

OUR LADY OF LAS VEGAS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

- Faith, Family, Friends -

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Sunday of Advent

“Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid
to take Mary your
wife into your home.”

Matthew 1:20

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December 22, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 22 & 23
Dec 24 & 25
Jan 1

OLLV Parish Simbang Gabi Masses
Christmas Liturgies
Mary, Mother of God Masses

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PASTORAL STAFF

Served by Society of Christ Fathers

Rev. Gerald Grupeczynski, SChr., Pastor

Rev. Julian Kaczówka, SChr.,

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FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education & Confirmation

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm

Sunday: 6:30am, 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm Polish, 5:00pm, 6:30pm with Tagalog music

Weekday: Monday - Friday 8:00am

(Rosary before Mass at 7:25am)

Civic & Holiday: Refer to parish bulletin

Holy Days of Obligation: Refer to parish bulletin

Catholic Mass for the Homebound - The Diocese offers a televised Mass for the home-bound each Sunday at 7:30am on KFBT Channel 33.1 Digital or Cox Cable Channel 6.

Relevant Radio - Now in Las Vegas, you can listen to Catholic radio 24-hours a day by tuning your radio to 970am / KNIH.

RECONCILIATION

(Confession)

Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:15pm

FIRST FRIDAY

7:30am: Sacrament of Reconciliation

8:00am: Mass (Eng.) / Adoration to follow

6:00pm: Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00pm: Mass (Eng.) / Holy Hour to follow

FIRST SATURDAY

8:00am: Mass (Eng.)

DEVOTIONS

St. Jude: Every Tuesday morning following the 8:00am Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Every Wednesday morning after the 8:00am Mass



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This Sunday marks the fourth and last Sunday of the Advent season. The four candles burning on the Advent wreath remind us that our time of preparation is coming to its fulfillment, and, this week Wednesday, December 25, we once again can celebrate that the Promised Messiah has come into our midst.

Hopefully, this Advent has given us time for added prayer and reflection, and has allowed us to more deeply ponder the miracle of the incarnation, to better appreciate the greatness of this gift. In the person of Jesus Christ, God has taken our human form to live among us. Through Jesus, our unseen God has become visible to us. Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, has come to lead us and show us the way to the Father. Truly, this is a reason for us to celebrate.

In one of our popular Christmas carols we sing, *"It's the most wonderful time of the year!"* Truly Christmas is that wonderful time which lights up the world with joy and merriment; feasting and good cheer. It is the season of our Savior's birth and that is why we have every reason to celebrate... and should celebrate. *"For God so loved the world that He gave us His only Son"* (Jn 3:16).

Christmas is the time to lift up our drooping, and sometimes bewildered, spirits. Our lives can get very hectic and we can get lost in a whole myriad of troubles and problems. It's easy for our attitudes and outlook to become skeptical and pessimistic. And that is precisely why we need Christmas. We need Christmas to lift up our spirits and reassure us that there is always hope. Jesus is with us so that, through Him, we can be renewed and freed from the trappings of our sins. Through Jesus, we can change for the better, remembering that all things are possible with God.

Christmastime also means that the New Year is approaching. Let us then thank God for all the blessings He has shared with us this past year. No one knows what the New Year will bring. What we do know, however, is that nothing is going to happen to us in the New Year that together with Jesus, we won't be able to handle.

Here at Our Lady of Las Vegas Parish, the observance of Christmas begins next Tuesday evening, December 24, with Mass at 4:00pm. The **Children's Choir** of Our Lady of Las Vegas School will be singing at this mass. Also, the school children will give their annual presentation of the Nativity. Plus, a surprise visitor may be stopping by.

The **Polish Choir** will sing at the Polish Masses at **10:00pm** on Christmas Eve and at **1:30pm** Mass on Christmas Day.

The **Filipino Choir**, under the direction of **Mark Esguerra**, our school music director, will sing at the **10:00am** Mass on Christmas Day.

The **Adoremus Schola**, under the direction of **David Kowaleski**, our parish music director, will sing at the **12:00am Midnight Mass** and at the **12:00noon** Mass on Christmas Day.

Mr. **Harvey Flemming** will play at the **8:00am** on Christmas Day.

