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*The Son
of Man
will come in
a cloud with
power and
great glory*



December 2, 2018 • First Sunday of Advent

In daily life, it's easy simply to focus on the here and now. Life can be complex and rapidly changing. It's often plenty for us just to get through the day. Yet it seems that in Luke's Gospel today, Jesus is asking his followers, and us too, to widen our focus and see a larger reality.

We are asked to observe not only the routines of daily life, not only the large forces of history acting upon us, but also God bringing forth the birth of a new creation. Jesus asks us to see beyond today's troubles and watch God stirring up hope. We are to more truly see persons in need, those who experience violence, loss, or injustice. We are asked to see beyond the superficial during the Christmas shopping season, and to see Christ as ultimate Gift and gift-giver.

WAITING WELL

Today we begin Lectionary Year C, when the Gospel readings are frequently from the Gospel of Luke. Luke wrote for a community that wrestled with questions about what had happened and what had not (yet) happened. Some in the commu-

nity had anticipated the promised return of Jesus during their lifetimes. In today's Gospel, Jesus does not offer a timetable for his coming, but asks us to watch and wait. We can learn to wait faithfully, not knowing what will happen next, but living in trust. Advent is a time to learn again about waiting well.

Many of the events we most cherish in life involve waiting: the birth of a child, graduation, a new job, retirement. How we receive these events often depends on how well we have waited and prepared. Waiting well is not passive. We often work hard to prepare for life's big events, both externally and in our hearts. We ready ourselves, but allow for surprises. Advent's preparation for Christmas mirrors our many waitings, knowing that God may come into our lives by surprise, without a timetable.

Today's Readings: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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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
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Tammy Fikac, PCL
Sr. Miriam Perez, MCSH - RCIA
Elaine Mayer, Music Ministry

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.

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.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY - December 2 - First Sunday of Advent
 7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family
 10:00 am - Living & Deceased Members of the Kenneth F. & Mary Ann Bernhard Family
 11:30 am - Vietnamese Community Mass - Fr. Phi Nguyen/
 Celebrant

MONDAY - December 3
 8:00 am - Mr. & Mrs. Felix Rivera †

TUESDAY - December 4
 8:00 am - Louisa & Domingo Sanchez †

WEDNESDAY - December 5
 8:00 am - Amy Bernhard †

THURSDAY - December 6
 8:00 am - Ambrosio Rivera †

FIRST FRIDAY - December 7
 8:00 am - Paul Bittlebrun †
 5:30 pm - J. V. Myers † (Vigil Mass in anticipation of the Holy Day of Obligation)

SATURDAY - December 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:00 am - Franklin J. Sedlar †
 4:00 pm - Edwin Brosch †

SUNDAY - December 9 - Second Sunday of Advent
 7:30 am - Edward Simper †
 10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family

Questions of the Week

How can I prepare myself for the coming of Jesus, at Christmas and at the end of time?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; 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: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

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

THIS WEEK



First Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY - First Sunday of Advent
Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship
2nd Collection: Building Repairs & Maintenance

SATURDAY - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Patronal Feast Day of the USA
 (Holy Day of Obligation)
 Confessions: 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

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

SUNDAY - Second Sunday of Advent
Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship
2nd Collection: Diocesan Services Appeal

NEXT WEEKEND - December 8/9, 2018

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION

Sat. 4:00 pm - Lillian Berger, Liz Lemke, Standby x1
Sun. 7:30 am - Sherry Kainer, Joy Loest, Standby x1
Sun. 10:00 am - April Nunley, Patsy Whitaker, Standby x1

LECTORS

Mary Herzogenrath
 James Novak
 David Post

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - Suzie Ryan, Standby x2
Sun. 7:30 am - Clayton E., Kalynn F., Joshua Z.
Sun. 10:00 am - Allison & Ross N., Jace S.

