

C.O.O.L. NEWS

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



O Come Let Us Adore Him!



**O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL, AND RANSOM CAPTIVE ISRAEL
THAT MOURNS IN LONELY EXILE HERE UNTIL THE SON OF GOD APPEAR.**



**O COME, O WISDOM FROM ON HIGH, WHO ORDER ALL THINGS MIGHTILY;
TO US THE PATH OF KNOWLEDGE SHOW AND TEACH US IN YOUR WAYS TO GO.**

REJOICE! REJOICE! EMMANUEL SHALL COME TO YOU, O ISRAEL.

DECEMBER

ADORATION SCHEDULE

First Friday: December 6th from 10:15 till Noon!

Other Fridays in December: the 13th, 20th & 27th from 10:15 to 11:00^{am}

Adoration closes with Benediction.



Feast Days in December

December 1 - First Sunday of Advent

December 3 - St. Francis Xavier

December 4 - St. John of Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

December 6 - **First Friday - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & St. Nicholas, Bishop**

December 7 - **First Saturday Mass & Fatima Prayers** & St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

December 8 - Second Sunday of Advent

December 9 - **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** (Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America)

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - Masses 9:30^{AM} & 7^{PM} also St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, Hermit

December 10 - Our Lady of Loreto

December 11 - St Damasus I, Pope

December 12 - **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - EMPRESS OF THE AMERICAS - Mass 9:30^{AM}**

December 13 - St. Lucy, Virgin Martyr & St. Odilia of Alsace

December 14 - St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

December 20 - *Feast of the Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac & Jacob*

December 21 - St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

December 23 - St. John of Kanty, Priest

Tuesday, December 24 - Advent & Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 25 - NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 26 - St. Stephen, First Martyr

December 27 - St. John the Apostle

December 28 - Holy Innocents, Martyrs

December 29 - **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph** & St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr

December 31 - St. Sylvester I, Pope

January 1, 2025 - **SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD**

CHRISTMAS MASSES AT OUR LADY

Tuesday, December 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE at 4:00^{PM} and 10:00^{PM} with Carols beginning at 9:40^{PM}

Wednesday, December 25th CHRISTMAS DAY, at 10:00^{AM}

Check the bulletin for French Mass times.

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

No Vigil Mass on Tuesday, December 31st

Wednesday, January 1, 2024 at 9:30^{AM} Solemnity: Mary, the Holy Mother of God



You can find more information about the events, prayers and pilgrimages that will be happening at:

<https://www.iubiliaeum2025.va/en.html>

The first major event will be the opening of the Holy Door on December 24, 2024. Check out the schedule on EWTN for video coverage.

Diocesan Opening of The Jubilee Year

December 29, 2024

10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus
More details about The Jubilee Year will be forthcoming.

In Christ, Fr. Paul J. Keller, O.P.



FAMILY RECONCILIATION SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

BEGINNING AT 2:00^{PM} UNTIL 3:00^{PM}

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE COMMUNAL RITE OF RECONCILIATION



Feast Day Thursday, December 12

ADVENT CUSTOMS

Advent begins on the Sunday closest to -- before or after -- St. Andrew's Day (November 30). The focus of the season is preparation for the coming of the Lord -- both in commemoration of His Nativity and His coming again at the end of time. Though most Protestants -- and far too many Catholics -- see this time of year as a part of the "Christmas Season," it isn't. The Christmas Season does not begin until the first Mass at Christmas Eve, and doesn't end liturgically until the Baptism of the Lord. It goes on in the spiritual sense until Candlemas on February 2, when all celebrations of Christ's childhood give way to the preparation for Lent.

The mood of *this* season is one of somber spiritual preparation that increases in joy with each day, and the gaudy "Christmas" commercialism that surrounds it in the Western world should be overcome as much as possible. The singing of Christmas carols (which comes earlier and earlier each year), the talk of "Christmas" as a present reality, the decorated trees and the parties -- these things are "out of season" for Catholics; we should strive to keep the Season of Advent holy and penitential, always remembering, as they say, that "He is the reason for the season."

