



2nd Sunday of
Advent



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays: Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sundays: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays: 12:05 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For more information call the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

A minimum of six months advance notice is required to complete arrangements for pre-marital preparation.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. or the after weekday noon mass or by appointment at any time.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the rectory and ask for a priest.

HOLY COMMUNION IN THE HOME

We bring the Body of the Lord to the sick and shut-ins of the parish on Fridays. Please call the Parish Office any time you wish to be included.

BULLETIN NEWS

We welcome news for our parish bulletin; by 12:00 noon Monday.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Mary's Parish Family. Please phone or come by the Parish Office to let us know you have arrived. You can register online at www.stmvictoria.org.



Prepare the
way of
the Lord,
make straight
his paths.
Matthew 3:3



Sunday, December 8, 2019 Second Sunday in Advent

- 1) Isaiah 11:1-10
- 2) Romans 15: 4-9
- 3) Matthew 3:1-12

On this Second Sunday of Advent our focus begins to shift from the end of time to the time immediately before the first coming of Christ into the world. Yet the message is still the same: God's reign is at hand. As we worship together today, let us heed John the Baptist, whose message of preparing those people of Israel so long ago echoes in our own hearts: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Our first reading today is from Isaiah, describing the peaceable kingdom of God, the day of the Messiah of the Lord. In this kingdom ancient enmities are ended, and enemies live as neighbors. If we have heeded the message of last week's Gospel, we understand that the best way to make ourselves ready is to live as if this kingdom is already here. What do you hear in today's sacred scriptures that

will help you to live out the presence of God right now?

Sunday, December 15, 2019 Third Sunday in Advent

- 1) Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
- 2) James 5:7-10
- 3) Matthew 11:2-11



Giving Tree Project

Thanks to everyone who took an ornament off the Christmas Giving Tree.

Please return wrapped gifts to St. Mary's Church by Sun. Dec. 8. Tags should be securely taped to the gifts.

Monetary donations are also

welcome.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24, (Christmas Pageant for children - Dec. 24, 3:30 pm before Mass) (Christmas Eve): Mass at 4:00 p.m.

12:00 Midnight Mass. (Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.),

Wednesday, December 25, (Christmas Day) 10:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.



**PREPARING
CHRISTMAS**

FOR

St. Mary's Altar Society is now accepting donations for Christmas Flowers. Any donation made in honor of or in memory of your loved one(s) is accepted. Forms and envelopes are located on the back of the last pew on either side of the church. Please complete and return in the collection basket, to the church office, or mail to the address shown on the envelope. Your donation will assist in decorating our church for the arrival of Baby Jesus on Christmas Day.

**Thursday, December 12
Parish Patronal Feast
Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Every parish is placed under the patronage of a particular saint or sacred mystery of our faith. We have as our patron, the Blessed Virgin Mary, under her title, "Our Lady of Guadalupe." Come and join in celebrating our special day by coming to one or more of these events:

December 11th Vigil Mass with CCD children 6:00 p.m.

December 12th Mass 12:05 p.m.
Vespers 6:00 p.m.
Potluck meal to follow in the parish hall.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 7, Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 †Jodie Vahalik

Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 Grace Silva
10:30 People of the Parish

Monday, December 9 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 †Thomas M. O'Connor - St. Joseph High School
12:05 †Darrell Wayne Gann

Tuesday, December 10

12:05 †Noreen Pfister

Wednesday, December 11

12:05 †U. S. Service members J.M.S.F.S. J.
6:00 †Fr. Dan Morales—Vigil of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:10 †Kenneth Pagel—Nazareth Academy
12:05 †O. D. Rosse

Friday, December 13

12:05 †Richard Fritz

Saturday, December 14, Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 †Vivian Tyng

Sunday, December 15, Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 People of the Parish
10:30 †Chad Slavik

