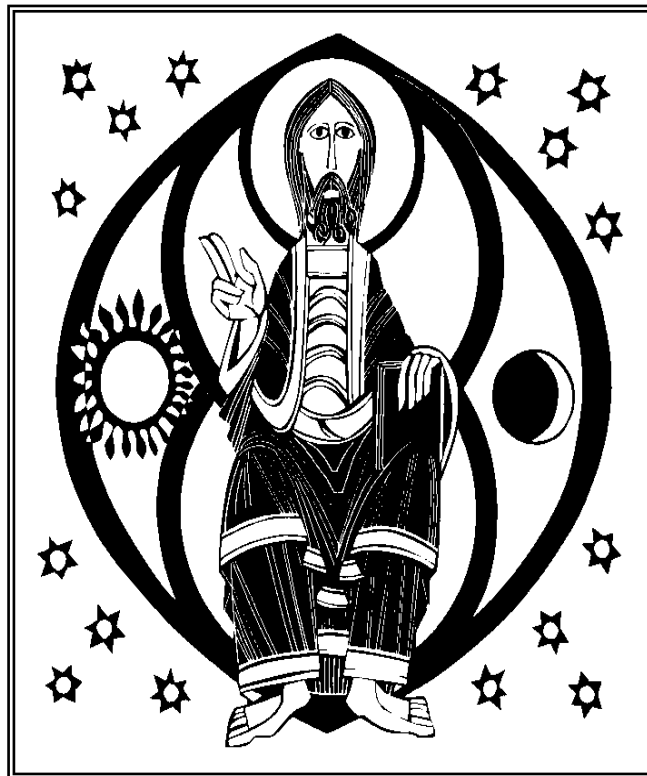


# November 29 First Sunday in Advent 2015

*"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."*  
Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

*On this First Sunday of Advent, Jesus calls us to pay attention, to wake up and realize the many "signs" of God's love in our lives, to love life expectantly not as a "race" but as a journey - however "inefficient" - to the joy of God. This lifetime of ours, which we so often take for granted, is precious and limited. It is a gift that God gives us in order that we might discover goodness of this world in anticipation of the next. We live our lives in a constant state of Advent, struggling to "stay awake" and not miss the opportunities life gives us to behold God in our midst. May we welcome the Messiah this Advent with the resolution to make straight a highway for His coming into our lives and the joy of hopeful anticipation of what is possible because of His dwelling in our midst.*



## Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday:	Rom 10: 9-18; Mt 4: 18-22
Tuesday:	Is 11: 1-10; Lk 10: 21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25: 6-10; Mt 15: 29-37
Thursday:	Is 26: 1-6; Mt 7: 21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29: 17-24; Mt 9: 27-31
Saturday:	Is 30: 19-21, 23-26; Mt 9: 35 – 10: 1, 5, 6-8
Sunday:	Bar 5: 1-9; Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11; Lk 3: 1-6

## Pray for the Deceased

Donald O'Malley  
Deacon John M. Buda



*May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.*

## Pre-Baptismal Class

For those preparing to have a child baptized in the near future, one requirement is that the parents attend a Pre-Baptismal Class. The next Pre-Baptismal Class will be held at Saint Clement Church on **Sunday, February 14, 2016, at 1:00 pm.**



## Mass Intention Book 2016

The Mass Intention Book for 2016 is open. Please note there are still dates available for Mass intentions this year. You might like to remember the birthday or anniversary of your living loved ones, as well as the deceased. Mass stipends are \$10 each. Please stop by the Rectory office, or call the office at 226-5116.

## Coffee & Donuts

Don't miss an opportunity to get to know your parish family - join us in the hall after the 9 am & 11 am Sunday Masses for coffee and donuts.



### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

Monday, November 30 - Saint Andrew

5:15 PM Ted Dunasky

Tuesday, December 1 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM Paul & Eileen Kunzi

Wednesday, December 2 - Advent Weekday

5:15 PM John Fanara

Thursday, December 3 - Saint Francis Xavier

8:00 AM Rita McMaster

Friday, December 4 - Saint John Damascene

5:15 PM Lenore Rossen

Saturday, December 5 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM Ron & Sharon Hausen

4:00 PM Ann Allen

Sunday, December 6 - Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Zenaida Soriano

11:00 AM For the People of the Parish

### **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

Mary, on this **Holy Day of Obligation**, **Tuesday, December 8th**, is celebrated as the Patroness of the United States.