To sum up the similarities and differences between Advent and Lent as penitential seasons, there's this, by Fr. Lawrence Smith:

Advent is the time to make ready for Christ to live with us. Lent is the time to make us ready to die with Christ. Advent makes Lent possible. Lent makes Salvation possible. Advent is the time when eternity approaches Earth. Lent is the time when time reaches consummation in Christ's eternal Sacrifice to the Father. Advent leads to Christ's life in time on Earth. Lent leads to Christ's eternal Life in Heaven. The Cross -- through the Mass, penance, and mortification -- is the bridge connecting Advent and Lent, Christ and His Church, man and God.

Each of the Church's penitential seasons is a dying to the world with the goal of attaining new life in Christ.

Catholic apologist Jacob Michael wrote something very

interesting about how secular America sees "Christmas" as beginning after Thanksgiving and ending on 25 December, and then makes "New Years Resolutions" at the beginning of the secular year:

...what Christians do (or should be doing!) during Advent and leading up to Christmas is a foreshadowing of what they will do during the days of their lives that lead up to the Second Coming; what non-Christians refuse to do during Advent, and put off until after Christmas, is precisely a foreshadowing of what they will experience at the Second Coming.

We Christians are to prepare for the coming of Christ before He actually comes -- and that coming is symbolized and recalled at Christmas. Non-Christians miss this season of preparation, and then scramble for six days after the 25th to make their resolutions. By then, however, it's too late -- Christmas has come and gone, Our Lord has already made His visitation to the Earth, and He has found them unprepared. This is precisely what will take place at the Second Coming, when those who have put off for their entire lives the necessary preparations will suddenly be scrambling to put their affairs in order. Unfortunately, by then it will have been too late, and there will be no time for repentance. The Second Coming will be less forgiving than the Incarnation. There will be no four-week warning period before the Second Coming, like we get during Advent. There will be no six-day period of grace after the Second Coming during which to make resolutions and self-examination, like the secular world does from Dec. 26 until Jan. 1.

So please, restore Advent and don't think "Christmas is here" until it truly comes. [\[see page 6 for the "O" Antiphons prayers\]](#)

2021 source:fish eaters



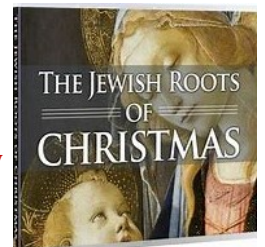
Christmas Decorating Schedule

We will meet on Sunday afternoon, December 22nd after the 1:30^{pm} French Mass to set up our trees, manger scene and complete the Christmas decorating. Dan Hueckle will be with us again this year to put all the finishing touches on the Altar. Please, plan to be at church by 3:30^{pm}.

If you have any questions, see Anne Grossman-Peters

Adult Ed. Update:

Sunday, December 1 - **NO BIBLE Study**
Monday, December 2 - Luke #4
Sunday, December 8 - Luke #4
Monday, December 9 - **NO BIBLE Study**
Sunday, December 15 - Luke #5
Monday, December 16 - Luke #5
Sunday, December 22 - Jewish Roots of Christmas



NO BIBLE STUDY : DECEMBER 23, 25, 29, 30 OR JANUARY 1.

Submitted by Joanne Farrell

Editor's Note: I asked Fr. Petros to share a reflection of his childhood so that we might get to know him better.

FATHER TESHAYE PETROS - A SHORT PERSONAL HISTORY

My name is Fr. Tesfaye Petros I was born and raised in a small rural village called Gambo, southeast of Addis Ababa the capital of Ethiopia. I am one of twelve children—six boys and six girls—and I am the fifth son in our family. When missionaries arrived in Gambo my father; a young teacher and catechist, from southern Ethiopia joined them to assist in their mission. My mother a nurse worked with the sisters who had come from the western part of the country to open a clinic. Together my parents and the missionaries dedicated themselves to evangelizing a village where almost everyone was Muslim.

