



Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Third Sunday of Advent

What Kind of Waiter Are You?

God is very good at waiting... we're the ones who have trouble with it. There are those little waits: in traffic, at the check-out, at the doctor's office. And the mid-sized waits like the test results or the year-end bonus check. And then there are the real long waits: for the teenager who just wants his parents to listen, for the business to turn around, for the deepest wounds to finally heal.

Waiting, waiting, waiting. Sometimes life can seem like our long, dark and dreary December days. It can wear us down and cause us to be impatient and downright angry. Waiting, even the shortest of waits, is God's invitation to take time to probe life deeper, to see more clearly who we are, where we're really headed as opposed to where we think we're headed.

God is pretty darn insistent that we break out of the narrow vision we've set for ourselves, and break out of our narrow understanding of what God has planned for our life.

Sometimes for that break-out to happen, the waiting has to go on a long time, and the not-knowing of what will happen in the end can be very painful. The fact is that sometimes our own hearts have to get broken open, so that God can come in... so that the light of Christ can enter our soul. It is in this light that we can "be strong, fear not".

This Advent season, we will encounter family & friends that have not slowed down to allow the light of Christ to enter their lives. They may be in a dark or empty place in their spiritual journey... and are waiting for someone who will be a strong witness to our faith. Let us "fear



not," and invite and accompany them in the light of the Lord at Christmas Mass.

After all the waiting, the joyful message of this Gaudete Sunday is... *"There is a light that can overcome the darkness. There is no darkness, that overcome the light!"*

— Deacon Kevin Welch

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Mass at 8:30 AM Monday - Saturday

Mass at 6:30 AM Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Morning Prayer at 6:30 AM Monday, Friday

Recitation of the **Rosary** after Mass on Monday - Saturday

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM,
 Sunday Morning 7:30, 9:00, 11:30 AM,
 Life Teen Mass 5:00 PM

LOCATED AT

790 A Avenue
 Lake Oswego, OR 97034

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM or by Appointment

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

First Friday of the Month
 8:45 AM to 12:00 PM in the Church

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the Parish Office

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Focus on Faith Schedule

Focus on Faith is from 10:20 – 11:20 AM

For more information see ollparish.com/fof

Every Sunday — Explore the Sunday Readings

Join us for video presentations by Dr. Brant Pitre, exploring the 1st century Christian understanding of today's scripture readings and how it applies to us today.

Parish Center, Bethlehem Room

December 15

Aging Parents and the Family's Needs

Join in the discussion on how the aging process can affect your family's needs.

Parish Hall, Carpeted Area

Conversation about *Letter to a Suffering Church* by Bishop Barron

Discuss the "Letter to a Suffering Church," written by Bishop Barron regarding the sexual abuse crisis in the church.

Parish Center, School Library



Live Nativity

Journey to Bethlehem and see what the shepherds saw!

Sunday, December 15 • 12:30-2:30 PM
Stop by anytime for the Live Nativity at the Courtyard. Crafts and refreshments in the Parish Hall. For all ages!

This Week

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

Fellowship After Mass 7:30 AM PH-FRONT
Life Kids Beginners 8:45 AM PH-CC
EDGE 10:15 AM PC-JSLM
Focus on Faith 10:15 AM PC-BETH
Life Kids 10:15 AM SCH
Live Nativity 12:30 PM PH
Confirmation/Life Teen 6:30 PM PH-FRONT

Monday, December 16, 2019

Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 AM PC-PLIB
Centering Prayer 9:30 AM PC-PLIB
Creed Study 10:00 AM PC-JSLM

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Moms & Tots 9:30 AM PC-JSLM
Young Adults Small Group 6:00 PM PC-CANA
Fatima Rosary 6:00 PM PC-PLIB

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 AM PC-PLIB
Charismatic Prayer Group 11:00 AM PC-PLIB

Reconciliation Service 7:00 PM CH
Centering Prayer 7:00 PM PC-PLIB
Choir Practice 7:00 PM PC-JSLM
RCIA 7:00 PM PC-NAZ

Thursday, December 19, 2019

EPIC Church History 10:00 AM PC-JSLM
Matthew Bible Study 7:00 PM PC-JSLM
Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 PM PC-NAZ

