

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2017**

Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.
— Mark 1:3

Masses for
the Week



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

MONDAY - December 11 - St Damasus I, Pope
8:00 am - Alfred Novian †

TUESDAY - December 12 - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
8:00 am - Bob Arbuthnot †

WEDNESDAY - December 13 - St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
8:00 am - Edward Krenek †
6:00 PM - Youth & Adult ADVENT CONFESSIONS

THURSDAY - Dec 14 - St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church
8:00 am - Rev. Msgr. Thomas C. McLaughlin †

FRIDAY - December 15
8:00 am - Rev. John Kollannur †

SATURDAY - December 16
8:00 am - Winfred Kainer †
5:00 pm - †Victor & †Alma Brosch

SUNDAY - December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent
7:30 am - Edward Simper †
10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - *Clergy*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
Mon: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tue: 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, or from the Commons of The BVM #707-712
Wed: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thu: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Fri: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sun: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

NEXT WEEKEND - December 16 & 17

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
of HOLY COMMUNION** and **LECTORS**

Sat. 5:00 pm - Geriann Neuman, Helen John, Pat Brennan **STANDBY**
Sun. 7:30 am - Martha Nichols, Standby x2 **JOHN Novak**
Sun. 10:00 am - J or M Vecera, Howard/Carol Bludau **Joe Nevlud**

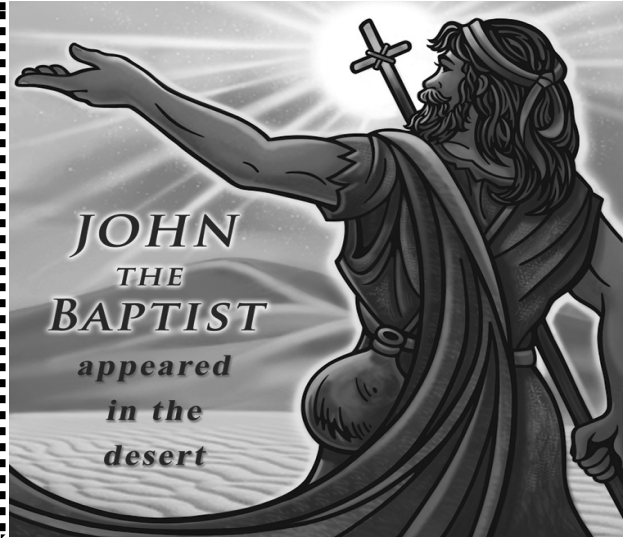
ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat 5:00 pm - James Record, Standby x2
Sun 7:30 am - Jenny Marbach, Katelyn & Karley John
Sun 10:00 am - Eric & Reice Tibiletti, Felix Ramirez

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 - Second Sunday of Advent 2nd Collect: D.S.A. Altar Society BAKE SALE

MONDAY - Holy Name Society Meeting - 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY - R.C.I.A. - 7:00 pm - RE Bldg.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS - 6:00 PM

There will be additional priests available for service

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

SUNDAY - Third Sunday of Advent

Special Coll.Envlps: Retirement Fund for Religious

Weekly Offering

WEEKEND of 12-2/3-17

Count - 493

Total Operating Income.....\$ 6,362.00
2nd Collection.....(Bldg.Repr/Maint).....\$ 763.25

Thank You! Your Generosity is Greatly Appreciated.

NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

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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, Wade Shumbera

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

CHRISTMAS EVE - Dec 24th - 5 pm MASS
"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.11- 6 pm; Dec.14- 6 pm; Dec.17- 4 pm

NEXT WEEK

6:00 PM - Wednesday - DECEMBER 20th
JOINT CHRISTMAS CAROLING
Our Lady of Lourdes & Trinity Lutheran
AT
OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH



ADVENT CONFESSIONS AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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

PRIESTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SERVE YOU



The **GIVING TREE** presents us with an opportunity to give 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.

This year's targeted recipients are clients of the ministries of The Gabriel Project, whose clients are the preborn babies of difficult pregnancies, up to 3 months old; and St Vincent de Paul charity whose clients are families in need. Suggested items to fulfill immediate needs are:

NON-PERISHABLE food items packaged in cans, boxes, or any unbreakable bottle or container. **NO** frozen items.

Baby Bottles (4 oz. and 8 oz.); Bottle brush;

Baby Wipes/Wet Ones;

Diaper bag;

Receiving blanket;

Bibs; Burp rags; Wubanut (Pacifier);

Baby Thermometer; Nose aspirator;

Johnson's Baby Lotion;

Baby Wash;

Baby Shampoo;

Baby Washcloth, Baby Towel; Baby Nail Clippers

Baby Activity Mat;

Baby Seat (Bumbo)

Toys for Newborn to 3 months

- EVENTS ALL AROUND -

At **INCARNATE WORD CONVENT**, 1101 NE Water
*****Advent Solemn Vespers: December 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.

THE St. ROMANOS CHORALE FREE Performance
The Chorale is composed of singers from several Orthodox Christian churches in the greater Houston area. The music is sung a capella, predominantly in English, but also in Greek, Arabic, and Slavonic. The Chorale has presented their beautiful spiritual music to audiences throughout Texas and neighboring states at venues including major colleges and universities. Their performances are limited to 2 or 3 locales each year, so take advantage of this unique opportunity in Victoria, TX. at either of these locations:

- ◆ **Saturday, December 16, 2017**, Incarnate Word Chapel, 1101 NE Water St, Victoria, **3:00-4:00 pm.**
- ◆ **Saturday, December 16, 2017**, Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, 1309 E. Mesquite Ln. **6:30-7:30 pm.**

Listen to music from the greatest of the Byzantine melo-dist-poets.

Knights of Columbus Council #1329 CHICKEN BBQ will be held December 17th from 8:30 am until sold out. Prices are \$8/chicken or 3 for \$22. Spanish rice and beans available for \$1.50/pint. Proceeds benefit charity projects. Location is Airline/Ben Wilson. Info? Call Sun. 575-9214.

Knights of Columbus Council #1329 BINGO NIGHT Every Wednesday evening; Hall opens 6:00pm; Bingo Games 7:30pm until 10:00pm. Food and drinks available. Location is Airline/Ben Wilson. Info? Call Wed.575-9214.

GIFT SHOPPING ?? Keep Christ in Christmas !!
Shop at the Incarnate Word Convent
Religious Goods Shop, 1101 NE Water St - 575-7111
Hours: M - F 9:30 am - 4:30 pm; Sat. 9:30 am-3:30 pm

Continuing Christian Education - **CCE**

Religious Education Classes Contacts

Martha Nichols - 571-0337 - marthan60@hotmail.com

Tammy Fikac - 361-573-1179 tgfikac@yahoo.com

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - **RCIA**

"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 or 575-3813