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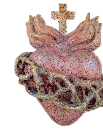
Immaculate Conception, circa 1615–20, Francisco Pacheco

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Old St. Mary office hours are *Mon.-Thurs., from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and Friday, from 9 a.m. - noon.*

Sacred Heart office hours are *by appointment.*

MASSES

Sunday

7:30 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin
9:30 a.m. | Sung Traditional Latin
11:30 a.m. | German
1:00 p.m. | English

Monday-Friday

7:15 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin
12:10 p.m. | English

Saturday

7:15 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin
9:00 a.m. | English

First Friday Mass

6:30 p.m. | Traditional Latin

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE*

Sunday

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. &
12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Monday-Friday

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. & 7:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Evening Masses

45 minutes before Mass

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Tuesday

8:00 a.m. - noon & 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. with
Holy Hour with Benediction beginning at 7:30 p.m.

First Friday – All Night Vigil

Following the 6:30 p.m. Mass

MASSES

Sunday

9:00 a.m. | English Mass
11:00 a.m. | Sung Traditional Latin Mass

Friday

9:00 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin Mass

First Saturday Mass

9:00 a.m. | Traditional Latin Mass

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE*

Sunday

8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Friday

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

First Saturday

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.



GENERAL SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Holy Day Masses

Please check bulletin.

Baptisms

If possible, please contact the parish office one
month prior to due date to start planning.

Weddings

Contact the parish office at least six months prior.
Must be an active parishioner, attending Mass,
for at least one year before scheduling.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact a parish priest as soon as possible.

*When there is no Mass, please note that there will be no confessions
beforehand. Check the bulletin for any other changes.

NOTE *from the* PASTOR



December rarely asks for permission before sweeping us into its swirl of expectation. The Church, however, in her steady wisdom, gives us a map: Advent. These weeks call us to slow down, watch, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Our Lord—quietly, steadily, without the frenzy that so easily passes for “holiday spirit.” Advent is the season

when silence speaks louder than noise and grace waits patiently for us to notice it.

At the heart of this month stands the radiant feast of the **Immaculate Conception, December 8, a Holy Day of Obligation**. In honoring Our Lady’s conception without stain of sin, the Church reminds us that God wastes nothing—not even the first moment of a life. Mary is the dawn announcing the Sun of Justice, the chosen vessel through whom the Eternal Word would take flesh. Her purity is not a quaint ornament of piety but the blazing sign of God’s determination to save His people. Please be sure to attend Mass on this day.

In that spirit of expectant hope, we will hold our **Annual Solemn Rorate Mass on Saturday, December 13 at 6:45 a.m.** Celebrated by candlelight in honor of Our Lady, this Mass has a way of reaching the soul more quickly than the coffee pot.

There is something about stepping into the dark church, the only light coming from flickering candles and the soft glow on the altar, that makes one understand Advent more than any sermon ever could.

The following week, on **Tuesday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m.**, join us for our **Musical Oratory of Advent**. This evening of sacred music, prayer, and meditations is designed to steady the heart and lift it toward the mystery of the season. All focusing on the prophecies concerning Our Lord’s coming.

And speaking of the Nativity: **The Incarnation** stands at the center of everything we believe. God did not merely send instructions, or inspiration, or a distant blessing. He stepped into our world, our history, our weakness, our very flesh. The Word became one of us so that we might become gods, as St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas remind us. Christmas is not sentimental decoration; it is the bold proclamation that heaven bent low to touch earth.

May this Advent calm your heart, strengthen your hope, and prepare you well for the coming of the Lord.

Have a blessed Advent and month ahead!

Fr. Jon-Paul Bevak

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Women's Oratory

Ladies looking for spiritual recharging, fellowship and community are welcome to attend our monthly Women's Oratory meeting held on the first Saturday of the month. The next meeting is on **December 6** at Sacred Heart at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to join the email list, please reach out to Lisa Bloomfield at lisamarielbloomfield@gmail.com

Catholics United for Faith

There will be no meeting on **December 8** due to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. For any questions, visit www.cufcincinnati.org

Conversion Class

Please note: there will be no Conversion Classes on December 8, 22 and 29.

