

Welcome to our
Midtown Catholic Parish

Pastor: Rev. Vitalis Anyanike
Senior Priest: Rev. Pat McCaslin

In Residence:

Rev. Mike Eckley
Rev. Paul Sae-Wan Oh

Deacons:

Mr. Frank P. Hilt
Mr. Ken Kalkowski



Our Lady of Lourdes Campus

2110 South 32nd Avenue
Parish Office 402-346-0900

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday 8:00 am
Saturday Morning 8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
(or by appointment)



Saint Adalbert Campus

2617 South 31st Street

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:30 am

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday 7:00 am

Our Lady of Lourdes - St. Adalbert Parish

Established July 2014 by Archbishop George J. Lucas

December 25, 2021 † The Nativity of the Lord

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TO GOD
IN THE
HIGHEST
AND ON
EARTH
PEACE TO
THOSE
ON WHOM
HIS FAVOR
RESTS.

LUKE 2:14

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OUR PARISH STAFF

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Priests in Residence	Rev. Mike Eckley & Rev. Paul Sae-Wan Oh
Deacons	Frank Hilt & Ken Kalkowski
Pastoral Minister	Sr. Theresia
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Parish Office M-F 8:00 am-5:00 pm	402-346-0900
Parish Fax	402-315-1088
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Our Lady of Lourdes School	402-341-5604
Parish Center / Gym	402-346-7777
Social Hall / School Cafeteria	402-344-3838
Website	www.ollomaha.com

Baptisms & Marriages: Pre-baptismal instructions are required. Ten months of marriage preparations are also required. Please contact Fr. Vitalis at 402-346-0900 to schedule an appointment.

Monday, December 27

SA 7:00 am † Alba Zaracki
OLL 8:00 am † Jeanie Pietramale

Tuesday, December 28

SA 7:00 am † Ron Pecha & John Pecha
OLL 8:00 am † Mary Elizabeth Weaver

Wednesday, December 29

SA 7:00 am † Mike & Marti Miller
OLL 8:00 am † Janice Hanna

Thursday, December 30

SA 7:00 am † Mary Mendenhall
OLL 8:00 am † Steven Mendenhall

Friday, December 31

SA 7:00 am † John & Mary Margaret O'Hearn
OLL 8:00 am † Jerry Gill II

Saturday, January 1

OLL 8:00 am † Bill Tomcykowski
OLL 5:00 pm † Krupa Family Living & Deceased

STA 6:00 pm † Dontari Poe

Sunday, January 2

OLL 8:00 am † Leonard Potter
SA 9:30 am † Sherry Pecha
OLL 10:30 am † Jake Render
OLL 5:00 pm † Our Parish Family

CHRISTMAS

THE SAVIOR IS BORN

Our Lady of Lourdes-St. Adalbert
Tabernacle candles are lit this week for:



+ Janice Hanna

May the Spirit of Christmas
bring you and your family
hope, happiness and love.

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!

From,
Fr. Vitalis and all the
Parish Staff

JOY • LOVE • PEACE

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Mass Intentions



The Feast of Christmas Opens a New Era for Us

Joy
to
the
World

Dear parishioners,

O blessed Advent, you helped us to prepare for the coming of a marvelous gift: the nativity of Jesus. We have heard the prophets proclaim the One who is to come as a child to lead us into the reign of God unfolding toward completion. The time of waiting, longing and begging is over. The Lord has come. We recognize him in the infant sung by angelic host as the one in whom peace is made for all humanity.

Every year we recall with deep joy this unforgettable account of Jesus' birth. The mystery of incarnation and God dwelling among us in ways beyond our imagination. We try to place ourselves in the midst of the story, we gaze on the ordinariness of the manger where the king is born. The humility and poverty of God puts us to shame. It teaches us the important lessons of life.

In the most unlikely place, God, in his infinite goodness revealed his glory. He has scattered the darkness of sin and revealed himself in the person of Jesus who is like us in all things, but sin. At the stable, with Mary and Joseph, God fulfilled his promise, giving the world a new hope and life. Indeed, the feast of Christmas opens a new era for humanity. Christmas is for everyone because of God's gift, his own son. He has brightened our hearts with holiness. He is the desire of all nations. He is the light of our lives. He gives meaning to our existence.

Celebrate today with joy and fanfare. God and we have reconciled. The ancient curse is removed. The infant child of Bethlehem will teach us how to love and be loved. In spite of our frailty, suffering, and sinfulness, we are still capable of loving and being loved. The Angels tells us to rejoice because "this day in David's city a savior has been born to you, the Messiah and Lord." His birth is a new spark of love that is lit in the heart of every person and in the world.

Take a moment and cherish what the Almighty is doing in our lives. Allow yourself to be born again. It will be a wonderful exercise to sit before the manger and contemplate God's love made visible in the newborn babe in the stable. Let the spark of his love speak to you and let it ignite a flame in your heart. The *Word* that became *Flesh* will make a dwelling in your heart. Only then can you truly enjoy Christmas.

Christmas is more than just festivities. Christmas is *Presence*. It does not impose, but it does speak of God's presence around us. Isaiah says, "the Lord has bared his holy arm in the sight of all nations; all the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God." Recognizing his presence completes our joy for God is with us.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fr. Vitalis Anyanike
Pastor

Merry
Christmas



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP-
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY
MOMENTS**

Stewardship Ties

There is a lot of imagery around Christmas that has to do with adoption — or, more specifically, with a child being loved by another as if they belonged to that person and loved in such a profound way that in time, they do come to belong to that person.

