

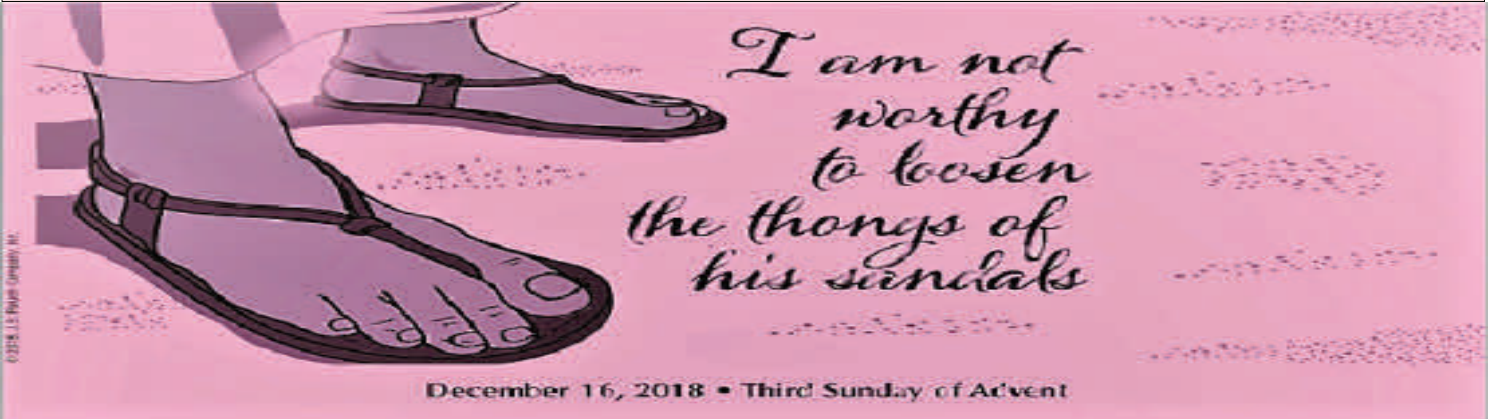


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Zephaniah's description of God in today's first reading is quite striking. It is remarkable that after most of the book of Zephaniah paints a dark picture of God's judgment on the "Day of the Lord," we see God singing with joy, partying and celebrating, bursting with love for the Chosen People. Such is God's delight in us human beings.

In the scriptures, there seem to be two kinds of moments when God is especially delighted. First, during creation, when God creates something beautiful: not only the whole universe, but also individual human persons, made in God's image. Second, after times of separation, when God celebrates the restoration of intimacy with God's beloved.

As Paul writes to the Church in Philippi, those on the path of faith might somehow get swept up in God's joy. Because in Christ and through the Holy Spirit, God continually speaks and listens to those in united in faith. We participate in God's delight in creation when we are creative ourselves, when we add to the world's beauty. We also participate when we join in the work of reconciliation and act to heal human divisions and restore relationships.

## BEGIN WHERE YOU ARE

In today's Gospel, those who listened to John the Baptist's prophetic preaching were quite troubled, and moved to ask "What should we do?" Although John had given dire warnings about what might happen if they did not sincerely repent, he did not suggest drastic actions. He recommended that people begin where they are, and work within their daily circumstances. Share generously. Treat people fairly. Be content with what you have. These were perhaps small steps turning them, in God's time, toward deeper change.

A first step for us might be to learn, however slowly, to listen to God speaking within the context of our lives. We can respond with small concrete actions and perhaps learn what God wishes to say through them. We can then listen anew for the next step.

Today's Readings: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

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### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday -Thursday 8:45 a.m. -12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Friday 8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m.-4:30 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  
Sr. Miriam Perez, MCSH - RCIA  
Elaine Mayer, 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.  
Holy Day Masses: 5:30 p.m. Vigil;  
8:00 a.m. Morning of Holy Day  
(except Christmas)

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 p.m. or by appointment  
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.

The Faith Formation Program of Our Lady of Lourdes is for the purpose of bringing the Person, the Message, and the Hope of Jesus to every individual and family in our faith community and beyond. We are committed to helping everyone know, love, and experience the great love God has for us.