At this festive time of year, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your care and support of Our Lady of Las Vegas Parish. Together with Fr. Julian and Fr. Rich, it is an honor and a privilege for us to be able to serve you in our priestly ministry. We look forward to a joyous Christmas celebration and a happy and healthy New Year filled with God's many blessings. Merry Christmas, everyone!

Maligayang Pasko! Wesolych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia!
Feliz Navidad! Joyeux Noel! Feliz Natal!



PARISH NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 21 ~ Saint Peter Canisius

3:30pm: Confessions
4:30pm: †Christine M. Zenchak; †Noel Lee Magaret

Sunday, December 22—Fourth Sunday of Advent

6:30am: †Loel Jamolo Arroyo
8:00am: †Elizabeth Yap Alegado
10:00am: ††Freddie Silvia & John Cassidy
12:00pm: ††Samuel & Yannie Tablizo
1:30pm: (Polish) For the Parishioners of OLLV;
†Lorenza Nuquid
5:00pm: ††Rodolfo & Conrado Soriano
6:30pm: **Aladin Valdez Jr. & Teresa Dagusen

Monday, December 23 ~ Saint John of Kanty

8:00am: †Lonnie Stephens

Tuesday, December 24 ~ Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

4:00pm: Christmas Intentions
6:00pm: Christmas Intentions
10:00pm: (Polish Pasterka) For the Parishioners of OLLV;
Christmas Intentions
12 Midnight: Christmas Intentions

Wednesday, December 25 ~ The Nativity of the Lord

8:00am: Christmas Intentions
10:00am: Christmas Intentions
12 Noon: Christmas Intentions
1:30pm: (Polish) Christmas Intentions

Thursday, December 26 ~ Saint Stephen

8:00am: †Carolina Dacuycuy; †Honorina Tisbe
— Church will be Closed following the Mass —

Friday, December 27 ~ Saint John the Apostle

8:00am: †Juanita Torres
— Church will be Closed at 12 Noon —

Saturday, December 28 ~ The Holy Innocents

3:30pm: Confessions
4:30pm: †Kenneth Gabrik

† Repose of the Soul (Deceased) *For the Intentions of (Living)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:18-24).

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SANCTUARY LAMP SPONSORSHIP



DECEMBER 22 - 28

This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** is in memory of

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Sponsored by Joseph Dodson

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

DECEMBER 2019

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.



COMMUNAL BOOK OF PRAYER

— *Beginning January 2020* —

We have established a “Communal Book of Prayer” which will allow parishioners to enter the names of those who are in need of our prayers. These names will not be announced at the Mass or published in the bulletin. However, at each weekend mass, the following will be prayed within the Mass petitions: ...for all those names listed in our Communal Book of Prayer...



DOWNLOAD OUR PARISH APP

From the convenience of your phone, you can get:

- Mass Schedule
- The Parish Bulletin
- Prayers
- Online Giving
- Parish Notifications
- Special Events

Text App to 88202 to download our parish app.

- 1) Download myParish App
- 2) Select our Parish after opening



Available on the App Store



Android App on Google Play

PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offering Totals

DECEMBER 15, 2019

Due to an early publishing deadline, last weekend's totals will be in the next bulletin.

*Online Giving now available on
our parish website and on myparishapp.com.*

Thank you for your continued support!



Our Lady of Las Vegas' Next

Baptism Class

For Parents & Godparents

**Thursday, January 16
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

In the Welcome Room of the Church

*As a courtesy to the priest who is facilitating the class and other attendees, we ask that infants & children **do not** attend this class. Please call the parish office to register at 802-2300.*

2019 MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS

Partners for Life is a diocesan approved marriage preparation class that provides engaged couples the opportunity to explore, assess and evaluate their relationship in the context of a sacred, sacramental commitment.

*The next marriage preparation class at
Our Lady of Las Vegas will be:*

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Cost: \$195.00/couple

Please contact the parish office at 802-2300 to register.