Parish Registration & Census

If you have not yet filled out the parish registration or census form, please do so. Everyone who wishes to be registered in the parish must fill out this form. We are updating our entire database with the most up-to-date and correct information, so we are asking for everyone's cooperation as we work on this.

Fezziwig Ball 2026

We are excited to invite parishioners 13 and older to attend the annual Fezziwig Ball on January 16, 2026, at the Ft. Thomas Mess Hall. As always, a professional historical dance caller will be teaching and leading fun dances while we are whisked back in time with the sounds of a live quartet of talented musicians! New this year: **EARLY-BIRD** pricing until November 30! Follow the link below or scan the QR code for more information and purchase your ticket: <https://thefezziwigball.my.canva.site/>



Learn about the Faith

Just a reminder that the parish has a **FORMED** account that you can use to access Catholic videos and resources to learn about the Faith. To register, visit formed.org and click sign-up. Register as a parishioner and search for Oratory Parishes or use 45202 as the zip code. You will then have access to these resources!

Men's Secular Oratory meeting will next meet on Saturday, December 27 at 8 a.m.

Adorers Needed!

Could you not spend but one hour with Me? Please contact the parish office if you are interested in signing up for an hour, or to substitute. Adoration is on Tuesday and First Fridays. See our hours under the parish schedule. You may call the parish office or visit adoration.oldstmarys.org to sign up. The minimum is two adorers per hour, but our goal is nine hundred! Everyone is welcome at any time during Exposition, even if you can't take a scheduled hour or be a substitute. Please help us keep adoration at Old St. Mary alive!



Sorrowful Mother Novena

Pray with the Sorrowful Mother Adoration group on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Fridays of each month during all night Adoration. Eucharistic Exposition and devotions to our Sorrowful Lady start after 7:00 p.m. Mass, and continue until 6:30 a.m. Saturday morning, concluding with Benediction and Mass at 7:15 a.m. For more information or to be included in our communication list, contact Mark Sharpshair mesharpshair@fuse.net.



SOLEMN VESPERS ON THE EVE of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

December 7 | 7:30 p.m.

*Featuring the Athenaeum Chorale and
Mount St. Mary's Latin Schola*

Mount St. Mary's Seminary
6616 Beechmont Avenue 45230



Sung First Friday Mass and All Night Vigil

Old St. Mary will have Sung First Friday Mass and All Night Vigil on **December 5** at 6:30 p.m. There will be no evening First Friday Mass or All Night Vigil in January.

First Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart will have First Saturday Mass on **December 6** at 9:00 a.m. (Low Latin)

Sacred Heart Potluck Social

Join us in the church hall at Sacred Heart for a potluck-style social on the first Sunday of every month after 11:00 a.m. Mass. The next potluck will be on Sunday, **December 7**. Bring a favorite food or beverage and get to know members of our church community.

Immaculate Conception

Mass for this Holy Day of Obligation on **December 8** will be at Old St. Mary at 7:15 a.m. (Low Latin) 12:10 p.m. (English) and 6:30 p.m. (Sung Latin). Sacred Heart Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. (Low Latin). **Please note that the parish office will be closed.**

Please note: the all-night Eucharistic Vigil at Old St. Mary is cancelled on Friday, December 12.

Rorate Mass

Our annual solemn Rorate Mass (High Latin) will be on Saturday, **December 13** at 6:45 a.m. at Old St. Mary. Please join us for this annual tradition. *Please note that Mass is at 6:45 a.m. and not 7:15 a.m.*



Please note: Catechism, Confession and Evening Adoration on Tuesday, December 16, 23, and 30 are cancelled.

Musical Oratory of Advent

Join us on **December 16** at 6:30 p.m. for our annual Musical Oratory of Advent. An evening of reflection and choral music on the prophecies regarding the Incarnation. Readings and musical pieces are in Latin, English, and German.