Growing up I formed deep friendships with my Muslim neighbors and our relationships were built on mutual love and respect. As the Catholic mission in Gambo grew it reached neighboring villages. The Church established a hospital, schools, and a boarding school for girls who traveled long distances to pursue an education. My father often journeyed by horseback to visit distant villages, spreading the Faith, while my mother remained at the clinic, working closely with the sisters to care for the sick and serve the local community.

One of my favorite childhood memories was riding behind my father on his horse as he traveled from village to village. I would sit beside him, watching him teach and observing how he connected with people. Another cherished memory is our family's prayer life. We would gather for prayer every night and each morning. No one went to bed without praying together, and each of us would take turns reading from Scripture. This routine of prayer was central to our family life and left a lasting impression on me. I was especially close to my father, and I admired his dedication to the Faith. Whenever he asked my older siblings to read from the Bible I eagerly asked when it would be my turn. I followed him everywhere including his Sunday visits to the hospital after Mass to the sick, including around 180 leprosy patients who had been brought by the government from the northern part of the country. By the time I was eight or nine, I began serving as an altar boy, inspired by our parish priest's holiness, I felt a calling to the priesthood.

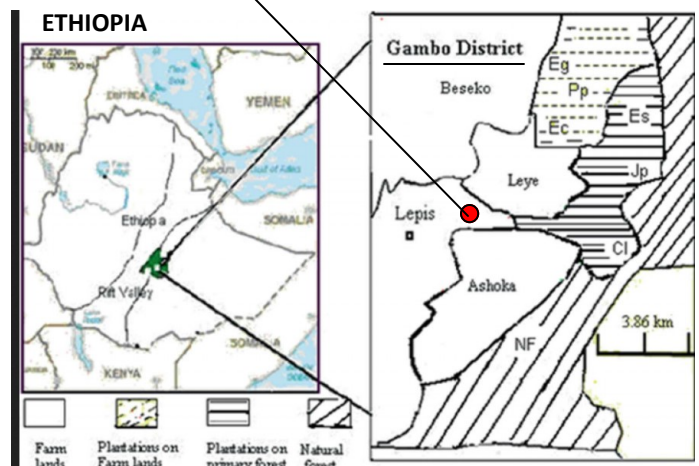
One memory I have is of a Sunday when my mother couldn't attend Mass because she was tending to the sick at the clinic. When she returned home late, my father had locked the door, and when I asked why, he explained that she had missed Mass. However, my older brother reminded him that she was serving the sick prompting my father to teach us an invaluable lesson:

"You can see Jesus in the sick." This lesson on compassion and understanding left a deep impact on me. Although I was a diligent student in school, I struggled with mathematics. My tenth-grade teacher who was battling addiction, often taught poorly and made exams difficult. This experience made me dislike math and I sometimes joke that if seminary had included mathematics, I might not have made it through. Thankfully, it wasn't required!

Reflecting on my journey I feel profoundly grateful for my parents' Faith their dedication to prayer and their example of service all of which shaped who I am today. Ordained on November 19, 2005, as the first diocesan priest of my diocese I am deeply joyful in my role as a servant of God—there is nothing I would rather be. Since my ordination, I have served the Church in various roles: as a parish priest, Vicar General, Director of the Pastoral Center, Delegate Vicar General, and Apostolic Administrator. These experiences have strengthened my commitment to serve others and I am blessed to carry forward the mission that my parents and the missionaries first began in our village.



Fr. Petros' Home!



<https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Ambachew-Demessie/publication/232964471/figure/fig1/AS:300594691624963@1448678767788/Map-of-Gambo-District-Southern-Ethiopia-showing-plantations-and-natural-forest-color.png>



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COLUMBUS CATHOLIC
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

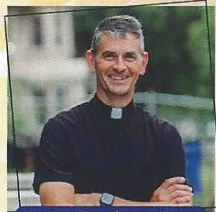
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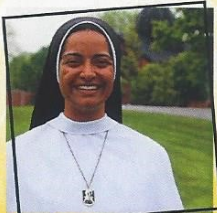
Sarah Swafford



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Emcee: Jennifer Rice



Music: The Vigil Project



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The Columbus Catholic Women's Conference is
Saturday, February 15, 2025.

