

The Feast of the Holy Family

December 28, 2025

*So what the Lord had
said through the prophet
might be fulfilled.*

Matthew 2:15

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MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday 5:00 P.M. (Confessions 4:00-4:30 P.M.)
Sunday 8:00 A.M. • 10:00 A.M.
11:30 A.M. (Maronite Rite)
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:30 A.M.
Wednesday 12:00 P.M. (followed by Confessions)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS • Monday-Friday, 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

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GIFTS FOR GOD

December 16, 2025 to December 22, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 5,584.00
Loose Checks	\$ 1,232.00
Loose Cash	\$ 1,016.00
Online Giving	\$ 5,383.67
Holy Days of Obligation	\$ 275.00
Total	\$ 13,490.67
Less Diocese 10% Assessment	\$ 1,349.07
Net Parish Collection	\$ 12,141.60
Special Collections	\$ 285.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 20.00
Christmas	\$ 226.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

December 20 / December 21 – 674

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – 186

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 126; 10:00 a.m. – 252; 11:30 a.m. – 110



Thank you for your contributions. Please consider online giving. This is a safe, secure, and flexible way to manage your giving. To sign up, go to the Church website: www.ourladyofvictory.cc, Our Sunday Visitor at <https://www.osvhub.com/ourladyofvictory/funds>, or use the QR Scan Code shown here.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 27 – St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
5:00 p.m. + Patty Rossetti (Pat Feamster)

Sunday, December 28 – The Holy Family
8:00 a.m. + Rhoda Church & Constance Kuzmick (Kay Church)
10:00 a.m. + Ken Raymond (Shirley Landick)
11:30 a.m. + People of the Parish

Monday, December 29 – St. Thomas Becket
8:30 a.m. + Brian Mouser (Brenda & Nathan Young)

Tuesday, December 30 – St. Anysius
8:30 a.m. + Tony Corrova (Kim & Tom Gutheil)

Wednesday, December 31 – St. Sylvester, Pope
12:00 p.m. + Francis & Rose Sliemers (The Sliemers Family)

Thursday, January 1 The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
12:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Friday, January 2 – St. Basil, the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen
8:30 a.m. + Kay Bova (Mary Bova-Ervin)

Saturday, January 3
5:00 p.m. + Lilli Roberts & + William Richards (Margaret Roberts Richards)

Sunday, January 4 – The Epiphany of the Lord
8:00 a.m. + David Cowgill (John Casasanta)
10:00 a.m. + Ronald D. Brooks (Peter & Hope Borghi)
11:30 a.m. + People of the Parish

2026 Church calendars have been ordered. We will have them in the church and in the office in a few weeks as soon as they are delivered.

Thank you for your patience.



FROM ALL THE OLV CLERGY AND PARISH STAFF, HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

We wish all of you a safe and blessed New Year!

The Parish Office will be closed:

New Year's Eve:

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

New Year's Day:

Thursday, January 1, 2026

and

Friday, January 2, 2026

(We will check messages for any emergent needs.)



TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO COMPLETE THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY

This survey will be used to strengthen Our Lady of Victory and better prepare us for the future! We need your perspective as a parishioner as we work to identify our greatest strengths and opportunities. Complete the survey today and help Our Lady of Victory thrive.

Please use the QR code below or if you need a paper form, pick one up at the entrance of the church. If you need one mailed to you, please call the office at 614-488-2428. The survey ends on January 6th!

The survey is anonymous and confidential and will take about 10 minutes to complete. Please take time to reflect on your own spiritual growth and help us better serve you!



HOSPITALITY NEXT WEEKEND

Join us for coffee and treats after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses next Sunday, January 4th.

Come warm up with old friends and meet some new friends!

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We appreciate the sacrificial love shown by your community. Your gifts will impact many moms, dads and babies in central Ohio.