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

Masses at Old St. Mary will be 7:15 a.m. (Low Latin) and 9:00 a.m. (English) on Christmas Eve morning.



Christmas Mass Schedule

At Old St. Mary, carols at will begin at 11:30 p.m. Procession to the crib will be at 11:50 p.m., with Mass at midnight (High Latin). Christmas morning Masses will be at 7:15 a.m. (Low Latin), 9:30 a.m. (High Latin), 11:30 a.m. (German) and 1:00 p.m. (English). Sacred Heart Masses will be at 9:00 a.m. (English) and 11:00 a.m. (Sung Latin).

Please note: there will be no Vespers on December 28 at Old St. Mary. Sung Vespers will resume on January 4.

Please note: the parish office will be closed on December 31 and January 1 for the New Year's holiday.

New Year's Mass Schedule

On Wednesday, **December 31**, Mass at Old St. Mary will be at 7:15 a.m. (Low Latin) and 9:00 a.m. (English). On New Year's Eve, there will be a Holy Hour from 11:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. On **January 1**, Masses at Old St. Mary will be at 9:00 a.m. (Low Latin) and 11:00 a.m. (English). There will be **no** 12:10 p.m. Mass nor confessions at 11:15 a.m. There will be a 10:00 a.m. (Sung Latin) Mass at Sacred Heart. On **January 2**, Mass at Old St. Mary will be at 7:15 a.m. (Low Latin) and 12:10 p.m. (English). There will be **no** 9:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart.

Carmelite Corner

Praised be Jesus Christ! This has been a very blessed and busy time for us. Sister Kathleen from Chicago was on retreat to prepare for her Clothing ceremony which took place on November 24. We have a couple young women who have made multiple visits and are applying for entrance. As a new community we wish to dig deep foundations as we have many who request to visit. Our hope is to grow slowly to have a strong and well-balanced community for the future.

Our *ministry of creation* in Bethel is growing as well as we have added a few more animals to our farm family. Our hope is to lead children and families to the Creator through His creation. We have been very blessed with St. Rita's School for the Deaf and others already visiting our farm. The animals are a great opportunity to reach people that we would not usually be able to get to know and talk to. This property is for the use of the Sisters, their formation, and for children and families in the tri-state area to come and to grow closer to God through creation, prayer, and relationship. Please find our newsletter in the back of church for more information.

We will host our annual Advent retreat for young girls on December 13-14, (girls ages 9-12). We will once again be having our annual fundraising event on January 7 ("Little Christmas") at the Sacred Heart hall. The youth of Old St. Mary along with the Sisters will be celebrating the canonization of the Carmelite Martyrs of Compiègne which took place on December 18, 2024. Please find flyers in the back of church with more details about both events. The girls ages 6-8 from Little Flowers will gather on December 6 at OSM at our regular time. Our Sodality (for girls 13-18) will have a movie night and get-together in December as well. Ascend Carmel (young adults) will meet on December 14, feast of St. John of the Cross, at 4:15 p.m. in Father Felton Hall.

We were blessed to be invited to Holy Hill in Wisconsin to pray before the relics of St. Therese. We prayed for you and for all of your intentions. It was a graced visit with Therese and the Carmelite Friars.

Thank you for your friendship, prayers, and support as we continue to build something beautiful for God and for all of you ... one heart at a time. *Pax et gaudium!*



Musical Notes

There are some liturgies in our parishes that I would very much like to be a "less" beautiful musical experience. Namely, First Friday Masses and Solemn Vespers. You see, when a choir finds itself in a less full, or even mostly empty, church, the singers are often delighted to find that the hard surfaces of the building reverberate the sound more effectively, and to experience a rich, full, uninterrupted choral sound compared to, say, Sunday Masses.

But the sound a church choir makes is meant to be absorbed by coats, become obscured in the sounds of crying children, and otherwise fall far short of the "deal" sonority achieved during rehearsal on a weekday night in an empty church. That is because, as Pope Pius XII reminds us in his 1947 Encyclical, *Mediator Dei*, "The splendor and grandeur of a high Mass, however, are very much increased if, as the Church desires, the people are present in great numbers and with devotion."