- Registration has opened and the early bird discount price is \$45 if tickets are purchased before Jan 1st. (Ticket prices are the same as last year) Please register [here](#) with code **parishrep25** - that gives you \$10 discount

Immaculate Conception Novena - November 29 - December 7
Feast Day: December 8 (2024 celebrated on December 9)

O Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Our Lord Jesus and our Mother!

Filled with the most lively confidence in your all powerful and never-failing intercession, I, your loving and trusting child, implore you to obtain for me the favor I earnestly ask, it is beneficial to my immortal soul and the souls for whom I pray: *(Mention your request)*

Obtain for me a deep hatred of sin and that purity of heart which will unite me to God alone, so that my every thought, word, and deed may tend to His greater glory. Amen

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be)

This prayer touched my heart.. I don't know how many years I have been praying it. My intention recently: For the salvation of our church; for Holy Mother Church; for America and the whole world to turn back to God. Lord have mercy on us.

Source: Miraculous Medal Novena Book

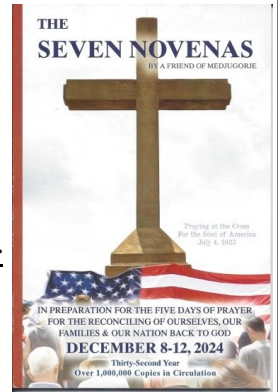
Submitted by Mary Bishel

THE SEVEN NOVENAS

THE SEVEN NOVENAS FOR RECONCILING OF OURSELVES, OUR FAMILIES & OUR NATION BACK TO GOD, continues:

6th Novena, Nov 25-December 3, is for Love

7th Novena, December 4-12, is for Spiritual Healing



The Giving Tree Is Here!



We will set the trees up Thanksgiving weekend, and decorate them with gift tags for the items needed.

Simply pick a tag, buy a gift or gifts; then bring the gift back by Sunday, December 8, 2024.

We request that the gifts not be wrapped. They should simply be placed in gift bags. The agencies need to see the gifts to identify where they are most needed.

There will be a tree in each lobby, or maybe just one lobby. I haven't decided yet.

Please have the agency gifts back by the 1:30pm Mass on Sunday, December 8, 2024.

On December 8th, you may start decorating the Giving Tree with hats, gloves, socks and scarves to be donated.

The hats, gloves, etc. may be brought in until the end of January 2025.

These are three possible recipients this year:

- 1) Bishop Griffin Center
- 2) PDHC [Pregnancy Decision Health Center]
- 3) Women's Care Center

If you have an organization that you would like to add, please let me know and we can discuss the possibility. I would need your help sorting the gifts and making the delivery to the new organization.

Thank you to all who participate. Each agency is so thankful to receive the gifts, and are appreciative of all that you do.

I also appreciate all that you do for our recipients. It's like Christmas for me to see your purchases, especially the baby clothes!



Thank you so much for helping make Christmas a very blessed time for so many persons in need.

Mary Bishel



What is an Antiphon?

An Antiphon consists of one or more Psalm verses or sentences from Holy Scripture which are sung or simply recited before and after each Psalm and the Magnificat during [Matins](#) and [Vespers](#). The verse which serves as the antiphon text contains the fundamental thought of the Psalm to which it is sung, and indicates the point of view from which it is to be understood. In other words, it gives the key to the liturgical and mystical meaning of the Psalm with regard to the feast on which it occurs.

source: <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/01575b.htm>

The Great O's"

On the evening of December 17 the final phase of preparation for Christmas begins with the first of the great "O Antiphons" of Advent.

These prayers are seven jewels of liturgical song, one for each day until Christmas Eve. They seem to sum up all our Advent longing for the Savior.

December 17

O Wisdom, that proceedest from the mouth of the Most High, Reaching from end to end mightily, and sweetly disposing all things: come and teach us the way of prudence.

December 18

O Lord and Ruler of the house of Israel, Who didst appear unto Moses in the burning bush, and gavest him the law on Sinai: come and redeem us by Thy outstretched arm.