PARISH OFFICE Holiday Hours

Mon, December 23	CLOSED
Tue, December 24	CLOSED
Wed, December 25	CLOSED
Thurs, December 26	CLOSED
Fri, December 27	CLOSED at 12 Noon
Mon, December 30	CLOSED
Tue, December 31	CLOSED
Wed, January 1	CLOSED

THE KNIGHTS' CORNER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 19** For any families in need of food assistance, there will be a Food Distribution at:
Doris Reed Elementary School
2501 Winwood St. | Las Vegas, NV 89108
Registration is at 1:00pm
- Dec 29** Rosary at 9:25am | Mass at 10:00am

Interested in becoming a Knight? Contact Bernie at:
702-445-3113, email at sgmberniei@gmail.com.
Follow us on FaceBook.com/kofc9102 or
<http://uknight.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=9102>

PLEASE PRAY for THOSE WHO ARE ILL

If you have the sick person's permission, you may request that their name be printed in the bulletin for prayers. This is strictly for the sick only. Their name will remain for four consecutive Sundays.

Clint Morley	12/29	Mary Shultz	01/12	Francisco Correa	01/19
Julio Gudino	12/29	Jim, Kay, Mary & Doug Schmitz	01/12	Steve & Jami Grant	01/19
James Tallerino	12/29	John Blas	01/12	Jamie Kimball	01/19
Jon Paul Kennedy	12/29	Jace & Shaun Talbot	01/12	Margo & Bill Turner	01/19
Adrienne Dunlap	12/29	Debbie Ingram	01/12	Bill Mitchell	01/19
David Barone	12/29	Mikaela Belluomini	01/12	Debby Reed	01/19
Michele Popcun	12/29	Maria Walker	01/12	Sandy Phillips	01/19
Jean Kinney	12/29	Jimmy Baldwin	01/12	Linda Mitchell	01/19
Thelma Schneider	12/29	Davy Fernandez	01/12	Patrick Doran	01/19
Arnel Sarmiento	01/12	Fr. Joseph O'Brien	01/12	Jason & Sophia Ludwicki	01/19
Julia Whann	01/12	Vivian Cavaricci	01/19	Bogumil Ludwicki	01/19
John Slusarczyk	01/12	Linda Daidone	01/19	Shannon Boyd	01/19
Maria Bush	01/12	Dorothy Wilson	01/19		
Mike	01/12	Rosa Soto Sanchez	01/19		



PARISH NEWS



OUR LADY OF LAS VEGAS PARISH *Simbang Gabi*

Sun, December 22

6:00pm Prayers | 6:30pm Mass

Mon, December 23

Potluck Reception following the Mass in Bevan Hall's Gym
6:30pm Prayers | 7:00pm Mass

BINGO
FRIDAY, JANUARY 17
7:00PM
Our Lady of Las Vegas Roman Catholic Church
In Bevan Hall's McFarland Room
CASH PAYOUTS & PRIZES
SNACKS & DRINKS
\$20 Buy-In
Must be 21 or Over to Attend
All Proceeds Support Our Lady of Las Vegas School



We are proud to announce
the newly released

Through a Stained Glass Window

Original Catholic songs written and produced by **David Kowaleski** (Our Lady of Las Vegas' Music Director), performed by **Kristina Guerrero** (A cantor at Our Lady of Las Vegas), and backup vocals by **Fr. Gerry Grupczynski** on "I Love You Lord".

Available in the Parish Office for \$15.

Also available on iTunes, Spotify and Amazon.



Please be mindful of not shaking others' hands for the Sign of Peace when you are sick and could pass on germs, especially during flu season. No one is obligated to shake hands at the sign of peace. As an alternative to shaking hands, you may simply bow to those around you and say, "Peace be with you." If your fellow parishioners decide upon this option, do not be offended, as it is merely for sanitary concerns and is not personal. You may also want to consider not taking the Blood of Christ while you are sick.