Great numbers or no, the work of sacred music is worth it for the glorification of God—the ever-present, only-essential "Audience of One." But sacred music is also there for the edification of the faithful—and I think many people who have not yet attended an evening First Friday Mass sung by the children of *Laudate Pueri*, or monthly Solemn Vespers with polyphony, would be quite surprised by the beauty of these liturgies, and find the words of St. Augustine, cited in the same Encyclical, true for them:

"When Vespers are conducted in a worthy and fitting manner and with such helps as foster the piety of the faithful [...], they will experience what St. Augustine said about himself: 'How much did I weep during hymns and verses, greatly moved at the sweet singing of thy Church. Their sound would penetrate my ears and their truth melt my heart, sentiments of piety would well up, tears would flow and that was good for me.'"

This Advent, there are two opportunities to hear Vespers sung with special beauty—on Sunday, December 7, with polyphony sung by the Oratory Singers, and on December 21, with the St. Philip Neri Choristers, featuring one of the great "O" Antiphons.

Additionally, the Sung Rorate Mass of Our Lady on December 13, at 6.45 a.m., to coincide with the dawn as we await Christ the Dayspring, and the Musical Oratory of Advent on December 16, at 6.30 p.m., featuring the *Laudate Pueri Schola Cantorum*, alongside the Oratory Singers in a classic lessons and carols format with Benediction, are not to be missed.

I am so grateful to the dedicated musicians at OSM and Sacred Heart for their hard work, especially during this busy season. Thank a musician (not me!) if you run across one between rehearsals! From all of us in the choir lofts—a blessed Advent, and a Merry Christmas! Hope to see you lots!

– Sean Connolly, MCM - Director of Sacred Music / Organist

Pray for Our Sick

Vincent Latorre, Mary Ann Ridenour, Kathleen M. Campbell, Andrew Finck, Lynn Strasser, Kate Schneider, Bill Otteson, Jeannie Mueller, John Paul Downes, John & Erin Hays, Deacon Ken DeHanes, Wilma & Gary Brown, Bob Gruber, Gale Campbell, Richard Buettner, Mary Gardner, Bob Ball, Mary Frances & Sophia Sharpshair, Tom & Maria Grow, Julie Dietrich, Steven Marsh, Steve Fiest, Susan Mueller, Diana Dahlhausen, Terri Huwel, Tom Franz, Becky Fairchild, Joseph Downes, Noelle Polisso, Jackson, Melissa, Terri, Emmy & Abby, Ginny Tullo, and Carlos Latorre

Baptisms

Therese Marie Berling
William Matthew Slater
Jewel Elizabeth Donahoe
Catherine Elizabeth-Anne Wieszczeek
Isaac Alphonse Luke McRae
Jewel Elizabeth Donahoe
Vincent Josef Meyer

“The day of the Nativity of the Mother of God is a day of universal joy, because through the Mother of God, the entire human race was renewed, and the sorrow of the first mother, Eve, was transformed into joy.” - *Saint John Damascene*

Three Christmas Masses at Old Saint Mary

Angel's Mass at Midnight



Nativity with Saints Francis and Lawrence
Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio
circa 1609

Shepherd's Mass at Dawn (7:30 a.m.)



Adoration of the Shepherds
Bartolomé Esteban Murillo
circa 1668-69

King's Mass of the Day (9:30 a.m.)

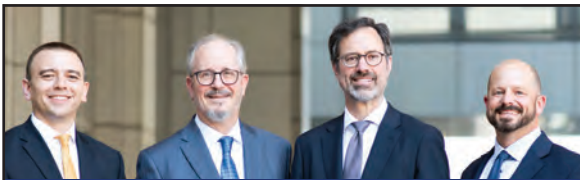


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Bartolomé Esteban Murillo
circa 1655-1660



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