December 19

O Root of Jesse, Who standest as the Ensign of the people, before Whom kings shall not open their lips; to Whom the Gentiles shall pray: come and deliver us, tarry now no more.

December 20

O Key of David, and Sceptre of the house of Israel; Who openest, and no man shutteth, Who shuttest, and no man

openeth: come and lead the captive from the prison house, and him that sitteth in darkness and the shadow of death.

December 21

O Dawn of the East, Splendor of the eternal Light, and Sun of justice: Come and enlighten them that sit in darkness, and the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of the gentiles, yea, and the desire thereof, the Cornerstone that maketh both one: come and save man, whom Thou hast made out of the slime of the earth.

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the expectation of all nations and their Salvation: come and save us, O Lord our God.

source: catholiceducation.org

PRAYER TO THE INDWELLING MOST HOLY TRINITY

O my Love, my only Good, Most Holy Trinity, I adore You, hidden in the depths of my soul. To You, to Your honor and glory, I dedicate my life. May every thought, word and deed of mine be an act of adoration and praise directed towards Your Divine Majesty enthroned in my heart.

O Father, Infinite Goodness, behold Your child, clothed in the likeness of Your Son. Extend to me Your arms that I may belong to You forever.

O Son, Divine Lord, made man, crucify me with Yourself that I may become, in union with You, a sacrifice of praise for the glory of Your Father

O Holy Spirit, Fire of Everlasting Love, consume me on the Altar of Divine Charity, that at

the end of life, nothing may remain but that which bears the likeness of Christ.

O Blessed Trinity, worthy of all adoration, I wish to remain in spirit on my knees, to acknowledge forever Your reign in me and over me, to Your everlasting glory.

Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the pure heart of St. Joseph, I consecrate my life to Your adoration and glory.

At the moment of death, receive me, O my Triune Love, that I may continue my adoration of love through all eternity. Amen.

Nihil Obstat:-Daniel Pilarczyk, S.T.D.
Imprimatur: - Paul F. Leibold, V.G.
Cincinnati, Jan 25, 1963

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THIS YEAR THE JEWISH FEAST OF CHANUKAH BEGINS ON DECEMBER 25 [FROM CHRISTMAS DAY] AND RUNS THROUGH JANUARY 2 , 2025 [ENCOMPASSING THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD]



CHANUKAH

This year the Jewish Feast of Chanukah (begins on Sunday, December 18 and ends Monday, December 26) overlays Christmas Day. So what is Chanukah or Hanukkah? In the New Testament it is referred to as the Feast of the Dedication:

which the dedication of the first Temple, built by Solomon, had taken place. During the celebration of the feast, mourning and fasting were not allowed to begin. The Jews assembled in the Temple and synagogues bearing branches of trees and palms and singing Psalms; the Hallel (Psalms 113-118) being sung every day. The joyful character of the feast was also manifested by illuminations, which may have been suggested by the "lighting of the lamps of the candlestick" when the Temple service was first restored ([1 Maccabees 4:50-51](#)), or, according to very early [Midrashim](#), by the miraculous burning throughout the first celebration of the feast of a vial of oil found in the Temple.

Feast of the Dedication (Scriptural)

Also called the Feast of the Maccabees' and Feast of Lights ([Josephus](#) and Talmudic writings), mentioned in the Old Testament ([1 Maccabees 4:56](#)), and in the New ([John 10:22](#)). It was instituted by [Judas Maccabeus](#) (164 B.C.) to be celebrated yearly on the 25th day of the month Kislev and during its octave, in commemoration of the purification of the Temple of Jerusalem which had been polluted by Antiochus Epiphanes on that same day three years previously ([1 Maccabees 4:41-64](#); [2 Maccabees 6:2](#)).

