



Mustard Seed Community

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

DIOCESE OF COVINGTON, KY

Dec 2023/Jan 2024

Intentional Rosary/Prayer Line

- The MSC Service Team prays rosaries, with the mention of an individual intention for each Hail Mary. If you have a specific intention you would like prayers for, please email CharismaticNKY@gmail.com or contact Carol Hodge (859-341-5932).

MSC's Monthly 1st Friday, Mass & Healing Service

- Dec 1 at St. Joseph Church in Crescent Springs. Please join us for a Candlelight Mass hosted by the Angelico Project, a newly formed group in our area which fosters FAITH through beauty through the various Arts. Confessions at 6pm and Mass at 7 with celebrant Fr. Eric Boelscher. Following Mass, the MSC Prayer Teams will be present for those who would like to receive individual prayer. We hope to see you there! (There also follows a young adult social after Mass.)
- Jan 5 at St. Joseph Church in Crescent Springs with celebrant Fr. Berdinand Nicholas, a Rosarian priest. Please join us at 6:30pm with music by the Sacred Heart Praise Band, followed by Mass at 7.

MSC's Monthly 3rd Tuesday, Spirit & Grace Prayer Encounter

- Dec 19 and Jan 16 at 7-8:45 pm in the Parish Center at Blessed Sacrament Church in Ft. Mitchell. Bring a friend in giving thanks to Our God with music and prayer!

Charismatic style Masses and Healing Services around the Tri-State area!

- First Friday Mass/Healing Service held by the MSC at St. Joseph in Crescent Springs, KY, as described above.
- First Wednesday of each month, 7:30–9 pm at St. Ignatius of Loyola Church, 5222 North Bend Road, Cincinnati, OH. It is a Mass followed by a Healing Service, hosted by the Lighthouse Charismatic Community of Cincinnati.
- First Thursday, periodically (none in Dec) 7 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM), 5876 Veterans Way, Burlington, KY, Mass/Healing Service with Msgr. Fosu.
- Third Tuesday each month at St. Philip Church, 5746 Mary Ingles Hwy, Melbourne. Healing Mass at 7 pm with Fr. Bob Rottgers.
- Third Tuesday each month at St. Nicholas Church, 6461 E. St. Nicholas Dr., Sunman, IN. Confessions start at 6:30 pm followed by a Eucharistic Healing Service at 7. There is no Mass; the night consists of praise/worship music, a talk by their pastor Fr. Whittington, a Eucharistic procession, individual healing prayer by their pastor, and "soaking prayer" by their prayer teams.
- Fourth Wednesday of each month, 7:15 pm at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, 5440 Moeller Ave, Norwood, OH. Mass followed by Healing Service.

Keep us alert, we pray, O Lord our God, as we await the advent of Christ your Son, so that, when he comes and knocks, he may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise. (Collect for Monday of the first week of Advent)

Annual Octave Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan 18 – 25

- Between the Feast of St. Peter on Jan. 18th and the Conversion of St. Paul on Jan. 25th, Christians worldwide join in the Octave Prayer for Christian Unity, that “they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you.”

NOV 30 – CHRISTMAS...ST. ANDREW NOVENA

Thursday Nov 30 is the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, the first of the Apostles and the brother of St. Peter. The St. Andrew Christmas Novena is traditionally prayed from his feast day through Christmas Eve, when it concludes. We do not pray to St. Andrew for his intercession; this novena is a prayer to God in honor of St. Andrew. It's easy!! The traditional praying of the Novena involves saying the following short prayer 15 times daily:

Saint Andrew Christmas Novena Prayer – Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

NOV 29 - DEC 7...IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NOVENA

On Dec 8, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To spiritually prepare ourselves, please consider praying the 9-day novena leading up to this day, starting Nov 29 and ending the day before the feast day, on Dec 7; some people start it on Nov 30 and end on Dec 8. Some recite a decade of the rosary each day, or the whole rosary, some say the prayers in a church, some receive Holy Communion at least one of the days, others attend daily Mass...in other words, there is no magic formula to this. So just run with it and pray with sincere faith, trust, love, and thanksgiving! “O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you!” Here are 2 suggested daily prayers; find more online!

Prayer to the Immaculate Conception: O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve Her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through Her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen

Novena Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially (special intention). We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever. Amen

DEC 8...“HOUR OF GRACE”

From Nov 24–Dec 8, 1946, the Blessed Mother appeared 11 times to Sister Pierina in a little church in Montichiari, Italy, telling her she wanted to be known as the “Mystical Rose” and that an hour of grace should be kept at noon, every Dec 8th, in all the Catholic Churches of the world. "This will be my Hour of Grace." The Sister asked how she was to prepare for this Hour of Grace? To which the Blessed Mother said, "with prayers and penance. Pray the 51st Psalm with outstretched arms three times. During the Hour of Grace, many spiritual graces would be granted. The most hard-hearted sinners will be touched by the grace of God." The Blessed Mother promised that whatever a person asked her for during this Hour of Grace (even in impossible cases) would be granted to them, if it was in accordance with the Will of the Eternal Father. Many spiritual graces and physical blessings will be received by those who pray, undisturbed, during this hour.

Request of Our Heavenly Mother for the Hour of Grace:

1. To be started Dec 8 from 12 noon until 1pm (one full hour of prayer);
2. During this time, either at home or in a church, one must put away all distractions;
3. Begin the Hour of Grace by praying 3 times the 51st Psalm with outstretched arms;
4. The rest of the Hour of Grace may be silent communication with God, adoring the Sacred Host, meditating upon Jesus' Passion, praying the Holy Rosary, praising God in your own way or by using favorite prayers, singing hymns, etc.