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RECONCILIATION

3:00pm - 4:00pm in the **CHURCH**

OUR LADY OF LAS VEGAS MASSES See Page 12 of this bulletin for **NEW Times**

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- See the YouTube link on our Parish Website: ollvchurch.org
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This **Sunday**, **November 29**, **2020**, rings in the New Year of the Church. In this new year, again we want to follow Christ from the announcement of his birth through his passion, death and resurrection and experience more deeply everything about Christ in between and beyond. **St. Mark** is the Evangelist who will accompany us on our journey this year as he shares with us, through his Gospel account, the many aspects of the life and mission of Jesus Christ on this earth. The new year of the Church begins with the season of Advent. **This Sunday**, **November 29**, is the **First Sunday of Advent**.

The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival". Advent is observed over these next four Sundays leading to Christmas. The focus of this entire season is preparation for the coming of Christ. As we draw closer to Christmas, Advent will remind us of the extraordinary gift that the birth of Jesus Christ is for the world. More importantly, however, in its first part, Advent will remind us that we are a people in constant waiting and anticipation for the return of Christ. Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000-year-old event in history. It is the recognition of the truth that Christ will come again in all his glory at the end of time. It is written in the *Acts of the Apostles* that, as Jesus ascended into heaven, two men dressed in white approached the disciples who were gazing up after Jesus. The two men said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven" (Acts 1:11). We, as Christians, live with the expectation that Jesus will return to us in all his glory and will bring about the fulfillment of the Father's Kingdom. Exactly when this will happen is not for us to know.

Weary of the Covid virus; weary after a season of vicious campaigning; weary after so much battling among the political parties; weary from so much fighting and protesting, we need this season of Advent very much. Advent gives us hope. And even though that hope may seem faint at times, and that God himself may sometimes seem distant, Advent brings us hope in a Savior who brings the remedy of truth, righteousness, justice and love into a world that has corrupted itself in so many ways.

The announcement of the Governor's three week pause last Sunday, while not a surprise, has certainly given cause for dissatisfaction, especially as we have just traditionally begun a season on Thanksgiving Day that, as the song says, is supposed to be "the most wonderful time of the year". We have certainly been left to wonder if it is going to be that this year.

As you know, Fr. Julian and I tested positive for the Covid virus. We, along with the entire parish staff, were put on a 14-day period of quarantine. Fr. Julian and I were very fortunate, as we experienced little to no symptoms during our quarantine. In fact, I have had colds with symptoms that were much worse. That being said, I know that there are other people who have not been quite as fortunate. This virus seems to affect people in many different ways. Each one of us has to do our part to make sure that we keep ourselves healthy as well as those around us.

Being mostly asymptomatic, as I was, it can be easy to forget that, even though you might feel well, there still could be the possibility of transferring the virus to others. That is why we need to be careful. Wearing masks, washing hands, and keeping socially distant, especially when casually coming into contact with others, whether here at church, or wherever we may be, is probably the best method of protection for ourselves and for the people we meet. So, please remember these precautions.

Fr. Julian and I are grateful that we have gotten through this virus as well as we did. We thank all of the parishioners who showed their concern for us through prayers and dropping off "supplies". Your kindness is greatly appreciated. We offer our prayers for all who have been touched by this virus and are continuing to deal with its effects. May the grace of God be upon you all and grant you strength and healing. May you all be filled with the many blessings this Advent season brings!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 28 - Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00pm: †Angelo Gabriele Tenuta

Sunday, November 29 - First Sunday of Advent

7:30am: *Sr. Elfie Rose Del Rosario

9:30am: †Bruno Syzdek 11:30am: *Ezra Thomas Martin

1:00pm (Polish): For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Las Vegas;

†Edward Mielnicki; †Jerzy Urdansi; †Wladyslawa

Pachniewska; †Czeslaw Pachniewski

5:30pm: †Souls in Purgatory

Monday, November 30 - Saint Andrew

8:00am: *John Syzdek

Tuesday, December 1 - Advent Weekday

8:00am: *Chelsi Almeida

Wednesday, December 2 - Advent Weekday

8:00am: †Barbara Buckley

Thursday, December 3 - Saint Francis Xavier

9:00am: †Lonnie Stephens

Friday, December 4 - Advent Weekday; First Friday;

Saint John Damascene

8:00am: †Paulino, Chrispino and Axl Ormilla

Saturday, December 5 - Advent Weekday; First Saturday

8:00am: ††Leonila Arias & Bienvenido

4:00pm: †Lee Margret

*For the Intentions of (Living)

COMMUNITY BOOK OF PRAYER

We have established a "Community 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 Community Book of Prayer...

The Community Book of Prayer is located behind the last pew in the church.

If you would like to receive updated communication from Fr. Gerry & the Parish Staff, please provide us with your email address at ollvparish@ollv.org. You will receive only important periodic information via email.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands

(Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

DECEMBER 2020

For a Life of Prayer - We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.





Because of Covid restrictions, **Bethlehem Woodcarving** will not be selling their items at our parish this year. However,

you can purchase items through their website at:

www.bethlehemwoodcarving.com

Through your support, you will be helping to feed and clothe more than 600 families from the Holy Land.

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.

Sunday Offering Totals

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Totals from last weekend's collection will be published in the next bulletin.