This was the time in Israel during the Hellenistic oppression called *golus Yavan*. This third exile lasted 180 years, and was dubbed *the exile of darkness* because the Greeks made every effort to make Jews see and understand the world in a way which was alien to the Torah. Darkness, nothing is as dark as the enslavement of the human mind. The *golus Yavan* is always referred to as *darkness* because it took away the *light* of Torah. ***

Unlike the great Hebrew annual feasts, it could be celebrated not only in the Temple at Jerusalem, but also in the synagogues of all places. It was observed with manifestations of joy such as accompanied the [Feast of Tabernacles](#), during the celebration of

Since the first century a general illumination of Hebrew houses has been customary, every house having at least one light, and some, according to the school of the rabbis, having one light for each person in the house on the first night and twice the number on each succeeding night; others again, having eight lights the first night and a lesser number each night thereafter. Some modern Hebrews keep the feast on 12 December, with strictness, but do not forbid servile work. At the daily morning prayer a different portion of [Numbers 7](#) is read in the synagogue.

Sources: **LIGHTFOOT, *Horæ Hebraicæ* (Oxford, 1859), s.v.; *The Jewish Encyclopedia*, s.v. *Hanukkah*, the Hebrew name of the feast; SCHÜRER, *A Hist. of the Jewish People, etc.*, 2nd ed. of Eng. tr., I, 217, for complete bibliography.

Editor's Note: The miracle of the oil, (That one vial of oil lasted eight days - the time required to prepare new oil for the lamp.) which is the basis of the feast today, is not in the Jewish Scripture that is part of the Old Testament. The dedication is mentioned in both Books of Maccabees but not the miracle; that information is found in the Talmud: Megillat Ta'anit, Kislev 7-8.

source: <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/04673b.htm>

***source: https://ohr.edu/holidays/chanukah/deeper_insights/1307

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

**MEN OF THE MEDAL
MEN'S SATURDAY PRAYER GROUP
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
FROM 9:00 TO 11:00^{AM}
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

FELLOWSHIP WITH LIKE-MINDED MEN OF FAITH



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AND HAPPY NEW
YEAR
FROM ALL OUR
PSR VOLUNTEERS!
Carolyn Mack**

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Q. What is personal sin?

In contrast to original sin, personal sin represents the sins that we individually commit and for which we are personally responsible.

We all have a general sense of what personal sin is—that it involves doing something wrong, something evil, something we should not do. However, theologians have studied the concept, and the Church has a refined understanding of what sin is.

Put in general terms, sin is **“an abuse of the freedom that God gives to created persons so that they are capable of loving Him and loving one another”** (CCC 387). Stated another way, it is **“an offense against reason, truth, and right conscience; it is failure in genuine love for God and neighbor caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods”** (CCC 1849).

In other words, we can become so attached to various good things—like pleasure, possessions, or popularity—that we make choices that put these things over the love we should have for God and for our fellow human beings. When we do this, we sin.

All sin involves an unloving choice based on disordered desire, or concupiscence. Originally, this word referred to any intense form of human desire, but in Christian thought it has taken on a special meaning. **“St. John distinguishes three kinds of covetousness or concupiscence: lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and pride of life”** (1 John 2:16)” (CCC 2514).

This triple concupiscence subjugates man **“to the pleasures of the senses, covetousness for earthly goods, and self-assertion, contrary to the dictates of reason”** (CCC 377).

When we are led by disordered desire into making unloving choices, the resulting sin will be one of two types: mortal or venial.

The first type is known as mortal sin because it produces spiritual death. It destroys the virtue of charity in our hearts, charity being the supernatural love of God that unites us to him spiritually. By being separated from God in this way, mortal sin puts us in a state of spiritual death.

“For a sin to be mortal, three conditions must together be met: Mortal sin is sin whose object is grave matter and which is also committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent” (CCC 1857).

The first of these conditions means that the sin must involve a matter that is grave in nature. **“Grave matter is specified by the Ten Commandments, corresponding to the answer of Jesus to the rich young man: ‘Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and your mother’ (Mark 10:19)”** (CCC 1858).

Some sins automatically involve grave matter. This is the case anytime an innocent human being is killed and any time an act of adultery is committed.