General Church Etiquette

Please preserve a reverent and prayerful atmosphere in the church by

- Turning off the sound of your pager/cell phone
- Depositing any food, drinks or chewing gum in the receptacles provided (*Please do not throw gum on the ground or stick it under the pews or planter.*)
- Keeping a respectful quiet in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist before and after Mass
- Supervising your children
- Waiting in your pew until the priest exits the church

Suggested Attire: *Appropriate attire for Mass is modest and respectful. Gentlemen and boys should remove their hats. Shorts, muscle-tees, mesh, halter-tops, bare midriffs, sunglasses, or clothing that distracts other persons from worship are not appropriate.*

PARISH INFORMATION

Ministries & Organizations

SACRAMENTAL MINISTRIES

Anointing of the Sick: Call the Parish Office 802-2300
Baptisms: Parish Office 802-2300
Funerals: Parish Office 802-2300
Weddings: Julia 802-2300

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education & Confirmation: Liz Williams
802-2362 or lizwilliams1234@hotmail.com

RCIA: Julia Dodson 802-2300 or jdodson@ollv.org

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

- **Altar Servers:** Christian Castro 702-403-9905
castro251@msn.com
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EOM):** Cynthia (Stockwell) Pawl 858-2011
- **Homebound Ministry:** Patti Brandeburg
802-2300 (parish office)
- **Lectors:** Cynthia (Stockwell) Pawl 858-2011
- **Music Director:** David Kowaleski 245-6159
- **Sacristans:** Teresa Gonzales 373-8493
- **Ushers:** Tom Villardi 562-569-2754

ORGANIZATIONS

- **Catholic Family Circle (55+ Ministry):** Mary Pidcock
Call Parish Office 702-802-2300
- **Knights of Columbus:** A non-parish organization that provides service opportunities to the Catholic Church.
Contact: Bernie Iwaszczyszyn, Grand Knight
702-445-3113 or sgmberniei@gmail.com
- **OLLV San Pedro Calungsod Alliance for Lay Adults for the Youth:** Rey Espina, President 702-595-5988
- **Pro-Life Ministry:** Diana Mleczewski
Vegasdee1@gmail.com
- **Scouts:** For questions regarding Our Lady of Las Vegas Scouts, Contact: Arleen Viano @ 702-498-4876
- **Polish School & Dance:** Elizabeth Youngman
702-232-4488
- **Women's Guild:** Jessica Paxton, President
310-989-5842

DIOCESAN ASSOCIATED MINISTRIES

Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada: 702-385-2662
Rachel's Vineyard (Post Abortion Healing):
702-737-1672
St. Therese Center HIV Outreach: 702-564-4224
Safe Environment: Contact Ron Vallance 702-235-7723
Vocations: Office of Vocations 702-735-3500
Women's Resource: 702-366-1247

Parish Services

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: If you are in need of anointing, even if you are homebound or hospitalized, contact the parish office at 802-2300. *In an emergency situation when the office is closed, you will be directed to the emergency extension.*

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are usually held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month. Parents and Godparents must attend a baptism class (OLLV's class is usually the second Thursday bi-monthly). Once these requirements are met, you may then make an appointment with our Sacramental Administrator at 802-2300.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: If you are homebound or in a hospital and would like to receive holy communion, please contact the parish office 802-2300.

FOOD & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: Through the generosity of our parishioners, OLLV is able to help Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada in providing assistance to needy families. Please contact Catholic Charities at 385-2662.

FUNERALS: Once you have met with the funeral home or during your meeting with the funeral home, please call the parish office at 802-2300 and a staff member will coordinate with them to meet your needs.

MARRIAGE: At least one party must be a registered active parishioner of a parish for at least 6 months before an appointment can be made with our Sacramental Administrator, 802-2300. Please contact the parish office as soon as possible as at least 6 months is necessary to fulfill the marriage preparation requirements.

MASS INTENTIONS: Mass intention requests are scheduled through the parish office during office hours. If a specific date is desired, please schedule as far in advance as possible.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Regardless of where you live, if you would like to join our parish, please register at the parish office. You may also request a parish registration form by calling the office at 802-2300 during regular business hours, email ollvparish@ollv.org or go to our on-line registration at www.ollvchurch.org.

***In order that we may better serve you, please use your parish envelopes. This way you are known to us when requesting the services of the church. Please be aware that active registration is a requirement for many parish programs.*

PRAYER LIST: If you know someone who is ill or in need of special prayers (not deceased), please contact the parish office at 802-2300 or email to ollvparish@ollv.org.

Office of Victim's Assistance - Help is available to you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Roman Catholic Church. Contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 702-235-7723.