**SUNDAY - December 16 - Third Sunday of Advent**

7:30 am - Infant Raymond Neisser  
10:00 am - Jimmy & David Hobbs & Carolyn Goldman †

**MONDAY - December 17**

8:00 am - M. V. Myers †

**TUESDAY - December 18**

8:00 am - Caroline Kammlah †

**WEDNESDAY - December 19**

8:00 am - Haley Smith †

**THURSDAY - December 20**

8:00 am - Walter Kammlah †

**FRIDAY - December 21**

8:00 am - Alfred Novian †

**SATURDAY - December 22**

8:00 am - Marian Bolech †  
4:00 pm - Edwin Brosch †

**SUNDAY - December 23 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family  
10:00 am - William Strelczyk †



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**SUNDAY - Third Sunday of Advent**

*Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship*  
*2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious*  
Altar Society Bake Sale

**MONDAY - Altar Society & Christmas Party @ 6:00 pm**

**WEDNESDAY - Catholic/Lutheran joint Christmas Caroling @ 6:00 pm @ Trinity Lutheran Church. Reception will follow.**

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

**SUNDAY - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship*  
*2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul*

**NEXT WEEKEND - December 22/23, 2018**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**of HOLY COMMUNION**

and

**LECTORS**

**Sat. 4:00 pm** - Harvin Suggs, Arleen & Pat Brennan Norman Schoener  
**Sun. 7:30 am** - Pat Krenek, Claudia & Alvin Schoener Standby x1  
**Sun. 10:00 am** - Donna Maxey, Pauline Hinojosa Bud Tucker

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

**Sat. 4:00 pm** - Suzie Ryan, Standby x2  
**Sun. 7:30 am** - Katelyn J., Dennis S., Standby x1  
**Sun. 10:00 am** - Carly & Cy R., Maddie U.

**USHERS:**

**Sat. 4:00 pm** - Richard Dominguez, Michael John, Frank Motal  
**Sun. 7:30 am** - Michael Fikac, Frank Marbach, James Novak  
**Sun. 10:00 am** - Alvin Schoener, Kenneth Spann, Standby x1

Christmas Mass Ministers	4:00 PM Mass (Christmas Eve)	Mid-night Mass	10:00 AM Mass (Christmas Day)
Lector	Liz Lemke	David Post	Jeff Nunley
Eucharistic Ministers	Arleen & Pat Brennan, Joe Lara	L. Berger, J. Vecera, H. Suggs	A. Nunley, J. Loest, Standby

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Count - 221

Total Operating Income

\$ 806.00

**WEEKEND of December 8/9, 2018**

Count - 531

Total Operating Income

\$ 5,797.00

2nd Collection: Diocesan Services Appeal

\$ 1,245.75

Christmas Flowers

\$ 295.00

*Your Generosity is Greatly Appreciated.*

**Question of the Week**

Knowing that God is in our midst, how can I answer the question from the Gospel: "What should I do?"

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17  
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25  
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25  
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38  
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45  
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56  
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Jacob Alvarado, Cody Arnold, Cheryl Barker, Michael Berger, Monsignor Gerard Cernoch, Cecilia Edwards, Frances Espino, Tom Goslin, Carson Halterman, Bill Hough, Monsignor Joseph Hybner, Monsignor Casey Jarzombek, Darren Mikulik, Steve Motal, Tina Moya, Cole Ohrt, Patty Pantel, Ramona Perez, James Rung, Wade Shumbera, Carly Walker, Jimmy Whitaker, MaeJean Willemine, Gerald Yankey, Piper Eloisa Lara, Winston Wilson, Teresa Berger Dodson, Steve & Veronica Serrill, Mae Jean Willemine, Johnnie Bomersbach, Dayle Lemke

Knights of Columbus Council #1329 is selling the "Keep Christ In Christmas" magnets. They are only \$5.00 each.

Contact Gary Rangnow, 361-649-2023.



### Holiday Hours for the Parish Office

Beginning at 11:00 am on Friday, December 21 & thru December 26, the Parish Office will close in observance of Christmas. Likewise, the office will close on December 31 thru January 2 in observance of the New Year.

