

**St. Alice Catholic Church**

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**Second Sunday of Advent - December 4th, 2016**

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00pm English

Sunday Mass

9:30am English

12:15pm In Spanish

Weekday Liturgy (Chapel in Rel. Ed. Center)

Monday: 8:30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Tuesday: 6:00pm Misa In Spanish

Wednesday: 8:30am English Mass

Thursday: 8:30am English Mass

Friday: 8:30am English Mass

Reconciliation

5:00 - 5:45pm Tuesday

3:30 - 4:30pm Saturday

Or by appointment

The Rosary (El Rosario) (Chapel in Ed. Center)

Wednesday and Thursday: 8:00am

Thursday: 7:00pm In Spanish

Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

1st Friday in Chapel in Ed. Center

12:00pm - 7:00PM

Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:00pm

Office Closed 12:30PM - 1:30pm

**Parish Staff**

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**Marriage Preparation:**

Please contact Pastor six months prior to wedding to ensure adequate time for these preparations.

**Baptism for Children Age 3 Months through Age 6**

If your child was not baptized as a newborn infant, you are encouraged to bring him or her for baptism on one of our regularly scheduled baptism dates. Remaining scheduled baptisms for 2016 will be celebrated on **November 12th & 13th**. Readiness to have your child baptized involves registering at the parish, attending mass faithfully for at least four months, and participating in baptism preparation classes. Registration for the classes and attendance at two sessions by parents and godparents is required. To make arrangements for baptism, please call Norma at 541-747-7041.

**Bible Basics**

Bible Basics, led by Fr. Mark Bentz, is open to all parishioners as well as those who are coming to explore the faith and prepare to become Catholic. Come learn more about the Catholic faith and grow spiritually through prayer, study, and discussion. Classes are held on Thursdays @ 6:45pm - 8:30pm. Please call Danielle Plantz at 541-747-7041 for more information.



**December 10 - December 11, 2016**

First Reading Isaiah 35:1-6A, 10

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Second Reading James 5:7-10

Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

Sat. 5:00 PM - **Reader:** J. Ross

**Eucharistic Ministers 1:** Jeanne Bohlae

**Head Wine:** Carol Sirois

**Eucharistic 2:** Rosanna Borsoni

Sun. 9:30 AM - **Reader:** L. Stephens

**Eucharistic Ministers 1:** Jeanette Shibler

**Head Wine:** Liz Dehne

**Eucharistic 2:** Jeanne Smith, Gloria Suter, Geri Perkins, Marlene Ross

Sun. 12:15 PM - **Reader 1:** Lulu Mendez

**Reader 2:** Maria Morey

**Eucharistic Minister 1:** Please See Schedule

**Head Wine:** Please See Schedule

**Eucharistic 2:** Please See Schedule

Altar Servers	Sat.5:00pm	Sun.9:30am	Sun.12:15pm
Cross	Darrel	William	Samuel
Book	Dawn	Daniel	Adriana
Candle			Jose C.

Intentions for the week of December 4 through December 11

December 4 - 9:30am Our Lady's Intentions/Michael Cummings

December 4 - 12:15pm Community of St. Alice

December 8 - 8:30am Delfina Buckley/Larry Doege & Family

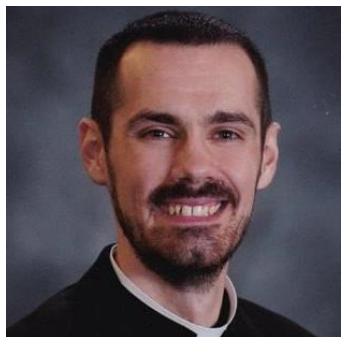
December 9 - 8:30am James George Charkalis/Leff & Liz Dehne

December 10 - 5:00pm Community of St. Alice

December 11 - 9:30am Ken Doege & Family/Larry Doege

December 11 - 12:15pm Martina Hernandez Campos  
Rosa Hernandez Campos/Paula Hernandez

