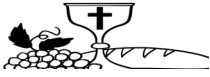


**First Sunday of Advent  
December 3, 2017**

Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when the time will come.  
— Mark 13:33

Masses for  
the Week



**SUNDAY-Dec 3- First Sunday of Advent**  
7:30 am - Charlie Tater, Jr †  
10:00 am - Amy Bernhard †

**MONDAY -Dec 4- St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor**  
8:00 am - Stephen Yeary: Birthday *of the Church*

**TUESDAY - December 5**  
8:00 am - Tammy Fikac: Birthday

**WEDNESDAY - December 6 - St Nicholas, Bishop**  
8:00 am - Vlasta Dziadek †

**THURSDAY -December 7- St Ambrose, Bsp, Doctor of Church**  
8:00 am - Paul Bittlebrun †

**6:00 PM - Debbie Tyng Thibodeaux † (Anticipatory Mass)**

**HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**

**FRIDAY-December 8- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BVM**  
8:00 am - Joseph Vecera: Birthday

**SATURDAY-December 9- St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**  
8:00 am - †Louise Sanchez & †Family  
5:00 pm - In Thanksgiving: P&G Goslin

**SUNDAY- December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent**  
7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - Clergy  
10:00 am - †Wallace & †Kathy Bianchi

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun:** *Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37*

**Mon:** *Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11*

**Tue:** *Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24*

**Wed:** *Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37*

**Thu:** *Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27*

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

**Sat:** *Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8*

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

**NEXT WEEKEND - December 9 & 10**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
of HOLY COMMUNION**

and **LECTORS**

**Sat. 5:00 pm - Lillian Berger, Norman Schoener**  
**Liz Lemke, Joe Ryan**

**Sun. 7:30 am - Sherry Kainer, James Novak**  
**Joy Loest, Standby**

**Sun. 10:00 am - April Nunley, M.Vecera (sub)**  
**Jimmy/Patsy Whitaker**

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

**Sat 5:00 pm - Suzie Ryan, Standby x2**

**Sun 7:30 am - Clayton Easley, Standby x2**

**Sun 10:00 am - Allison & Ross Nunley, Jace Stevens**

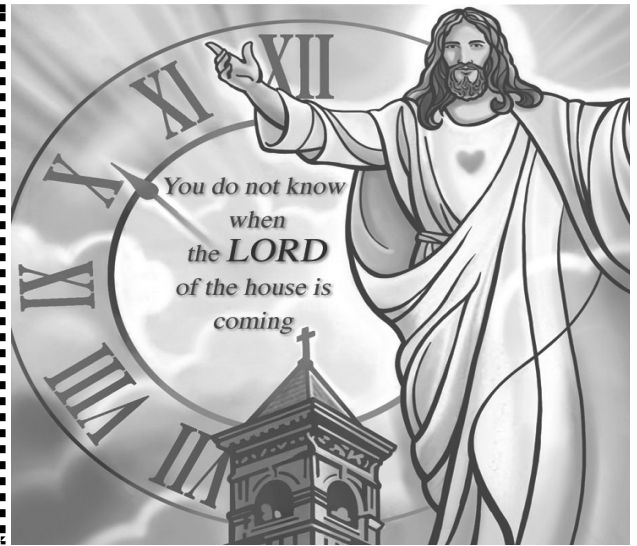
**USHERS:**

**5:00 pm - M. John, F. Motal, R. Dominguez**

**7:30 am - F. Marbach, James Novak, M. Fikac**

**10:00 am - K. Spann, AR Schoener, H. Raska**

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**SUNDAY - First Sunday of Advent**

*2nd Collection: Building Repairs & Maintenance*

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

**WEDNESDAY - R.C.I.A. - 7:00pm - RE Bldg.**

**FRIDAY - Parish Social Night**

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

**SUNDAY - Second Sunday of Advent**

*2nd Collection: D. S. A.*

**Altar Society BAKE SALE**

*Weekly Offering*

**WEEKEND of 11-18/19-17 Count - 480**

**Total Operating Income.....\$ 4,109.75**

*ExtrEnvlps:.....(AltrSrvrEduSchlrshp).....\$ 227.00*

*Weekly Offering*

**WEEKEND of 11-25/26-17 Count - 494**

**Total Operating Income.....\$ 3,907.80**

*Special Coll.Envlp:....(Camp for HumDevlp).....\$ 136.00*

*ExtraDonation .....(D.S.A.).....\$ 65.00*

*Extra Coll.Envlp:.....(StVDP Black Bag).....\$ 1,233.50*

**Thank You! Your Generosity is Greatly Appreciated.**

**GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN**

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you"(Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

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**\$\$\$ PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK \$\$\$**

Tina Moya, Clifton Lau, Cecilia Edwards, Mimi Waida,  
Joe Lara, Mary Ruth Kainer, James Rung, Tom Goslin,  
Michael Berger, Lawrence Yanta, Reinhart Schoener,  
Sue Rivera, Paul Tasin, Cheryl Blaylock, Mary Ann Bernhard,  
Fr. James Ramsey, Matt Brown

# ADVENT CONFESSIONS AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

When: December 13, 2017 + § + § + § + Time: 6:00 P.M.