Friday, December 20, 2019

Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 AM PC-PLIB
Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00 PM PH-CARP

Saturday, December 21, 2019

DOGS Men's Group 7:00 AM PC-NAZ
SVDP: Food Box Delivery 9:00 AM PH-FRONT
Confessions 3:30 PM CH
Caroling 6:15 PM PH-FRONT

Sunday, December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Fellowship After Mass 7:30 AM PH-FRONT
Life Kids Beginners 8:45 AM PH-CC
Focus on Faith 10:15 AM PC-BETH

PC=Parish Center Building—Cana, Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem Rooms; SCH=School—Multipurpose Room, Gym;
PH=Parish Hall—Front, Mid, Carpet, Child Care, Cook CH=Church—Church, Loft, Narthex; OTHER=Off Campus Event

Liturgy, Music, and Prayer

Gaudete Sunday

The Third Sunday of Advent takes its name from the Latin word *Gaudete* meaning "Rejoice," the first word of the introit of this day's Mass:

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance (patience) be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety about anything, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God." - Philippians 4:4-5

As we light the rose-colored candle of the Advent wreath and use these twice-a-year vestments and altar coverings, we're reminded of our need for continued hope that God does not abandon his people. Whatever fear or trouble may be in our hearts this season, God is steadfast. So, must we have patient endurance through all life's hardships.

Have you heard the bells?

Through the wonderful generosity of several parishioners, we have a newly installed carillon to generate bell sounds and new speakers in our bell tower. The bells are incredibly authentic and were a joy to hear as we "premiered" them at the beginning of the Thanksgiving Day Mass. The surprised faces, grateful smiles and spontaneous applause revealed our gratitude for the return of Our Lady of the Lake's bells which have been silent for several decades. Truly a time to rejoice on this Gaudete Sunday.

Currently, the bells will "call us to worship" at 5 minutes before each of our weekend Masses. They will also toll the "Angelus" at Noon and 6:00 PM on each weekday. Next weekend, we will provide holy cards with the Angelus prayer and a short instruction on how to recite this ancient Catholic tradition for those unfamiliar with this devotion.

Christmas Eve and Day Mass Ministry Schedules Posted Online

The Christmas Eve and Day Mass schedules are posted in our Ministry Scheduler Program. We need Altar Servers, Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers for all Masses including in Church and in the Gym at 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 8:00 PM and 10:00 PM; and 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM on Christmas morning. Please volunteer within (MSP) or call the office to sign up. Thanks for your prompt attention so we can be prepared for these liturgies!

Advent Masses and Events at OLL

All Advent and Christmas Masses, services, and events are posted on page 5.

Advent Giving Trees are up! Drivers are still needed to help deliver St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Boxes. Find out on page 5 how you can give to those in need.

Christmas Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus Christmas Food Drive supporting St. Vincent de Paul will run until December 31. **Most Wanted Food Items are:** Mashed Potatoes, Stove Top Stuffing, Rice A Roni, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Hearty Soups, Peanut Butter, Canned Chili, Jam (in plastic containers) and Canned Fruit.

Place all items in one of the three St. Vincent de Paul barrels located 1) upstairs outside of the church in the Narthex, 2) outside of the Parish Hall near the elevator, and 3) in the Atrium of the Parish Center.

Offertory

We thank all those who contribute to the support of Our Lady of the Lake Church. Our fiscal year runs July 1 through June 30.

THIS YEAR: Week ending 12/08/2019

Weekly Collection: \$27,765

Fiscal Year to Date: \$592,702

LAST YEAR:

Weekly Collection: \$28,647

Fiscal Year to Date: \$572,808

BUDGET:

Fiscal Year to Date: \$657,796

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

St. Vincent de Paul: \$4,030

2019 Advent Artwork:

**"Shepherds and Angels
Admire the Child"**

Painting by Dorothea S. Pierce

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 15, 2019

7:30 AM +Gene Wizer

9:00 AM For the Parishioners

11:30 AM +Frank Kleinheinz

5:00 PM +Liz Bettencourt

Monday, December 16, 2019

6:30 AM Prayer Service

8:30 AM +Jack Medak

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

6:30 AM +Jack Medak

8:30 AM Int. Andreas von
Foerster

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

6:30 AM +Bill Powers

8:30 AM +Jack Medak

Thursday, December 19, 2019

6:30 AM +Jack Medak

8:30 AM +Robert Goodwin

Friday, December 20, 2019

6:30 AM Prayer Service

8:30 AM +Joey Hackenbruck

Saturday, December 21, 2019

8:30 AM +Theodore Rinck

5:00 PM +Morgan Moroni

Sunday, December 22, 2019

7:30 AM For the Parishioners

9:00 AM +Stanley and Lorraine
Kowalski

11:30 AM +Amal Hanoudi

5:00 PM +Richard Sorenson

Life Kids Beginners

No Beginners Nursery on December 29 due to Christmas Break

Every Sunday • 8:45–11:30 AM

Nursery for 9 Months – 3 Years Old

Parish Hall Transept

Life Kids

No Life Kids during Christmas Break:

December 22-January 5. See you January 12!

Sundays 10:20 to 11:15 AM

Preschool—5th Grade

Where children are inspired with prayer, song,
and faith-filled learning

www.ollparish.com/life-kids

For more information about Children's
Ministry, contact Mary at maryb@ollparish.com or call the parish office.



EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Meets Sunday, December 15 in the Jerusalem Room.

CONFIRMATION

This Sunday, December 15. Meet after the 5:00 PM Mass in the Jerusalem Room.

Thank you to all of the adults who volunteered at our last retreat and those who are providing a host home!

LIFE TEEN

Meets Sunday, December 15 in the Jerusalem Room.

May 17 Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Oswego Archbishop
Sample Sunday 5:00 PM May 17

OLL School: Music - Christmas Program

In music we are deep into preparations for the annual all school Christmas concert. Each class is working hard on their performance and we have a lot of special surprises in store. I am so proud of their progress and blessed by their excitement: it's going to be a wonderful night. The kids here at OLL find joy in the day to day - in singing and creating art, in science experiments and aha moments in math, in epic snowman craft projects and goals scored, reading, languages and discovery. They always have an answer when asked to share something they are excited about.

Yesterday in our family group share time, the kids discussed gratitude. "I LOVE school!" said one. Another, when asked what they liked best about OLL said: "It's hard to decide - math or social studies or recess!" I am thankful not only to spend my days sharing my love of music with children, but to be part of a team of teachers, administrators and staff who care so much and who successfully create an environment where kids feel this kind of enthusiasm for learning.

In Matthew Chapter 18, Jesus says that we should become like children. The ability to find excitement and joy in the day to day is something kids are especially good at. We can look to our children as a model for how to experience joy and find gratitude in the holiday season and all year round.



Advent and Christmas Masses and Events

Masses

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 PM • 6:00 PM • 8:00 PM • 10:00 PM

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25

9:00 AM • 11:00 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31 Vigil – 5:00 PM

Wednesday, January 1 – 9:00 AM



Advent Reconciliation Services in the Vicariate

St Anthony in Tigard

Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00 PM

Our Lady of the Lake

Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 PM

St. Clare in Portland

Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 PM

Confession at OLL

Every Saturday 3:00-4:30 PM



Live Nativity

**Journey to Bethlehem
and see what the
shepherds saw!**

**Sunday, December 15
12:30-2:30 PM**

Stop by anytime at the Courtyard outside the Parish Hall.

Live Nativity with real people and real animals!

Crafts and refreshments in the Parish Hall. For all ages!

Photography Note: There will be OLL Volunteers taking pictures of the Live Nativity and other activities. By being at the event you are giving permission for your or your child's photo to be used by OLL Parish in the bulletin, social media, or other print and digital media. No names will be used.



Join us as we

Carol the Heart of Lake Oswego!

Saturday, December 21

6:15 PM - Meet at OLL

6:30-7:30 PM Carol in downtown
Lake Oswego

7:30 PM Refreshments in Parish Hall

Event sponsored by Our Lady of the Lake Music Ministry

Christmas Environment Offerings

We invite you to make an offering in remembrance of your loved ones during this Christmas season. If you wish to participate, a gift may be made in any dollar amount to benefit the environment of the Church. The names of those who are honored "in memory of" or "in thanksgiving for" will be on display on the side altars in Church and also in the Christmas bulletin.