## *Pastor's Corner*



*Blessings,  
Fr. Mark Bentz*

Happy New Year! That's right, Advent starts a new liturgical year for the Catholic Church. We just finished the Year of Mercy and it was a great year! It's a good practice to look back at the end of the year and give thanks for all the blessings. It was timely that we just had Thanksgiving, because we've had a lot of things to be thankful for this month. We just had a wonderful visit of the relic of St. John Paul II (and stories of healing are pouring in—please share your story with us!). We also had a very successful taco bar fundraiser that brought in over \$1000 for Ruth's closet! There were also several maintenance projects this November: the sidewalk was fixed in-between the office and ed center, a new hot water heater was installed in the Parish Center Kitchen, and a ductless heat/air system was installed in the Ed Center Chapel! Lastly, starting last week, we have hired a professional cleaning service (FutureTech) for our Church campus. And all of that was just this last month!

I am also pleased to report that we have our last year's financial report to share with you. It's been a long fall with computer crashes and trying to recover data, but it's all here finally, and as you can see, we're in pretty good shape, although we ended last year in the red a little bit. In the next couple weeks and months, I hope to lay out some vision for this next year that we can get behind as a parish. I'm very excited at the possibilities and hope you are too!

Blessings,  
Fr. Mark

### POPE FRANCIS—PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

**Universal:** End to Child-Soldiers, That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

**Evangelization:** Europe, That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

St. Alice Events for the Week of  
December 4 through December 11

Daily Readings  
For Mass

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| <p>4. Sunday<br/>9:30 - 10:30am Mass - English<br/>11am - 12pm Religious Ed Classes<br/>(K - 5 (Ed Center)<br/>12:15pm Mass - Spanish<br/>5 - 7pm Luz de Vida<br/>7 - 7pm Novena</p> <p>5. Monday<br/>8:30am - Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion (Chapel)<br/>9:00am - Morning Prayer (Chapel)<br/>6 - 8pm - Spanish Choir (Church)<br/>7 - 8pm - Novena</p> <p>6. Tuesday<br/>8:30 - Noon - Giving Tree Wrapping<br/>5 - 5:45pm Confessions (Church)<br/>6 - 7pm Spanish Mass (Church)<br/>7 - 8pm Novena</p> <p>7. Wednesday<br/>8:00am - Rosary (Chapel)<br/>8:30am - Mass (Chapel)<br/>9:00am - Morning Prayer (Chapel)<br/>6:30pm - English Choir (Church)<br/>7 - 8:30 Talking with God, Lessons about prayer (Ed Center Rm 5)<br/>7 - 8pm - Novena (Church)</p> <p>8. Thursday -<br/>8:00am - Rosary (Chapel)<br/>8:30am - Daily Mass<br/>9:00am - Morning Prayer (Chapel)<br/>Noon - 1pm - Mass - Immaculate Conception (Church)<br/>6:30pm - 7:30pm Mass - Immaculate Conception (Church)<br/>7:30 - 8:30pm - Novena (Church)</p> <p>9. 8:30am - Mass - English (Chapel)<br/>9:00am - Morning Prayer (Chapel)<br/>6 - 9:00pm - Renacer con Jesús<br/>7 - 8:00pm - Novena (Church)</p> <p>10. Saturday<br/>3:30 - 4:30pm - Confessions (Church)<br/>3:30 - 4:30pm - Middle School Power Hour<br/>5:00pm - Mass - English (Church)<br/>6:30pm - 7:30pm - High School Social Hour<br/>7 - 8pm Novena (Church)</p> <p>11. Sunday<br/>9:30 - 10:30 Mass - English (Church)<br/>11 - Noon - Religious Ed Classes K - 5 (Ed Center)<br/>12:15 - 1:15 - Mass - Spanish (Church)<br/>5 - 7pm - Luz de Vida<br/>7 - 8pm - Novena</p> | <p>4. PS 1726-9078<br/><u>Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17</u><br/><u>Rom 15:4-9</u><br/><u>Mt 3:1-12</u></p> <p>5. <u>Is 35:1-10</u><br/><u>Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14</u><br/><u>Lk 5:17-26</u></p> <p>6. <u>Is 40:1-11</u><br/><u>Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13</u><br/><u>Mt 18:12-14</u></p> <p>7. <u>Is 40:25-31</u><br/><u>Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10</u><br/><u>Mt 11:28-30</u></p> <p>8. <u>Gn 3:9-15, 20</u><br/><u>Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd -4</u><br/><u>Eph 1:3-6, 11-12</u><br/><u>Lk 1:26-38</u></p> <p>9. <u>Is 48:17-19</u><br/><u>Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6</u><br/><u>Mt 11:16-19</u></p> <p>10. <u>Sir 48:1-4, 9-11</u><br/><u>Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19</u><br/><u>Mt 17:9a, 10-13</u></p> <p>11. (see cover)</p> |
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\*The Chapel is in the Religious Education Center