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 - Harrison Raska, Alvin Schoener, Kenneth Spann

WEEKEND of November 17/18, 2018

Count - 450



Total Operating Income \$ 3,276.00
Extra Envlp (Altar Server Edu. Fund) \$ 344.50
2nd Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) \$ 350.00

WEEKEND of November 24/25, 2018

Count - 469

Total Operating Income \$ 3,704.50
2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul \$ 1,057.00


Your Generosity is Greatly Appreciated.

- EVENTS ALL AROUND -


Saturday, **December 8**, we will observe the solemn feast of **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** (Patronal Feastday of the United States of America). **This is a Holy Day of Obligation**. Please consider attending the Vigil Mass on Friday, December 7 or the 8:00 am Mass on Saturday, December 8.

Thank you to all who donated in various forms for the children's games at the festival. The donations were very generous and the children had a great time!
- Stephanie John


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 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.

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 19th at 6:00 pm**, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 106 N. De Leon Street.

 **ALL 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.

Altar Society Meeting and Christmas Party will be on **December 17th**, 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.

Our Lady of Lourdes 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.

 **Nazareth Academy** has a position open for a part-time maintenance person. This position is temporary until the regular employee resumes duties. Experience is preferred. One must be instructed in the Safe Environment protocol as adapted by the Diocese of Victoria. For more information, please contact Sr. Ann @ 485-2044.

Thank you for your generous support on (November 17th & 18th) to the collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development!** As a parish we raised \$350.00 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.

Solemn Advent Vespers

December 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018 (5:00 pm - 5:45 pm)
Incarnate Word Convent Chapel ([1101 N. E. Water Street, Victoria](http://1101.N.E.WaterStreet.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.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Ann #369, will hold the monthly meeting on **Monday, December 3, 2017**, at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The evening will start with prayer at 6:10 pm, followed by the business meeting.

The evening will conclude with a Christmas gift exchange. Those choosing to participate are asked to bring a gift in the \$5.00 range. Don't worry if you don't have time to shop—many of us have that "special something" around the house that needs a new home! Membership in CDA is open to Catholic women age 18 and over. Give yourself a Christmas gift of membership in one of the largest organizations of Catholic women.

Come Out, Have Fun, Meet Friends

 Knights of Columbus Council #1329 Bingo Night on **December 5**. 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.

You are invited to bring your family to see and hear the true message of Christmas on **December 7th and 8th** at Grace Lutheran Church (9806 NE Zac Lentz Pkwy). Visit "**Bethlehem Village**" at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

For more information, call 361-573-2232.

Amor Meus Spirituality Center

"Look Who Is Coming" (Advent Theme) presenter, Mary Frazier
Saturday, December 8, 2018 -9:30 am-3:30 pm
Incarnate Word Convent (1101 N. E. Water Street Victoria, TX)
361-575-7111

Retreat includes at least two reflections, ample time for personal prayer, walking and reflecting. A box lunch is available. \$25.00 suggested donation or love offering. Those attending are invited to join the Sisters for 8:30 am Mass in the Convent Chapel.

Come and See!

Single Catholic women 18 to 40 years of age are invited to come meet religious Sisters and examine their call to make Jesus, the Incarnate Word, known and loved. Explore your own call to follow Jesus through marriage, single state, or religious life on December 8-9, 2018 and/or January 19-20, 2019 at Incarnate Word Convent in Victoria, Texas. Call (361) 575-7111 or email iwbsvoc@yahoo.com. See www.iwbsvictoria.org for more information.

Annual Advent Dinner

All are invited **December 8, 2018**, to attend the **Annual Advent Dinner** at the Spiritual Renewal Center (SRC) with Bishop Brendan Cahill and Bishop Emeritus David E. Fellhauer. Mass, dinner, entertainment, a silent auction and fellowship will be part of the evening. All proceeds benefit the SRC. To reserve seats or to donate silent auction items, please contact Deacon Joe Duplan at 361-572-0836.

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