THERE WILL BE SEVERAL PRIESTS AVAILABLE TO SERVE YOU



O.L. LOURDES

## ALTAR SOCIETY

DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

On sale after all Masses or until sold out

### Coming Soon

## JOINT CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Our Lady of Lourdes & Trinity Lutheran  
AT

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

DECEMBER 20, 2017  
6:00 P.M.



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**Pastor's Notes** Once again Christmas season is here with us with its four weeks of preparation known as **ADVENT**. The season of Advent reminds us of the two "comings" of Christ: First, in the mystery of the Incarnation, when He entered human history to offer us a selfless love; Second, of His coming on the day of judgement. The clarion call during this season is "Prepare the Way of the Lord." So we tune ourselves into it by reminding ourselves of acts of **CHARITY**.

The **GIVING TREE** offers us an opportunity to do just that, i.e. giving of ourselves to others in love. You are all invited to participate in it to put a smile on somebody's face, especially somebody you may not even know. Thus, fulfilling the Lord's command "as long as you did it to the least of my people, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40).

Let our prayer be:

"With a joyful heart, O Lord, my God,  
I give all to you".  
Have a blessed ADVENT SEASON.

Father Albert



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"My soul longs for you, O God." (Ps 42.2)

COME AND JOIN A PROCESS OF ENCOUNTER  
WITH OUR LOVING AND MERCIFUL GOD WHO  
WELCOMES YOU TO HIS FAMILY.

Contact Sr Miriam, MCSH, at  
[sistermiriam@lourdesvictoria.org](mailto:sistermiriam@lourdesvictoria.org) or 575-3813

## CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS

December 24th, 5:00pm  
"The 12 Days of Christmas"

The Children of Our Lady of Lourdes are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve program before the 5:00 pm Mass. No lines to memorize. Call Melody Vecera, 361-550-9962, or Tammy Fikac at 361-573-1179.

Practices will be in the church:

Dec. 4- 6:00 pm; Dec. 11- 6:00 pm;  
Dec. 14- 6:00 pm; and Dec. 17- 4:00 pm.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Ann#369 will hold the monthly meeting on **Mon. Dec. 4, 2017** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, starting with prayer at 6:10pm with business meeting to follow, and a display of (UGLY) Christmas sweaters by the members and guests.

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**First Sunday of the Month SOLEMN VESPERS** at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory, on **December 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 4:00 to 4:30 pm. Prelude music will begin at 3:45pm. *Vespers* is the traditional name for Evening Prayer, which is one of the offices that make up the Liturgy of the Hours. This form of sung prayer consists of Scripture, writings from the Church Fathers, and intercessory petitions.

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At **INCARNATE WORD CONVENT**, 1101 NE Water  
**\*\*\*Advent Solemn Vespers: December 3, 10, & 17.** Solemn Vespers is the Liturgical Evening Prayer of the Church. It consists of praying the psalms, giving thanks for the day, and offering praise to God from **5:00 -5:45 pm in the Convent Chapel**. Vespers concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. For more info call Sr Emilie Eilers, 575-7111. Open to the public.

**\*\*\*Silent Guided Day Retreat: Theme: "Silence: The Christmas Noise"** Sister Rose Miriam Gansle, IWBS. One-Day Retreats include at least two presentations, Liturgy or prayer service with ample time for personal prayer and reflection. 9:30am - 3:30pm in Auditorium.

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**Maximilian: saint of Auschwitz:** the moving, live production performed by Leonardo Defilippis of St Luke Productions, will be presented at Holy Family Church, Victoria, TX **Tuesday, December 5, at 6:30 pm**. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90mins., and is suitable for age 10 and up. Admission is free. For more info call Holy Family 573-5304 or [www.hfccvic.org](http://www.hfccvic.org).

**Mark Your Calendar**

**PREVIEW: Upcoming Events & Services**  
at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish .....

- ⇒ BAKE SALE: Altar Society Fundraiser - December 9-10
- ⇒ Ongoing preparation: Children's X-mas Eve program
- ⇒ Special time for Advent Confessions: Youth & Adults December 13th at 6:00 pm
- ⇒ Ecumenical Event: Caroling by Choirs/congregations of OurLadyLourdes & TrinityLutheran at our church December 20th.....