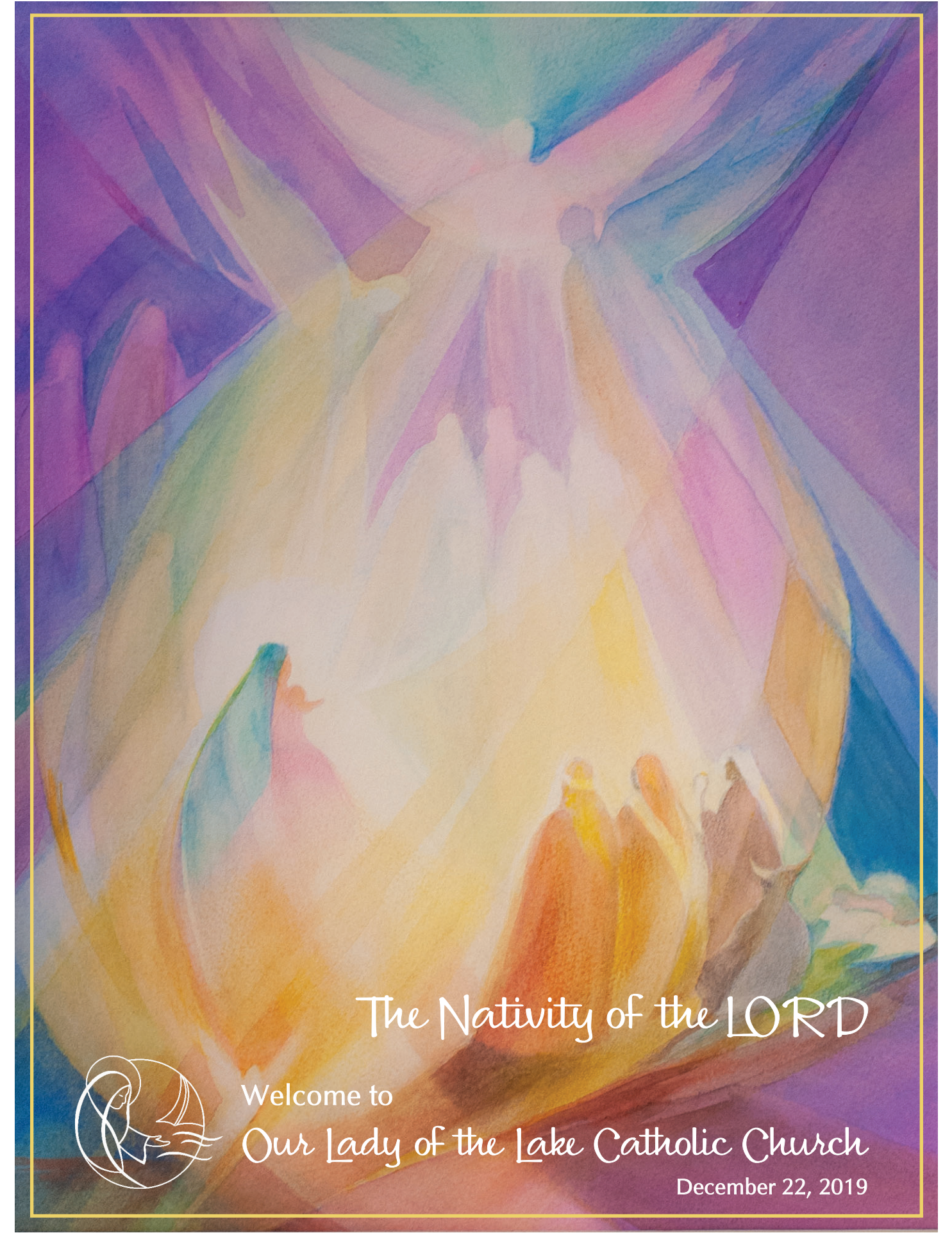




The Nativity of the LORD



Welcome to

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

December 22, 2019



SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Mass 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM
Monday, Friday
Prayer Service 6:30 AM,
Mass 8:30 AM
Saturday, Mass 8:30 AM

