

Prayer to Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary

O Virgin Mary, grant that the recitation of thy Rosary may be for me each day, in the midst of my manifold duties, a bond of unity in my actions, a tribute of filial piety, a sweet refreshment, an encouragement to walk joyfully along the path of duty. Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary, that the study of thy fifteen mysteries may form in my soul, little by little, a luminous atmosphere, pure, strengthening, and fragrant, which may penetrate my understanding, my will, my heart, my memory, my imagination, my whole being. So shall I acquire the habit of praying while I work, without the aid of formal prayers, by interior acts of admiration and of supplication, or by aspirations of love. I ask this of thee, O Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, through Saint Dominic, thy son of predilection, the renowned preacher of thy mysteries, and the faithful imitator of thy virtues. Amen.

From the Sermons of Pope St. Leo the Great

Dearly beloved brethren, Unto us is born this day a Saviour, Let us rejoice. It would be unlawful to be sad to day, for today is Life's Birthday; the Birthday of that Life, Which, for us dying creatures, taketh away the sting of death, and bringeth the bright promise of the eternal gladness hereafter. It would be unlawful for any man to refuse to partake in our rejoicing. All men have an equal share in the great cause of our joy, for, since our Lord, Who is the destroyer of sin and of death, findeth that all are bound under the condemnation, He is come to make all free. Rejoice, O thou that art holy, thou drawest nearer to thy crown! Rejoice, O thou that art sinful, thy Saviour offereth thee pardon! Rejoice also, O thou Gentile, God calleth thee to life! For the Son of God, when the fulness of the time was come, which had been fixed by the unsearchable counsel of God, took upon Him the nature of man, that He might reconcile that nature to Him Who made it, and so the devil, the inventor of death, is met and beaten in that very flesh which hath been the field of his victory.

When our Lord entered the field of battle against the devil, He did so with a great and wonderful fairness. Being Himself the Almighty, He laid aside His uncreated Majesty to fight with our cruel enemy in our weak flesh. He brought against him the very shape, the very nature of our mortality, yet without sin. His birth however was not a birth like other births for no other is born pure, nay, not the little child whose life endureth but a day on the earth. To His birth alone the throes of human passion had not contributed, in His alone no consequence of sin had had part. For His Mother was chosen a Virgin of the kingly lineage of David, and when she was to grow heavy with the sacred Child, her soul had already conceived Him before her body. She knew the counsel of God announced to her by the Angel, lest the unwonted events should alarm her. The future Mother of God knew what was to be wrought in her by the Holy Ghost, and that her modesty was absolutely safe.

Therefore, dearly beloved brethren, let us give thanks to God the Father, through His Son, in the Holy Ghost: Who, for His great love wherewith He loved us, hath had mercy on us and, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, that in Him we might be a new creature, and a new workmanship. Let us then put off the old man with his deeds and, having obtained a share in the Sonship of Christ, let us renounce the deeds of the flesh. Learn, O Christian, how great thou art, who hast been made partaker of the Divine nature, and fall not again by corrupt conversation into the beggarly elements above which thou art lifted. Remember Whose Body it is Whereof thou art made a member, and Who is its Head. Remember that it is He That hath delivered thee from the power of darkness and hath translated thee into God's light, and God's kingdom.

Liturgical Calendar and Mass Intentions for the 7am Masses This Week

♦ **Sunday, December 24, 8:00am, 11:00am (No Afternoon Mass): Vigil of the Nativity**

Intention: For a Special Intention by Natalia Kutlesa

♦ **Monday, December 25, Midnight, 8:00am and 10:00am: The Nativity of Our Lord**

Intention: For Caitlin Vinca by Michael and Aimee Vinca

♦ **Tuesday, December 26, 7:00am: St. Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr**

Intention: For Elisa Schnur by Elisa Schnur

♦ **Wednesday, December 27, 7:00am: St. John the Evangelist, Apostle**

Intention: Priest's Intention

♦ **Thursday, December 28, 7:00am: Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

Intention: For Mr. and Mrs. C. Baker

♦ **Friday, December 29, 7:00am & 6:00pm: 5th Day in the Octave of Christmas**

Intention: For Robert and Nora Winger † by Rhea Schoettner

♦ **Saturday, December 30, 8:00am: 6th Day in the Octave of Christmas**

Intention: For Robert and Nora Winger † by Rhea Schoettner

♦ **Sunday, December 31, 8:00am, 11:00am, & 4:00pm: Sunday in the Octave of Christmas**

