# This Advent

# through the Eucharist, unite yourself to Jesus

#### **December 10, 2023**

Give to the poor Jesus in the Eucharist "Commits us to the poor," says the Catechism. "To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren." Find a way to serve the poor as a family: Donate to the parish food pantry or Christmas baskets, support city initiative that helps the poor. Make a visit to the Eucharist to pray for who you served with your donation.

Commit to the Church It's not our human love or respect for one another that makes the Church what it is — the Eucharist "makes the church," says the Catechism. To live the Eucharist, serve your parish, diocese or a religious order by giving a little more in your Sunday contribution.



# **GREATER TOLEDO INTERNATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA**







YANG KUN SONG MUSIC DIRECTOR & CONDUCTOR ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR

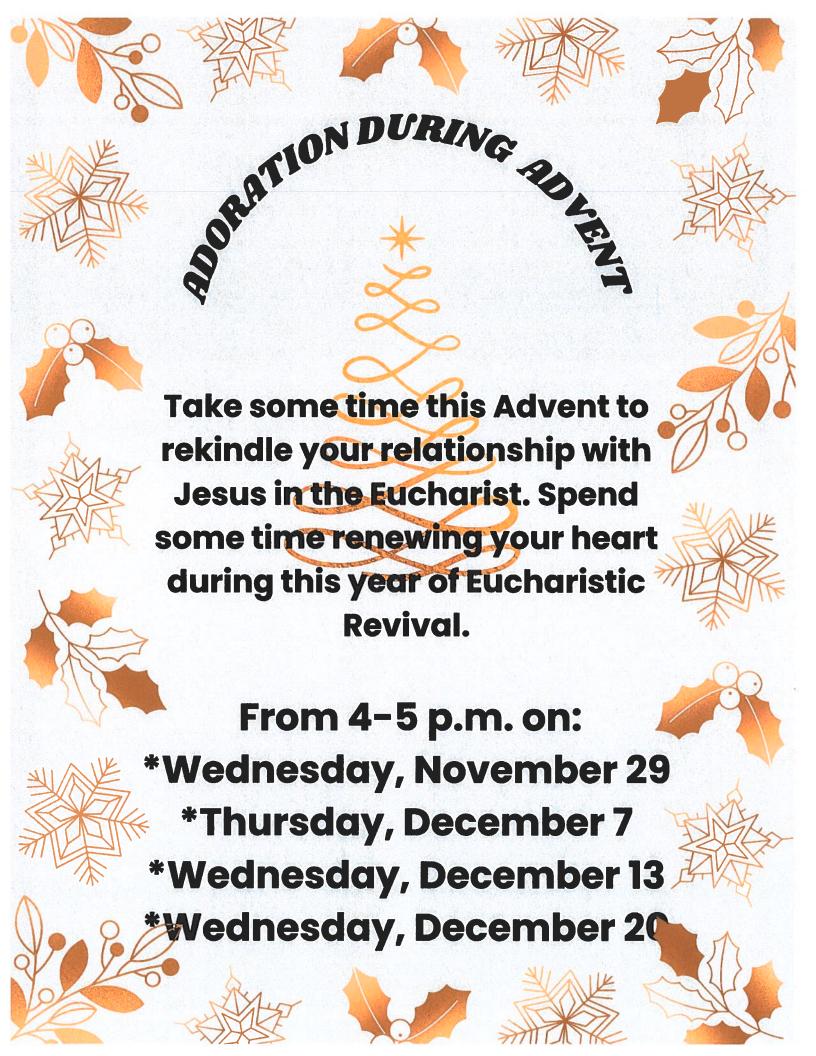
DAVID OLIVER

There is no admission fee, but the GTiYO Student Council is accepting donations of new toys for "Toys for Tots".

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023 • 1:00 PM** 

THE HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK 130 AVONDALE AVE · TOLEDO, OHIO







## Join us for our Christmas Bake Sale Sunday, December 17, 2023 (after Mass in back of church)

1:00 pm enjoy the

Greater Toledo International Youth

Orchestra Christmas Concert (No Charge)

The Historic Church of Saint Patrick
130 Avondale Avenue

# Merry Christmas

#### HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 24	Sunday Mass @ St. Patrick's	8:00 am & 10:00 a.m. Mass
December 24	Sunday Mass @ Immaculate	11:00 a.m. Mass
December 24	Christmas Eve @ Immaculate	4:00 pm Children's Mass
December 24	Christmas Eve @ St. Patrick's	6:00 pm Children's Mass
December 24	Christmas Eve @ St. Patrick's	11:30 pm Carols/Midnight Mass
December 24	Christmas Eve @ Immaculate	12:00 am Midnight Mass
December 25	Christmas Day @ St. Patrick's	9:00 am Mass
December 25	Christmas Day @ Immaculate	9:00 am Mass
January 1	New Year's Day @ St. Patrick's	9:00 am Mass
January 1	New Year's Day @ Immaculate	9:00 am Mass

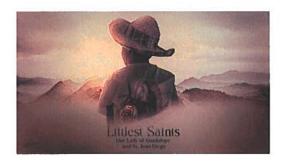


# Week of December 10, 2023



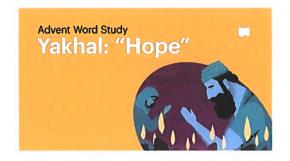
### The Spirituality of Advent

Dr. Tim Gray discusses the spirituality of Advent and the joy of waiting for Christ.



#### **Our Lady of Guadalupe | Littlest Saints**

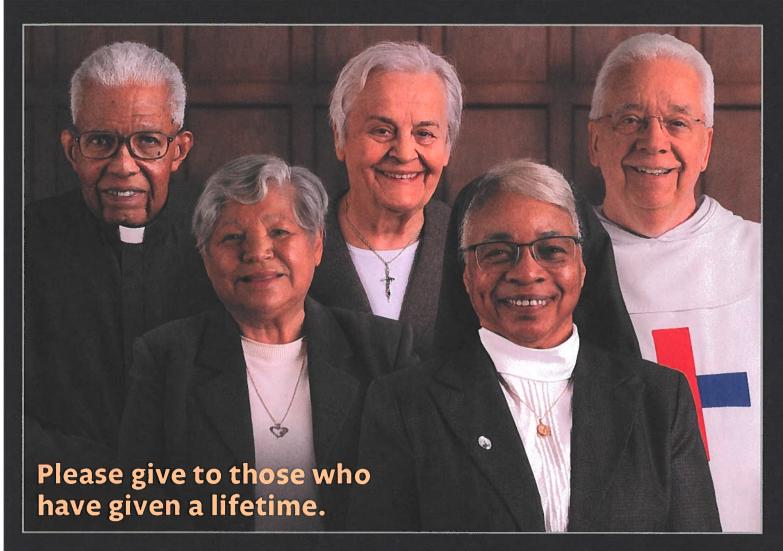
A boy, his sneakers, and a giant sombrero take up the story of St. Juan Diego's miraculous encounter with the Blessed Virgin Mary. How far will Our Lady ask him to reach out in faith, trust, and confidence?



# Yakhal/Hope | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

In the Bible people who have hope are very different from optimists! In this video, we'll explore how biblical hope looks to God's character alone as a basis for trusting that the future will be better than the present.

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# Retirement Fund for Religious

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Sister Marianna Danko, SSMI, 80;
Father James Day, OSST, 77.
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Sister Celeste Burgos, MHSH, 79;
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