If grave matter is present, there are still two other conditions that need to be fulfilled for a sin to be mortal. **“Mortal sin requires full knowledge and complete consent. It presupposes knowledge of the sinful character of the act, of its opposition to God's Law. It**

also implies a consent sufficiently deliberate to be a personal choice” (CCC 1859).

Various factors can diminish or remove the knowledge and consent needed for a sin to be mortal. **“Unintentional ignorance can diminish or even remove the imputability of a grave offense. . . . The promptings of feelings and passions can also diminish the voluntary and free character of the offense, as can external pressures or pathological disorders”** (CCC 1860). *[You cannot purposefully ignore Church teaching in order to claim this ignorance or emotional argument. -Editor's Note]*

When a person commits a sin and one or more of the conditions needed for it to be mortal are not present, the result is a venial sin (CCC 1862). Venial sins offend and wound the virtue of charity, but they do not destroy it, which is why they are not mortal (CCC 1855). They thus do not lead to spiritual death.

When our sins are mortal, however, our souls are in jeopardy, and we are in urgent need of God's grace.

Source: Catholic Answers. Excerpt from *20 Questions*

3 Theological Virtues FAITH, HOPE, CHARITY	7 Deadly Sins
4 Cardinal Virtues	Pride
Temperance	Gluttony
Justice	Greed
Prudence	Lust
Fortitude	Wrath
	Gluttony
	Envy
	Sloth

VIRTUES	vs	VICES
• Humility		• Pride
• Admiration		• Envy
• Forgiveness		• Anger/Wrath
• Zeal		• Sloth
• Generosity		• Greed/Avari
• Asceticism		• Gluttony
• Chastity		• Lust

Source: Women of Grace

The first three Commandments are not directly addressed here but all sins against these Commandments are MORTAL Sins. See the next page.

Happy Holidays



In case you have forgotten, here is the *Catechism's* traditional presentation of the 10 Commandments for memorization. They are:

1. I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Dcn. Steve wanted to share this card which he has saved for years... It is a poignant reminder of the cost of our freedom and our Faith which valiant men and women willingly gave and are still giving.



It was the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,
in a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone.
I had come down the chimney with presents to give,
and to see just who in this home did live.
I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,
no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.

No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand,
and on the wall pictures of far distant lands.
With medals and badges, awards of all kinds,
a sobering thought came to my mind.
For this house was different, so dark and so dreary,
the home of a soldier, now I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone,
curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home.
The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder,
not how I pictured a United States soldier.
Was this the hero of whom I'd just read?
Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?

I realized the families that I saw this night,
owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight.
Soon round the world, the children would play,
and grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day.
They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,
because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,
on a cold Christmas eve in a land far from home.
The very thought brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.
The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,
"Santa don't cry, this life is my choice;

I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more,
my life is my God, my country, my corps."
The soldier rolled over and soon drifted to sleep,
I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.
I kept watch for hours, so silent and still,
and we both shivered from the cold evening's chill.

I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark, night,
this guardian of honor so willing to fight.
Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure,
whispered, "Carry on Santa, it's Christmas day, all is secure."
One look at my watch, and I knew he was right.
"Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night."

By Lance Corporal James M. Schmidt

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Special Event in the Diocese this December! Veneration of the Relic of St. Thomas Aquinas

December 7-8, 2024

Public veneration of the skull of St. Thomas Aquinas will take place both days in honor of the 750th anniversary of his death.
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

In Christ, Fr. Paul J. Keller, O.P.

FAKE MIRACULOUS MEDALS!

When you think you have heard it all, something unbelievable turns up!

Only a couple of weeks ago I learned that there are fake Miraculous Medals floating around! So - I immediately went to check the medals attached to my rosaries and those I had laying about. I found one! In the mail this past week, I received a charity request with a medal attached - it is fake!

The medal on the right, I have had on a Rosary for a very long time - it is fake!


In this picture, you can see the difference between the good medal and the fakes.

The good medal (on the left) has the cross as the highest point between the stars and also there should be nothing between the two hearts. I don't know where these medals are coming from, but I encourage you to check out your medals and removed any that are not proper. They should be destroyed.

