



Second Sunday of ADVENT December 7, 2014

Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low.

— Isaiah 40:4

*The padding for the seats and kneelers will be arriving soon.
More painting of columns and walls will take place next month.*



SUNDAY- December 7 - Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

7:30 am - Martin L. Cano †

10:00 am - Rick Snow †

11:30 am - Vietnamese Community - Fr. Phi Nguyen, Celebrant

5:00 pm - Frank & Ella Mae Fossati †

Vigil Mass: Feast of Immaculate Conception (Holyday of Obligation)

MONDAY - December 8 - Immaculate Conception of BVM

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

8:00 am - Les Boehm †

5:00 pm - In Thanksgiving: for successful Festival, all Donors, Benefactors and entire Parish Family

TUESDAY - December 9 - St Juan Diego

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

8:00 am - B. J. Berger †



WEDNESDAY - December 10

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

8:00 am - O. D. Rosse

THURSDAY - December 11 - St Damasus I, Pope

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

8:00 am - Luciano Say †

FRIDAY - December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

8:00 am - For Those Persecuted for Their Faith †

SATURDAY - December 13 - St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

8:00 am - Frank & Julia Sedlar †

5:00 pm - Danny, Sally & John Frazier †

SUNDAY - December 14 - Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - Pastor

10:00 am - Francine Murray †

NEXT WEEKEND - December 13 & 14

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

of HOLY COMMUNION

and LECTORS

Sat. 5:00 pm - Harvin Suggs Kathleen Edwards

Lillian Berger, Roxan Salziger

Sun. 7:30 am - Sherry Kainer James Novak

Joy Loest

Sun. 10:00 am - April Nunley Edie Wilson-Johnston

Alvin/Claudia Schoener

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat 5:00 pm - Brandy Chamrad, Lacie Linam, Suzie Ryan

Sun 7:30 am - Nicole Easley, Austin Kainer, Sydney Goslin

Sun 10:00 am - Allison Nunley, Ross Nunley, Eric/Reice Tibiletti

USHERS:

5:00 pm - Mike John, F. Motal, T. Goslin, R. Dominguez

7:30 am - Frank Marbach, James Novak, Michael Fikac

10:00 am - Kenny Spann, Al Schoener, Jeremy Kurtz, H. Raska

ALTAR CLEANER(S):

Gloria Hofer & Margaret Baros

SUNDAY - Second Sunday of Advent

Extra Envl. Coll: **Building Repairs**

11:30 am - Vietnamese Community - Fr. Phi Nguyen, Celebrant

5:00 pm - Vigil Mass: Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holyday of Obligation)

Note-It is the Patronal Feastday of the United States of America

MONDAY - 8 am & 5 pm Masses > Holyday of Obligation

Festival Wrap-up Meeting - after 5pm Mass

WEDNESDAY - R.C.I.A. - 7:00 pm - Rel. Edu. Bldg.

FRIDAY - PARISH SOCIAL - 6:30 pm

SATURDAY - Confessions 4:00 - 4:30 pm

SUNDAY - Third Sunday of Advent FaithAlive Sunday

Second Collection: Extra Envl: **D.S.A.**

Special Coll.: Retirement Fund for Religious

EXILE

Both Isaiah and Peter had the task of comforting and encouraging their communities during times of exile. The Israelites were in geographic exile from Israel; to them this was, in effect, the same as being in exile from their God. The early Christians, following the Resurrection, expected an immediate return of Christ in glory; they, too, felt in "exile" as the delay of the Second Coming grew longer and longer. All four of scripture's authors today—Isaiah, the psalmist, Peter, and Mark—hasten to help us see things in God's terms, not ours. They want us to know that we can never truly be exiled from God, or from God-among-us, since we know that when the faithful are gathered, Christ has come into their midst. Instead, we are encouraged today to do what we can from our end to shorten the time of our exile: to repent of our sins, to return our lives to the Lord, to live as people who seek the coming day of the Lord, when "kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss" (Psalm 85:10).

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THANK YOU *Your Generosity is Appreciated*

WEEKEND of 11-22/23-14 Count - 427

Envelopes..... \$ 2,742.00

Loose..... 893.00

Other Donations..... 660.00

Total Operating Income.....\$ 4,295.00

Extra Coll Envl..... (StVdPaul "Black Bag").....\$ 1,379.50

D.S.A.....\$ 100.00

Please Pray for Our Sick

Chris Stroh, Tina Moya, Jim Vacek, Mary A. Hoerig,
Daria Sanchez, Sandra McKeown, Diane Mendoza, Bill Hough,
Eunice Morkovsky, George Boedeker, Bob Kubesch, & Margie Tater

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~ Children's Christmas Eve Mass ~
All Choir & Skit Practices are in Church

Choir: Sundays: Dec 7 & 21 after 10 Mass
Tuesdays: Dec 9 & 16 at 5:30 p.m.
Skit: Tuesday Dec 16 from 6:45 - 7:30
Sunday Dec 21 from 11:15 - 12:30

All our young people are encouraged to participate.
Contact info: Toni Schaar - 578-4561 (Choir)
Contact info: Monica Huddleston - 935-1006 (Skit)

<+> **PARISH FESTIVAL WRAP-UP** <+>

The (Holyday of Obligation) **DECEMBER 8th**
5:00 pm mass is being offered for the intention of:
In Thanksgiving: For all donors, benefactors,
Parish Family & the blessing of a successful Parish Festival

The mass will be followed by the Wrap-Up meeting and a meal. Bring a dessert or other side dish to share. Entrée and drink will be provided.



