



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Second SUNDAY of Advent

December 6, 2020

**John the Baptist appeared
in the desert proclaiming
a baptism of repentance
for the forgiveness of sins.**

Mark 1:4

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With COVID-19, much time is spent wondering “where did it start?” or “who passed it on to whom?” Though science can tell us much there are many unanswered questions. Today’s Gospel is about as concrete as sacred scripture gets. We know this is the beginning of the Gospel of Mark, which was the first Gospel to be written down in about 70 AD. Unlike Luke and John, Mark does not begin with an infancy narrative of Jesus. He starts by proclaiming the prophecy of Isaiah. This section was written six hundred years before Christ, in another time of great upheaval, as the Israelites were displaced from their homeland during the Babylonian Exile. The first words of Isaiah 40 are “Comfort, comfort, my people.” John the Baptist starts by explaining he is the go-between, sent to “Prepare the way.”

DON'T SHOOT THE MESSENGER

While proclaiming the coming Christ is a thing of joy, John’s words are also harsh, reminding us to repent and prepare. People were threatened by them two thousand years

ago, and some still are today. People can hear them and be turned off by “fire and brimstone,” and none of us like to be told what to do. But think about it. This year, we have all engaged in social distancing and endured hardships to protect our families and others.

Similarly, when you have company coming, you do house cleaning, meal prep, and lots of things to make the place ready for the arrival of your guests—necessary preparation. So we as individuals must make ourselves ready for the coming Christ to reside in us. This may mean repenting for sins, seeking the sacrament of penance, or taking time with a spiritual director. Perhaps it means carving out more times and places for Christ to be born in our hearts or taking on another spiritual practice. Maybe it means simply doing what the psalm asked and using our eyes and ears and mind and heart to seek Christ.

Today’s Readings: Is 40:1–5, 9–11; Ps 85:9–10, 11–12, 13–14;
2 Pt 3:8–14; Mk 1:1–8

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OFFICE HOURS:

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

Parish Staff

Rev. Greg Korenek, Pastor

Sr. Valerie Janecka, IWBS - Parish Secretary

Janet Weaver, Bookkeeper

Martha Nichols, PCL/Safe Environment Coordinator

Tammy Fikac, PCL

Thomas Santos & Tracie Tibiletti, 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:

Wednesday Evening

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME

Registration forms online at www.lourdesvictoria.org

or email: ollvic@lourdesvictoria.org



MASSES for the WEEK

SUNDAY - December 6 - Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family
10:00 am - Albina & Clarence Bohuslav



MONDAY - December 7

8:00 am - Paul Bittlebrun †
6:00 pm - Reinhart A. Schoener † (Vigil Mass in anticipation of the Holy Day of Obligation)

TUESDAY - December 8 (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

8:00 am - Franklin J. Sedlar †

WEDNESDAY - December 9

8:00 am - Laddie F. Janda †

THURSDAY - December 10

8:00 am - Marie Dove †



FRIDAY - December 11

8:00 am - Hazel E. Waida †

SATURDAY - December 12 (Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas)

8:00 am - Gene Dove
4:00 pm - Clifton Lau †

SUNDAY - December 13 - Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 am - Edward Simper †
10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: 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 any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Bernice Drost, Mae Jean Willemin, Katrina Marbach, Hailey Vasquez, Lillian Kozielski, Patricia Pooley, Samuel William Bek, Matt Brown, Marvin Kucera, Milton Greeson, E. J. Bammert, Steve & Veronica Serrill, Michael Johnson, Bernita Korenek, Michael Krenek, John Correll, Cheryl Barker, Ruben & Frances Espino, Larry Vitek, Kathleen Edwards, Helen Schoener, Darren Mikulik, Tina Moya, Cole Ohrt, Ramona Perez, Jo Ann Hough, James Rung, Wade Shumbera, Frank & Gloria Wearden, Marjorie Anders, Joe Lara, Dolores Kilgore, Eunice Brosch, Frank Reyes, Jr., Carly Walker, Julius Belicek, Gerald Yankey, Ann Hagel, Rachel Wiesner, Piper Eloisa Lara

THIS WEEK

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

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

TUESDAY - Holy Day of Obligation

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WEDNESDAY - Choir Practice (6:00 pm)

SATURDAY - Craft Show & Bake Sale (8:30 am -3:00 pm)
Confessions: 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship
2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious
Craft Show & Bake Sale (8:00 am -12:00 pm)

TUESDAY - December 8

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
(Pastoral Feastday of the United States of America)
Holy day of obligation

NEXT WEEKEND - December 12/13, 2020



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION

and

LECTORS

Sat. 4:00 pm - Standby
Sun. 7:30 am - Standby
Sun. 10:00 am - Standby

Greg Richter
James Novak
David Post

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - James Record, Suzie Ryan
Sun. 7:30 am - Standby
Sun. 10:00 am - Ross N., Joey R.

USHERS/Door Monitors:

Sat. 4:00 pm - John Novak, Norman Schoener
Sun. 7:30 am - Kaden Fikac, Michael Fikac, Matt Warwas
Sun. 10:00 am - Kaden Fikac, Michael Fikac, Matt Warwas

Question of the Week

What concrete action can I take this week to prepare myself for Jesus' coming?

