

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2016

The earth shall be filled  
with knowledge of the LORD,  
as water covers the sea. — Isaiah 11:9

## Masses for the Week



### SUNDAY - December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 am - Buddy Waida †  
10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - Clergy  
11:30 am - Vietnamese Community - Fr. Phi -Celebrant

### MONDAY - December 5

8:00 am - Billy Yandell, Jr. †

### TUESDAY - December 6 - St Nicholas, Bishop

8:00 am - † Edith & † Jerome Krenek

### WED - December 7 - St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8:00 am - Paul Bittlebrun †

### THUR - December 8 - Immaculate Conception of BVM

8:00 am - Vecera & Rivera families  
6:00 pm - Allen Book †

### FRIDAY - December 9 - St. Juan Diego

8:00 am - Souls in Purgatory †

### SATURDAY - December 10

8:00 am - Herb Huerter  
5:00 pm - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - Clergy

### SUNDAY - December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 am - Edward Simper †  
10:00 am - Luisa Sanchez †

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12  
Mon: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26  
Tue: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14  
Wed: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30  
Thu: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
Fri: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19  
Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
Sun: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

### NEXT WEEKEND - December 10 & 11

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION

Sat. 5:00 pm - Lillian Berger,  
Volunteer, Volunteer

Sun. 7:30 am - Sherry Kainer,  
Joy Loest, Volunteer

Sun. 10:00 am - April Nunley,  
Al/Claudia Schoener

and **LECTORS**  
Volunteer

James Novak

Edie Wilson-Johnston

### ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 5:00 pm - Braydon Manning, Jaci Foster, D Strelczyk

Sun. 7:30 am - Austin Kainer, Clayton & Nicole Easley

Sun. 10:00 am - Ross & Allison Nunley, Cy Richter

### USHERS:

5:00 pm - M John, F Motal, T Goslin, R Dominguez

7:30 am - F Marbach, J Novak, M Fikac, Volunteer

10:00 am - K Spann, A Schoener, H Raska, Volunteer

**Please Pray for Our Sick: Tina Moya,  
Cheryl Barker, Amy Bernhard, Eva Kimmel,  
Jewell Correll, Jerry Bassham, Amy Jo Wuest**



## Advent SVDP & VCAM

BRING A FOOD OFFERING TO MASS  
This opportunity ends December 18th



## THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY - Second Sunday of Advent **FaithAlive Sunday**

2nd Collection: Building Repr. & Maint.

11:30 am - Vietnamese Community - Fr. Phi -Celebrant

ELITE Ultrasound Screenings - Sign Ups after Masses

### TUESDAY - 2016 Parish Festival WRAP UP meeting

6:30 pm in Church Hall - Light meal before meeting

### WEDNESDAY - R.C.I.A. - 7:00 pm - R.E. Bldg

### THURSDAY - Mass at 8am & 6pm - HOLYDAY of OBLIGATION

### FRIDAY - Parish Social Night

### SATURDAY - Confessions - 4:00 - 4:30 pm

### SUNDAY - Third Sunday of Advent

Special Coll. Envlp: Retirement Fund for Religious  
2nd Collection: D. S. A.



### Sacred Relics of the The Saints: Treasures of The Church

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Parish presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Saturday December 10 at 6:15pm (following the 5:00pm Mass). Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with his very special ministry to teach about these holy objects. He will bring with him over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. **Please do not miss this opportunity.**

You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.



**Generations of Faith ~ GOF**  
Religious Education Classes

- Dec 4 GOF **FaithAlive Sunday**: "Living Advent Wreath"
- Dec 11 GOF Class
- Dec 18 GOF Class
- Dec 24 Children's Christmas Eve Mass
- Dec 25 CHRISTMAS



**Baptism and 1st Communion of Older Children**

If you have a child or know a child 3rd grade or older who has not been baptized or received 1st Communion, please let us know so we can prepare them for their Sacraments.



**VOCATION CRUCIFIX**  
At the 7:30 am Mass Billy & Carol Pope will take possession and continue our prayers. **Next** to take possession on **December 11th** at the 10:00 am Mass is **Howard & Carol Bludau**

We would like to send a hug "Thank You" to all of the parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Lourdes that came out to enjoy the Fall Festival. The 2016 Fall Festival was an amazing day that could not have happened without the hard work and dedication of all involved. We hope that everyone enjoyed the turkey and dressing that was traditionally prepared by the caring hands of our parishioners and their families. It has been an honor and a blessing to serve as your 2016 Festival Chairpersons. *Thank you* again.... and may God bless you all during this most Holy Season of Thanksgiving and Praise. *Gerald Schilhab & Donna Maxey*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: OLL Altar Society will hold a Christmas Bake Sale December 17th & 18th after each Mass. Cookbooks will also be sold. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

