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First Sunday of Advent

We Who Wait for Christ...Dare to Hope

We are waiting for you, waiting for you, O Lord, Christ Jesus.

We are waiting for you, waiting for you, O Lord, Our God.

~ Entrance song for Advent 2020 ~

This Sunday we begin the season of Advent – a time of *waiting* for the Lord. In the Gospel of Mark, we hear Jesus caution the disciples to “Be watchful! Be alert!” Certainly, the events of the past eleven months have given us new understanding of the importance of being alert – for we do not know the day or the time. As wildfires and storms threatened our safety this fall – we *waited* for first responders to bring relief. As the pandemic still ravages the world – we *wait* for a vaccine to be the promise of safety. In all these things we *dare to hope* that God is with us.

Yes, we believe that Jesus already was born in human history, and lived, died and was raised from the dead, as we proclaim in the Nicene Creed each Sunday. But we take time each liturgical year during Advent to focus on preparing – for Jesus, the Christ to return and gather the whole world unto Himself. We are *waiting*.

Advent, then, is an opportunity to wait for Our Lord with fresh eyes and an open heart. We might ask: *In the midst of*

all life's uncertainty this year, how have I still experienced God's presence in my life? Where have I seen God at work in my family, in my work or school, in unexpected places? How can I be the hands and feet of Christ as a disciple?

Praying Advent at Mass and at Home

At Sunday Mass during Advent, to focus this theme of waiting for Christ, we will dim the lights for the Entrance

procession as the candles of the Advent wreath are lit and we sing the Entrance Chant above with that week's antiphon. We will sing the Penitential Act (Lord, have mercy) and begin using the *Belmont Mass*, an English chant setting, for our responses during Mass.

Since we cannot all gather in church, it provides an opportunity to renew the importance of celebrating faith in our

homes and in our families or extended community. Our Faith Formation staff have now provided curated resources and links (articles, videos, and more) on our parish website for children, youth, parents, families and adults that reflect our Advent theme. We encourage you to explore these new ways to grow deeper in faith and to pray together at home, individually and as families.



WEEKDAY SERVICES

Sign up online at www.ollparish.com to attend Mass in person.

Mass at 8:30 AM Monday - Saturday

Mass at 6:00 PM Tuesday - Thursday

Prayer Church open Monday - Friday, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM for individual silent prayer.

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM,
Sunday Morning 9:00 & 11:30 AM
Sign up to attend.

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9:30 AM to 8:00 PM in the Church

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Call the Parish Office for an appointment.

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St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Food Box

Thank you to everyone who so lovingly participated in the Thanksgiving Box program. Through your generosity we were able to provide dinners for 129 families.

Because the Thanksgiving Box program went so well, this year for the **Christmas Box Program** we will follow a similar format due to the limited space in the Church Hall, as well as wanting to limit social contact. Your participation in this worthwhile project will benefit many struggling families in the Portland Metro area to have a great Christmas meal.

The empty boxes will be available for pick up on Saturday, December 12 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM or Sunday, December 13 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The filled boxes will be brought back on Saturday, December 19 for same day distribution. You will be able to go to the Parish website to sign up for any of the following options:

Option 1 — Pick Up, Fill, & Deliver: Pick up your box and shopping list on the weekend of December 12 & 13; return on the morning of Saturday, December 19 to receive the **name and address of a family for delivery**. We will provide a \$20 grocery gift card to accompany the meal you provided.

Option 2 — Pick Up & Fill the box only: If you would rather not make a delivery, you may sign up to return a filled box only.

Option 3 — Deliver: Volunteer as a delivery driver. We will need some extra drivers for those who are unable to make the delivery.

We look forward to having you join us in our Christmas outreach.

Sign up online to participate in one of the options at www.ollparish.com/christmas-food-box.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will continue to be remote Mondays and Fridays. The phones are answered between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. If you need to reach a staff member, we highly encourage you to email them. Email addresses are listed on page 2.

The Parish Office will be open for appointments only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Walk-ins are not allowed at this time due to COVID-19 safety for Parish and School Staff, School Children, and Parishioners. Call the parish office to make an appointment.

School pick up is between 12:30 PM and 1:30 PM each day. Do not park in the middle of the back section.

Connect with us!

Besides reading the Bulletin, we encourage you to click on these images below for more ways to connect throughout the week (or visit our website at ollparish.com).



Celebrating Advent 2020

Lighting the candles of the Advent wreath each week will remind us that the Light of Christ dispels any personal or communal darkness. Unfortunately, availability to attend Mass will continue to be restricted. (Thank you for your patience!) We ask that you please continue to follow the sign-up process and compliance with safety protocols: the necessity of wearing of masks, and maintaining physical distancing when you come to Mass. We keep all our schedule information up to date on our parish website, ollparish.com. If you don't have a computer to get online and register, always feel free to call the parish office during daytime hours for assistance (503-636-7687).

