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## December 24, 2023 • Fourth Sunday of Advent

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### **Office Hours**

**Monday - Friday** ..... 8:45 am-12:00 pm  
..... 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

### **Parish Staff**

**Pastor**..... Rev. Patrick Knippenberg  
**Parish Secretary** ..... Sr. Valerie Janecka, OVISS  
**Bookkeeper** ..... Cindy Doyle  
**PCL/Safe Environment Coordinator** ..... Martha Nichols  
**PCL** ..... Tammy Fikac  
**Music Ministry**..... Thomas Santos & Tracie Tibiletti

### **New Parishioners Welcome**

Registration forms online at [www.lourdesvictoria.org](http://www.lourdesvictoria.org)  
or email: [ollvic@lourdesvictoria.org](mailto:ollvic@lourdesvictoria.org)

### **Mass Schedule**

**Saturday Vigil** ..... 4:00 pm  
**Sunday** ..... 7:30 am and 10:00 am  
**Vietnamese Community Mass**  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Every Month)..... 12:00 pm  
**Daily (Monday-Saturday)** ..... 8:00 am

### **Confessions**

**Saturday** ..... 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm  
..... Before Daily Mass

### **Faith Formation • Continuing Christian Education (CCE)**

**Sunday** ..... 8:30 am - 9:45 am (August through May)

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**First Friday** ..... 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

### **Baptismal Instruction**

First Sunday of Every Month

# Mass Intentions

## Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes Parish  
12:00 pm Vietnamese Community  
*Fr. Frances T. Nguyen, III, Celebrant*

## Sunday, December 24 Evening Vigils of the Nativity of the Lord

4:00 PM † Frank L. Kandler  
10:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of the  
Franklin J. Sedlar Family

## Monday, December 25 Nativity of the Lord: Christmas

10:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family

## Tuesday, December 26

8:00 am † Aaron & † Corey Welfel

## Wednesday, December 27

8:00 am † Paul Tasin & Souls in Purgatory

## Thursday, December 28

8:00 am Kasper Chester Lyssy Family  
William Carl Loest Family

## Friday, December 29

8:00 am Leonard Pugh Family

## Saturday, December 30

8:00 am Norman & Carolyn Schoener  
(Anniversary)  
† Johnny & † Viola Wagner  
(71<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary)  
4:00 pm Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family

## Sunday, December 31 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30 am † Cecilia Maisel  
10:00 am † Elaine Wheat

*The flowers on the Altar this week are in loving memory  
of Franklin Sedlar through the generosity of Leona  
Sedlar.*



## Scripture Readings

### For the Week of December 24, 2023

Sunday	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
Monday	<b>The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</b> <i>Vigil Mass:</i> Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25 <i>Mass During the night:</i> Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 <i>Mass at Dawn:</i> Is 62: 11-12; Ps 97: 1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3: 4-7; Lk 2: 15-20 <i>Mass during the Day:</i> Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Tuesday	<b>Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr</b> Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17; Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday	<b>Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist</b> 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8
Thursday	<b>Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs</b> 1 Jn 1:5-----2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Friday	<b>Memorial of Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr</b> 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Saturday	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
Sunday	<b>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b> Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 5



## Please Pray for Our Sick

Wade Shumbera  
Frank & Gloria  
Wearden  
Marjorie Anders  
Kevin Tan  
Frank Reyes, Jr.  
Carly Walker  
Keith Martin

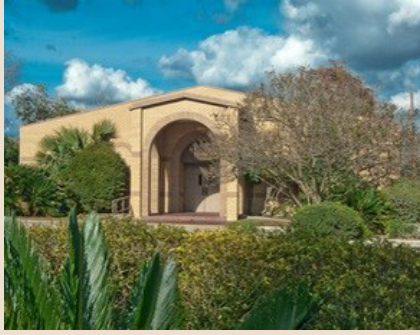
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Robert Weitz  
Mary Ellen Lara  
Robert Molina  
Mark Niemeier  
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Shirley Kirby  
Bernice Drost  
Jo Anne Hough  
Lawrence Yanta  
Patricia Pooley  
Don Buethe  
Samuel William Bek  
Milton Greeson  
Tula Filla  
Ruben & Frances Espino  
Maria Garcia

Kevin Quinn  
J. R. Morris  
Larry Vitek  
Lee Lasater  
Pat Krenek  
Joe Lara  
Lillian Lau  
Johnny Garner  
Jason Berger  
Tina Moya  
George Alvarez  
Cole Ohrt

Eddie De La Rosa  
Jimmy Whitaker  
Lee Roy Creager  
Eunice Dove  
Marjorie Tasin

*Please contact the  
parish office to have a  
name kept on the list,  
to remove names, or to  
add names.*



## In and Around Our Parish

### **Giving Tree**

Please consider helping the needy in Victoria by supporting the Perpetual Help Home and Bethlehem Maternity Home. Take an ornament(s) from the tree next to the altar and return your contribution with the ornament tag attached. Items should be placed under the tree (unwrapped). Items will be collected through the month of December.

