

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



December
Month of The
Immaculate
Conception

December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent

HH - Hitch Hall MH - Maher Hall
SB - School Basement
R - Rectory CH - Church
WH - Waldeisen Hall

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Dec 7	Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor	5:30 pm Joseph Buhalak by Family	Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26	
Tues Dec 8	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	5:30 pm Deceased Members of the Grannan Family by Joe & Beth Langton	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below Coat Giveaway 3:30 - 5 pm SB
Wed Dec 9	Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin	5:30 pm Ruth Diroll by Fr. Mike	Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30	
Thur Dec 10			Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15	
Fri Dec 11	Damasus I, Pope	5:30 pm Barbara Evans by Deborah Witte	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19	
Sat Dec 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	5:30 pm Carol Schimmoeller by Sandy Mason	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below Confessions 9 - 10 am CH
Sun Dec 13	Third Sunday of Advent	8:30 am People of the Parish 11 am Howard "Ted" Clauss by mother, Bea	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28	Bambinelli Sunday 

Sancutary Lamp - People of the Parish

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

<i>Week Ending</i>	<i>Nov 22</i>	<i>Nov 29</i>
Sunday Offering -	\$2,514.00	\$1,998.00
Daily -	\$10.00	
Holy Day -		\$5.00
Total	\$2,524.00	\$2,003.00
Weekly Budget		
operating costs	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(\$1,176.00)	(\$1,697.00)
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$15.00	
Capital Improvement -		\$25.00
Other Gifts -	\$100.00	
Diocese -	\$20.00	
Envs used of 245 sent	55	58

Stewardship of Treasure: With the suspension of Bingo, parish envelopes become even more critical so if you are: Coming to Mass: please bring your envelopes. Not yet coming to Mass: Drop off envelopes at the back door or mail them in. Visiting another parish: PLEASE be sure we get your envelopes by one of the above methods. You've all been doing an amazing job - keep it up!

If you or someone in your household has tested positive for Covid, please notify the rectory so we may pray for you and make necessary adjustments.

•**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary -** Holy Day of Obligation and our parish feast day! Masses will be celebrated **this Mon., Dec. 7th & Tues., Dec. 8th** at **5:30 pm**. Coming to Mass? Wear something blue. Not yet coming to Mass? Wear something blue that day. Let's honor our Blessed Mother, God's plan for her life and her conception free from the stain of original sin in preparation for her role in salvation history as the Mother of the Word made flesh.

•**Bambinelli Sunday** - Next Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of Advent, children & their families gather in St. Peter's Square for a special papal blessing of the Christ Child, "Bambinelli," figure from their Nativity scene. The blessing will be offered at all Masses so don't forget to bring your Christ Child figurine to Mass next weekend. This will be videotaped for the website so that people at home can participate

•**Christmas Across the Pews** - Because of COVID, we will not hold this event as usual. Instead, send Christmas Greetings to your fellow parishioners by emailing your greeting to ickenmore@yahoo.com and we will put them up on our website! Directions: write a CHRISTmas message - not a holiday message - maximum 100 characters - make sure you "sign it" and then send it to us. Let's make an effort to reach out across the pews this Christmas and let others know you care.

Advent Reflection

Today's reflection is excerpted from a homily by Augustine M. Esposito, O.S.A. found on Augustinian.org. John the Baptist "cries out" for us to "prepare" for the birth of Christ. He appeals for change - change within! Whatever that might mean for each and every one of us, we must strive to make those changes in our personal lives that will make us more pleasing to our loving God and Father. John the Baptist is a paradigm of the transforming grace of God. One full week of Advent has already passed. One more candle of the Advent Wreath has been lit. Through today's Scripture readings hopefully more light from the gospel has been shed upon us and we are more aware of the need for change within. Hopefully, the outward changes of the Advent season will continually remind us of how we are called during this holy season to "change" within us those aspects of our lives that do not "announce" or "proclaim" Christ in our world. Hopefully we will find many opportunities to be renewed within in the common and ordinary duties of our state in life whatever that might be.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