## Youth Ministry:

Middle School Power Hour 3:30pm-4:30pm

High School Social Hour 6:30pm-7:30pm



Jesus calls us to be bearers of joy and consolation as his merciful witnesses.

\*Pope Francis Tweets\*

Pope Francis - @Pontifex 4:30am - 29 Nov 2016

### ST. ALICE GIVING TREE

St. Alice parishioners are amazing. There were 177 tags on the tree; Maple school had 76, Riverbend 15, Centennial 25, Woodside Assisted Living 17 and our own Parish families 44. There are only just a few tags left on the tree. REMEMBER WE NEED THE GIFTS BACK NO LATER THAN DEC. 11TH. We will be wrapping gifts again this next Tuesday, Dec. 6th at 9:30 in the Parish Center. If you have a few hours free please consider helping. It's a great way to meet other parishioners. The more helpers the quicker we can get done.



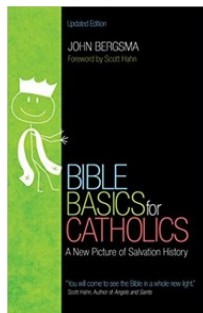
### 55 & Older Turkey pot-luck

will be December 15 at 12:30 pm. Bring a vegetable, salad or dessert. Hope to see you there. Questions? Call: Linda Winkels 541-746-2226.

### BIBLE BASICS with Fr. Mark Bentz

Is the Old Testament a mystery to you? Have you felt ill-prepared to answer questions people have about the Catholic faith? Have you ever wondered, "Where's that in the Bible?" Are you interested in possibly becoming Catholic but want to know more? This class is for you!

*Come see why over 200 adults attended bible study with Fr. Mark at St. Cecilia Parish in Beaverton!*



NEXT SESSION: December 8, 2016  
Thursday

TIME: 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: St. Alice Parish Center

*Please register by calling Danielle at 541-747-7041. Registration will help with planning, but all are welcome to attend!*



St. Alice Church welcomes

**ROB WEINHOLD**

as a **Catechumen**  
preparing for  
**Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist**

and

**MATT LINDAY**

as a **Candidate**  
preparing for  
**Confirmation and First Eucharist**

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016, we at St. Alice Church are celebrating the **Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens** and the **Rite of Welcoming the Candidates**.

Assembling publicly for the first time, these RCIA participants declare their intention to the Church. The Church, in turn, accepts them as persons who intend to become its members. **God showers His graces on the Catechumens and Candidates, since the celebration manifests their desires publicly and marks their first reception and consecration. . .**

**GOD BLESS YOU,  
ROB AND MATT.**

**We praise and thank God for your presence  
among us!**

#### THEY'RE HERE!!! 2017 CALENDARS

Please take one calendar per family.  
Please call or write Major Family  
Funeral Home and let them know how  
much you appreciate their gift. Their phone number  
and address can be found on the calendars.



#### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION



† **Novena in the church**  
Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – 7pm

(with these exceptions  
Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6pm &  
Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm)

† **Mass**

**Sunday Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 11pm**

Followed by Mañanita  
(love songs to the Virgin), &  
Rosary at Midnight.  
Followed with refreshments

COME CELEBRATE OUR  
MOTHER OF ALL THE AMERICAS!

#### Marist Catholic High School Preview Day

Discover the Marist difference – a faith-based, thriving and diverse school where students are known, challenged and given the tools to be successful. Please join us for Preview Day on Saturday, January 7th, 1:00 p.m. at Marist Catholic High School. Your family will meet Marist staff, take a campus tour, hear from a panel of students, learn about scholarship opportunities, and more! Doors open at 12:30 p.m. for registration or pre-register online at [www.marisths.org](http://www.marisths.org).

If you have any questions, please contact Admissions Manager, Rodrigo Hernandez, 541-681-5464 or [rhernandez@marisths.org](mailto:rhernandez@marisths.org).

#### HEAD COACHING POSITIONS

Head Boys' Soccer Coach and Head Girls' Tennis Coach are needed. 2-3 years of varsity coaching experience preferred. Download Employment Application at [www.marisths.org](http://www.marisths.org) and send application, letter of interest, resume, and 1 letter of recommendation and/or inquiries to Terrie Clemens at [tclemens2@marisths.org](mailto:tclemens2@marisths.org).

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In the new Catholic Sentinel, meet a refugee family from Iraq. They are fleeing from Al-Qaida and are being helped by Catholic Charities. See what happened when St. Mary Cathedral started saying it needed more space. Hear Archbishop Sample's call for calm in Portland and what he says about the death penalty. And believe us when we say that one Portland parish went out onto the streets asking for clean underwear.



The Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon is seeking applicants for the position of president of Central Catholic High School for the 2017-2018 school year. Central Catholic located in Portland is co-educational with an enrollment of 900. Application materials and directions can be found at <http://schools.archdpdx.org/president-positions> or by calling 503-233-8348/email: [dboyle@archdpdx.org](mailto:dboyle@archdpdx.org). Information about the school can be found at <http://www.centralcatholichigh.org/>. The closing date for applications is February 15, 2017.

**In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord". This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.**



Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

Are you called to be a Monk?

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[www.mountangelabbey.org/vocations](http://www.mountangelabbey.org/vocations)

The Christian in the World Fall Lecture Series, "Looking at the Year of Mercy," concludes on December 10, 2016, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Mount Angel Abbey Library. Brother Cyril Drnjevic, O.S.B. will discuss Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*. Devoted to ecological ethics, it too reflects Pope Francis' emphasis on Divine Mercy. All of creation mirrors God's love and mercy. Hence, we humans, who have been set over all creation as God's stewards, ought to care for His creation with love and compassion.

Brother Cyril, a monk of Mount Angel Abbey for 35 years, has studied the encyclical and is capable of connecting its message with that of Pope Francis' emphasis on mercy in ways many of us had never imagined. The cost is \$15; students \$5. For more information please call Cecile Beckerman, 503-393-5041.

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat  
February 10 – 12, 2017  
Portland Area

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat is a spiritual and psychological process facilitating grieving and reconciliation with God, yourself, your child(ren), and others. It is a confidential and compassionate ministry that offers a safe environment for mothers and fathers of children lost to abortion, grandparents, other relatives, health care providers, and many others.

Catholic Charities is sponsoring this healing retreat for women and men who are post-abortive. The retreat will be facilitated by Project Aurora in the Rachel's Vineyard retreat format.

Call 1-800-249-8074 or e-mail [projectrachel@ccoregon.org](mailto:projectrachel@ccoregon.org) for more information or to register for the retreat.



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