*Rescuing Lives and Impacting Generations,
One Heartbeat at a Time.*



PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 28	9:00 a.m. Baptisms
Monday, December 29	8:30 a.m. Mass
Tuesday, December 30	8:30 a.m. Mass
Wednesday, December 31	New Year's Eve 12:00 p.m. Mass
Thursday, January 1	New Year's Day 12:00 p.m. Mass – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Friday, January 2	9:00-10:00 a.m. – Adoration (C)
Saturday, January 3	4:00-4:30 p.m. Confessions
Sunday, January 4	Hospitality after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses (PLC)

PLC= Parish Life Center

VH= Victory Hall

C= Church



CLERGY WHO COOK - The heat is on! Our very own Fr. Jacques is heating up the kitchen for "Clergy Who Cook"! This fun, flavorful event raises crucial funds for our seminarians at the Pontifical College Josephinum. Let's show them some support!

How can you help your favorite Clergy Chef win the Clergy Who Cook competition and bring home the "GRAND CHEF" award?

Make a donation for Fr. Jacques! Each dollar counts as one vote. The clergy chef with the most votes wins bragging rights as the "Grand Chef" for the year!

Why Your Support is a Key Ingredient!

Every dollar you contribute provides crucial support to the seminarians at the Pontifical College Josephinum who are answering their call to the priesthood. Cast your votes early and often - no amount is too small or too great. Your generosity is a blessing, and together, we can support these young men who are at the core of our Faith. Additionally, consider becoming a Friend of the Josephinum! Calendar of Events available on the PCJ Website!

CAST YOUR VOTES HERE: www.pcj.edu/clergywhocook/

LET'S HELP FATHER KIK DEFEND HIS TITLE!!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

The Sacred Heart of Jesus

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ~ John 3:16

No Religious Ed classes on December 28th, and January 4th due to Christmas Break

Looking Ahead:

Classes resume for all grades on Sunday, January 11th.

Please email Krista Joseph in the Religious Ed department if you are new to the parish and would like to register your children for religious education or if you have a child who missed their First Communion or their Confirmation - contact Krista Joseph

We have At Home studies for high school students who need to be confirmed. Contact us now to get started!



Krista Joseph, Director of Religious Ed
Religioused@ourladyofvictory.cc or call 614-486-7678.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE UPDATE

Our parish is blessed with many generous volunteers who help make our ministries, programs, and liturgies possible. As we continue our commitment to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all children and vulnerable persons, we are preparing for the Diocese of Columbus' updated Safe Environment requirements. All volunteers are asked to be fully compliant with Protecting God's Children training and complete the required background checks by January 2, 2026. These steps help ensure that our parish remains a place of trust, protection, and faith for every member of our community.

Background Check Requirements

To meet diocesan policy, the following background checks are required for volunteers:

- BCI (Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation) background check – required for all volunteers.
- FBI background check – in addition to BCI, FBI is required for volunteers who have lived outside the state of Ohio at any point in the past five years.

If you currently volunteer, or plan to volunteer in the future, we warmly encourage you to **check that your VIRTUS account is active and up to date, and that your background checks have been completed within the required timeframes.**

Please contact the Parish Office with any questions or for assistance completing your background check or VIRTUS requirements.

Our staff is happy to help guide you through the process.

Thank you for your faithful service and continued commitment to protecting God's children.

Scan the QR code to visit the Diocese of Columbus Safe Environment webpage for more details.



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SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

OLV continues to follow the Diocese of Columbus commitment to the protection and safety of children and the Safe Environment Program. The Safe Environment Program mandates that all Volunteers 18 years or older who would like to participate in parish programs or ministries who have been delegated care, custody, or control of children must complete this program. Information on the specific process and program registration can be found on the Our Lady of Victory website: ourladyofvictory.cc – located under the "Religious Ed" tab. You may also contact Pat Fulcher at Religioused@ourladyofvictory.cc for this information.

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY:



Our parish will soon be offering complimentary OLV magnets with key QR codes that link to our key parish life events. These magnets are offered at no cost to our parishioners and are made possible through the support of local Catholic-friendly businesses who value our local community. If you would like to sponsor an ad, please contact the office or Community Marketing Partners at 614-561-3500 or colleenl@cmpmidwest.com.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY ICONS



Last call for Our Lady of Victory Icons! Please call or stop by the office to put your name on the waitlist for the last remaining icons. We only have a few icons left to purchase. The price is \$100.00 each. We can accept cash or checks made payable to "Our Lady of Victory."