Generations of Faith ~ GOF
Religious Education Classes

It is never too late to register!

If you have not registered, register at the next GOF class OR call the Rectory 575-3813 or Laurie Bautista @ 573-9561

- Dec 7 GOF Class
- Dec 14 GOF **FaithAlive Sunday**
- Dec 21 GOF Class
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Mass
- Dec 28 No GOF Class - Christmas Break



Join us. The GOF door is ALWAYS opened.

FaithAlive Sunday

THEME: The Banner of Service
TIME: 8:30 (after 7:30 Mass) - 9:45
PLACE: Church Basement
Coffee, Juice, and Donuts & Breakfast Rolls



ALL gifts are being picked up from the giving tree on December 7th. If you missed the chance to place the wrapped gift under the tree, you must now return the gift to the Rectory of Our Lady of Victory. Take the wrapped gift with securely attached tag to OLV. All distribution and delivery operations are being co-ordinated at the OLV site.

WAKE UP THE WORLD! Pope Francis has named 2015 the Year of Consecrated Life which began Sunday, Nov. 30, 2014. We celebrated the opening of this year in our diocese at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral at the 9:00 am Mass. **Did you know** that we have Five Religious Communities represented in the Victoria Diocese? There are two Religious Communities of men: The Trinitarians at Immaculate Conception in Goliad and The Missionary Society of Saint Paul at Holy Family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus in Victoria. There are three Religious Communities of women: Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament Sisters at Incarnate Word Convent, Nazareth Academy, Our Lady of Victory and St. Joseph High School in Victoria, and Sacred Heart Elementary and High School in Hallettsville; The Missionary Catechists of the Sacred Heart in Victoria and the Dominican of Mary Immaculate Province Sisters at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic School in Port Lavaca and St. Ludmila Academy and St. Paul High School in Shiner. Look forward to more updates.

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY will host a Christmas dinner at Bay Side Seafood, 4202 N. Navarro, at 6:30 pm, Monday, December 15th.
All Society Members and Catholic men of our Parish who are interested in becoming Society Members are invited.
The cost of the meal will be provided by the Society.
Drinks are at *your* expense.
For more details call Dennis Boehm at 574-8569.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

All active and inactive members of Altar Society-come to the annual Christmas Party on Mon., December 22, 2014. Rosary 6pm, short meeting 6:30pm. Everyone attending please bring a Salad and/or Dessert dish to share. For gift exchange, everyone who wishes to participate needs to bring a gift in the dollar amount of \$10 to \$12. We also will have the annual shower for Perpetual Help Home-bring something for it, example, soap, tissue, deodorant, shampoo, paper towels, etc. Maybe some goodies for children. Looking forward to a festive & social evening with Altar Society members we have missed not seeing. Please try to join us. Wishing all a Merry & Blessed Christmas.



St. Mary's ADORATION CHAPEL Victoria, Tx has openings on Mondays 12-1 p.m., Tuesdays 9-10 a.m. and Thursdays from 9-10 a.m., 1-2 p.m. and 3-4 p.m. If you would like to volunteer as an adorer, please call **Germaine Wearden** at 235-1812 for the access code.

Amor Meus Spirituality Center

1101 N. E. Water St. Victoria, TX - Call 361-575-7111 for information

Advent Solemn Vespers - Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2014

Solemn Vespers is the Liturgical Evening Prayer of the Church and focuses on praying the psalms, giving thanks for the day and offering praise. Vespers conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 5:00 pm-5:45 pm in the Convent Chapel.

Silent Guided Day Retreat - December 13, 2014

Theme: "Jesus, The Messiah, and His Mother" Fr. Bob Hogan, BBD, will direct the retreat from 9:30 am-3:30 pm. A Silent Guided One-Day Retreat includes at least two presentations, Liturgy or prayer service and ample time for personal prayer.

OLS Bereavement Support Group Christmas Social will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 5:00pm at Ramsey's Restaurant, 1403 N. Navarro. Instead of gifts, please bring a canned good to be donated to the needy. Any widow is invited to attend this function. For more info, call Naomi Odom 648-3318.



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WEEKEND of	11-29/30-14	Count - 398
Envelopes.....		\$ 2,271.00
Loose.....		832.75
Other Donations.....		622.00
Total Operating Income.....		\$ 3,725.75
Extra Coll Envlp.....(Campaign for Hum Devlp).....		\$ 298.00
D.S.A.....		\$ 100.00

National Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious:

This second collection will be held in the Diocese of Victoria the **weekend of December 13-14, 2014**. This annual parish-based appeal is coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) in Washington and benefits more than 35,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests in the United States.