

**DECEMBER 7 - SATURDAY**

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Vigil Readings: *See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Fran Klosterman*6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**DECEMBER 8 – SUNDAY***Sunday Readings:*

Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

9:00 AM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Catherine Lienhart*12:30 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**DECEMBER 9 – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 31-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Jim (with school)7:00 PM – *Bilingual* – Fr. Rudy**DECEMBER 10 - TUESDAY**

Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14

*No Mass today***DECEMBER 11 – WEDNESDAY**

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

9:30 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Samuel – *Frank**Lienhart, Jr***DECEMBER 12 – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

Is Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38

5:00 AM – *Las Mañanitas*6:30 PM – *Bilingual* - Fr. Rudy**DECEMBER 13 – FRIDAY**

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Rudy – *Pamela Hildebrand***DECEMBER 14 - SATURDAY**

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

*Vigil Readings: see Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Fr. Joe Robinson*6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**DECEMBER 15 – SUNDAY***Sunday Readings:*

Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Intention of Jonathan Richards*12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy**English Mass Ministry Schedule: December 14-15****Lectors:**

4:00 PM – P. Wessler

11:00 AM – R. Schinaman

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

4:00 PM – S. Terschak/H. Wessler

11:00 AM – K. Gillespie

**Servers:**

4:00 PM – S. Heidemann/M. Sonenschein

11:00 AM – H. Loyd

**Offertory Family:**

4:00 PM: Fox

11:00 AM: N/A

**FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION**

Last Week's Collection: \$9,813  
 Offerings received to-date: \$174,637  
 Amount needed to catch up: \$9,363  
 Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000  
 Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. ***Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering.*** To take advantage of this convenience, please call 513-541-1563.

**CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:**

Christina Roemer (07), Barbara Brown (07), Patty Pierson (07), Yvette Johnson (07), Lorri Finke (08), David Renick (08), Michael Oberdoerster (09), Laura Parker (09), Michael Tucker (10), Casey Scullin (12), Lori Robb (12), Lilly Ashbrook (13), Lisa Hilton (13), Camrynn Strotman (13).

**FOUR GRAND CLUB:** Congratulations to our Week 15 winners: Greg Reinstatler, Rebecca Sims, and Rolf Obrecht. They each won \$25.

**Make a long-lasting difference! Leave a Legacy by remembering St. Boniface Church in your Will.**

**FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION:** This second Sunday of Advent, we encounter John the Baptist, a figure who called people to a transformation—one of heart and mind, to make way for the coming of the Lord. John's mission was not just about preaching repentance; it was about urging people to undergo real conversion, a change that prepares them to receive Christ more fully. His message was clear: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low." (Luke 3:4-5) John's call echoes the ancient prophecy of Isaiah, reminding the people that the arrival of the Messiah would involve a radical reshaping of their lives.

Pope Francis, in reflecting on this passage, highlights that this reshaping requires us to fill the "valleys" of indifference in our lives. We cannot be passive or distant from others for our journey toward the Lord is not a solitary one. "We are called to fill the 'valleys' caused by coldness and indifference," the Pope says, "opening ourselves to others with the same sentiments as Jesus, with affection and fraternal attention." Just as a road cannot be traveled smoothly if it is full of potholes, our relationships with others cannot grow if there are gaps caused by distance or resentment.

The valleys in our lives may take the form of grudges, misunderstandings, or the emotional walls we put up in our relationships. This Advent season, we are invited to smooth out these rough places by seeking reconciliation, forgiveness, and love. Pope Francis reminds us that disciples of Christ must be "humble but courageous witnesses" to hope and healing in the world. This process, though challenging, is essential for preparing the way of the Lord in our hearts and in our communities.

As we anticipate the coming of Christ, both in remembrance of His birth and in the hope of His second coming, let us ask ourselves: How can I change my attitude, my heart, to better prepare the way of the Lord? Are there relationships that need mending, or habits that need transforming? This Advent, may we all undergo a conversion that brings the anticipation of Christ's return into concrete, living reality.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** This year the Feast will be celebrated on December 9 as the Feast falls on a Sunday. Since this is our National patroness, it is a holyday of obligation. Our Masses will be at 9:30 a.m. with the school children and at 7 p.m. with a bilingual Mass.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:** Our schedule for this feast (the Patroness of our Parish Family) is as follows:

**5:00 a.m.** – Las Mañanitas (a traditional birthday song) is today honoring the Virgin on her feast day.

**10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.** – Blessing of cars and other items.

**6:30 p.m.** – Bilingual Mass followed by celebrations in the gym.

#### **THANKS FOR YOUR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY DONATION TO THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES**

- Your generosity allows God's love to become real! In war-torn areas of the Middle east, Eastern Europe, and Sudan Africa, local representatives of the Pontifical Mission Societies are supplied with many forms of aid to God's people in these devastated areas. Your Advent sacrifices would also support thousands of catechists, religious sisters, priests, churches, schools, seminaries, orphanages, and clinics in 1,100 mission dioceses in Africa and Asia. Please add to your Christmas gift list: [www.givecentral.org/pontificalmissionsocieties](http://www.givecentral.org/pontificalmissionsocieties)

#### **THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS (RFR):**

The RFR supports elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who lack sufficient financial resources for their retirement and healthcare needs. Your donation makes a significant impact. In 2023, parishioners from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati contributed \$524,000, directly benefiting four local communities. Overall, congregations with a presence here received a total of \$592,139 in support last year. As we prepare for this year's collection, please join us in honoring these dedicated women and men by contributing generously to their well-deserved care December 7 and 8. Questions? Contact Maria Reinagel, Director, Office of Consecrated Life, at 513-263-6683 or [mreinagel@catholicaoc.org](mailto:mreinagel@catholicaoc.org)