We see this with Joseph and the infant Jesus. Joseph is not Jesus’ biological father. But through a series of actions, and through his faithfulness in small, everyday matters, Joseph becomes the foster father of Jesus.

Perhaps we are parents who have adopted children, or we ourselves were adopted. We have also seen how, through a series of actions of love and sacrifice, someone can become the parent of a person who is not their “blood.” A lot of times these families celebrate the day of the adoption. I’ve heard it called a “gotcha day,” and it’s marked joyously, like a birthday.

Most of us are not descended from the Israelites, God’s Chosen People. But through a series of extraordinary actions of love and sacrifice, God has made Himself our parent, too. And through our own actions, and through faithfulness in small and everyday matters, we are His children.

But in this family, instead of blood ties, we have stewardship ties. It’s not about who we look like, it’s about how we treat one another. How we take care of one another.

So this Christmas, let’s think about how we will celebrate our adoption. As much as it is Jesus’ birthday, it’s also our “gotcha day” — the day we received the gift of eternal family.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Pray for our Military

Julius Aquino, Joe Becerra, Tom Byrne, Paul Cherek, Elizabeth Gill, Paris Fulbright, Adam Fulbright, Brian T. Griess, Michelle Morrison, Dennis Philips, Cody Prosllo, Jack Rasmussen, Jason Slowik, Nathan Leuck, Jamila Jahic, Justin Kush, and Jeremy Kemp.



THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, December 27, 2021

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

7:25 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions, STA

8:45 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions, OLLC

9:00 am Prayer for Vocations & Priests, OLL Chapel

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

Thursday, December 30, 2021

Friday, December 31, 2021- New Years Eve

Morning Masses available.

Saturday, January 1, 2022-New Years Day

Start your year right with Mass!

Sunday, January 2, 2022

GOD’S BLESSINGS TO YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!

SBH — Saint Bernadette Hall PC — Parish Center (Gym)
 OLLC — OLL Church S — OLL School
 SC — School Cafeteria
 STA — Saint Adalbert Church PO — Parish Office

Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Ron Brougham, Jackie Fox, Greg Staroscik, Paul Murphy, Marie Zemula, Bradley Wiese, Al Clinchard, Ida Peterson, Jerry Taucreti, Millie Wajda, Bev Pippin, Todd Tenczer, Richard Kostszewa, Sharon Littrell, Robert Kavan, Elize Schlueter, Collin Priebe, Scott Walker, Mary & Bruce Reemts, Patricia Kavaliauskas, Gary Slowik, Bettie Holmes, Zach Marshall, Ashley Barna, Deacon Frank Hilt, Angie Connelly and all those who are in the hospital at this time.

Christmas

*God,
you became human through the obedience
of a simple young woman named Mary.*

Mary is our model of faith.

*May we be faithful to your word as Mary
was.*

*Give us the courage to face each day
with the yes that Mary gave to you.*

*We ask this through the incarnate God,
who comes to us again during this Christ-
mas season.*

Amen.



Merry Christmas



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Open Hours:
Monday 8 pm
Tuesday 7 am & 2 pm;
Thursday 5 pm;
Friday 7 am & 10 pm;
Sunday 7 am

Please call Dee at 402-346-3584 if you would like to sign up for one of these open hours.



ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Please Give

Our experience as One Church invites us to come to a place of gratitude within our families, parishes and as an archdiocese, and to recognize that everything we have is designed to deepen our faith and to bring us closer to Jesus and to one another.

New Years Mass



Schedule for 2022

Friday, December 31, 2021 New Years Eve:

7:00 AM New Years Eve Mass at St. Adalbert Church

8:00 AM New Years Eve Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes

*Happy New
Year
2022*

Saturday, January 1, 2022 , New Years Mass:

8:00 AM New Years Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes

5:00 PM New Years Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes

6:00 PM New Years Mass at St. Adalbert Church

Additional Parish Information...

Has your Family Made Any Changes with Your Contact Information?

Help Us "CATCH UP" With You...

Please call the Parish Office @ 402-346-0900 about updating your contact information!

- Have you dropped your land line phone number or added a new cell phone number?
- Do you have a new email address?
- Do you have a new street address?
- What is the best way to get a hold of you?
- Have you been receiving our "Flocknotes" ?

Help us keep up with your current information.

What
will
you
do
this
year?

Please consider how you can get more involved in our Parish Community. We need everyone to volunteer in some way.

Thank you for considering how you can share your gifts. Please call 402-346-0900 if you are

interested or have questions.



Mercy High School is hosting a Cheerleading Clinic for girls in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade on Saturday, January 15th from 12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Come have lunch at Mer-

cy, meet new friends, learn cheers from Mercy cheerleaders and perform during the Varsity basketball game. For more details and to register, go to <https://www.mercyhigh.org/happenings/>.

YEAR-END Giving Opportunities...

As we approach the year-end giving season for 2021, please consider a tax-deductible gift to our Parish. Your donation, big or small, helps keep our mid-town Parish community thriving and growing spiritually:

Here are some ideas for year-end giving:

- **General Fund**– Supports our yearly budget expenses to maintain our Churches and Parish Office.
- **Phase II Fund of Capital Campaign**– Helps fund additional projects at our Churches and School.
- **Parish Improvement Fund** - This pays for improvements and needs on our campuses, such as landscaping, safety measures, etc.
- **Tuition Assistance** - Helps support parents with making their Our Lady of Lourdes School tuition payments.



THANK YOU for considering a gift to our Parish this Christmas Season!





Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School



Wishing our Parish Family a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at
Our Lady of Lourdes School!



*Blessings,
Ms. Lisa Linquist, Principal*



The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” — Lk 2:10-12

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