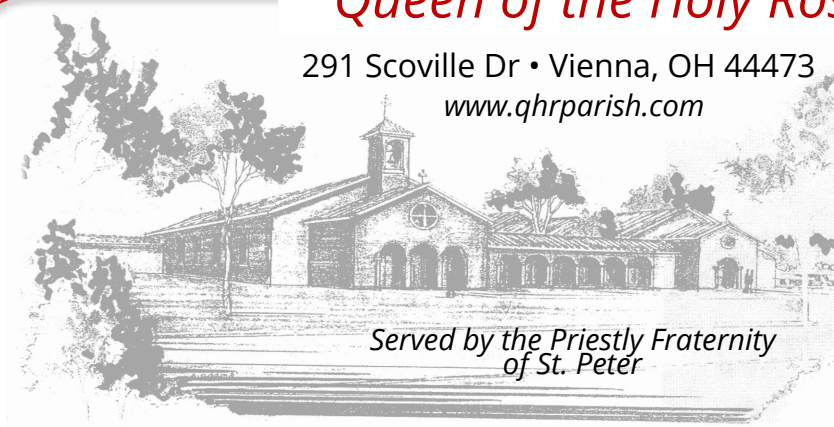
The 11am Mass each Sunday is offered for the parish.



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Welcome visitors and new parishioners!

Registration cards are located at the church entrances. Return your card to the church office.

Holy Mass:

Monday – Friday: 7:00am

Saturday: 9:00am

Sunday: 8:00am, 11:00am & 4:00pm

Fridays additionally: 6:00pm

Most public holidays, Mass at 9:00am. See the bulletin.

Additional Masses as Announced:

- First Fridays: 8:00am (*as announced*)
 - Saturdays: 8:00am (*as announced*)
 - Holy Days as Announced
- Please see the back of this bulletin for this week's Mass Schedule and Intentions*

Confession:

Monday - Friday: 6:30am-6:50am

Friday (additional): 5:30pm-5:50pm

Saturday: 8:30am-8:50am and following Mass

Sunday: 7:15am-7:50am; 10:15am-10:50am & 3:30pm-3:50pm

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

Fridays: 7:40 am

First Fridays: 6:40 pm

During Lent: Stations of the Cross

First Saturdays: 9:40 am

Benediction follows all Masses on the first Sunday of the month

Additional Devotions:

- Miraculous Medal Novena: *Wednesdays following Mass*
- Novena to the Divine Infant of Prague: *Thursdays following Mass*

- Exposition, Litany of Loreto, Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary: *First Saturdays following Mass*

Blessing of Sacramentals:

Following all Masses on the fourth Sunday of the month or by request

Is someone you know sick or in need of the Sacraments?

Please call Fr. Fongemie to arrange a visit.

Not a Catholic and interested in becoming one?

Please let Father know.

December 24, 2023 ~ Vigil of the Nativity

Christmas Mass Times:

Today, (Vigil of Christmas) we will have Mass at 8:00am & 11:00am ONLY. No afternoon Mass today.
Tomorrow, Monday, Dec 25, we will have Mass at Midnight, 8:00am & special time 10:00am.



Collections

Text GIVE to 330-886-4204 to make secure online payments. You may also use the QR code at the right or visit <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/qhervienna>.



Offertory Dec 17: \$6,727.15

8:00 am: \$2,454.68
11:00 am: \$3,377.47
4:00 pm: \$705
Online: \$190

Thank you for your support!

Building and Maintenance Dec 17: \$115
Christmas Offerings for Needy: \$1,650

Alma Redemptoris Mater

Alma Redemptoris Mater, quæ p rvia c eli
Porta manes, et stella maris, succ rre cad nti,
S rgere qui curat p pulo: tu qu  genu sti,
Nat ra mir nte, tuum sanctum Genit rem
Virgo prius ac post rius, Gabri lis ab ore
Sumens illud Ave, peccat rum miser re.

Loving Mother of the Redeemer, who remains the accessible
Gateway of Heaven, and Star of the Sea, Give aid to a falling
people that strives to rise; O Thou who begot thy holy Creator,
while all nature marveled, Virgin before and after receiving
that "Ave" from the mouth of Gabriel, have mercy on sinners.

Announcements

- Thank you to Carol N. and Donna G. and their crew of volunteers for an outstanding job organizing this year's 400 Club Dinner. Thank you to all who bought tickets. Congratulations to all our prize winners.
- Fr. Fongemie and Fr. Wojdelski will both be away over New Year's.
- Thank you to all who assisted with Christmas decorating and to all who volunteer throughout the year. Volunteers, please make sure you pick up a 2024 liturgical calendar from the office.
- The priests wish each of you a most happy and blessed Christmas and thank you all for your acts of kindness at Christmas and throughout the year.
- Monday, January 1 is not a Holy Day this year. The parish Mass schedule for public holidays is 9:00am only. Fr. Houck will celebrate a sung Mass at 9:00am.
- There will be no CCD or donut social today or next Sunday. We will resume both on Sunday, January 7.
- Christmas Flower Envelopes and Christmas Needy Envelopes are available at the church entrances. Thank you for your generosity!
- Saint Joseph's Men's Group meets for the purpose of building fellowship, prayer and service to our church and parishioners. Our next meeting will be Monday, January, 8 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.
- Legion of Mary meets on Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the 5-6 grade CCD classroom. For information about the Legion of Mary, please speak with Fr. Fongemie or call Mollie Baker at 330-647-1620
- 2024 contribution envelopes are in the corridor by the main entrance.
- Youth Group: If you are between 13 and 19 years old, join us on the third Friday of every month at the 6pm Mass followed by a talk by Fr. Houck, food, and games. For information, email Fr. Houck.
- The QHR Homeschool Social Group meets on First Fridays in the hall after 8am Mass. We will NOT be meeting in January. For more information call Sara Perts at 614-706-3107.
- 2024 FSSP Calendars are available outside the parish office. The cost is \$10 each. If you are a volunteer, please take a calendar as a gift from Fr. Fongemie with his thanks for all of your help!
- There will be no altar server practice on First Friday in January. Practice will resume in February.