<i>Weekly Offering</i>	<b>WEEKEND of 11-19/20-16</b>	<b>Count - 443</b>
	<b>Total Operating Income.....</b>	<b>\$ 4,190.53</b>
	<b>ExtraEnvlpColl:.....(AltrSrvEduScIshp).....</b>	<b>\$ 173.00</b>
	<b>SPEC. COLL. Envlp:.(Cap.Campg.HumDvlp).....</b>	<b>\$ 84.00</b>

**THANK YOU..... Your Generosity is Greatly Appreciated.**

<i>Weekly Offering</i>	<b>WEEKEND of 11-26/27-16</b>	<b>Count - 549</b>
	<b>Total Operating Income.....</b>	<b>\$ 4,382.00</b>
	<b>ExtraEnvlpColl:.....(StVDP).....</b>	<b>\$ 806.50</b>
	<b>SPEC. COLL. Envlp:.(Cap.Campg.HumDvlp).....</b>	<b>\$ 46.00</b>
	<b>2nd Collection:.....(D.S.A.).....</b>	<b>\$ 1,240.53</b>

**Society of St Vincent de Paul -REPORT- November 2016**

VCAM	\$ 200.00
UTILITIES	407.65
RENT	395.00
FOOD	200.00
MEDICAL/prescriptions	110.00
CELL PHONE	49.27
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,361.92</b>
<b>BLACK BAG COLLECTION.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,361.92</b>
<b>TOTAL PEOPLE HELPED.....</b>	<b>49</b>



**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**  
RCIA meets each Wednesday  
7 pm - 9pm ~ in the Rel Ed Bldg.  
**The RCIA door is ALWAYS open**

For more info, please contact:  
Bob/Laurie Bautista-573-9561 or Rectory/575-3813



Elite Medical Imaging will be hosting a **vascular screening** on **Friday, December 16, 2016** at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

Eight screenings are offered: Carotid Artery, Thyroid Abdominal Aorta, Liver, Spleen, Gallbladder and both Kidneys. These screenings are only available with your doctor if you already have symptoms.

Each screening is \$49 or all 8 for \$150.

Please call 1-855-303-0667 to pre-register.

A representative will be at the church on **Saturday & Sunday December 3rd & 4th.**

**Prevention is Key** to early detection & good health!

**<+> PARISH FESTIVAL WRAP-UP <+>**

Please submit any receipts w/form for reimbursements, bills or other expense documents as soon as possible for final tabulations. Please make every effort to turn in all revenue from sales or credits as well.



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016**  
**6:30 PM - CHURCH HALL**

LIGHT MEAL WILL BE SERVED BEFORE THE MEETING BEGINS. FEEL FREE TO BRING A FAVORITE SIDE DISH.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Ann #369 will hold the **monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 5, 2016, at the Knights of Columbus Hall.** Members are to bring oral hygiene items (toothpaste, brushes, floss, etc.) for Casa Juan Diego, a state MOM project. Business meeting will begin at 6:30 pm, following prayer service at 6:10pm. New members are always welcome.

**Advent Vespers: December 4, 11, & 18 from 5pm - 5:45pm in the Incarnate Word Chapel.** This liturgical evening prayer of the church focuses on praying the psalms, giving thanks for the day and offering praise to God. Solemn evening praise closes w/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Lead Me Retreat by God's Embrace** to be held at the **Ministries Retreat Cntr at 1601 High Hill Rd, Schulenburg, TX.** The weekend **begins 5 pm Friday, December 9,** and concludes **Sunday, December 11** with 12:30pm Mass at St Mary Catholic Church in High Hill. Open to men and women. Space is limited. Register soon online at [godsembrace.org](http://godsembrace.org) or call 979-561-8883.

**AMOR MEUS GUIDED ONE-DAY ADVENT RETREAT: December 10, 2016---9:30am - 3:30pm** Deacon Leo Sharron from St. Michael's in Cuero will present a day retreat entitled, "My Soul in Stillness Waits" at Incarnate Word Convent 1101 NE Water St., Victoria, TX. This retreat provides an opportunity to encounter God in the silence of the heart. Two conferences on a spiritual topic are presented, as well as Eucharist liturgy and ample time for walking, reflecting, spiritual guidance and reconciliation. All are welcome.

As we, the **Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament,** continue our Celebration of 150 Years here in Victoria, we invite you to an **OPEN HOUSE** at 1101 NE Water St. on **December 17, 2016** from **2:00 -5:00 pm.**  
**All are Welcome!**