

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2017**

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
— 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17



Masses for
the Week



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

MONDAY - December 18
8:00 am - James Sandelovic †

TUESDAY - December 19
8:00 am - Haley Smith †

WEDNESDAY - December 20
8:00 am - Buddy Waida †

THURSDAY-Dec 21- St Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church
8:00 am - Madeline & Dave Merrill

FRIDAY - December 22
8:00 am - Marian Bolech †

SATURDAY - December 23 - St John of Kanty, Priest
8:00 am - Paul Bittlebrun †
5:00 pm - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - *Clergy*

SUNDAY - December 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:30 am - Frank L. Kandler †
10:00 am - William Strelczyk†

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Mon: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Tue: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Wed: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Thu: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Fri: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Sat: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Sun: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

NEXT WEEKEND - December 23 & 24

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
of HOLY COMMUNION**

and **LECTORS**

Sat. 5:00 pm - Harvin Suggs, Norman Schoener
Arleen Brennan, Standby

Sun. 7:30 am - Pat Krenek, Sherry Kainer
Ray/Claudia Schoener

Sun. 10:00 am - Donna Maxey, Bud Tucker
Pauline Hinojosa, Standby

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat 5:00 pm - Suzie Ryan, Standby x2
Sun 7:30 am - Dennis Strelczyk, Jacie Foster, Standby
Sun 10:00 am - Maddie Urbano, Cy & Carly Richter

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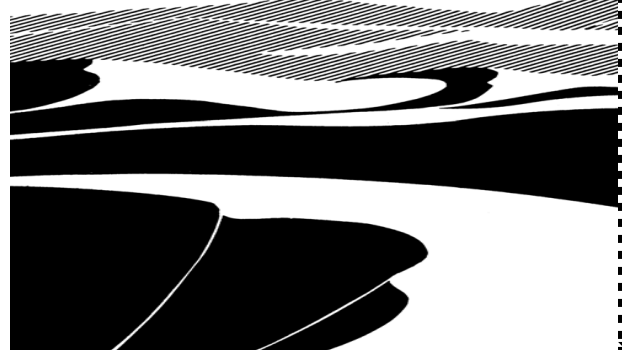
5:00 pm - M. John, F. Motal, R. Dominguez
7:30 am - F. Marbach, James Novak, M. Fikac
10:00 am - K. Spann, AR Schoener, H. Raska

\$\$\$ 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

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

**THIS
WEEK**



SUNDAY - Third Sunday of Advent
Special Coll.Envlps: Retirement Fund for Religious
BAPTISM: Child of Brittany Hudson

MONDAY - Altar Society Christmas Party - 6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY - 6:00pm - JOINT X-MAS CAROLING
the Churches of Trinity Lutheran & Our Lady of Lourdes
R.C.I.A. - 7:00 pm - RE Bldg.
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
12 noon December 22 until January 2, 2018

SATURDAY - Confessions - 4:00 - 4:30 pm
SUNDAY - Fourth Sunday of Advent
Weekly Coll. Envlp: Weekly Stewardship

Have a Blessed and Joyous Christmas... in Christ !

Weekly Offering
WEEKEND of 12-9/10-17 Count - 528
Total Operating Income.....\$ 4,981.50
2nd Collection.....(D.S.A.).....\$ 2,407.00
Christmas Flowers.....\$ 370.00

Thank You! Your Generosity is Greatly Appreciated.

REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

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Christmas Liturgy BEGINS

SUNDAY- DECEMBER 24 X-MAS VIGIL MASS (Children's Program)
5:00 pm - John Karl Loest
MIDNIGHT-12:00 am - Jerome† & Edith† Krenek
MONDAY- DECEMBER 25 - The Nativity of the Lord (CHRISTMAS)
10:00 am - Blaine Sullivan†

X-Mas Liturgy Ministers	5:00 PM	Mid-Night	10:00 AM
LECTOR	Norman S.	Harvin S.	David P.
EMHC	Martha N, Pat/Arleen B.	Lillian B, James/Connie N.	Pat K AlvinR/Claudia S.



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 3months 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; Diaper bag; Baby Wipes/Wet Ones; 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 mos.



The **ALTAR SOCIETY** will have their **Christmas Party Monday the 18th at 6:00 pm** with a covered dish. Each

member is asked to bring a meat, vegetable or dessert. An exchange of Christmas ornaments will be after the meal (price of \$5 -8.00). Anyone wanting to bring an item for Perpetual Help Home will be appreciated. For any questions, call Josie 550-2079 or 580-2090..... *Merry Christmas to everyone!*

**WRAP UP MEETING
2017 PARISH FESTIVAL**

WHEN: Tuesday, December 19, 2017, 6 PM

WHERE: In the Church Hall (Basement)

Light meal to be served.

If you wish, you may bring a dessert.

**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

PROPER UNDERTAKING

Never undertake anything for which you wouldn't have the courage to ask the blessings of heaven.

---Georg C. Lichtenberg

HIDDEN TALENT

No one respects a talent that is concealed.

---Desiderius Erasmus



JOINT CHRISTMAS CAROLING

**6:00 PM - Wednesday - DECEMBER 20th
AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH**

*'Tis the Season of PEACE, LOVE, & JOY and
worshippers of the Churches of
Our Lady of Lourdes & Trinity Lutheran
will unite in music and fellowship in resounding joy
All are invited. Bring a friend.*

"The 12 Days of Christmas"

The **NEXT** practice in the church will be on
Sunday, Dec. 17th at 4 pm.

Children of Our Lady of Lourdes are preparing the program that will be presented on

CHRISTMAS EVE - Dec 24th - 5 pm MASS

Please direct any questions to **Melody Vecera, 361-550-9962, or Tammy Fikac at 361-573-1179.**

- EVENTS ALL AROUND -

At INCARNATE WORD CONVENT, 1101 NE Water

*****Advent Solemn Vespers: December 17.**

Solemn Vespers is the Liturgical Evening Prayer of the Church. It consists of praying the psalms, giving thanks for the day, offering praise to God and concludes with Benediction, from **5:00-5:45 pm in the Convent Chapel.** Questions? Call Sr Emilie, 575-7111. Open to the public.

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.

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

Coming Soon ELITE MEDICAL IMAGING

will be hosting a vascular ultrasound screening in the very near future. Eight screenings are being offered: Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aorta, Thyroid, Liver, Spleen, Gallbladder and both Kidneys. Watch upcoming bulletins for more detailed information.

Society of St Vincent de Paul - REPORT - NOV 2017

VCAM	\$100.00
Insurance	000.00
UTILITIES	542.07
RENT	27.01
FOOD	200.00
MEDICAL/Prescription	402.05
CELL PHONE	49.60
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$ 1,320.73
BLACK BAG COLLECTION.....	\$ 1,233.50
TOTAL PEOPLE HELPED.....	44