Saint Clement

CATHOLIC PARISH

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As a Eucharistic Community, we the people of St. Clement Parish, believe the Lord is present among us and calls us to grow in His life. We commit ourselves to share that life in our love and concern for others.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 P.M. Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 A.M. Holy Days Consult Bulletin

Weekday Mon., Wed., Fri. 5:15 P.M. Tues., Thurs., Sat. 8:00 A.M.



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Please call the Rectory to register for Baptismal Class.

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#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Diocesan Marriage policy requires that couples contact the priest at least six months prior to setting a date for marriage. Time is necessary for instructions and sacramental preparation. Please call the Rectory to schedule an appointment.

#### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

We welcome you to our community. Please call for an appointment to register. Anyone over 18 years of age, still living at home, should register as a single adult member of our community.

#### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Required for all children attending public school grades 1-8. For information, call PSR Director Colleen Houk at 216.226.5116 or email: pcl.stclementlakewood@gmail.com.

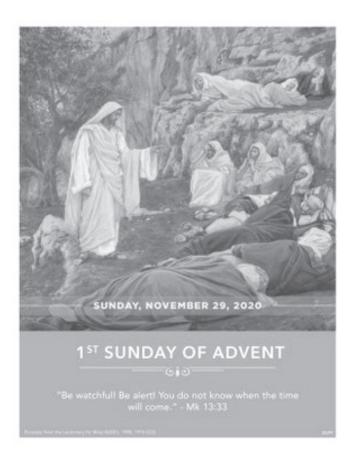
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#### ADORATION CHAPEL



#### POOR CLARES' PRAYER LINE

Do you need prayer today? Are your loved ones, coworkers or neighbors in need of God's loving guidance? Call the Poor Clares' Prayer Line at 216-361-0783.

# 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: Is 40: 1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3: 8-14;

Mt 1: 1-8

# **Pray the Rosary**

The Knights of Columbus will lead recitation of the Rosary next **Saturday**, **December 5th**, **starting at 3:35 pm**, before the 4 pm Mass. All are welcome to join them.

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.

### ADVENT BEGINS

Once again, we begin the beautiful season of Advent. A time of preparation and reflection. There are many signs and symbols that surround this time of year. One of the most significant life changing signs are the many forms of compassion that we can notice and share. Let us open our hearts to acknowledge the gift of compassion and may our Lord help us to express it in its many forms throughout our life.

### Mass Intention Book 2021 Open

The Mass Intention Book for 2021 is open. You might like to remember the birthday or anniversary of your living loved ones, as well as the deceased. There are still openings for Masses this year. Mass stipends are \$10.00. Please call the Rectory office at 226-5116 to schedule Masses.

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 30 - Saint Andrew

5:15 PM Fr. Joseph Workman (Living)

Tuesday, December 1 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM Patricia Kubec (Living)

Wednesday, December 2 – Advent Weekday

5:15 PM Donald Trump (Living) Thursday, December 3 – Saint Francis Xavier

8:00 AM † Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet

Friday, December 4 - Saint John Damascene

5:15 PM † Thomas R. Barrett

Saturday, December 5 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM † Josefa & Miguel Blanco Crespo

4:00 PM † Debbie Westerfield

Sunday, December 6 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM † Jackie & Terry Daly



On **Tuesday, December 1st**, St. Clement Church asks for your support as we participate in **#wegivecatholic**, Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving.

While we traditionally rely on the Pot of Gold and Thanksgiving Raffle to raise funds for repairs to the church, these important fundraisers have been postponed for the foreseeable future due to the pandemic. Your donation on Giving Tuesday is more important than ever. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 to purchase new light inserts for the historic fixtures in the church and a new electrical box in the sacristy.

On **Tuesday, December 1st**, please support us by your donation going to <a href="www.wegivecatholic.org">www.wegivecatholic.org</a>, search for St. Clement Parish, then click "Donate Now."

You may also check our parish website, <a href="http://www.stclementlakewood.com">http://www.stclementlakewood.com</a>, for the link that will take you directly to our #WGC Giving page. Please do this on Giving Tuesday as prize money is available to churches with the highest donations on this day. If you would rather mail your donation directly to the church, checks should be made payable to St. Clement Church and delivered to the church by December 1st. Please indicate that you would like your donation to go toward #wegivecatholic.

Thank you for your generous support of St. Clement Church.



### Five Ways to Enrich Your Season

Many of us look forward to Christmas all year but let Advent pass unnoticed. This quiet season can't compete with the lights, the joy, and the excitement of Christmas. Yet Advent is a beautiful season in itself. Consider these five ways to enjoy Advent as the season of hope...

#### 1. Come into silence

Over the next few weeks, take lots of deep breaths and treat yourself to some silent time each day.

#### 2. Mark your progress

Buy or make an Advent wreath with four candles and light a new candle each Sunday. Say the traditional prayers or write your own.

#### 3. Share the joy

Make peace with anyone who wronged you, or was wronged by you. Put resentment out of your heart to make more room for joy.

#### 4. Comfort the lonely

Compile a list of people who live alone, are new to your area, or who have lost a loved one this year. Reach out to them with a card or phone call.

#### 5. Start a new tradition

Sing a special song each night during Advent. Reserve a favorite food just for this time. Whatever you do, make it joyful and celebratory.

#### Finance Corner - Please Note!

Since this week's bulletin had to be at the printer's early, due to their holiday schedule, the *Finance Corner* will not be in the bulletin until next week.

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