LECTORS

Saturday, December 14

4:00 p.m. Faye Culak

Sunday, December 15

8:00 a.m. Shane Morris
10:30 a.m. David Janca

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, December 14

4:00 p.m. Judy Jabbour, Henry Schramek,
Pattie Stevens, Emily Migl

Sunday, December 15

8:00 a.m. Emily Garza, Bob & Laurie
Bautista, Georgia West
10:30 a.m. Kevin & Joan Pfister, Lucinda
Cavazos, Cynthia Brewer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Saturday, December 14

4:00 p.m. Denise Gainer, Frank Smolka,
Larry & Linda Luna

Sunday, December 15

8:00 a.m. Loyd West, Stella Silva, Bohumil
Vrana, Paul Janacek
10:30 a.m. Greg & Pam Fanelli, John
Cavazos, Greg Brewer

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, December 14

4:00 p.m. Catherine A., John Paul P.

Sunday, December 15

8:00 a.m. Alexa & Gianna M.
10:30 a.m. Zackary Z., Eduardo R., Sofia V. &
Ava T.

The **Divine Mercy & Holy Rosary Cenacle** invites everyone to come join us to pray on Tuesdays from 3 to 4:30 pm in St. Mary's Chapel. Come see what it is about!



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QUILT AND CRAFT CORNER

Interested in learning how
to quilt or craft?

Come meet on Thursday, Dec.
12 at 9:00 a.m. in the Annex.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Penance Services

Tues. Dec. 10th 6:30 p.m.—Our Lady of Sorrows

Wed. Dec. 11th 6:00 p.m.—St. Patrick,
Bloomington

Mon. Dec. 16th 6:30 p.m. —Our Lady of Victory
Cathedral

Tues. Dec. 17th 6:30 p.m.—St. Mary's

Tues. Dec. 17th 6:30 p.m.—Our Lady of Lourdes

Thurs. Dec. 19th- 6:30 p.m.—Holy Family

AMOR MEUS SPIRITUALITY CENTER HOST ADVENT SOLEMN VESPERS

During the season of **Advent**, the **Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament** again invite the public to join them in praying **Solemn Vespers** or **Evening Praise** every Sunday of **Advent** (December 8, 15, & 22) in their chapel **at Incarnate Word Convent, 1011 N.E. Water Street, Victoria**, from 5:00 – 5:45 pm with Benediction following in preparation for Christmas.

Solemn Vespers is the **Catholic Churches' Liturgical Evening Prayer** through which the Church, God's people, gathers to pray for the Church and the world. It is solemn because it consists of praising and thanking God through the chanting of the psalms, through prayers and Scripture reflection.

CCD Class time is 6:00 - 7:15 pm, please be on time. Dec. 11, 18 class dates

Confirmation—Anyone attending St. Joseph High School or Catholic Home School and is in the 10th grade and wants to receive the sacrament of confirmation, please contact Diana Starnes at 361-550-9533. Those that have contacted us previously, your packet is in the mail.



Troops of St. George

18 will be selling
homemade Stew by
the Quart

**Sunday Dec. 8 from
9:00am – 12:00 pm.**

Where: Columbus Hall 3610 N. Ben Wilson Street
Cost: \$10/Quart till sold out >> Tickets may be purchased at St. Mary's Rectory or by contacting Ty Meyer 361-550-5390 or Rhyen Staten 361-649-3305.

Proceeds to benefit Troops of St. George youth.



Incarnate Word & Blessed Sacrament Gift Shop

can help with your Advent and Christmas shopping needs. Stop by to see the Gift Shop at 1101 NE Water Street to view their large assortment of gifts to give during these upcoming two holiday seasons. Hours of operation are Monday-Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions on items for sale, contact the Gift Shop at 575-7111.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP NOVEMBER 23-24

Sunday Collection.....	\$ 3,834.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 815.00
On-line giving.....	\$ 605.00
Total.....	\$ 5,254.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 1

Sunday Collection.....	\$4,960.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 1,127.00
On-line giving.....	\$ 465.00
Total.....	\$6,552.00

**Altar Care for December is
Stella Silva**

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Bible Studies Continue

Join us for our Bible studies! The Sunday morning 9:15 a.m. class is studying the Gospel of Matthew and the Wednesday 6:15 p.m. class is studying the Gospel of Luke from Agape Catholic Bible Study <https://www.agapebiblestudy.com>.