Daily and Sunday Mass.

The good news of Fr. Suresh Amalraj's return from India has allowed us to now offer a daily 8:30 AM Mass Monday through Saturday, and an additional 6:00 PM Mass on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Tuesday evening is now our OLL School Mass – a wonderful opportunity for all parents with children to consider attending online with its child-focused homily each week.

All Masses are livestreamed, and now on Sunday mornings we also open the parish hall where people can watch on-screen for 9:00 and 11:30 AM Mass. This allows more parishioners the opportunity to receive Holy Communion. Please be attentive to which location you are registering for when you sign up.

Confession Times.

We will not be able to offer our Advent Reconciliation services with multiple confessors available this year. Therefore, we are providing additional times for individual confession during the first three weeks of December on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 PM (after Mass), as well as on Saturday mornings from 9:30-10:30 AM after morning Mass. We are not able to offer confession on Saturday afternoons currently since that is when we set up for livestream Mass.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – a Holy Day. Even though the obligation to attend Mass in person is suspended, we will have three livestreamed Masses for you to choose at 8:30 and 11:00 AM and at 6:00 PM. Join us to pray for Our Blessed Mother's intercession in healing our world.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, December 4, 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM

All are welcome to stop by the church to spend time with our Lord anytime Friday, December 4 between 9:30 AM and 8:00 PM. No sign up necessary.

The quiet of the church in the presence of the Lord is an escape from the noise of the world. Think of this time as visiting with your best friend, sitting quietly and enjoying being in each other's company. It is a sacred time not just to talk to the Lord, but also listening to what He wants to tell you.

No pre-registration required but the church will be limited to 25 people at a time; please sign-in on arrival. Masks and social distancing are to be observed.



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 11/22/2020

Weekly Collection: \$22,947

Fiscal Year to Date: \$461,364

LAST YEAR:

Weekly Collection: \$21,590

Fiscal Year to Date: \$534,371

BUDGET:

Fiscal Year to Date: \$494,276

Please notify the office of any family changes such as address, phone number or email, as well as family additions.

Contact Georgeann at 503-636-7687 or office@ollparish.com.

Mass Intentions

Sunday November 29, 2020

9:00 AM +Pius Chow

11:30 AM For the Parishioners

Monday, November 30, 2020

8:30 AM Int. Eldin and Sesima Hadziric

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

8:30 AM +Guillermo Reyes

6:00 PM +John Bean

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

8:30 AM +Kathie Cooper

6:00 PM +Dominic Brunetti

Thursday, December 3, 2020

8:30 AM Int. Fereydun Robert Armisen

6:00 PM +Art Schroeder

Friday, December 4, 2020

8:30 AM +Teresa Anne

Cunningham Gardner

Saturday, December 5, 2020

8:30 AM +Jose Luis Garza

5:00 PM +Mena Brosnan

Sunday, December 6, 2020

9:00 AM For the Parishioners

11:30 AM +Daniel Reis

To view upcoming Intentions and request an Intention online, visit www.ollparish.com/intentions.

Lifelong Faith Formation

Following Christ is a lifelong commitment to know, love and serve. At Our Lady of the Lake we invite disciples of all ages to explore their faith individually, in families, with peer groups, with spouses and friends, in small faith sharing groups, and through parish community opportunities.

We invite you to visit our Faith Formation life stages at www.ollparish.com/faith-formation where you can explore your faith through online resources, prayer, and activities. This month's focus is "*Discipleship*."

Life Kids

Our goal is that each child, from preschool through fifth grade, can know, love, and follow Jesus in their life.

This fall, we will offer online learning to children enrolled in Life Kids and First Sacraments.

To learn more, go to our NEWLY UPDATED Life Kids page at www.ollparish.com/life-kids.

For more information, contact Mary at maryb@ollparish.com.

FAMILY PLAYLIST FEATURE

"Intro to Advent"



Brother Francis shares the meaning of Advent.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Pre-Register for EDGE & Life Teen

EDGE: 6th-8th Grades
Life Teen: 9th-12th Grades

www.ollparish.com/youth

Register Now for Confirmation

Confirmation: 10th Grade or older

www.ollparish.com/confirmation

Contact Luke Brooks for more information at lukeb@ollparish.com

YOUTH PLAYLIST FEATURE

"Youth Ministry & Advent"



Youth minister, Luke, discusses Advent as the perfect time "to re-imagine what and encounter with God might look like."