Submitted by Elaine Sturm



MORNING OFFERING

 MY God, in union with the Immaculate Heart of Mary (here kiss your Brown Scapular*) I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus from all the altars throughout the world, joining with It the offering of my every thought, word and action of this day.

O my Jesus, I desire today to gain every indulgence and merit I can and I offer them, together with myself, to Mary Immaculate . . . that she may best apply them to the interests of Thy most Sacred Heart. * Precious Blood of Jesus, Save us! * Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for us! * Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have mercy on us!

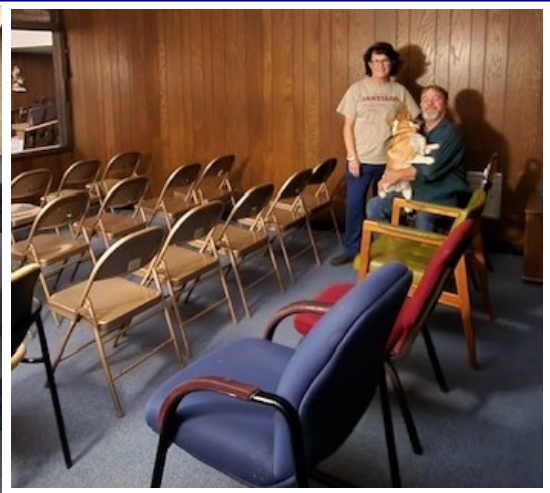
***500 days indulgence**

This offering is said by the millions of members of the Blue Army throughout the world, each morning . . . to fulfill the request of Our Lady of Fatima for the sanctification of daily duties as a condition for the conversion of Russia.

IMPRIMATUR: Most Rev. Geo. W. Ahr., S.T.D.
Bishop of Trenton

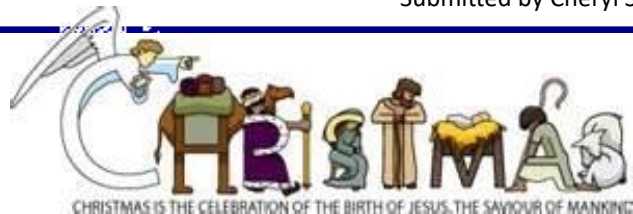
U.S.A. Headquarters of the Blue Army:
AVE MARIA INSTITUTE, Washington, N. J.

This simple prayer will help you build treasures in Heaven. In the second part you request to gain all indulgences that you might merit each day and give them to Mary. How easy is that!!!



John Laibe with his wife Tammy and helper, Hammie, have been very busy cleaning the carpets and preparing for Advent.

Submitted by Cheryl Shroyer



Scan the QR Code with your phone camera, then tap to open link for [Online Donation](#).

Look for it in our weekly bulletin!

Your donation is vital!

Knights' News

Knights' Setting Up the Outdoor Nativity

The Council will be setting up the Nativity Scene in front of the church on Sunday, December 8th, around 11:00am. All members of the parish are welcome to assist.

The set-up should only take a couple of hours.

The Knights wish everyone

a very Merry and

Blessed Christmas!

and a Happy New Year!



LET'S GO TO

Bethlehem...



More Grounds Cleanup – Oct 25, 2024

Tom Obert, TJ, Joanne's nephew, who removed the two large debris piles as part of our cleaning project in September, came back on Friday, October 25th to remove the stumps, broken tree and all the bushes from the entries of the church and in front of the rectory. What an improvement!

Submitted by Cheryl Shroyer

Bishop Griffin Resource Center



For those of us who do not subscribe to the "Bexley Magazine" - please note this picture from the opening of the new Bishop Griffin Center at 2867 East Livingston Avenue, Columbus, OH 43209

Please note the number of familiar faces from our parish in this photo!

The center is serving 600 families per week and the need is great for donations of household goods, clothing, materials and cash especially at this time of year. Go to: <https://bgrc-svdp.org/> for more information or to DONATE.

Join these volunteers with your time and/or your donation in this wonderful Corporal Work of Mercy!

COOL Calendar