Epiphany

Saturday, January 6 is the Feast of the Epiphany. Mass is at 9:00am. Following Mass, Epiphany Water will be blessed. If you desire blessed water, please bring one or two containers of water that can be easily opened (or leave open bottles). Chalk will also be blessed so that you may ask God's blessing by chalking the doors of your home in honor of the Three Wise Men.

Epiphany marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of "chalking the doors." Take chalk and write the following above the entrance of your home: 20 + C + M + B + 24. The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, Christus mansionem benedicat: "May Christ bless the house."

Mass Propers

Introit: This day you shall know that the Lord will come, and save us: and in the morning you shall see His glory. The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.

Collect: O God, You Who gladden us year after year with the expectation of our redemption, grant that we, who now welcome with joy Your only-begotten Son as our Redeemer, may also gaze upon Him without fear when He comes as our judge, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lesson: (Rom 1:1-6) Paul, the servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an Apostle, set apart for the Gospel of God, which He had promised before-hand through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning His Son Who was born to Him according to the flesh of the offspring of David; Who was foreordained Son of God by an act of power in keeping with the holiness of His spirit, by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through Whom we have received the grace of apostleship to bring about obedience to faith among all the nations for His name's sake; among whom are you also called to be Jesus Christ's, our Lord.

Gradual: Exod 16:6-7 This day you shall know that the Lord will come and save us: and in the morning you shall see His glory. Ps 79:2-3 O Shepherd of Israel, hearken, O Guide of the flock of Joseph! From Your throne upon the Cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasse. Alleluia, alleluia. On the morrow the sins of the earth shall be washed away, and the Savior of the world will be our King. Alleluia.

Gospel: (Matt 1:18-21) When Mary, the Mother of Jesus, has been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. But Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wishing to expose her to reproach, was minded to put her away privately. But while he thought on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Do not be afraid, Joseph, son of David, to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is begotten in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins.

Offertory: Lift up, O gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, that the King of glory may come in.

Secret: Grant us, we beseech You, almighty God, that, as we anticipate the celebration of Your Son's birthday, so we may joyfully receive His everlasting gifts. Look with favor, O Lord, we beseech You, upon the offerings here present, that they may be profitable for our devotion and for our salvation.

Communion: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all mankind shall see the salvation of our God.

Post Communion: Grant us, we beseech You, O Lord, to begin a new life with this commemoration of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Who gives us food and drink in His heavenly sacrament.



Music for today's 11:00 am Mass

- Processional Hymn: Creator of the Stars of Night, Blue Book, #2
- Kyrie and Gloria: Missa Orbis Factor, Sundays of Advent & Lent, XVII, Blue Book, P. 28 – 29
- Credo: Credo I, Blue Book, p 32-34
- Offertory: Ubi Caritas et Amor, Blue Book, #213
- Sanctus, Agnus Dei, and Ite Missa Est: Missa Orbis Factor, Sundays of Advent & Lent, XVII, Blue Book, P. 28 – 29
- Communion: Ave Maris Stella, Blue Book, #146
- Recessional: Creator of the Stars of Night, Blue Book, #2

Prayer Intentions

Please pray for the sick, our deceased parishioners, and those who are not able to receive the sacraments.

Arthur Portzer †, Bill Rossi, Kathy Lutsek, Barb Sarko, Mike Vesco, Leonard Nethers, Eugenia Sanders, Daniel Corrado, Janice Reardon, Louise Glassburner, Paula Conti, and everyone on the church's prayer list.

If you are home-bound, please let Fr. Fongemie know how you are doing. If your absence is serious or prolonged, he will try to visit.

Candles for this Week

These candles are available weekly for your intentions. The Sanctuary Lamp is \$10. Others are \$4 each

- **Sanctuary:** For Theresa and Andrew Platt and Family
- **St. Pio:** For the conversion of my children by Terry D'Angelo
- **St. Francis:** Rosemarie Ropelewski by Virginia White
- **Blessed Mother:** Josephine Patterson and Virginia White
- **Holy Innocents:** Barbara Sarko