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*John
proclaimed
a baptism
of repentance*

December 9, 2018 • Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist preached from the desert. The desert not far from Jerusalem is extremely rugged, where steep hills and deep valleys are common across a barren landscape. When John quoted Isaiah in today's Gospel, this rough terrain stirred the imagination of John's listeners. John proclaimed that these hills and valleys are to be made level, to provide a smooth path for God to enter.

John's listeners recognized that the height of hills and the depth of valleys are similar to human attitudes and relationships: heights of personal pride and depths of discouragement and fear. Hills and valleys evoked how people treat each other, with some people raised high and others brought low. They suggested how social structures embody and harden these tendencies with large-scale systems of military, political, or economic oppression. John proclaimed that God was about to alter this social landscape through the work of Jesus.

EARTH-MOVING

Transforming the human landscape, like the task of smoothing the desert hills and valleys, is an enormous under-

taking, truly the work of God. Yet God looks for partners in this transformation. John the Baptist, and Jesus afterward, called followers to participate in God's work, and to begin with repentance. We the Church respond to this call today, and acknowledge our ongoing need for God's mercy and forgiveness. Our Advent preparation for Christmas includes opening our hearts to God's forgiveness, so that Jesus might come to take residence there.

We join in God's earth-moving project by repenting of how we block God's path with resentments and fears. When we are brought low in our lives, we seek God's help, and God will enlist the help of others. When we realize that we reside on mountains of advantage or privilege that place others in valleys, we are to repent and to change how we live. When we bring healing and justice to others, we are sharing in God's earth-shaking work, and preparing a straight pathway for our God.

Today's Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

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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

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.



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SUNDAY - December 9 - Second Sunday of Advent

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

MONDAY - December 10

8:00 am - Silvestra Rivera †

TUESDAY - December 11

8:00 am - Adella Mullino †

WEDNESDAY - December 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 am - Fr. Frank Lomica

THURSDAY - December 13

8:00 am - Edward & Anita Amador †

FIRST FRIDAY - December 14

8:00 am - Deceased Members of the Gray & Kandler Families

SATURDAY - December 15

8:00 am - Kenneth W. Bernhard
4:00 pm - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family †

SUNDAY - December 16 - Third Sunday of Advent

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

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

MONDAY - Holy Name Society Meeting - 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

FRIDAY - Parish Social Night

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

SUNDAY - Third Sunday of Advent

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Find in the Virgin Mary an example of fidelity to God's call.

NEXT WEEKEND - December 15/16, 2018

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION

and

LECTORS

Sat. 4:00 pm - Helen John, Geriann Neuman, Standby x1 John Novak
Sun. 7:30 am - Martha Nichols, Standby x2 Standby x1
Sun. 10:00 am - Carol & Howard Bludau, John or Melody Vecera Joe Nevlud

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - James Record, Standby x2
Sun. 7:30 am - Karley & Katelyn J., Jenny M.
Sun. 10:00 am - Joey R., Eric & Reice T.

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



Question of the Week

Can I properly discern what is of value and then act according to those values?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: 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
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

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

WEEKEND of December 1/2, 2018

Count - 538



Total Operating Income	\$ 3,376.55
2nd Collection: Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,276.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 753.10
Online (November)	\$ 1,060.00

Your Generosity is Greatly Appreciated.



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.

- EVENTS ALL AROUND -

Solemn Advent Vespers

December 9, 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.

Come Out, Have Fun, Meet Friends

Knights of Columbus Council #1329 Bingo Night on December 12. 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.



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.



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. 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!



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 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.



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.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to work." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

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



ADORERS NEEDED

St. Mary's Adoration Chapel has a few more adoration slots available. Please consider spending 30 minutes with Jesus, inviting a friend, or a non-parishioner.

Available adoration hours: Mon. 12:30 pm, 3 pm; Tues. 10 am; Wed. 7 am, 12:30 pm, 2 pm, 4 pm; Thurs. 7 am, 9 am, 10 am, 2 pm, 3 pm; Fri. 8 am, 9 am, 10 am, 12:30, 1 pm, 2 pm, 5 pm.

To sign up, please leave your name, preferred time, and phone number with Cindy Brewer at (361) 571-6510 or leave a message at St. Mary's office at 573-4328.

Opening soon! ~ *St. Mary's Adoration Chapel* will open Dec. 13th. Bishop Brendan Cahill formally will bless the chapel and expose the Blessed Sacrament following the noon Mass.

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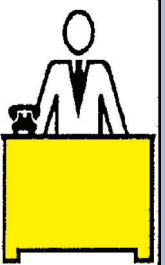
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