*MERRY CHRISTMAS and A BLESSED NEW YEAR*



### Keep Christ in Your Christmas and Share Your Faith

Shop the Incarnate Word Gift Shop  
@ 1101 N.E. Water Street, Victoria

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Saturday 9:30 am to 3:30 pm



### Advent Angel Giving Tree

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



Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society will be upgrading the church **Christmas Decorations** starting with the pew markers and the window arrangements. If you would like to make a donation, please put it in an envelope labeled "**Christmas Decorations**". It can be placed in the offering basket or taken to the church office. Thank You.

**10 Day Pilgrimage to Poland, Czech Republic & Germany**  
with Bishop Brendan Cahill as Spiritual Director  
including Tickets to 2020 Passion Play in Oberammergau  
**August 22<sup>nd</sup> - August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020**  
**Reservations must be made by December 31, 2018**

For information, contact: Susan DeBartol at 888-843-7373/  
[susan@littleflowerpilgrimages.com](mailto:susan@littleflowerpilgrimages.com) or Dr. Gloria Amelda Gonzalez at 361-549-9147/  
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### Society of St Vincent de Paul - REPORT

November 2018

UTILITIES	\$ 923.38
RENT	\$ 315.00
FOOD	\$ 200.00
MEDICAL/prescriptions	\$ 311.75
GABRIEL PROJECT	\$ 100.00
TRANSPORTATION	\$ 176.00
CELL PHONE	\$ 51.54
INSURANCE	\$ 0.00
VCAM	\$ 100.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 2,177.67</b>
<b>BLACK BAG COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$ 1,057.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PEOPLE HELPED</b>	<b>58</b>

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.

## - EVENTS ALL AROUND -



**OLL Altar Society BAKE SALE** will be on **December 15-16** after all Masses. Members are asked to label the items they bring for the sale. Please support the Altar Society and buy a Christmas dessert.

### Solemn Advent Vespers

December 16, 23, 2018 (5:00 pm - 5:45 pm)

Incarnate Word Convent Chapel (1101 N. E. Water Street, Victoria)



Solemn Vespers is the Liturgical Evening Prayer of the Church. This prayer focuses on praying the psalms, giving thanks for the day and offering praise to God. Vespers closes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

### Christmas Concert

Come and enjoy the unique stories behind our most beloved Christmas Carols. A special surprise activity for the children in the congregation will be included.

Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 7:00 pm  
in the Sanctuary of Holy Family Catholic Church (Victoria)  
followed by a reception in St. Peter's Hall

**Altar Society Meeting and Christmas Party** will be on **December 17<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:00 pm. Meat will be provided and members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Members can bring 1-2 guests, and all are invited to bring a \$10.00 gift for the gift exchange. **PLEASE RSVP** by calling Diane Heller at 550-7710 or Josie Berger at 550-2079.



### Court St. Ann and Council 1329

"It's the most wonderful time of the year!!" Let these lyrics help put you in the mood to celebrate! Catholic Daughters of the Americas and the Knights of Columbus will have their **Christmas party on Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018**, at the hall. The social will start at 6:00 pm, with the catered dinner at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 each and are available from Anne Martin (361/648-2008) or Michael Nevlud (361/550-6427). Deadline is Monday, Dec. 10. Don't miss this chance to show off your holiday wardrobe! Hope to see everyone there!



### Mark Your Calendar

Please come and share in the spirit of Christmas by singing **Christmas Carols**. Join together with **Our Lady of Lourdes and Trinity Lutheran Church** congregations on **Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 106 N. De Leon Street.



### Come Out, Have Fun, Meet Friends

Knights of Columbus Council #1329 Bingo Night on December 19. Hall opens 6:00 pm. Bingo games from 7:30 pm until 10:00 pm. \$10.00 per Bingo sheet pack for 10 games. Food and drinks available. Location is Airline at Ben Wilson. Proceeds benefit various council charity projects. For info, call the hall Wednesday evening at 575-9214.



### JOB OPPORTUNITY

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish** is seeking a part-time/hourly **Church custodian**. Experience is preferred but not necessary. One must be instructed in the Safe Environment protocol as adapted by the Diocese of Victoria. For more information, please call the rectory at 575-3813 during business hours.

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