

**I am a voice  
crying out  
in the desert**



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**Third Sunday of  
ADVENT  
December 14, 2014**

Rejoice always.

Pray without ceasing.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16

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



**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 †

**MONDAY - December 15**

*Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27*

8:00 am - In Thanksgiving: Birthday of Fr. John

**TUESDAY - December 16**

*Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32*

8:00 am - Jim Bireley †

**WEDNESDAY - December 17**

*Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17*

8:00 am - Charles Rigamonti †

**5:00 - 6:00 pm - Christmas Reconciliation (Confessions)**

**THURSDAY - December 18**

*Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25*

8:00 am - Victor Neisser, Sr †

**FRIDAY - December 19**

*Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25*

8:00 am - Haley Michele Smith †

**SATURDAY- December 20 - Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38*

8:00 am - Tommy & Patricia Orsak †

5:00 pm - Billy & Clarissa Wilson †

**SUNDAY- December 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38*

7:30 am - Grace Fossati †

10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - Pastor

**NEXT WEEKEND - December 20 & 21**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

of **HOLY COMMUNION** and **LECTORS**

**Sat. 5:00 pm** - Geriann Neuman, Patricia Goslin  
Helen John

**Sun. 7:30 am** - Martha Nichols, Che Sanchez  
Cliff/Yvonne Moczygamba

**Sun. 10:00 am** - John Vecera, Joe Nevlud  
Howard/Carol Bludau

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

**Sat 5:00 pm** - Noah Vasquez, Nadia Vazquez, Abby Huddleston

**Sun 7:30 am** - Cameron Marbach, Jenny Marbach, Katelyn John

**Sun 10:00 am** - Jane Lambert, Julia Lambert, David Post

**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):**

Connie Novak & Jo Ann Lau



**SUNDAY - Third Sunday of Advent FaithAlive Sunday**

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

**Special Coll.: Retirement Fund for Religious**

**MONDAY - Holy Name Society meeting & Xmas Dinner**

**WEDNESDAY - 5 - 6 pm - Confession (pre-Christmas)**

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

**SATURDAY - Confessions 4:00 - 4:30 pm**

**SUNDAY - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*Extra EnvlColl: Altar Srvr Education Sclrshp Fund*

*7:30 am - Altar Society group Communion*

**MORE THAN DISCIPLES**

Each of today's four scriptural roles—disciple, prophet, apostle, herald—forms a facet of our life in Christ as we live it day by day. Isaiah tells us that a prophet is anointed, as we were anointed at our baptism in water and the Spirit, to bring glad tidings and to promote God's reign of healing, justice, and peace. An apostle, like Paul, is one who is "sent." Each of us, in his or her own way, is sent by Christ to be a voice of rejoicing, to encourage prophetic voices in the world, and to make sure that the work of the Spirit thrives. John the Baptist shows us the job of the herald, making the Lord's way straight, announcing the coming of the Light of the world.

Today we also hear from Mary, model disciple. Her song, the Magnificat, shows us the world we must believe in and work for: one in which God is praised, where God's favor is bestowed on the humble, where the hungry are filled and the rich are sent away empty, a world that continues to know and rejoice in the mercy of God that lasts for all ages.

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**WEEKEND of 12-6/7-14 Count - 448**

Envelopes..... \$ 3,944.00

Loose..... 1,217.00

Other Donations..... 595.00

**Total Operating Income.....\$ 5,756.00**

*ExtraCollEnvlp.....(Building Repair Fund).....\$ 540.00*

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

**Christmas Flowers.....\$ 943.00**

**Immaculate Conception HOLYDAY 12-7/8-14 Count - 212**

**Total Operating Income.....\$ 1,440.00**

**Please Pray for Our Sick**

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

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**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 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*

**2014 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**CONFESSIONS:**

**WEDNESDAY - 12-17-14.....5:00-6:00 PM**

**SATURDAY - 12-20-14.....4:00-4:30 PM**

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY**

12-22-14, 12-23-14, 12-24-14 .....7:30 7:55 AM

**MASSES:**

**WEDNESDAY- Christmas Vigil**

12-24-14.....(Children's Liturgy) **5:00 PM**

**MIDNIGHT MASS .....12:01 AM**

**THURSDAY - Christmas Day**

12-25-14.....**10:00 AM**



~ ~ *Children's Christmas Eve Mass* ~ ~

All Choir & Skit Practices are in Church

Choir: Sunday: Dec 21 after 10 Mass

Tuesday: Dec 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)



**Catherine Elaine Palmer**

*Eternal rest, grant unto her O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her. May  
she rest in peace. Amen*

**Society of St Vincent de Paul-REPORT- NOVEMBER 2014**

VCAM	\$ 200.00
UTILITIES	588.13
RENT	225.00
FOOD	276.00
MEDICAL	273.96
CELL PHONE	48.77
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,611.86</b>
<b>BLACK BAG COLLECTION.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,379.50</b>
<b>TOTAL FAMILIES HELPED.....</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>TOTAL PEOPLE HELPED.....</b>	<b>48</b>

**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.



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Youth Organization.

**Come Support our**  
**Victoria Squires Circle 2366**

by purchasing some **HOMEMADE STEW**

**When: Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am-- 12:00 noon**

**Where: St Mary's Rectory downtown Victoria, 402 S. Main Street**

For presale tickets contact Joe@ 361-550-3113 or Donald @361-649- 9556

**\$10/Quart till sold out**

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**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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*Amor Meus Spirituality Center*

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

**Advent Solemn Vespers - Dec. 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.  
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**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.  
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**IN DECEMBER, KC COUNCIL 1329 WILL NOT HAVE A CHICKEN BBQ ON THE 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

Availability will again resume on **JANUARY 18, 2015** and every month until July 2015.

**Support Religious communities.** "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund provides vital support for the retirement needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure that younger members can continue the good works of their elders!