



OUR LADY OF  
**Lourdes**  
 CATHOLIC PARISH



THE HOLY  
 FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.  
 - Lk 2:40

**PASTOR**  
 Rev. Paul E. Sumler

**DECEMBER 27, 2020**

**PERMANENT DEACON**  
 Rev. Mr. Stephen Sellers

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH INFORMATION**

**Parish Office Hours**

Monday—Friday  
 8:30 am—4:30 pm

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**BAPTISMS** Our Lady of Lourdes Parish welcomes all registered parishioners who are wishing to have their child baptized. In order to come to Baptismal instruction class, please contact Parish Business Office or Deacon Sellers deaconss@sbcglobal.net

**HOLY MATRIMONY** Diocesan policy requires that an appointment be made with a priest of your parish at least SIX MONTHS in advance. DO NOT set a final date for the wedding prior to your interviews with the priest.

**CONFESSIONS** by appointment (call parish office)

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP** Parishioners entering or leaving the Parish contact the Parish Business Office during office hours.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TAKING INSTRUCTIONS IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?** Contact Parish Business Office or Deacon Sellers—deaconss@sbcglobal.net

# Mass INTENTIONS

Father Paul will celebrate Mass privately in the Chapel Without Congregation Monday—Friday.

**Sunday, December 27**

10:00 am †Merle Barnhill

11:30 am †Linda Kennedy

**Monday, December 28**

9:00 am †Neal Sumler

**Tuesday, December 29**

9:00 am †James & Shirlene Humphries

**Wednesday, December 30**

9:00 am †Michael Terry Watkins

**Thursday, December 31**

4:00 pm People of our Parish (Special Intention)

**Friday, January 1**

10:00 am †Jean Constance

**Saturday, January 2**

5:00 pm †Cary Hester

†Paul & Regina Kyle

**Sunday, January 3**

10:00 am Roy Huerta (Special Intention)

11:30 am †Patricia White

**TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS**

The Traditional Latin Mass has resumed at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish 11:30 a.m. in the Church.

## WEEKLY PRAYER

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020**

**SUN 12/27** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

**MON 12/28** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

**TUE 12/29** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

**WED 12/30** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

**THR 12/31** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

**FRI 1/1** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**SAT 1/2** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

**SUN 1/3** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Vigil Mass

*Mary The Holy Mother of God*

Mass time in Church 4:00 p.m.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**JANUARY 1, 2021**

Latin Mass

*The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

Mass time in Church 10:00 a.m.



**STEWARDSHIP**



Your regular financial contributions is very much appreciated. Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you! When not attending Mass, you can drop your collection in the mail to **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 1600 North Main Street, Vidor, Texas 77662** Please note: In order to protect the church and to insure integrity and positive stewardship, procedures are in place handling the sacrificial offering. The collection is placed in bank depository; therefore, there is no money on church premise. Thank you and may God bless you and keep you safe. *Our giving reflects a true measure of thankfulness and gratitude to God.*

**December 13 Collection.....\$3,715.25**

**Retirement Fund for Religious.....\$ 662.00**

**DECEMBER 20TH COLLECTION AMOUNT WILL BE IN NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN.**

**2020-21 SUNDAY MISSALETTES**

Due to the continue of the pandemic, there will be no Sunday Missals in the church this year and we are not able to order them individually because the Missals are ordered in bulk; however, there are several resource booklets for you to personally subscribe in order to follow along at the Daily and Weekend Masses. Here are a couple. Check them out. Thank you.

The Word Among Us ([www.wau.org](http://www.wau.org))

Give Us This Day ([www.GiveUsThisDay.org](http://www.GiveUsThisDay.org))

Magnificat ([us.magnificat.net](http://us.magnificat.net))

**2021 CALENDARS**

The 2021 Calendars are courtesy of Broussard's Funeral Home.



## THE GIFT OF FAMILY

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a

caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## I'VE SEEN PEOPLE HANG ROSARIES OVER THE REAR-VIEW MIRRORS IN THEIR CARS AND A FEW OF THEM WEAR THEM AROUND THEIR NECKS. IS IT OK TO DO THAT?

The practice of hanging a rosary or a religious medal off of the rearview mirror of one's car is a fairly popular custom across many cultures. While there is no particular rule approving or condemning this practice, we should also be mindful of the respect and reverence due to religious objects and devotional items (i.e. sacramentals).

An important point to consider would be the reason why one chooses to place a rosary or religious medal in our cars. Is it a reminder of the protection and intercession of Mary and the saints? Does it encourage us to be

mindful of God's presence, even in such a mundane task as driving? Is it an outward expression of our more private devotions?



One advantage of having a rosary or religious medal in our cars is that it can also serve as a reminder to pray when we travel, asking for protection for ourselves and for other motorists or commuters. Certainly, invoking the protection and prayers of the saints is a wonderful practice for families, helping to reinforce our belief in the

communion of saints and the care and concern we owe to one another.

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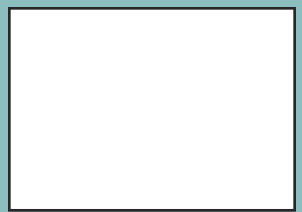
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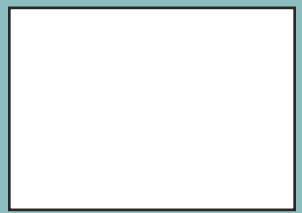
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