Recitation of the Rosary Monday-
Saturday
after Morning Liturgies

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
ANOIDING OF THE SICK**
Call the Parish Office

www.ollparish.com

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Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve Masses

Tuesday, December 24
4:00 PM • 6:00 PM • 8:00 PM • 10:00 PM

Christmas Day Masses

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



2019 Advent Artwork:

“Shepherds and Angels Admire the Child”

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This Week

*The Parish Office will be closed the following days to
celebrate the Christmas Holidays:*

December 24 - closing by 2:00 PM

December 25 & 26 - closed

December 31 - closing by 2:00 PM • January 1 - closed



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

Monday, December 23, 2019

Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 AM PC-PLIB
Centering Prayer 9:30 AM PC-PLIB

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

Christmas Eve

Office Closing Early 2:00 PM PC
Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 PM SCH-GYM
Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 PM CH
Christmas Eve Mass 6:00 PM CH
Fatima Rosary 6:00 PM PC-PLIB
Christmas Eve Mass 8:00 PM CH
Christmas Eve Mass 10:00 PM CH

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

Christmas Day

Office Closed
Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 AM PC-PLIB
Christmas Day Mass 9:00 AM CH
Christmas Day Mass 11:00 AM CH

Thursday, December 26, 2019

Office Closed

Blood Drive 10:00 AM PH-FRONT
Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 PM PC-NAZ

Friday, December 27, 2019

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

Saturday, December 28, 2019

DOGS Men's Group 7:00 AM PC-NAZ
Confessions 3:30 PM CH

Sunday, December 29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Fellowship After Mass 7:30 AM PH-FRONT

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

*Be strong, fear not.
Let us walk in the light of the Lord.*

The Work of Christmas

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.*

-Howard Thurman (1899-1981)

For the sake of our salvation, God trusted in humans, namely the young Blessed Virgin Mary and her betrothed, St. Joseph, to care for the fragile infant Jesus, whose holy birth we celebrate today.

God now trusts in us humans – you and me – to make his presence known in our own time, especially for those who are desperately in need of his love and mercy. We demonstrate God's love in works of mercy. That is the “work of Christmas” mentioned above. Our gift book this year, *Mercy in the City* by Kerry Weber, will help us discern how to do exactly that.

Put your faith into action. Let the Light of the World, Jesus Christ, shine through you and your family.

Fr. John Kerns
Pastor



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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

*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 Fri-
days 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.*

Stay up to date with events at OLL

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



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
YOUTH + MINISTRY

**EDGE, Life Teen, and
Confirmation resume in January.**

Consult your Youth Ministry
calendar for dates and times
for each individual ministry or
contact Mary Jane and Lily at
maryjanew@ollparish.com or
lilyw@ollparish.com.

**Moms and Tots • Tuesdays, 9:30 to
11:30 AM • Jerusalem Room**



Parents & Tots, join a
growing small group
of parents and their
tots (all children who
have not entered kin-
dergarten) on Tuesday
mornings in the Jerusalem Room.

Parents read the upcoming Sunday's
Mass readings, explore a few discussion
questions about the readings, as well as
share prayer intentions, and just visit
about "life stuff" while kids play.

Meet with us for friendship and faith!
Coffee is provided!

To sign up, visit [www.ollparish.com/
moms-and-tots](http://www.ollparish.com/moms-and-tots).

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 St. Vincent
de Paul barrels.

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.

Awakening Faith

Do you want to know God more personally? Have you considered returning to the Catholic Church - or developing for the first time a more active Catholic Faith? Like many Catholics, your faith may have been passed down to you by your parents or other family members. Maybe you even attended Catholic Schools. Did your faith development stop once you reached adulthood? Is God in your life now? Truly connecting to your Catholic faith can be transforming, it can give you true life.