Everyone is welcome! Join either class or both at St. Mary's Annex on the corner of Main and Convent streets.

Please bring your Bible; no other text is needed.

Adoration Chapel needs adorers

The Adoration Chapel needs adorers of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays from 10 – 11 a.m. and Wednesdays from 7 – 8 a.m. and 10 – 11 a.m.

The chapel also needs “back-up” adorers = the optimum is to have at least two parties per adoration hour. If you are interested in signing up for any hour, please call the church office (361) 573-4328 or Cindy Brewer (361) 571-6510. Also, if you would like to drop-in to adore at anytime and need the code, please call Cindy.

Thank you for prayerfully considering this devotion.

“The time I have spent before the tabernacle is the best spent time of my life.” St. Catherine of Genoa

St. Mary's Altar Society will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, December 9 at 2:00 p.m. in the activity center. Guest are always welcome. Everyone is asked to bring canned items or cash for the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Coffee, juice, doughnuts and fruit will be served on Sun. Dec. 15 after the 8:00 a.m.

PREPARE THE WAY FOR JESUS! **CHURCH DECORATING**

- All parishioners are invited to the decorating party on Sunday, December 22 starting at 1:30 p.m. in the Church. We need your assistance in decorating the church for the arrival of our Lord on Christmas Day as we all gather to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. The date was moved so we have more time with our families before Christmas!

Sanctuary Candles

The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns this week in memory of Chad Slavik by Allen, Karol, Tabitha, & Chris Slavik.

Adoration Candles

The Adoration Candles in the Chapel burns this week in honor of Karen & Chris Driver and in honor of Elaine Ratcliff.

Commemoration of the Deceased

The Candle in Commemoration of the Deceased burns in memory of Earl Schmeltzer by Denise Gainer.

There are some dates available for candles.

RCIA

(the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Tuesday, December 10, 7:00—8:30 p.m.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Aging religious need your help. Senior catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others-educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.

Incarnate word Convent Health Care

is seeking L.V.N. For full time 2 p.m. –10 p.m. Apply at 1101 N. E. Water Street or call Estela Perez, BSN.RN at 361-578-1967

Christmas Party KofC and CDA

Knights of Columbus #1329 and Catholic Daughters of the Americas #369 are having a Christmas Party on **Tuesday, Dec. 10** at the KofC Hall. The social will start at 6:00 p.m., with roast beef dinner (catered by Mike Pozzi) at 7:00. Tickets are \$10.00 each and will be available at the meetings. They can also be obtained by contacting Michael Nevlud (361/550-6427) OR Anne Martin (361/648-2008). We wish all members (and potential members!) a very merry and blessed Christmas, and joyful New Year!!



Knights of Columbus Council #1329 Bingo Night

Every Wednesday evening; Hall opens 6:00 pm; Bingo Games 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. Come out, have fun and meet friends.



Reporting Procedures for Suspected or Known Sexual Abuse of a Minor (person under 18 years of age) or Vulnerable Adult by a Member of the Clergy

Contact:

- The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, within 48 hours, at (800) 252-5400, www.txabusehotline.org, or local police department. If person is in immediate danger call 911.

and

- Vicki Pyatt, LMSW, Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Outreach, Diocese of Victoria, (361) 827-7186, pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org.

or

- Bishop or Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria, (361) 573-0828. Written allegations can be mailed to Office of the Bishop, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903 marked "Personal and Confidential".



If sexual abuse by a member of clergy has occurred in another diocese, the Diocese of Victoria will help bring your concerns to church officials. For assistance contact Vicki Pyatt at (361) 827-7186 or pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org.

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