White is the liturgical color of Christmas time, which begins after dark on Christmas Eve and lasts until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The color red is a symbol of the passion in the midst of Christmas joy. Evergreens announce the eternal promise of life and the trees in the Church profess our belief in eternity and in the power of God.

Your remembrance gifts at Christmas make it possible for us to enhance the beauty of the Church at this most sacred time of year when we celebrate Christ's feast. You will find the envelopes in the basket near the elevator door. There is also a basket in the Parish Hall. Please write clearly your intentions on the envelope. You may put the envelope in the collection basket or you may turn it into the Parish Office. The cut-off date is Sunday, December 15th. Thank you for supporting the adornment of the Church.

Christmas Food Box Drivers Needed • Saturday, December 21 at 9:00 AM

Drivers and families needed to deliver Food Boxes on December 21 at 9:00 AM to 150 needy families in Lake Oswego and the greater Portland area.

To volunteer to deliver food boxes, visit www.ollparish.com/advent-serve and add your name to the Christmas Food Box Drivers Spreadsheet so we know how many drivers we can expect.

Reach out to your Neighbor this Advent!

Our **Advent Giving Trees** collaborate with community partners serving the poor in Multnomah and Clackamas counties:

- **JOIN** supports the efforts of homeless individuals and families to transition into permanent housing.
- **St. Andre Bessette Parish** in the heart of Old Town.
- **The Father's Heart Street Ministry** in Oregon City, providing meals, showers, laundry, and a safe place.
- **Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement** program to assist these families starting over in Oregon.

Take a tag from the trees located in the Narthex, parish hall entrance or parish center atrium. Return your unwrapped gift and tag to the tree by **Wednesday, December 18**.



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY AT OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

This policy is for: Life Kids, Edge, Life Teen, Confirmation, Adult Faith Formation, Music Groups, and other scheduled meetings and classes.

Weekdays: The regular parish programs listed above will follow the morning snow closure and bad weather directions of the Lake Oswego School District. When the Lake Oswego schools are closed, the programs listed above will be closed.

Weekends or evenings: If there is a sudden change in the weather during the day, or the program meets in the evening or on a weekend, the Program Director or group organizer of the respective programs will make the decision as to the closure based upon consideration of the different areas surrounding OLL. The Program Director will also initiate the process of notifying people. If you are not sure if a program is cancelled, please call the office at 503-636-7687 for closure information.

Mass: Mass in Church will not be cancelled for weather emergencies. We will celebrate Mass with whatever ministers and people attend. No one should put themselves or their family at risk to fulfill a ministerial assignment or to attend Mass. When travel is dangerous, then all are excused from the obligation to attend Mass.

Don't forget to notify the office of any changes such as address, phone number or email, as well as family additions. Contact Georgeann at 503-636-7687 or office@ollparish.com.

Bulletin entries must be submitted two Fridays prior to publication date - unless early deadlines for holidays. Send submissions via email to karab@ollparish.com. Entries may be edited for purposes of clarity and space. For information contact Kara.

Baptized for Mission: Becoming Fishers of Men

OLL Men's Retreat - January 24-26, 2020

Men: Has the past year felt unusually stressful? Is our fast-moving, digital world overwhelming your sense of purpose and focus? Do you simply need time to reset your spiritual compass, spend time in prayer, and renew your relationship with God? These are some of the many reasons to break away to attend the annual Our Lady of the Lake Men's Retreat. Will you join us this year? Who will you invite to attend who needs this opportunity?

Our Parish Men's Retreat is set for **Friday through Sunday, January 24-26, 2020** at the newly remodeled Mount Angel Abbey Guesthouse. We are delighted to announce that Archbishop Emeritus, John Vlazny, will be our retreat master and offer five reflection presentations during the course of the retreat days. Archbishop Vlazny is recognized for his pastoral and inspiring homilies. We will be blessed by his spiritual, scriptural and personal insights.