The Mass schedule is as follows:

**Vigil - Monday at 5:15 pm**

**Holy Day Mass - Tuesday at 8 am**



### **Christmas Concert at the Cathedral**



Celebrate Christmas with the Daughters of St. Paul Choir on Friday, December 4th, at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, E. 9th St. & Superior Avenue. The concert is free and open to all. There is free and secure parking at the Cathedral Plaza Garage, Rockwell Ave. & E. 9th St.. For more information, call 216-696-6525, ext. 5510.

### **Pot of Gold Winners**

#### **Week of 11/16**

(\$25) Mary Kendra, Roger Thresher,  
Steven Woehrman, Nicole Canoyer,  
Debbie Westerfield, Joe Alvarez



#### **Week of 11/23**

(\$25) Mary Maund, Julia Mullen,  
John Bocchicchio, Emily McFadden,  
Bridget Ryan, Mike Miron

### **Liturgical Ministers**

#### **Lector Schedule**

Saturday, December 5:

4:00 pm B. Caja

Sunday, December 6:

9:00 am M. Smith

11:00 am K. Reilly

#### **Eucharistic Minister Schedule**

Saturday, December 5:

4:00 pm R. Merritt, M.K. Kolenz, R. DeBlase

Sunday, December 6:

9:00 am Deacon Danny, C. White, B. Poling

11:00 am D. Stark, S. Lanzer, J. Lanzer

#### **Server Schedule**

Saturday, December 5:

4:00 pm L. Kolenz, S. Mahoney, M. Mahoney

Sunday, December 6:

9:00 am F. Smith, E. Martin, A. Martin

11:00 am J. Cook, J. Reilly, M. Hoefsmit

### **Cluster Communal Penance Service**

**Wednesday, December 9th, 2015**

**7:00 pm**

**Saint James Parish**

Please plan to attend this spiritual opportunity with Jesus as we prepare to celebrate His birth.

### **Sisters of St. Joseph Prayer Line:**

216-252-0548

### **Please Note!**

Since this week's bulletin had to be at the printers by November 20th, due to their holiday schedule, the *Finance Corner* for the 22nd of November will not be in the bulletin until the week of December 6th. We will also print the names of the winners for the Thanksgiving Raffle at that time!

### **Please check out our website:**

[www.stclementlakewood.com](http://www.stclementlakewood.com)

Check out our upcoming events - parish news and calendar on our Home page. Also, please explore our website to obtain the Sunday bulletins under Resources Bulletins page, sign up for Online Giving, and obtain information about our 2016 Pilgrimage.

## YEAR OF MERCY

### THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

On April 11, 2015, Pope Francis announced "an extraordinary jubilee, a Holy Year of Mercy that is to have God's mercy at its center." He wants us to live this Holy Year in the light of Jesus' words: *"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful"* (Luke 6: 36). Thus *Merciful like the Father* is the motto of this Holy Year. Our task is to contemplate, imitate and adopt God's mercy as our lifestyle. The Holy Year will begin December 8, 2015, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and the Year of Mercy will conclude on Sunday, November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe.

A Holy Door has been used since the 15th Century as a ritual expression of conversion. Those who traveled to a cathedral or a basilica or a designated church for reconciliation entered the Holy Door, crossed the threshold from sin to grace, from slavery to freedom and from darkness to light. The Holy Door is a tangible symbol and invitation to follow Christ, leaving sin behind and crossing the threshold into the light of Grace. Jesus said, *"Amen, I am the gate."*

The principal Holy Doors during this Jubilee of Mercy will be opened on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, on December 8, and the other Holy Doors of Mercy will be opened December 13, in cathedrals throughout the world. The Door of Mercy for the Diocese of Cleveland will be opened at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Sunday, December 13, with ceremonies welcoming the faithful to come and cross over the threshold to experience God's mercy. These Holy Doors will remain open throughout the Year of Mercy, inviting all to "Enter and let God's mercy flow to you. Leave and carry God's message of mercy to others." The opening of the Holy Doors for the Diocese of Cleveland at St. John's Cathedral will take place at 10:15 am on December 13, just prior to the celebration of the 10:30 am Mass.

