



Mary the Holy Mother of God

St. Jerome Church

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January 1st, 2012
Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God

Mass Schedule

Saturday evening	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:30 AM
Weekdays	7:30 PM Tuesday and First Friday
Reconciliation	Before weekend Masses and by appointment

Pregnancy assistance services (nationwide) 1-800-848-LOVE

Baptisms and Weddings: Call the Rectory (513) 231-7042

How to register at St. Jerome's: New member registration packets are under the table to the right as you leave church. Fill out the registration form and return that form by dropping it in the collection basket, or mailing it to the Rectory at 5858 Kellogg Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45230. If you have any questions, please call the Rectory at 231-7042.

Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Petition	Petitioner
Sat 12/31	5:00 PM	Bob and Kathy Zimmermann	Doug and Kathy Morgan
Sun 1/1	9:30 AM	Mary Volmering	Ann Kaldmo
Tue 1/3	7:30 PM	Barb Mathews	Carol Wiggins
Fri 1/6	7:30 PM	Jerry Chapman	The Hogan Family
Sat 1/7	5:00 PM	Bob Armstrong	Ron and Carol Hermann
Sun 1/8	9:30 AM	Eulela Blakey	Bygee Gutierrez
Tue 1/10	7:30 PM	Robert Kubicki	Jo Ann Kubicki

Assignments for next Week January 7th and 8th, 2012

Date/Time	Lector	Communion Minister	Servers	Ushers
Saturday 1/7 5:00 PM	Bill Ellis	Jim Feldmann	Charlie Andres Vince Andres	Ed Harvey Tim Hogan
Sunday 1/8 9:30 AM	Teresa Corbett	Mary Fehring	Kim Leist Bill Settle	Michael Adams Cindy Richmond

What's Happening?

Monday 1/2	7:30 PM	<i>Come and Savor</i> in the rectory
Thursday 1/5		No Rosary Altar Society Meeting
Friday 1/6	7:30 PM	First Friday Mass in church
Sunday 1/8		Sunday Night Supper for Birthright of Cincinnati*
	7:00 PM	Epiphany Vespers St. Gregory Chapel at the Athenaeum
Monday 1/9	7:30 PM	<i>Come and Savor</i> in the rectory
Thursday 1/12	7:30 PM	St. Jerome Adult Bible Study in the parish hall

Parish Support

<u>Christmas Collection</u> \$6,864.75	<u>Giving Tree</u>
<u>Christmas Flowers</u> \$545	Resurrection Parish \$1,506 Fr. Omongot \$ 821 St. Vincent DePaul \$ 920

*The LaRosa's restaurant at 2409 Boudinot Avenue will donate a portion of its proceeds to **Birthright of Greater Cincinnati** for sales from noon until close on Sunday, January 8th. Reservations are required – call 347-1111 and you must bring a copy of this notice. The mission of Birthright of Greater Cincinnati is to enable and assist pregnant women so that they may carry their pregnancy to term. This is achieved by helping women recognize and use their own resources, as well as Birthright and community resources. Birthright also strives to offer pregnant women emotional support and guidance.



Words of Wisdom

The Church honors the Blessed Virgin Mary in many ways for all of the spiritual roles she plays in our lives. Today, we honor her as the Mother of God. A very important role indeed! Mary's devotion and obedience to God is unequalled among us humans but we can take lessons from her and try to emulate her example of total love. We often pray, "Father, as we proclaim the Virgin Mary to be the Mother of Christ and the Mother of the Church, may our communion with her Son bring us to salvation." Mary's own words at the annunciation are also a source of inspiration: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." We wish that we all had such deep faith and total love of God.

If we do everything with love, every day will become an adventure. The Holy Spirit will transform even our boredoms and drudgeries into chances for love and service. (from *Living the Sacraments* on AmericanCatholic.org)

Did you know that our own Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio takes dozens of refugees from places in the world with the worst possible conditions? It takes many resources to care for them – most have **nothing**. If you would like to volunteer to help CCSWO "mainstream" these poor people, call Cindy at 241-7745 x 2529.





You Have Questions; We Have Answers

We sing “Auld Lang Syne” at the beginning of the year to commemorate the things of the past. It is a poem by Robert Burns (1759 – 1796) a prolific Scottish poet. The words “Auld Lang Syne” could be translated to mean “the old times” – it is a song that reminds us of our friends and the things that have made us who we are. In remembering, we also begin the renewal of the year to come.

“Should *old* acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind? Should *old* acquaintance be forgot, and *old* lang syne? For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne, we'll take a cup of kindness yet, for auld lang syne.”

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Have you ever thought about making a retreat? Fr. John Quigly, OFM, a Franciscan Friar and priest, will lead a Franciscan Spirituality Retreat February 10th through February 12th at the Transfiguration Spirituality Center (495 Albion Avenue) in Glendale. There are nice accommodations if you wish to stay on campus. You may commute if you like. visit www.tscoretreats.org for more information.



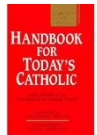
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The 2012 offering envelopes are on the table in the back of church. If you didn't get envelopes, please call the office and we will get you fixed up – there could be some problem with your registration so we'd like to clear that up, too.



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Last week, we offered you a **free** *Handbook for Today's Catholic*. We have a few left so, if you want one, please call the office.



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Janet Morana is the Executive director of Priests for Life, a global organization dedicated to the preservation of all human life. She has written an article entitled ***Christians Are to Blame for the Commercialization of Christmas***. In this article, which can be found on St. Jerome's website, she starts out by saying, ‘What the heck is a ‘Holiday Tree?’’ She reflects on the past when manger scenes were plentiful and everyone called it “Christmas.” Then, she asks some very pointed questions – questions that may be painful for us to answer: “In decorating your home for Christmas, is the Christ Child and manger scene a focal point in your home, both inside and outside? Are there as many decorations depicting the Holy Family, Angels and the Wisemen as there are snowmen, Santas and reindeer?” Also, “Do you only say Merry Christmas or do you give in and find yourself spouting the correct ‘Happy Holidays?’”

We are going to remind you about this next year, but now is the time to start thinking about how we are going to celebrate Christmas 2012. You can read the entire article on our website at <http://www.st-jerome-cinci.org/stjeromenews.html>.