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**FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 1, 2019**



**YOU MUST BE PREPARED,
FOR AT AN HOUR YOU
DO NOT EXPECT,
THE SON OF MAN
WILL COME.
MATTHEW 24:44**

Those who use social media or read news reports online are familiar with ICYMI, which is shorthand for “in case you missed it.” We might think of today’s readings as an “in case you missed it” announcement for these early days of Advent. We often think of Advent as the season that precedes Christmas, all about waiting and longing for the coming of the Christ child, which it is. Yet in the early weeks of Advent, we focus on the return of Christ at the end of time, and how we are called to be prepared for it.

Most of us do not spend much time thinking about the end of time or the prospect of Christ’s return in glory. We may not want to admit to ourselves that our actions or attitudes are far from the ways in which we know we should conduct ourselves as Christian people. Or maybe we are uncomfortable with the whole idea of final judgment. It makes us squirm, so we adopt an attitude of “out of sight, out of mind,” and go about our daily lives without much thought or reflection on who we are called to be as disciples of our Lord.

HIT THE RESET BUTTON

Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year and can be a time for us to embrace the light of God’s love more deeply. If we realize that we are failing to live as we know we ought, let this season be a time to reset our commitment to living and growing as people of faith. While much of these next few weeks will be consumed by our preparations for Christmas, it is good for us to also take some time to take stock and commend our hearts and lives to Christ. Let us “stay awake” to Christ’s higher purposes, not out of a sense of dread or fear of judgment, but rather in anticipation of the advent, or coming, of our Lord.

Today’s Readings: Is 2:1–5; Ps 122:1–2, 3–4, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9; Rom 13:11–14; Mt 24:37–44

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday -Thursday 8:45 a.m. -12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Parish Staff

Rev. Albert Yankey, Parochial Administrator
Sr. Valerie Janecka, IWBS - Parish Secretary
Janet Weaver, Bookkeeper
Martha Nichols, PCL/Safe Environment Coordinator
Tammy Fikac, PCL
Martha Nichols - RCIA
Elaine Mayer & Thomas Santos, Music Ministry

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Daily (Mon-Sat): 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Before daily Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS:

First Sunday of every month

CHOIR PRACTICE:

Every Wednesday @ 6:15 p.m.

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME

Registration forms online at www.lourdesvictoria.org
or email: ollvic@lourdesvictoria.org

Mass Intentions For The Week



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SUNDAY - December 1 - First Sunday of Advent

7:30 am - Adella Mullino †
10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family

MONDAY - December 2

8:00 am - Cecilia Edwards †

TUESDAY - December 3 (Memorial of St. Francis Xavier)

8:00 am - Fr. Philip Brune

WEDNESDAY - December 4

8:00 am - Evelyn Spann †

THURSDAY - December 5

8:00 am - Hazel Waida †

FIRST FRIDAY - December 6 (St. Nicholas)

8:00 am - Alfred Baros †



FIRST SATURDAY - December 7

8:00 am - Paul Bittlebrun †
4:00 pm - Rick Snow †

SUNDAY - December 8 - Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family
10:00 am - Franklin J. Sedlar †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9;
Mt 3:1-12

Question of the Week

What am I doing that I would not want seen in the light of day, or at the hour do not expect? What do I need to do to change this?

TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

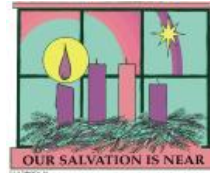
—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

W. R. Nichols, Samuel William Bek, Barbara Yanta, Matt Brown, Marvin Kucera, Milton Greeson, Raymond Spann, John Correll, Cheryl Barker, Norma Guerra, Tom Goslin, Kathleen Edwards, Darren Mikulik, David Reynolds, Tina Moya, Cole Ohrt, Ramona Perez, James Rung, Wade Shumbera, Judge Whayland & Dolores Kilgore, Carly Walker, Gerald Yankey, Ann Hagel, Stephen Diess, Piper Eloisa Lara, Winston Wilson, Mae Jean Willemmin, Cheryl Flood, Johnnie Bomersbach, Hailey Vasquez, Patricia Pooley

THIS WEEK



OUR SALVATION IS NEAR

SUNDAY - FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship
2nd Collection: Building Repairs/Maintenance

TUESDAY - Wrap-up meeting for the 2019 Fall Festival
(Church Basement @ 6:30 pm)

FIRST FRIDAY - ADORATION - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

FIRST SATURDAY - Confessions: 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship
2nd Collection: Diocesan Services Appeal

NEXT WEEKEND - December 7/8, 2019

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION

and

LECTORS

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| Sat. 4:00 pm - Lillian Berger, Liz Lemke, Joe Ryan | Harvin Suggs |
| Sun. 7:30 am - Sherry Kainer, Joy Loest, Standby x1 | James Novak |
| Sun. 10:00 am - April Nunley, GERALYN Biediger, Standby x1 | David Post |

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - Suzie Ryan, Standby x2
Sun. 7:30 am - Clayton E., Joshua Z., Standby x1
Sun. 10:00 am - Ross N., Jace S., Joseph V.

USHERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - Gene Dove, Frank Motal, Greg Witcher
Sun. 7:30 am - Michael Fikac, Frank Marbach, James Novak
Sun. 10:00 am - Alvin Schoener, Kenneth Spann, Standby x1



ADVENT

Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush.
—Anonymous



Due to the early publication deadline of this bulletin, the weekly offertory count for the WEEKEND of November 23/24, 2019, will be printed in a future bulletin.

St. Padre Pio Prayer Group

8:30 am

Saturday, December 14 (every second Saturday)



Join us after Mass for prayer in devotion to this amazing saint. St. Padre Pio, a humble Capuchin priest, is a powerful intercessor known for his spiritual gifts in the confessional, his reading of souls, miraculous healings and the gift of bearing the stigmata. Padre Pio promised to always be with his spiritual children. For more information about St. Pio, visit padrepio.com. For questions about the Victoria Padre Pio Prayer Group, contact Melody Vecera at [361-550-9962](tel:361-550-9962) or email melo-dy.vecera@gmail.com. All are welcome!

Incarnate Word & Blessed Sacrament Gift Shop can help with your Advent and Christmas shopping needs. Stop by to see the Gift Shop at 1101 NE Water Street to view their large assortment of gifts to give during these upcoming two holiday seasons. Hours of operation are Monday-Saturday 10:00 am - 4:30 pm. If you have any questions on items for sale, contact the Gift Shop at 575-7111.

Support Bethlehem **Maternity Home Project**. Buy RAFFLE TICKETS. For tickets, please contact Suzie Ryan at 361-649-1972. The day of the drawing is Friday, December 6, 2019. A copy of the raffle ticket prizes can be found at the entrance of the church or on our website: victoriagabrielproject.org



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said, "Stay awake! For you do not know on which day ...

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Y _____ "

Answer: *your Lord will come*

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Thank you for your generous support last week to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish we raised \$[amount] to support those on the margins living in poverty. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" on the left.

- EVENTS ALL AROUND -

AMOR MEUS SPIRITUALITY CENTER HOST ADVENT SOLEMN VESPERS

During the season of **Advent**, the **Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament** again invite the public to join them in praying **Solemn Vespers** or **Evening Praise** every Sunday of **Advent** (December 1, 8, 15, & 22) in their chapel at **Incarnate Word Convent, 1011 N.E. Water Street, Victoria**, from **5:00 – 5:45 pm** with Benediction following in preparation for Christmas.

Solemn Vespers is the **Catholic Churches' Liturgical Evening Prayer** through which the Church, God's people, gathers to pray for the Church and the world. It is solemn because it consists of praising and thanking God through the chanting of the psalms, through prayers and Scripture reflection.

There will be a wrap-up meeting for the 2019 Fall Festival on Tuesday, **December 3, 2019** at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. A meal will be served. Thanks for your dedication.

Don't miss this! Come with us to sing and pray in sacred places in Rome and France. Join us Monday, September 21 – Saturday, October 3, 2020, in a chant pilgrimage to Rome to learn Chant at the famed Musica Sacra, to sing a vigil Mass at St. Peter's and then on to France to study chant with Dom Daniel Saulnier of Solesmes, sing a Requiem Mass at Normandy for our fallen – closing in Paris singing for the Carmelite Martyrs. So much more! Room for 32 chant singers and 16 companions. **Reservations open till December 5, 2019.** Go to www.chantschool.org/chanttour2020 for details. Call Lowell Davis at 713-376-0289.

Christmas Rendezvous and Trade Fair

On the first Saturday of December period craftsmen, artisans and reenactors will gather on the grounds of Presidio La Bahia to bring history to life!

Since time immemorial people have gathered together to trade ideas, news and the labor of their hands. Modern times have changed very little and once again, people will gather together at Presidio La Bahia to trade the crafts and wares they have made and collected in a 21st century adaptation of the ancient trade fair!

Take the day and visit Presidio La Bahia and browse the trade blankets and sutlers tents for unique Christmas gifts for that special person on your list!

Dress for the weather as this event takes place out of doors. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors, \$2 for children 6-11, under 6 are free.

WHEN December 7th & 8th, 2019

TIMES 9:00am-5:00pm & 9:00am-12:00pm

Las Posadas at Presidio La Bahia 8:30 p.m. on December 7

For Information:

Scott McMahan, Director
Presidio La Bahia 217 Loop 71 Highway 183
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Goliad, TX 77963
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