We are coming together in Awakening Faith to grow in our understanding of God and the true meaning of life. We will meet in the Parish Center Library beginning Thursday, January 16, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. We have 6 sessions and 4 optional - to be decided by us. We will talk about Spirituality (If I am spiritual do I need the Church?), Who is Jesus, The Holy Spirit, God's unending Mercy, The Mass (the source and summit of being a Catholic), the Church (given to us by Jesus for a reason).

Contact me with any questions - or just show up on Thursday, January 16. For more information go to our website: ollparish.com/adults. Call Margaret Jamieson at 503-635-2915 or email me at maggieandmargaret@gmail.com

Awakening Faith invites you to...

Fill the Hole in Your Life

Know God More Personally

Unlock the Mysteries of Catholicism



Exodus 90- Are You Ready?

January 13—April 19, 2020 (Holy Thursday)

Are you ready this New Year for a personal challenge to grow in faith?

Join a small faith-sharing group to take on the challenge of **Exodus 90**. Journey together as a group of 5-7 men through the book of Exodus and discover a path to freedom through prayer, asceticism and fraternity, including contemplative prayer and a nightly Examen of conscience.

Join fellow parishioners and over 20,000 men who have experienced the transformative power of this 90-day spiritual exercise. Strengthen your spiritual life and relationships. Find true freedom in Christ. Your family, your parish, your church needs you!

To sign up, register on our Small Group page at ollparish.com/groups and select **Exodus 90 January 2020**. Download the Exodus 90 App at exodus90.com. Contact David Gewant at gewant@gmail.com for more information.

YEAR-END Giving

As the end of the year approaches, please know that Our Lady of the Lake welcomes all gifts and is able to process gifts of stock and mutual funds, IRA roll overs and other securities. These types of gifts may reduce tax liabilities for you as well.

Gifts may be directed to the area of greatest need or the parish ministry you choose. Contact the Parish Office, 503-636-7687, with questions.

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, December 23, 2019

6:30 AM Prayer Service
8:30 AM +Bill Powers

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

8:30 AM +Carl and Marcella Doerner
4:00 PM +Gregory Ashou
4:00 PM +Grace Misztal and Deidre Mackey
6:00 PM +Irene Schmit
8:00 PM +Robert Urbana
10:00 PM +Bruce Ruminski

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

9:00 AM +Stanley and Lorraine Kowalski
11:00 AM +Bill Powers

Thursday, December 26, 2019

6:30 AM Int. Sandy Nosler
8:30 AM Int. Pete Steyer

Friday, December 27, 2019

6:30 AM Prayer Service
8:30 AM +Bettie Lou O'Malley

Saturday, December 28, 2019

8:30 AM Int. Gloria Stephens
5:00 PM +Morgan Moroni

Sunday, December 29, 2019

7:30 AM For the Parishioners
9:00 AM +Dowla Totonchy
11:30 AM +Gail Griffith
5:00 PM +Barbara Summers

ONLINE GIVING IN 3 EASY STEPS

If you are already using online giving skip step 1 and 2. (if you forgot your user ID or password click the forgot button and a new password will be emailed to you)

STEP 1 - REGISTER

- From OLL website www.ollparish.com
- Click "Giving" in top right navigation bar
- Click on "Give Now:
- Click on **CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT**.
- Fill in the information boxes that contain a red asterisk. Make sure to write down your User ID and Password (put in a secure and safe place.)
- **Submit. You will receive an email to confirm your information.**



STEP 2 – SET UP PAYMENT METHOD

- Now log into your account, click on **MY PAYMENT METHOD**.
- You will need to **ADD NEW BANK ACCOUNT** (if using your checking account) **OR ADD NEW CREDIT CARD** (if using your credit card).
- Provide all the information requested. Then click **SUBMIT**.

STEP 3 – SET UP DONATION

OPTIONS: You can choose multiple funds (RE, Building Maintenance, SVdP)

- Now return to **MANAGE MY ACCOUNT** and choose **GIVE A NEW GIFT**.
- Choose **OFFERTORY** (fund), then select gift type **RECURRING**.
- Select payment and frequency and start date.
- Select the account (check or credit card), then enter amount and frequency.
- Click **NEXT** (at the bottom of the page)
- In the **CONFIRM MY GIFTS** window, review the details to insure all is correct. Click **SUBMIT**.

