

Blessed Trinity

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DECEMBER 15, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Monday–Wednesday: 9 a.m.–8 p.m.
Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p. m.
(Closed for lunch 12:30–1:00 p.m.)
Saturday: 1:00–3:45 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Children’s Liturgy of the Word: 11 a.m.
Monday: see worship calendar
for time & location
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Anytime by appointment only

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.



Ps. 80

Lord, Make Us Turn to You

Refrain

Lord, make us turn to you, show us your
face and we shall be saved.

Text: Psalm 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-20; Psalm 85:9-14; Luke 1:46-55; Marty Haugen, Music Marty Haugen © 1988 GIA Publications, Inc.





What Is Advent?

Advent is a four-week season in the Church calendar dedicated to anticipating the arrival, or "advent," of Jesus of Nazareth, the long-awaited Messiah and King. Christians from many backgrounds celebrate this time with reflections on hope, peace, love, and joy. And while their practices may look different, all focus on the hope-filled arrival of Jesus. Advent takes place on the four Sundays that lead up to Christmas Day.

What Does Advent Mean?

Advent means "arrival" and signifies the start of an event or the arrival of a person. In Christian communities around the world, Advent refers to a four-week season of remembering and celebrating the arrival of Jesus on Earth. It's a time to reflect on the unexpected nature of Jesus' humble birth and join in the anticipation of when he will come again to reunite Heaven and Earth once and for all.

Why Is Advent Important?

Advent can be a simple and fun tradition of counting down to Christmas. But for others—particularly those who believe Jesus to be the incarnation of God and the long-awaited Messiah—Advent is a shared experience of meditation and prayer that celebrates the arrival of Jesus.

Who Celebrates Advent?

People from Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and other Christian traditions celebrate Advent, though the specific practices may vary from community to community. Additionally, some people celebrate Advent without the focus on Jesus' arrival, seeing the tradition as a fun way to countdown to Christmas.

In other traditions, people reflect on the concepts of hope, peace, love, and joy—one for each week leading up to Christmas. People may light Advent candles, prepare unique wreaths, hold special church services, or read specific Scriptures each day to reflect on the arrival of Jesus on Earth.

What Parts of the Bible Inform Our Understanding of Advent?

From the first story to the last, the Bible is full of narratives, poetry, prophecy, biographies, and

personal letters that inform our understanding of Advent. When the Bible talks about humans waiting for the promised anointed King who would deliver them, it can help us connect with their anticipation (Amos 9:11-13). When we read about people choosing joy and hope in God's promises despite their circumstances, the meaning of Advent can take on a deeper meaning (Isa. 9:6-7, 11:1-5; Luke 1:26-2:20). And when the New Testament talks about a second advent, the return of Jesus, we can join in that time of waiting, shared by Christians throughout history.

Save New Year's Eve at 7:00pm for our annual Witness for Peace and Gospel non-violence interfaith gathering. This year's speaker is Mike Fiala. Near West Side resident Mike Fiala recollects how his early life experiences shaped his role in Cleveland's Catholic Worker movement. He shares his involvement in activism on behalf of affordable housing and providing services for unhoused people on the Near West Side. Fiala highlights the rise of gentrification in the Near West Side, along with the expansion of St. Ignatius High School. He also recollects his involvement in the 2015 March for Tamir Rice.

The Peace and Justice Committee meets this Monday at 7:00pm in the Joseph Center. Part of the agenda will be processing our feelings about the election and planning steps to move forward.

Caring Corner 
Our Stephen Ministers are nearing the end of their training. We will take two weeks off for the holidays, then finish up in January. It has been a long, but fruitful, journey. And the trainees deserve all the support the parish can offer. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as we enter the home stretch.



AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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Luffa Sponges grown in our own garden will be available to purchase beginning this weekend after Masses. Prices range from \$1 - \$12 for various sized pieces. Sponges for bath use are \$5. These sponges are great for personal use and as gifts. They are excellent exfoliators and scrubbers for all-around cleaning uses.

Christmas Vigil Taize: Join us for an end of Advent/Coming of Christmas Taize Prayer on Sunday, December 22 at 7 pm at Lakewood Baptist Church, 14312 Detroit Ave. in Lakewood. Bring family or a friend to this meditative prayer time of chants, silence and readings.

Please plan to purchase one of our many **Gift Cards**. They're great for doing your shopping and make wonderful gifts for the holidays. The proceeds benefit Blessed Trinity Parish. *Blessed Trinity can make special orders from shopwithscrip.com for those items you may not find in our gift box. Contact the Parish office to place your special order. Please allow two weeks for delivery.