FOLLOW OUR LADY OF VICTORY ON FACEBOOK FOR THE MOST CURRENT HAPPENINGS.

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PLAN FOR FEBRUARY!

Take steps toward a better relationship! Attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you and your spouse all the tools for a stronger and more loving marriage. "But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." Help your marriage be like the rich soil and attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on February 6th-8th, 2026. Get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Location: Procter Camp and Conference Center – London, OH. Other weekend dates are available on our website. Apply at WWME.org or scan QR code. Early registration is recommended.



St. Charles PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Congratulations to the following parishioners who are students at St. Charles Preparatory School and who have attained Honor Roll status for the first quarter of the current academic year!

Nicholas Kummer Grade 12 Honor Roll 4.0+
Andrew Miller Grade 9 Honor Roll 4.0+
Conor Murray Grade 10 Honor Roll 4.0+



THE CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2026 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR!

The CMLC is accepting nominations for the 2026 CMOY. To submit a nomination, please use the form located online at <https://www.catholicmensministry.com/man-of-the-year>. The online form is required – no exceptions! The nominees must be laymen who, through their daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplify the "good and faithful servant." The recipient of the award will be given the opportunity to share his personal testimony during an award ceremony with the Bishop at the DMLC meeting on Friday, March 6, 2026 at St. Patrick Parish in downtown Columbus. Please read the instructions located on the website carefully to make certain the nomination submission is in compliance with CMLC's requirements. The selection committee will not consider a noncompliant nomination submission. Nominations MUST be completed and submitted by midnight on January 15, 2026.

MEET THE CANTOR!

Jeff Gillis



Jeff began his singing career at the age of 5 in Wellston, Ohio. He sang Christmas carols on WKOV radio accompanied on the piano by his grandmother, Martha.

After moving to Grandview, he was involved in numerous musical programs throughout high school, including Swing Choir, Senior Choir and various ensembles. Jeff won the State and District "Superior Award" for Quartet, two years and Choir, three years.

For the past 42 years while raising his family and completing his career in the Pharmacy at Riverside Hospital, Jeff has cantored and sung for many music directors at St. Christopher's Parish.

"I feel that singing is another form of prayer. I am grateful that God has given me the talent of music and I am happy to share it with others." Jeff usually cantors at our 5:00 p.m. Masses.



BISHOP READY HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following parishioners who are students at Bishop Ready High School and who have attained Honor Roll status for the first quarter of the current academic year!

Earning 2nd Honors: Junior, **Audrey Sturges**.

Named to the Distinction List: Freshman, **Dominic Sturges**.



**“On entering the house, they saw the child with
Mary his mother; and they knelt down
and paid him homage. .”**

(Mt 2:11)

Divine Liturgy

Sunday at 11:30 am
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New Testament Reading: Revelation 21:9-10, 21-27

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

And the twelve gates are twelve pearls, each of the gates is a single pearl, and the street of the city is pure gold, transparent as glass.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

The nations will walk by its light,

and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there.

People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

But nothing unclean will enter it,

nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood,

but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking,

'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?

For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;

and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people,

he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

'for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men

and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.

Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying,

'Go and search diligently for the child;

and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother;

and they knelt down and paid him homage.

Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod,

they left for their own country by another road.

St. Thomas Becket - Feast Day: December 29



Each year, only four days after celebrating the birth of Christ, the Church commemorates St. Thomas Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury who was martyred on December 29, 1170. His story stands as one of the most dramatic and courageous examples of Christian fidelity in the face of political pressure. Though his life unfolded nearly nine centuries ago, his witness continues to speak powerfully to the modern believer about conscience, courage, and the cost of discipleship.