WEEKEND of November 21/22, 2020

Count - 254

Total Operating Income

\$ 2,546.00

2nd Collection: Campaign for Human Development \$ 166.00



WEEKEND of November 28/29, 2020

Count - 256

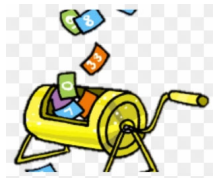
Total Operating Income

\$ 2,718.00

Online (November)

\$ 2,020.00

Your Generosity is Greatly Appreciated.



- EVENTS ALL AROUND -

FUNDRAISER UPDATE

A craft show and bake sale will be held on Saturday, December 12th, from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm and on Sunday, December 13th from 8:00 am-12:00 pm. The raffle drawing will be on December 12th at 3:00 pm.

In addition, there will be 10 barbecued briskets for sale ...first come, first served!



Please, if you have any craft items or baked goods you would like to donate, bring them to the basement on Friday, December 11. Thank you.
Diane Heller (550-7710)

Our major fundraiser are the raffle tickets. Lots of raffle tickets are available at the entrance of the Church or in the Rectory. There is no limit on how many you may buy or sell. Please support your parish by spending what you would at the festival on raffle tickets or donations. Money and ticket stubs may be placed in an envelope (with your name written on the outside) and brought to the Rectory or placed in the collection basket. Thank you so much for all your donations and help!

REMINDER: Please turn in your raffle ticket sales no later than Friday December 11, 2020.

LIKE A CHILD

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.
—St. Nicholas

Advent Angel Giving Tree

Please consider helping the needy in Victoria by supporting the Gabriel Project and Bethlehem Maternity Home. Take an ornament(s) from the tree next to the altar and return your contribution with the angel attached.



The 10:00 am Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church continues to be live-streamed on Facebook.

- Parishioners should take their temperatures before coming to Mass and should not attend if exhibiting any signs of sickness.
- Parishioners attending Mass are asked to wear a face mask, bandana, scarf, or other covering for the mouth and nose while on church grounds.
- Please follow all civil orders: www.VictoriaTXOEM.org

There are ample Missalettes and Song Books for our parishioners. Therefore, you are invited to receive a personal copy of the “We Celebrate” Missalette and the Song Book. Please write your name on the inside covers. You may take the books home and bring them with you each time you attend worship services here at Our Lady of Lourdes. This helps to eliminate the possibility of cross-contamination with resources during this pandemic experience. We appreciate your cooperation.

Browse the pamphlet rack in Church. New selections have been placed there. Titles include: “Advent and Me”, “Advent for Busy Catholics”, “Advent Meditations with Fulton J. Sheen” and many others. Avail yourself of these valuable resources.

The 2021 Our Lady of Lourdes Church calendars have arrived. Each parish family is entitled to a calendar. It is our hope that you display this beautiful calendar, depicting exquisite religious art, in a very prominent space in your home. May God bless you with many happy days during the upcoming year!

Please join **Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Ann #369** for our Holiday Meeting and Award Celebration on December 7th at 6:00 pm at the KC Hall. We will have a Christ Kitchen Pantry Shower and a Silver Drill Snack Sale. Hope to see you all there. New members are always welcome. Give yourself the Gift of CDA.



Ladies of the Altar Society
The Christmas Party (catered meal) will be held on Monday, December 21, 2020, at 6:00 pm in the Church Hall. The member of the year, Elaine Mayer, will be honored also. Please bring a \$10.00 wrapped gift ~ bingo will be played. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by December 7th and call Lynette Mayer @ 361-578-9487 or Elaine Mayer @ 361 - 212-2339.

AN INVITATION TO ADVENT VESPERS
(Live streamed from Amor Meus Spirituality Center)
Despite the pandemic, Amor Meus Spirituality Center is still here for you. Please join us in a Virtual Advent Solemn Vespers at Incarnate Word Convent on the four Sundays of Advent at 5:00 pm – 5:45 pm. You can join us by “liking” our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/iwbs.victoria> on Sundays, December 6, 13 and 20, 2020.
Solemn Vespers consists of chanting the psalms, singing the hymns and canticles with a brief talk based on the Advent Sunday Scripture readings.
Advent is a liturgical season of expectation, blending together a penitential spirit, preparation for the second and final coming of the Lord while joyfully getting ready to celebrate the birth of Christ. We joyfully invite you to celebrate these themes with us during the four Solemn Vespers.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Annual REPORT for the period of 10-01-19/09-30-2020

<u>Income:</u>	
Donations from our Parish	\$11,383.98
Donations from other entities	\$ 1,980.00
Total receipts	\$13,363.98
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Those we served	\$10,303.97
District Council dues	\$ 654.01
Insurance	\$ 200.00
Total distributions	\$11,157.98
Prosperity Bank account:	
Balance as of 09-30-20	\$ 5,396.22

The St. Vincent De Paul volunteers thank you for your continued generosity. Even through the strange events this year has presented, we were able to assist 301 individuals. It is evident, through donations, that we as a parish cherish our blessings and are willing to share our good fortune with those less fortunate. Stay safe and God Bless.

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