Please pray for:

Joan Andrews, Thomas Ausnehmer, Doris Eikens Azarello, Jim Beesley, Kathy Betz, Charlene Boyer, Jeanne Brent, Adele Burke, Callie Carley, Gladys Castro, Pat Chapin, Romualdo Cipro, Alex & Ashley Cornet, Teri Crowe, Scherrie Damm, John Darmstadt, Al Delattre, Martin Patrick Dugan, Dukles Family, Joseph Dunn, Barb Dylag, Edward Dzuro, Scott Eidam, Erma Eifel, Terry Evans, Donald Flanagan, Marianna Fleming, Joyce Geib, Will Gibson, Vesna Goverdovski, Michael Graham, Dottie Green Family, Maria Guy, Donald Haluska, Robert Hardman, Linda Heaton, Catherine Heidinger, Susanne Heisey, Agnes Hocevar, Eileen Kelly, Denise Kamiola, Nicola Jandric, Roubir Jesri, Jr., Vicki & Rudy Juris, Joanne Kauchuk, Dan Kemer, Tony Kernan, Karen Kraus, Linda Kreon, Fr. Dennis Kristancic, Ken Lesko & Family, Marilyn Lombardo, Karen Long, Mary Lynch, Liz Mahon, Eileen Mangan, Sr. Rita Marra SND, Jerry Masek, Claudette Matero, Lucy McInerney, Tom McInerney, Tommy McInerney, Margaret McMahon, Molly McQuillan & family, Andrea Medina, Betty Ann Menzing, Mary Jo Menzing, Tony Miller, Charles Miller, Michael Mitchell, Jim & Steve Moravcik, Genevieve Noar, Dave Norris, Tom O'Boyle, Steven O'Malley, Lisa Prokopius, Jose Rivera, Carol Roberts, Matthew Rossman, Liz Rosa, Ron Ruble, Mary Salamon, Marilyn Samonte, Rob Salvaore, Betty Schmidt, Vic Scigliano, Brandy Shuttera, Larry Sowders, Evana Stanonik, Christopher Stein, Roberta Steinbacher, Marilyn Spangler, Sean Szill, Janet Tang, Kevin Thompson, Sherrie Thompson, Tom Vasko, Noreen Williams, Jesse Wilson, Monica Woodman, Maggie Wooley, Jay Yesenko, Eileen Young, Jeala Youssef, Jacqueline Zambarano

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

Reminder to our fellow parishioners: our next Conversation about Living the Mass will be Week 4: Dec. 18th, 9am & 6pm - chapters 9 & 10



This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

9:00am-10:45am	PSR Grade 1-3 (A)
10:00am-11:00am	Breaking Open the Word (R Liv Rm)
10:00am-1:00pm	Coffee & Donuts (FH)
10:00am-10:45am	PSR Grade 4-8 (R B)
11:00am-11:45 pm	CLW (CH)
12:00pm-4:00pm	Stephen Leaders Training (JC Lg)

MONDAY, DEC. 16

9:00am-10:30am	Legion of Mary (CH)
7:00pm-8:00pm	St. Vincent DePaul Meeting (R Liv Rm)
7:00pm-8:00pm	Peace & Justice Commission (JC Lg)

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

9:00am-11:00am	IDCC (JC Lg)
9:30am-12:00pm	Bountiful Basement (BB)
6:30pm	Microloan Mtg. (Zoom)
7:00am-8:30pm	Stephen Ministers Peer Group ZOOM
7:00pm-9:00pm	Holy Name Socceity Mtg (JC Lg)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

9:00am-10:00am	Living the Mass (CH)
4:00pm-6:00pm	IDCC (JC Lg)
5:00pm-6:45pm	Bountiful Basement (BB)
6:00pm-7:00pm	Living the Mass (CH)
6:00pm-7:00pm	AA Meeting (RB)
6:30pm-7:30pm	Tai Chi (FH)
7:00pm-8:00pm	Choir Practice (CH)

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

10:30am-12:00pm	AA Meeting (RB)
6:30pm-7:30pm	Bell Choir Practice (CH)
6:30pm-8:30pm	Faith Sharing Prayer Grp (R Lib)
6:30pm-8:30pm	Womens Faith Sharing Grp (JC Lg)

FRIDAY, DEC. 20

1:00pm-3:00pm	Stephen Leaders (Off site)
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SATURDAY, DEC. 21

SUNDAY, DEC. 22

9:00-10:45am	CGS level 1 (Atrium)
9:00am-10:45am	PSR Grade 1-3 (A)
10:00am-11:00am	Breaking Open the Word (R Liv Rm)
10:00am-10:45am	PSR Grade 4-8 (R B)
11:00am-11:45pm	CLW (CH)



This SUNDAY, December 15th, join our parish community in Fogarty Hall for **coffee and donuts** following the 9am and 11am Masses! From 10am to 1pm!!

Collections for December 8th will be reported next week

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

4:00pm Robert Spevok

SUNDAY, DEC. 15 Third Sunday Of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18 (9)

9:00 am Sr. Marie Veres (Joan Francis & Family)

11:00 am Sharon John Vertal (Family)

MONDAY, DEC. 1611:00 am Blessed Trinity
@ Westpark Health Center**TUESDAY, DEC. 17**

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

8:30am Blessed Trinity

FRIDAY, DEC. 20

8:30am Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

4:00pm Sr. Marie Veres (Joan Francis & Family)

SUNDAY, DEC. 22 Fourth Sunday Of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45(12)

9:00 am Henry Reiting Jr. (Family)

11:00 am Josephine Dilisio (Mary Chenik)

The International Order of Alhambra is a fraternal organization of Catholic men and women founded in 1904 dedicated to assisting persons who are intellectually disabled or handicapped, particularly children. Within our Cleveland Diocese is the Cleveland chapter, the Carmona Caravan, organized in 1948. They meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Garfield Heights, 10806 Granger Road. During this season of giving, please consider supporting these special children and the nonprofits that serve them. Visit <https://www.carmonacaravan.org> to support the Caravan & for more details.

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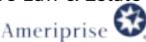
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