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.

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.



Respect Life

Each year at Christmas we celebrate the birth of Christ our Savior. As we prepare for this joyful celebration, we recall the journey of the Holy Family from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Far from home, poor, and in great need, Mary and Joseph find refuge in a simple stable. But this humble setting among the livestock soon welcomes the heavenly host of angels and the infant Jesus himself. Today, many women find themselves pregnant, poor, without a home, and in great need. They often feel alone, scared, and overwhelmed, not knowing where to turn. During this challenging time, expectant mothers need a refuge of their own. Like the Holy Family, they are reliant on the kindness of others. This year, may the story of the first Christmas inspire us to reach out to mothers in need. May we be ready to offer loving support and encouragement as they prepare to welcome their children. By answering this call, may we too come to share in and witness to the miracle of new life. www.usccb.org/prolife.

Pregnancy Support

There are many resources in the area, refer anyone who needs help to one of these organizations:

Catholic Charities Pregnancy Support: We support you whether you choose to parent or to place your child for adoption. All services are free and our qualified staff are available 24/7. Call 503-238-5196 for immediate/confidential help or email us at PSA@CatholicCharitiesOregon.org.

Mother & Child Education Center provides pregnancy testing, classes, clothing and supplies for new mothers. Go to www.momchildpdx.org for more information.

Madonna's Center for Life provides support for pregnant women who need help with the basic necessities to care for a newborn. Call 503-635-1595.

Pregnancy Resource Centers provides compassionate care and various medical services during pregnancy. Open M-F: Beaverton; 503-643-4503 Clackamas; 503-659-3336 Free and confidential services, www.prcportland.com for info.

Precious Children of Portland offers concrete resources and prayers to people entering abortion facilities, and women and families who need resources and help in their pregnancies or with young children. We exist to help promote and provide for the sanctity and dignity of every human life, born and unborn. Contact Therese at 503-997-1994/ruesinktherese@comcast.net.

Upcoming Events

1/5 Human Trafficking Silent Prayer Vigil: St. Andre Bessette Catholic Church, 601 West Burnside Street, Portland, January 5, from 11:15-11:45 AM. Please join together to pray for victims and an end to human trafficking.

St. Vincent de Paul

Our Gratitude is Boundless!

Dear Parishioners, Our Lady of the Lake School and Knights of Columbus,

The 1st Annual Thanksgiving Box Program was a huge success. All 100 boxes were filled and distributed to disadvantaged families. We are so grateful for the enthusiasm received for this new program.

St. Vincent de Paul is sending a huge "shout out" of thanks to Our Lady of the Lake School. We received your substantial gift of \$2,000, produced from the Carnival. Your generous gift helps children and families with food, electricity and rent, every single day. Thank you!

Plus, the Knights of Columbus organization is a constant partnership with St. Vincent de Paul, which we gratefully recognize. The Spaghetti Dinner, sponsored by the Knights, honored St. Vincent de Paul with a plentiful monetary gift of \$2,000. Thank you!

Furthermore, every year the Knights sponsor a Food Drive to collect enough items to fill 125 boxes with a Christmas dinner for needy families. This program has been a huge success, as well. The Knights of Columbus are forever in our hearts. So far this season, they have honored us with 700 pounds of food. Thank you!

However, without the outstanding generosity of this amazing Our Lady of the Lake Parish, none of our programs would be possible. Thanks to every one of you, who were able to dig deep, in order to contribute, a can of food, a box of food, or a financial gift, to enable our projects to succeed.

St. Vincent de Paul is so very grateful. This thank you is a reminder of the continued generosity of Our Lake of the Lake Parishioners. You are such a blessing. With love in our hearts, we wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Peace - filled New Year.

PLEASE PRINT
1200 BULLETINS
FOR THIS
(CHRISTMAS)
ISSUE