

CHRISTMAS 2023

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St. Clement Catholic Parish

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December 24 Fourth Sunday in Advent 2023

"Hail Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with you. Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you shall conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." Luke 1: 26-38

In today's Gospel, God calls Mary of Nazareth to meet her "hour." Mary, accepting God's call to be the Mother of the Christ, was the beginning of humanity's re-creation in the love and life of God. May we possess the same trust and faith in the providence of God to meet our "hour" - whenever and wherever that time may come - when we are called to bring the transforming hope of the Gospel Jesus into our own time and place.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas falls on a Monday this year. That means that the weekend prior to the 4th Sunday of Advent, the Christmas Eve and Christmas Masses do not satisfy the Sunday obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent. This means we need to attend Mass twice that weekend into Monday. Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent are at 4 pm on Saturday, December 23rd, and at 8:30 am Sunday morning, December 24th. The Masses for Christmas eve and Christmas day are 4 pm Sunday evening, December 24th, and Monday morning, December 25th at 8:30 am.



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 52: 7-10; Heb 1: 1-6; Jn 1: 1-18
Tuesday:	Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59; Mt 10: 17-22
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1: 1-4; Jn 20: 1, 2-8
Thursday:	1 Jn 1: 5 - 2: 2; Mt 2: 13-18
Friday:	1 Jn 2: 3-11; Lk 2: 22-35
Saturday:	1 Jn 2: 12-17; Lk 2: 36-40
Sunday:	Gn 15: 1-62; 21: 1-3; Heb 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2: 22-40

Mass Intention Book 2024 Open

The Mass Intention Book for 2024 is open. You might like to remember the birthday or anniversary of your living loved ones, as well as the deceased. Mass stipends are \$10.00. Please call the Rectory office at 226-5116 to schedule Masses, or stop in during office hours.

Waiting, Longing, Hoping

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent we add yet another candle to our wreath and the light grows brighter and brighter. These are days of waiting, full of expectation, longing for the Savior promised in the writings of the great prophets.



Out of Town for the Holidays?

For nationwide Mass times and locations, visit: www.masstimes.org and click "Church Lookups."

2024 Calendars

Calendars for 2024 are available at the doors of the church. We wish to thank the McGorray-Hanna Funeral Home who so generously donated these beautiful calendars for our parishioners!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day

8:30 AM † Thomas McGarry (St. C)

10:00 AM Mass at St. Luke

10:30 AM † Ralph Jones (St. J)

Tuesday, December 26 - Saint Stephen

8:15 AM Mass at St. Luke

Wednesday, December 27 - Saint John

8:15 AM Mass at St. Luke

Thursday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents

8:15 AM Fr. Joseph Workman - Living (St. C)

Friday, December 29 - Saint Thomas Becket

8:15 AM † Ruth & Francis Peshek (St. J)

Saturday, December 30 - 6th Day within the Octave
of the Nativity of the Lord

4:00 PM † William & Gayle Craighead (St. C)

4:30 PM Mass at St. Luke

Sunday, December 31 - The Holy Family of

Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30 AM Fr. Joseph Workman Living (St. C)

9:00 AM Mass at St. Luke

10:30 AM † James Edwin Eink (St. J)

11:00 AM Mass at St. Luke



The Rosary

A powerful prayer to increase faith, hope and charity. Please join us as we pray the Rosary in the church Thursdays at 7:45 am before the 8:15 am Mass.



Finance Corner:

Collection for December 17th:

Weekly Collection - \$ 2,876.00

Monthly Collection - \$ 610.00

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Christmas - \$ 253.00

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