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Our Lady of the Lake is committed to providing opportunities for faith formation for all adult ages. Each stage of life offers occasions to encounter the Lord, to grow deeper in understanding our Catholic faith, and to share that faith through prayer and action individually and with others.

We invite you to explore our pages at www.ollparish.com/adult-formation



ADULT MONTHLY PLAYLIST FEATURE

Join The Search! Log in/Create your OLL Parish [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org) account.

"The True Meaning of Advent"



Fr. Mike Schmitz talks about the best way to prepare for the Advent season.





Knights of Columbus
CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE
Supporting St. Vincent de Paul

Begins Thanksgiving Day — Ends December 31

Most Wanted Food Items: Mashed Potatoes, Stove Top Stuffing, Rice-a-Roni, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Hearty Soups, Canned Chili, Peanut Butter & Jam (in plastic containers, no glass jars) and Canned Fruit.

Drop Off: Place all items in the St. Vincent de Paul barrels located upstairs outside of the church in the Narthex, and downstairs outside of the Parish Hall near the elevator.



Loving Others through Outreach

Mercy Teams

Winter Coat, Socks and Blanket Drive – Mercy Teams will collect used but clean winter coats, blankets, and new white cotton socks during our Sunday morning Drive-Thru Drop-Off

Sack Lunch Meals of Mercy – 39,500 “Touches of Love” inside each of those sack lunches you helped make, collect or deliver to food insecure families, the unsheltered throughout Portland, Long Term Care Facilities, and Boys & Girls Clubs.

Sack Lunch Pledge – Donate sack lunches. Goal 1,450 per week. Include: 16 Oz bottle of water, granola bar, fruit/apple sauce cup, bag of chips, plastic spoon & napkin (*sandwiches are made by other volunteers on-site*).

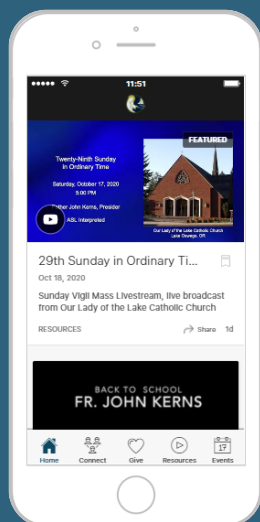


Street Ministry to The Unsheltered

Next Street Ministry Dates are Saturdays, November 28, and December 26. We meet at the parish hall at 7:45 AM, head out by 9:00 AM, and are back by 12:00 PM.

Sign up for projects at www.ollparish.com/mercy-teams.

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Walking with Moms in Need is a year of service where Catholic parishes and communities help pregnant and parenting women in need.

Week 35: Did You Know?? IRCO's (Immigrant Refugee Center Of Oregon) goal is to remove barriers to self-sufficiency and helping individuals and families thrive, by providing culturally and linguistically specific social services, from employment, vocational training and English language learning, early childhood and parenting education, youth academic support and gang prevention, 10301 NE Glisan St. Portland, 503 234-1541, irco.org

Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese

12/6 Human Trafficking Silent Prayer Vigil: Please join us to pray for victims and an end to human trafficking at St. Andre Bessette Catholic Church, 601 West Burnside Street, Portland. We will begin at 11:00 AM with masks on and social distancing.



Giving Tree

Begins: November 29

Ends: December 20

Join us in supporting those most in need through our Giving Trees.

Ways to help:

- **Advent Giving Wish List**

See the Advent Giving Wish List on the back of this flyer. All donations can be delivered to the parish on Sundays from 8:30 to 10:45 AM during Mercy Teams drive through collection or left under the Christmas tree outside the Parish Hall.

- **\$25 Gift Cards to Fred Meyer or Walmart**

Gift cards can also be delivered to the parish on Sundays during Mercy Teams drive through collection or mailed to the parish or dropped in the church narthex offertory slot.

- **Amazon Wish List: JOIN and Blanchet House**

Donate through Amazon Wish List to JOIN or Blanchet House. Donations will be delivered directly to the organization. For the links to those wish lists, visit ollparish.com/giving-tree.





St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Boxes

SUPPORT DESERVING FAMILIES IN OUR AREA

Three Participation Options:

Option 1 - Pick Up, Fill, & Deliver a Box

Pick up a box on December 12 or 13, fill your box, and return to the Parish Hall on Saturday, December 19 to receive the address of the receiving family. Deliver the box on the same day.

Option 2 - Pick Up & Fill

Pick up a box on December 12 or 13, fill your box, and return to the Parish Hall on Saturday, December 19.
Another volunteer will deliver your box.

Option 3 - Deliver

Volunteer as a delivery driver on Saturday, December 19 to deliver pre-filled boxes.



Choose your option by signing up online at
www.ollparish.com/christmas-food-box.



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