During these difficult times, we need to fight against feelings of hopelessness and despair. As Christians we do this by remembering who and whose we are for we are Children of God and we belong to God by virtue of our baptism. As we enter more deeply into Advent, let us prepare heart and home. Let us pray and share faith, reach out by phone, text and written cards to family and friends. Let us decorate and keep to our Advent and Christmas traditions because we await Emmanuel, God with us, Jesus the Christ! The prophet Isaiah has it right: prepare the way of the Lord, cry out at the top of your voice, be heralds of good news for coming with power is the Lord God who rules by his strong arm. Jesus the Shepherd, is coming to care for His lambs – each and every one of us. That is Good News indeed and reason to prepare and celebrate! COVID or not, Jesus is coming, so let's be ready!

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Liturgical Ministers are needed for Holy Day Vigil, Dec. 7 & Holy Day, Dec. 8 Masses. **Vigil:** EMHCs & M of H needed. **Holy Day:** Lector, EMHCs & M of H needed. **Christmas Eve 5:30 pm:** M of H needed. **Christmas Eve 10 pm** – Lector, EMHCs & M of H needed. **Christmas Day** – Lector, EMHC, M of H needed. Please call Melissa at the rectory to share your stewardship.

In His Name – Donations of hats, gloves & scarves for the Giving Tree may be placed in the basket by the main doors of the church. Thank you! Toiletries for Peter Maurin Center is ongoing.

Coat Giveaway – A drive-thru coat giveaway will be held this Tues., Dec. 8th from 3:30 – 5 pm. Drive up to the main entrance of the store (off parking lot) and tell us what size you need. You will receive a coat, possibly some other things and then you drive off. If the coat doesn't fit – give it away, we will not take any returns.

The Kenmore Free Store is closed and will remain closed until the county drops to Level 2. Donations are not being accepted at this time.

Advent Reading – Stop by our library in Hitch Hall during the week, before or after Mass or see books available for check-out on the tables by the main doors.

As the Christmas Flower list is printed in advance, please send in your Christmas Flower envelopes early!

Diocesan Advent/Christmas Webpage - The season of Advent is a very meaningful time in the Church. With this in mind, the diocese has prepared a special resource page on its website, dioceseofcleveland.org, to offer a variety of user-friendly material to help make the Advent and Christmas seasons more meaningful in the midst of all we are going through and to remind us that our hope is in Jesus. There will also be information about how to connect with live-streamed & on-demand Masses. Check it out!

Stay Informed – We'll continue to update information, post pictures & video at www.ickenmore.org.

TV Mass Change – The change from 6 am to 5 am by Fox 8 for the televised Mass produced by the diocese was the beginning of the end. The time was inconvenient and upsetting to homebound Catholics across the area SO the Sunday television Mass is now available at 10 am on WUAB, Channel 43, the CW. For those with cable or satellite, check your local system listings. Spectrum is Channel 6; Cox Communications is Channel 45 at 11:30 am on Sundays. It will continue to be produced by the Diocese of Cleveland.

Acme Cashback – Purchasing brands that are included in the Acme Cashback program will help the parish financially so please consider those brands when shopping and place your receipts in the baskets at all doors of the church.

First Responders Christmas Cards are available in the back of the church. Use your own pen & sign cards for the fire and police offers protecting Kenmore. Feel free to sign cards at home & drop them off at the rectory.

Other Events

• **Grief Support Meeting:** 3 - 4 pm, Sunday, Dec. 20th, Holy Cross Cemetery office, Akron. Topic: The Gift of God's Presence: You Never Walk Alone". Limited seating. Please RSVP so we can plan for appropriate social distancing.

• **St. Bernard Concert Series:** Sat., Dec 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass (4:30 pm) and Mariachi music (6 - 7 pm). For info, live-streams and recordings of the series, visit <https://www.stbernardakron.org/moving-forward-in-faith-campaign-events>. Limited seating available at live events.