NEWS AROUND the DIOCESE & CHURCH UNIVERSAL



BISHOP GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT EXAM

*Discover what a Bishop Gorman education
can mean for your child*

Current 8th grade students interested in applying to **Bishop Gorman High School** for **Fall 2020** are invited to take our placement exam scheduled for:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Check-in: 8:00am

PRE-REGISTER for the exam by navigating to the Admissions section of our website:

www.bishopgorman.org

or **Register on-site** the day of the exam

The \$50 application fee covers the cost of the exam. If you have further questions, please contact our Admissions Department at:

702-476-4060 or admissions@bishopgorman.org

*"And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth." — John 1:14*

DIOCESAN *Simbang Gabi*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Saint Bridget
220 N 14th St | Las Vegas 89101

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

Saint Joan of Arc
315 S Casino Center Blvd | Las Vegas 89101

Solemnity of MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

CROATIAN MASS

Wednesday, January 1

1:30pm

St. Joan of Arc Church
315 S. Casino Center Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89101
(Bridger & Casino Center Blvd.)



All are invited, especially Catholics of Croatian heritage, to this Holy Day of Obligation Mass.

A reception will follow the Mass

ENCOUNTER

INVITATION
MOMENT
RESPONSE
ACTION
REPEAT

Diocesan Youth Rally

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION
ENDING SOON!**

Early registration for the **Diocesan Youth Rally** is **ending soon!** If you would like the early bird rate, you'll need to register **before January 1.**

TEEN REGISTRATIONS: \$10 BEFORE January 1
\$15 After

You can register by going to:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07egk3twvmc9fd0724&oseq=&c=&ch=>

FAITH FORMATION



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & CONFIRMATION

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE): Liz Williams

3046 Alta Drive | Las Vegas, NV 89107 | Phone: 702-802-2362 | Email: lizwilliams1234@hotmail.com
OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30am - 2:30pm | Tuesday 1:00pm - 2:30pm | CLOSED Friday

2019 - 2020 SCHEDULES

A full schedule can be found at www.ollvchurch.org | Click on Faith Formation | Click on Documents

CONTINUING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FIRST COMMUNION

All Religious Education classes are held on the OLLV School Campus

Wednesday, December 25	• Christmas Day - No Class
Wednesday, January 1	• New Year's Day - No Class
Wednesday, January 8	• Class: 5:45pm - 7:15pm
Wednesday, January 15	• Class: 5:45pm - 7:15pm

CONFIRMATION I & II

- Attendance at the Sunday 5:00pm Youth Mass is a Confirmation I & II Obligation
- Classes are at 3:15pm - 6:00pm (until after the 5pm Mass) on the OLLV School Campus

Sunday, January 12	• Class: 3:15pm • <i>Confirmation Name Due</i>
Saturday, February 1	• Youth Rally - Bishop Gorman High School <i>All Confirmation Students Must Attend</i>
Saturday, February 8	• Confirmation II Retreat Potosi Pines
Sunday, February 9	• Class: 3:15pm • <i>Confirmation II - Letter to the Bishop</i>



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Coordinator: Julia Dodson | Phone: 702-802-2300 | Email: jdodson@ollv.org

Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve	Attend Mass of Your Choice	• See schedule on page 12
Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day	Attend Mass of Your Choice	• See schedule on page 12
Wednesday, January 1	Mary, Mother of God <i>A Holy Day of Obligation</i>	• Attend Mass of Your Choice • See schedule on page 12
Sunday, January 5	Mass: 10:00am	• Attend as a group

OLLV SCHOOL



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Vice-Principal: Monica Futryk

2019 - 2020 School Year

Christmas Vacation December 21 ~ January 5



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OUR LADY of LAS VEGAS CHURCH

Christmas Masses

CHRISTMAS VIGIL

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday, December 24

4:00pm, 6:00pm, 10:00pm (Pasterka); 12 Midnight

CHRISTMAS

The Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday, December 25

8:00am, 10:00am, 12 Noon,
1:30pm (Polish Nativity Presentation)

SOLEMNITY of MARY,

the HOLY MOTHER of GOD

Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

— A Holy Day of Obligation —

Tuesday, December 31

12 Midnight

Wednesday, January 1

8:00am, 10:00am, 12 Noon (Polish), 6:00pm