

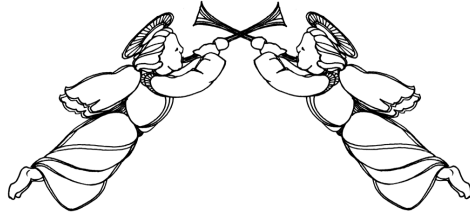
**Third
Sunday
of Advent**

**December 13,
2015**

With joy you will
draw water at the
fountain of salvation.

— Isaiah 12:3

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS



SUNDAY - Third Sunday of Advent

Second Collection: Diocesan Services Appeal
Spec.Coll.Envelopes: Retirement Fund for Religious

Dec. 13 - PARISH RETREAT - 5:00 - 6:30 pm
led by Sr. Miriam of the Missionary Catechists of the Sacred Heart

MONDAY - Holy Name Society Meeting/X-mas Party

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

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

BAPTISM: J.Roman Pizana-Parents: Jeremiah/Jessica Jolly Pizana

SUNDAY - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Altar Society Group Communion

ExtraEnvlColl: Altar Server Educ. Schlrshp Fund

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis chose to inaugurate the *Jubilee Year of Mercy* last Tuesday because December 8 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of Vatican II. That council, Pope Francis reminds us, inaugurated a new phase in the Church's history. The Spirit called the Church to tear down the walls that for far too long had made it a fortress, and to proclaim the gospel in a new, more accessible way. Pope Francis quotes Saint John XXIII in declaring the Church's preference for "the medicine of mercy," and Blessed Paul VI in proposing the Good Samaritan as our model for discipleship (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 4). Pope Francis adds that God's mercy is "the beating heart of the Gospel," and that mercy "must penetrate the heart and mind" of every disciple (*MV*, 12). Three times today's Gospel asks, "What should I do?" Pope Francis would say: Imitate Jesus, who came not wielding the fiery judgment that John the Baptist had threatened, but instead imparting healing, compassion, forgiveness—mercy!

—Peter Scagnelli, © J.S. Paluch Co., Inc. Papal quotes Copyright © 2015, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission.

**Please take time to sign up for participation
in the Holy Liturgy of the holy days of
Christmas. The Sign-Up sheet is on the table
at the front entrance of the church.**

Masses for
the Week



REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS

SUNDAY - December 13 - Third Sunday of Advent

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

10:00 am - †Danny, †Sally, †John Frazier

5:00PM - 6:30PM - PARISH RETREAT

led by Sr. Miriam of the Missionary Catechists of the Sacred Heart

MONDAY-December 14- St John of the Cross, Prst, Dctr of the Chrch

8:00 am - Caroline Kammlah †

TUESDAY - December 15

8:00 am - Fr. Celestino Say †

WEDNESDAY - December 16

8:00 am - Edna Kandler †

THURSDAY - December 17

8:00 am - Margie Brosch †

FRIDAY - December 18

8:00 am - Gene Jolly †

SATURDAY - December 19

8:00 am - Cathy Brown

5:00 pm - Kathy Bianchi †

BAPTISM: J.Roman Pizana-Parents: Jeremiah/Jessica Jolly Pizana

SUNDAY - December 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 am - Blaine Sullivan † [Altar Society Group Communion]

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

NEXT WEEKEND - December 19 & 20

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

of HOLY COMMUNION

and **LECTORS**

Sat. 5:00 pm - Lillian Berger

Volunteer

Volunteer, Volunteer

Sun. 7:30 am - Martha Nichols

Che Sanchez

Cliff/Yvonne Moczygemba

Sun. 10:00 am - John Vecera

Joe Nevlud

Howard/Carol Bludau

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat 5:00 pm - Noah & Nadia Vasquez, Amaya/Alfredo Briseño

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

Sun 10:00am - Joel & Jace Stevens, David Post

USHERS:

5:00 pm- M. John, Frank Motal, Tom Goslin, R. Dominguez

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

10:00 am - Kenny Spann, Al Schoener, Harrison Raska

ALTAR CLEANER(S):

