st our deadlines **bulletin, deadline was Dec 18th**

WORSHIP

Saturday, December 23

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

2Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38(11)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Ginger Needham

4:00pm Christmas Vigil Blessed Trinity

Monday, December 25 The Nativity of the Lord

Day: Is62:11-12/Ti3:4-7/Lk2:1-14(14)

9:00am Christmas Mass Blessed Trinity

11:00am Christmas Mass Blessed Trinity

Tuesday, December 26

8:30am All Souls

Wednesday, December 27

8:30am All Souls

Friday, December 29

8:30am Goldie & Joseph Koesel
(Candice & Joe McGraw)

Saturday, December 30

4:00pm Patricia Kilbane (Family)

Sunday, December 31 The Holy Family Of

Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sir 3:2-6,12-14 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Lk 2:22-40 or 2-22,39-40

New Years Eve!!!!

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Jerry Nusbaum (Nature's Way)

January 1 is a holyday. Because it falls on a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated. Happy New Year.

Fr. Doug will be on vacation in El Salvador from Jan 1 - Jan 12.

This spring our parish hopes to sponsor a gun buyback program. Right now the Peace and Justice committee is gathering information from gunstogardens.org, the police department, community relations, grant opportunities, and Church of the Epiphany in Euclid which has already done such a program. Stay tuned for details.

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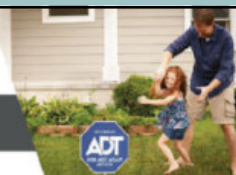
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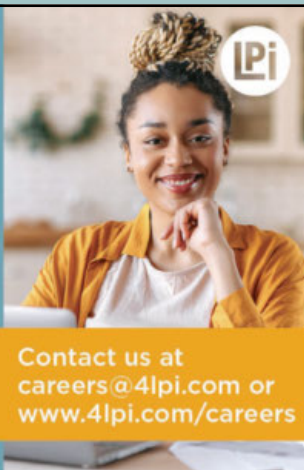
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