Online Giving | Nov 19-25 \$5,003.65

CSA UPDATE as of OCTOBER 31, 2020

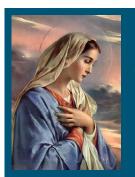
 2020 CSA GOAL
 \$133,954.00

 Total Received
 \$ 77,193.93

 Total Needed to Reach Goal
 \$ 56,760.07

Thank you for your continued support!





Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

MASS TIMES

7:30am, 12:00pm, 6:00pm *by reservation only*, 7:30pm (Polish)

Reservations for the 6:00pm Mass can be made beginning Monday, November 30 by going to www.ollvchurch.org or call the Parish Office.

If you have registered to attend the 9:30am Mass on Sundays, you are welcome to join us in praying the rosary following the Liturgy.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal

Green CSA Envelope

The green CSA envelopes that are being mailed to our registered parishioners, along with the regular offertory

envelopes, are to be used by those parishioners who have not pledged a donation amount through the Diocese.

If you have already filled out a CSA pledge card and mailed it to the Diocese, you have completed your CSA obligation. Use the green envelope only if you have not completed a pledge card and would like to donate to the CSA program on a periodic basis.

An Act of Spiritual Communion



My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/act-of-spiritual-communion-339

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PLEASE PRAY for THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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



Holly Larson	12/06	Aisa Garner	12/13	Kathy Kittendorf	12/13	Margo & Bill Turner	12/27
Amber Bryson Hill	12/06	Juliet Abalo	12/13	Gordon Cooper	12/13	John Michel	12/27
John Slusarczyk	12/06	Myette Valdizno	12/13	Wilma & Dick Penner	12/20	Patty Brown	12/27
Maria Bush	12/06	Angie Calimlim	12/13	Mary Shultz	12/27	Charlotte & Buck Kimball	12/27
Bill & Barbara James & Family	12/06	Orlando Nunez & Family	12/13	Jim, Kay, Mary & Doug Schmitz	12/27	Linda & Mike Mitchell	12/27
Fr. Tom Montelaro	12/13	Esperanza Lopez & Family	12/13	John Blas	12/27	Shannon Boyd	12/27
Alberto Angeles	12/13	Angelina Valdizno	12/13	Jace & Shaun Talbot	12/27	Tom Villardi	12/27
Zeny Quimpe & Family	12/13	Carolyn Cave & Family	12/13	Debbie Ingram	12/27	Ana Maria Alvarez	12/27
Bob Parnel & Toots	12/13	Angelita De Jesus	12/13	John Winterfeld	12/27		
Stella Sayer	12/13	Shirley Larson	12/13	Ashley Wheeler	12/27		
Rey Ordinario	12/13	Connie Higgins	12/13	Edie Porter	12/27		

And all those suffering from COVID-19 & Natural Disasters

Pat Royce Jackson

Steve & Jami Grant

12/27





OCTOBER 31 - DECEMBER 14

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

- Leave your gift items in the labeled box provided in the vestibule of the church
- Place your monetary donations in the labeled envelopes provided in the "donations" box in the vestibule of the church

MONDAY - FRIDAY

• Bring your donations to the Parish Office during office hours of 8:30am - 4:00pm. Closed for lunch 11:30am - 12:30pm

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Walmart Gift Cards

Babies (newborn to 1 year):

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Children (ages 2–18):

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For more information, contact Nelda Bruce

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Aida I. Westbrook

Mercy Abella & Family

12/13

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The Advent Wreath

About Advent Wreaths

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent.



When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord. Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The Word of the Lord. R/. Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind; bid ev'ry sad division cease and be thyself our Prince of peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.



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Blessing of the Advent Wreath taken from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, Revised Edition (Washington, DC: USCCB, 2007), 73-75.
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FAITH FORMATION



Religious Education & Confirmation Coordinator: Liz Williams Phone: 702-802-2362 Email: lizwilliams1234@hotmail.com

In-person Religious Education Schedule

Classes are twice a month on Sundays from 10:00am - 11:15am. Students need to arrive by 9:45am so temperatures can be taken.

Please bring your own water bottle as water fountains will not be available.

DECEMBER 6, 2020 - Class

Second Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 13, 2020 - Class

Third Sunday of Advent

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JANUARY 10, 2021 - Class Reconciliation #4, #5, #6

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- 3. Tap the + by classes joined and enter the class code as listed above

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NEWS AROUND the DIOCESE & CHURCH UNIVERSAL

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There are many wonderful Advent Resources on the USCCB's Catholic Current site such as:

- Advent Calendar
- Blessing of Advent Wreath & Tree
- · Blessing of the Family Creche
- And more!

Go to https://catholiccurrent.org/resources-for-advent/



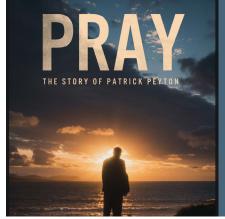
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Temperatures will be taken & Masks are required at all times.

WEEKDAY MASSES at **8:00am** with no reservations (Limited to 50 people in the church)

The Bishop's dispensation of the obligation to attend Mass remains in place (up to and including <u>DECEMBER 31, 2020</u>) for those who are at high risk for adverse health complications from Covid-19 or do not feel comfortable attending Mass at this time.

ALTERNATIVE MASS OPTIONS

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