### **St. Augustine Hunger Center Collection**

The St. Augustine Hunger Center collection will be taken up next weekend. St. Augustine Hunger Center is a nonprofit organization missioned to provide meals and other emergency assistance to the poor and needy individuals of all religions. We appreciate your generosity on behalf of this caring ministry.

## Pray the Rosary

The Knights of Columbus will lead recitation of the Rosary next Saturday, December 5th, starting at 3:35 pm. All are welcome to join them.

### **Knights of Columbus -**

#### **Breakfast with Santa**

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast at Saint Clement Parish on Sunday, December 6th, after the 9 am and 11 am Masses in the Church hall. Join us for a delicious breakfast, a picture with Santa and a surprise for the children! A freewill offering for breakfast will be accepted with the proceeds going to Saint Clement Parish.



### **Parish Photo Directory – Make-up Dates.**

Maybe you missed out and were unable to sign up for one of the photo sessions, or maybe you had to cancel your session. For those still interested in participating in our Photo Directory here is your chance. We have secured two more days of photos. These sessions will take place at the Saint James Parish Center. This photo session will be open to members of both Saint Clement and Saint James Parishes.

Every family that participates will receive a directory and an 8 x 10 portrait free, along with a choice of poses and groupings. You will also have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. Price lists are available at the parish office.

**Portrait photos are being taken Monday and Tuesday after Christmas, December 28th and 29th, from 2 pm to 8:50 pm.**

The easiest way to sign up is to go to Saint James Parish website: [www.stjameslakewood.com](http://www.stjameslakewood.com) and follow the Parish Photo Directory link. You can also call the Parish Office at 216-712-6755 Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. Slots are limited. Sign up now!

### **You're Invited!**

You are cordially invited on Sunday, December 6th, at 7 pm for the St. Luke Church Advent Family Prayer Service. Please join us as we gather together for Advent Scripture, Community Prayer, the Procession of Creation and praise with music, featuring the St. Ignatius High School Chorus and the St. Luke Parish Choir. The event is free and all are welcome. Hospitality to follow in McBride Hall.

# Saint Clement

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lakewood, Ohio

### December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 11:00 am Kiwanis Meeting	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm R.C.I.A.	<b>3</b> 10:45 am Scripture Treats 5:30 pm Children's Choir 7:30 pm Adult & Teen Choir 7:30 pm Walking with Purpose at St. James	<b>4</b> 7:00 pm Gratitude Group	<b>5</b> 3:00 pm Confessions 3:35 pm Rosary
<b>6</b> 10:00 am - 1:00 pm KOC Breakfast with Santa 10:00 am Coffee & Donuts 12:00 pm Coffee & Donuts 7:00 pm Advent Family Prayer Service at St. Lukes	<b>7</b> 5:15 pm Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception 7:00 pm Family PSR Mass	<b>8 Immaculate Conception</b> 11:00 am Kiwanis Meeting 7:00 pm Mass for Immaculate Conception at St. James 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus	<b>9</b> 7:00 pm R.C.I.A. 7:00 pm Cluster Communal Penance Service at St. James	<b>10</b> 10:45 am Scripture Treats 5:30 pm Children's Choir 7:30 pm Adult & Teen Choir 7:30 pm Walking with Purpose at St. James	<b>11</b> 7:00 pm Gratitude Group	<b>12</b> 10:00 am Adult & Teen Choir 3:00 pm Confessions
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<b>20</b> 10:00 am Coffee & Donuts 12:00 pm Coffee & Donuts	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 11:00 am Kiwanis Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24 Christmas Eve</b> 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass 6:00 pm Children's Choir Mass 11:30 pm Choral Prelude 11:59 pm Midnight Mass	<b>25 Christmas Day</b> 10:00 am Christmas Mass 7:00 pm Gratitude Group	<b>26</b> 3:00 pm Confessions
<b>27</b> 10:00 am Coffee & Donuts 12:00 pm Coffee & Donuts	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 11:00 am Kiwanis Meeting 7:00 pm Finance Council 7:00 pm Parish Council	<b>30</b>	<b>31 New Year's Eve Mass</b> 4:00 pm New Years Eve Mass		