Connie Novak & Jo Ann Lau

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

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

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

Wed: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23

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

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

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

Sun: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45



THANK YOU *Your Generosity is Appreciated*

WEEKEND of 12-5/6-15 Count - 442

Envelopes..... \$ 2,718.00

Loose..... 995.25

Other Donations..... 595.00

Total Operating Income..... \$ 4,308.25

Extr Coll Env.....(Building Repairs Fund).....\$ 446.00

Altar Server Schlrshp Refund.....\$ 500.00

Christmas Flowers.....\$ 679.00

Please Pray for Our Sick

Tina Moya, Virgie Henry, Shirley Coghlan, Betty Echeveste,
Carolyn Goldman, Kite Bomersbach, Cheryl Barker, Patsy Hemmis,
Luke Wenske, Clifton Lau, Irene Matula & Brad Blanton



Generations of Faith ~ GOF
Religious Education Classes

Dec 13 - GOF **FaithAlive Sunday**
Dec 20 - GOF Class
Dec 27 - No Class / Christmas break
Jan 3 - GOF Class



~ Children's Christmas Eve Mass ~



PRACTICE TIMES

December 13th After 10 a.m. Mass
December 20th After 10 a.m. Mass

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

Thank You

To Melody Vecera and 5 & 6 Grade GOF classes
for sponsoring the **FOOD DRIVE**
and for all those who brought food!
"For I was hungry, and you gave me food to eat."
-Matthew 25:35

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The **HOLY NAME SOCIETY** will host a
CHRISTMAS DINNER -December 14- 6 PM
at Baytown Sea Food, 4010 Houston Hwy
Short Meeting and Election of Officers
All **SOCIETY MEMBERS** and Catholic men of our
Parish who are interested in joining the **SOCIETY**
are invited! The cost of the meal will be provided by
the Society. Outside-of-meal drinks are at your ex-
pense. For more info call Ben Bolech, 361-741-2691

SAVE ALL ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERS
THE (Active and Inactive)
DATE MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2015

Meeting & CHRISTMAS PARTY
Rosary-6:15pm <*> Meeting & Party- 6:30pm
Covered Dish Supper<*>Chinese Gift Exchange
If attending, please bring a dish of meat, vegetable or des-
sert to share with everyone. If you wish to participate in
the gift exchange please bring a gift valued \$10 to \$12.
Also, please bring something for Perpetual Help Home.
ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD FOR THE
2016 & 2017 YEARS. Members please try to come. Door
Prizes and Perfect Attendance members will be awarded.
PLEASE TRY TO COME FOR A FUN AND FESTIVE EVENING.
Merry Christmas. Lillian Berger- President, Altar Society

P.S. **REMINDER:** THE ALTAR SOCIETY IS HAVING A XMAS
BAKE SALE THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 19 AND 20 AFTER ALL THE
MASSES. PLEASE BAKE AN ITEM(S) FOR THE SALE. THANKS.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT

Beginning in this Jubilee Year of Mercy we will
reopen *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* from
8:30 am – 12:30 pm on First Fridays. **This will**
begin on Friday, January 8th because the First
Friday of January is a Holy Day. If you wish to
sign up for it please call Leona Sedlar at 575-3160
or place your name and contact number on the
sign-up sheet on the table at the entrance of the
church.



OLL ALTAR SOCIETY
CHRISTMAS
BAKE SALE
December 19th - 20th

After each Mass - Down in the Church Hall

If you would like to help with baked goods call
Donna Parsons - 550-3538
Donna Maxey - 576-2670

"Rediscover Jesus" ... a gift to every family.



In the spirit of the *Year of Mercy*, a parish
family is giving "Rediscover Jesus" to
each OLL family. These will be given out
at all Masses on Christmas Eve and
Christmas Day. If you will not be here,
there will be extras provided at the
entrance of the Church after Christmas.

Why is this such a great gift? Because it is a
powerful, easy to read book that encourages us in our
weariness, challenges us in our comfort, and invites us to
rediscover the beautiful possibilities God places before us
each day.

What a GIFT this is! What a GOD we have!

THANK YOU THANK YOU

OUR FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE
AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH FOR THEIR
CARDS, PRAYERS AND SUPPORT DURING OUR TIME
OF NEED. CASEY IS GETTING STRONGER EVERY
DAY AND CAN'T WAIT TO RETURN TO DUTY. YOUR
THOUGHTFULNESS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Michele and Casey Smith and Annette Luedecke

News Around Town

Amor Meus Spirituality Center, 1101 N. E. Water St,
Victoria, TX offers **Solemn Vespers-the Liturgical Even-**
ing Prayer of the Church prayed with people of all faith
traditions - **Sunday, Dec. 13, 20 - 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm.**
For more information contact Sr. Emilie Eilers, 361-575-
7111 or email: amormeus@yahoo.com or see website:
www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org for details.