### **Holiday Hours for the Parish Office**

The Parish Office will close on December 26<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of Christmas. Likewise, the office will close on January 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of the New Year.

**Merry Christmas  
and a Blessed New Year**

### **Annual Holy Family Breakfast**

The Holy Name Society and the Altar Society will host the annual Feast of the Holy Family Breakfast on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, following the 7:30 am Mass. Everyone is invited to join for a delicious breakfast with Father Pat.

### **Life in the Spirit Seminar**

Incarinate Word Prayer Group invites you to join us for a Life in the Spirit Seminar which will be held during the regular Monday night prayer meetings, from 7:00 pm—9:00 pm, starting on January 15, 22, 29, — February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024 at Incarnate Word Convent Auditorium (1101 N.E. Water Street, Victoria, TX). The Life in the Spirit Seminar graces Christians to experience a fuller measure of the Fruits and Gifts of the Holy Spirit. To register or for more information, contact Sr. Louise Marie 361-575-7111 or [vyraj2@gmail.com](mailto:vyraj2@gmail.com).

### **Knights of Columbus**

#### **4th Degree Victoria Assembly 1126**

#### **Regular Business Meeting**

Monday, January 15, 2024  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, 7:00 pm,  
at Holy Family Catholic Church, St.  
Peter's Hall)

### **Open House**

You are invited to Nazareth Academy's Open House on Tuesday, January 16, from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the NA Gym.

This is for prospective parents and students in Grades PK3 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Information about the school's history and curriculum will be shared, tours will be given and staff will be available to answer questions. Registration for the 2024-2025 school year will be given. Please email [dmichalski@nazarethacademy.org](mailto:dmichalski@nazarethacademy.org) or call the school for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Face Masks(N95s) & COVID Test Kits**

In the event you are interested in face masks (N95s) and COVID Test Kits, a supply is available through our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. Clifford Moczygemba is the contact person (361-212-1935).

### **2024 Flower Requests**

To make a donation of fresh flowers for the altar for a particular weekend in 2024, perhaps in honor or memory of a loved one or in celebration of a birthday, anniversary, or particular liturgical event, contact Toni Schaar at 361-649-3659.

### **Questions of the Week**

**How do I discern what God's will is? Am I willing to trust in God and follow God's will?**

**Due to the early publication deadline of this bulletin, the weekly offertory count for the WEEKEND of December 16/17, 2023, will be printed in a future bulletin.**

## Ministry Schedule • December 30/31, 2023

### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**Saturday • 4:00 pm** Laurie Bautista, Pat Brennan, Cindy Mayer  
**Sunday • 7:30 am** James Novak, Martha Nichols, Janie Robles  
**Sunday • 10:00 am** Geralyn Biediger, Martha Chandler, Charlene Edwards, Antoinette Garcia, Donna Maxey (Choir)

### **Lectors**

**Saturday • 4:00 pm** Harvin Suggs  
**Sunday • 7:30 am** Ofelia Elizondo  
**Sunday • 10:00 am** David Post

### **Altar Servers**

**Saturday • 4:00 pm** James Record, Suzie Ryan  
**Sunday • 7:30 am** Ami, Lia & Evi B.  
**Sunday • 10:00 am** Hank C., Cole W-J.

### **Ushers • Door Monitors**

**Saturday • 4:00 pm** Gene Dove, Thomas Joost, John Novak, Norman Schoener  
**Sunday • 7:30 am** Kaden Fikac, Mike Fikac, Frank Marbach, Matt Warwas  
**Sunday • 10:00 am** Gary Edwards, James Pooley, Joe Ryan, Kenneth Spann



## Our Stewardship

### **December 7/8, 2023**

Count.....202  
Immaculate Conception.....\$ 1,397.00

### **December 9/10, 2023**

Count.....466  
Total Operating Income.....\$ 4,997.00  
2nd Collection • Retired Religious.....\$ 1,211.00

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