Time for silence, personal prayer on the peaceful abbey grounds, liturgical prayer with the monks, evening social time with other retreatants, and, of course, the delicious and plentiful Abbey food are all part of the retreat benefits.

Our retreat starts on Friday with Abbey vespers at 5:20, then dinner at 6:00 PM, and concludes with lunch on Sunday. Check in begins on Friday at 3:00 PM. We encourage men to take the day off if possible, to arrive earlier on Friday afternoon to spend time in prayer, reflection, walk the grounds and then gather for vespers and dinner. The retreat fee of \$250 provides all lodging, meals and retreat materials. Retreat "fee subsidies" are available upon request.

The retreat books up quickly, so don't delay. Register online at www.ollparish.com/retreat. Are you able to "pay it forward" and offer part or full scholarships? Your generosity would be greatly appreciated. Please send requests or bequests to Tom Tomaszek, tomt@ollparish.com.

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Read the Bulletin! Sign up for Weekly Parish emails by calling the office!

Visit the Website at ollparish.com!

Check us out on Social Media! **Twitter** @OLLLakeOswego,
Facebook @OLLCatholicChurch, & **Instagram** @OLLCatholicChurch

Mercy Teams

Giving Tree:

Parishioners are needed to help load Giving Tree packages into the JOIN Van on Friday, December 20 at 1:30 PM at the Parish Center.

Volunteers can add their names to the sign-up sheet at ollparish.com/mercy-teams.

Street Ministry to the Homeless:

Saturday, December 28, weekend after Christmas. Our parish is blessed to have so many parishioners willing and able to share their time and bring the love of Jesus Christ to those less fortunate, on the streets. We already have a full roster of 35 parishioners signed up to serve the Saturday after Christmas.



Saturday, January 25, 2020. Sign up now for the next available Street Ministry. Join us in prep work starting at 7:00 AM and on the street at 9:30, sharing the love of Jesus Christ with those in need. Sign up at www.ollparish.com/mercy-teams

Winter Clothing. We will continue to welcome donations of winter clothing, used jackets, sweaters, gloves, knit caps, and new cotton or wool socks.



St. Vincent de Paul

Thanksgiving Boxes a Success!



Thank you for your loving support of those we serve and the Thanksgiving day offerings at Mass for SVDP food pantry and Christmas Food boxes totaling 671 pounds.

The Thanksgiving Food box program was a great success. We delivered 96 food boxes in conjunction with Resurrection Parish to the Portland Council on Monday, November 25. Thanks to members of SVdP, Knights of Columbus, Mercy Teams and the ACTS Men's retreatants for helping load the estimated 3,000 pounds into the donated Safeway refrigerated truck.

Respect Life

Advent: The season of Advent is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to preparing for the celebration of the Lord's birth on Christmas and for Christ's second coming at the end of time. During this time of preparation and expectant waiting, we also remember expectant mothers who are preparing for the birth of their children. This Advent season, consider highlighting the article "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting." www.respectlife.org/support-her

Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese

12/16 Mother and Child Education Center Client Care Volunteer Opportunities: Assist parents in selecting baby items, serving refreshments, playing with kids or assisting in the maternity room. Visit www.MomChildPDX.org or call 503-249-5801 to sign up or for details.

12/20 Mother and Child Education Center: Wrap Christmas presents for moms in need. Visit www.MomChildPDX.org or call 503-249-5801 to sign up or for details.

1/25 ORTL March for Life, Salem

1/25 West Coast Walk for Life, San Francisco



Project Aurora —Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

"The most intense, organized, worthwhile and helpful retreat that I have ever attended, and I have been to many."

God's ongoing offer of compassion, mercy, and peace is calling anyone who has been involved with abortion in the past. Why wait any longer?

"It is so absolutely wonderful; transformative; I am so grateful for the support and SAFETY!!"

Project Aurora is providing Rachel's Vineyard retreats February 14-16 in Portland and March 27-29 near Medford.

Financial assistance is available.

For more information, call 541-942-2861, email ProjectAurora@aol.com, or visit www.Project-Aurora.org and www.rachelsvineyard.org