Thomas Becket was born in London in 1118 to a middle-class family of French origin. Gifted with intelligence and charm, he advanced quickly in education and public life. His abilities caught the attention of King Henry II of England, who appointed Thomas as his chancellor. The two became close friends. Thomas was loyal, skilled, and politically savvy, making him one of the most influential men in the kingdom. No one at the time could have predicted that their friendship would one day lead to one of the most famous martyrdoms in Christian history.

When the Archbishop of Canterbury died in 1161, King Henry saw an opportunity. He wanted an ally in the Church who would support royal authority and help him consolidate power. Believing Thomas would be that ally, Henry appointed him to the role. Thomas accepted—reluctantly at first—but soon after his ordination and consecration, a profound personal transformation occurred. He embraced the responsibilities of his new office with deep seriousness, turning his focus to prayer, penance, and the spiritual wellbeing of the Church.

This conversion shocked the court and strained his friendship with the king. Henry expected the same compliant chancellor he had once known, but instead found a shepherd determined to defend the independence of the Church. Conflict quickly followed. Henry issued laws that attempted to place clergy under royal courts and limit the Church's freedom. Thomas, compelled by conscience, refused to sign them. What began as tension soon flared into open opposition.

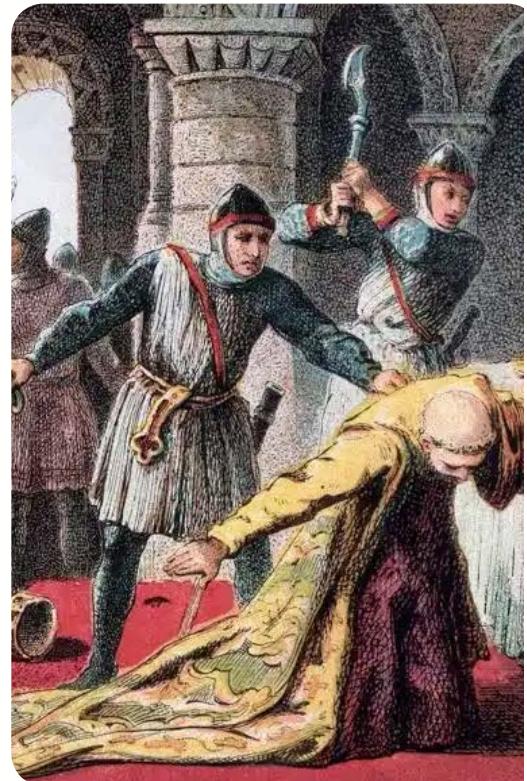
Facing threats and accusations, Thomas fled into exile for several years. During this time, he prayed, wrote letters of encouragement to the faithful, and sought reconciliation. Although he longed for peace, he would not betray the Church's rights. Eventually, a fragile agreement allowed him to return to England. Crowds greeted him with joy, hopeful that the conflict had ended.

But the peace was short-lived. New disputes arose, and Henry—frustrated and angry—uttered words that his knights interpreted as a command. On December 29, 1170, four knights entered Canterbury Cathedral as evening prayers were beginning. They confronted Thomas, demanding that he submit to the king. Thomas refused. Moments later, he was struck down at the altar, giving his life for the freedom of the Church.

His martyrdom shocked Christendom. Almost immediately, miracles were reported at his tomb, and devotion to him spread across Europe. In 1173, only three years after his death, Thomas was canonized a saint. His shrine in Canterbury became one of the most famous pilgrimage sites of the Middle Ages, immortalized in literature such as Chaucer's Canterbury Tales.

St. Thomas Becket challenges us to reflect on our own fidelity to Christ. While most of us will not face violent persecution, we often face pressures—social, political, or personal—that tempt us to compromise our faith. Thomas reminds us that discipleship sometimes requires difficult choices, moral clarity, and the courage to stand firm in the truth.

As we honor his feast on December 29, may we be strengthened by his example and encouraged to follow Christ with integrity, even when it demands sacrifice. St. Thomas Becket, pray for us



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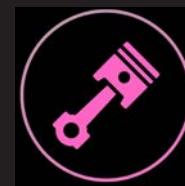
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