Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples of Jesus Christ. **OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH** Second Sunday of Advent

#### The Work of Advent

On this Second Sunday of Advent, we hear the beginning of the Gospel of St. Mark quoting Isaiah's prophecy that a voice in the desert would cry out: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight his paths." How do we "hear" and take to heart John the Baptist's Advent challenge for us this *year?* How do we "make straight" the winding and difficult roads of the past nine months of a global pandemic and the emotional upheaval and distress that have swept the word normal from our vocabulary and experience? What will

truly prepare us to open our hearts to God's Incarnation in our world?

Last Sunday, as we began the season of Advent, Deacon Kevin challenged us in his homily to see the candles of the Advent wreath as a call to action, to strike a match, become a light, and to reach out to those around us in need of physical or emotional aid. Each one of us can do something to alleviate suffering or sadness in our world. Each action -

however small or seemingly insignificant - helps prepare the way of the Lord.

> Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. ~ Isaiah 40:1 ~

As I walked through the parish hall between the morning Masses last Sunday, here was the scene I observed: families

donating sack lunches, making sandwiches, and preparing the Mercy Teams Meals of Mercy, the St. Vincent de Paul team collecting non-perishable food, parishioners dropping off items for the Advent Giving Trees. I turned to Agnes and said: "This is 'church' - upstairs and downstairs, in worship and in Christian action." This is the work of Advent. Giving comfort to those we can and leveling the path in charity and service so that others may know God's presence and peace.

> you have responded in mercy with generosity of food, clothing and your time to prepare, collect, distribute and meet the needs of the unsheltered and food insecure in our metro area. It has been a parish-wide effort with so many families involved and taking part in the outreach. Our pastoral staff is grateful for your efforts and faithfulness.

Throughout these past nine

difficult months, many of

But the work of Advent is not seasonal! Homelessness, hunger and human suffering need our ongoing prayer and persistent action. So, take time this Advent for family prayer. Make a special effort to attend Mass or seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Advent Giving Tree, Mercy Teams and KC Food Drive await your generous action. Your first steps or continuing efforts help "prepare the way of the Lord."

— Tom Tomaszek, *Pastoral Associate* 

#### 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 & 1<u>1:30 AM</u> Sign up to attend.

> LOCATED AT 790 A Avenue Lake Oswego, OR 97034

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 9:30-10:30 AM or by Appointment

**ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST** First Friday of the Month 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM in the Church

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#### **Advent and Christmas Masses and Events**

### Do not be afraid... a Savior has been born for you.

Luke 2:10-11

#### **Confession Times**

Every Saturday • 9:30-10:30 AM

Wednesdays, December 9 & 16 • 7:00-8:00 PM

Thursdays, December 10 & 17 • 7:00-8:00 PM

Or by appointment.



#### Masses

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception • Tuesday, December 8 8:30 AM • 11:00 AM • 6:00 PM

Sundays of Advent• December 6, 13, 20 Saturdays 5:00 PM — Church Sundays 9:00 AM • 11:30 AM — Church & Parish Hall

Christmas Eve • Thursday, December 24 3:00 PM • 5:30 PM • 8:00 PM Church, Parish Hall, & Other Satellite Locations

**Christmas Day • Friday, December 25** 10:00 AM — Church, Parish Hall, & Other Satellite Locations

The Holy Family • Sunday, December 27 Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM — Church Sunday 9:00 AM • 11:30 AM — Church & Parish Hall

> Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Thursday, December 31 at 6:00 PM Friday, January 1 at 9:00 AM

Join us this Christmas season in the church and other available satellite locations for all of these Masses, including livestreamed online at <u>www.ollparish.com/live</u>.

Sign up for Mass at www.ollparish.com/mass or call the Parish Office for assistance.

#### **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 12:30-1:30 PM each day. Please do not park in the middle of the back section so school parents can form carline.

#### Liturgy, Music, and Prayer

#### **Celebrating Advent and Christmas 2020**

Thank you for your patience as the availability to attend Mass continues to be restricted, but also changes in response to state regulations. 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).

#### Signing up for Christmas Octave Masses.

Last week we mailed a letter with the details of our adapted plans for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Holy Family Sunday through New Year's Eve and Day *(also see page 2).* All of those events are in the liturgical "octave" (eight days) of Christmas. This year we will consider them an extended Christmas celebration. We invite you to choose any one of those Masses as your family's time to gather and attend Mass together and similar to "celebrating Christmas" with different family members and friends on various days of Christmas break. Registration for all Christmas Masses will "open" this Wednesday at 6:00 PM.

Visit www.ollparish.com/christmas-masses to sign up to attend a Christmas Octave Mass.

#### **Confession Times.**

We are not 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

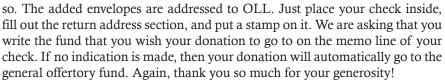
This Tuesday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – a Holy Day. Even though the obligation to attend Mass in person is suspended, we will have three livestreamed Masses for you to choose at 8:30 and 11:00 AM and at 6:00 PM. Join us to pray for Our Blessed Mother's intercession in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

Offering

Envelopes

#### **Offering Envelopes Update**

For those of you who do not use online giving, beginning in January, the envelope packets will now contain a few mailing envelopes to go directly to OLL. For those of you who are sending your offering through the mail, we greatly appreciate your diligence during this difficult time. We are hoping that these envelopes will make it easier for you to continue to do



#### Offertory

We thank all those who contribute to the support of Our Ladv of the Lake Church. Our fiscal year runs July 1 through June 30. THIS YEAR: Week ending 11/29/2020 Weekly Collection: \$18,544 Fiscal Year to Date: \$479,908 LAST YEAR: Weekly Collection: \$30,566 Fiscal Year to Date: \$564,937 BUDGET: Fiscal Year to Date: \$518,516

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, December 6, 2020 9:00 AM For the Parishioners 11:30 AM +Daniel Reis Monday, December 7, 2020 8:30 AM + Abbo Totonchy Tuesday, December 8, 2020 8:30 AM Int Fred Kling 11:00 AM +Charleen Choruby 6:00 PM +Joseph Tomaszek Wednesday, December 9, 2020 8:30 AM +Genevieve Iburg 6:00 PM Int Mary Backus Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:30 AM +Rose Rankin 6:00 PM +Eugene Anthony Hanauska Friday, December 11, 2020 8:30 AM +Mary Ellen **McCormick** Saturday, December 12, 2020 8:30 AM Int. Sharon Mlinar 5:00 PM + Charleen Choruby Sunday, December 13, 2020 9:00 AM For the Parishioners 11:30 AM Int Ante Vuk

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

#### **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 Lifelong Faith Formation at <u>www.ollparish.com/faith-formation</u> where you can explore your faith through online resources, prayer, and activities. Advent's focus is "*Do not be Afraid…a Savior has been born for you.*"

## 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

"Advent: More than a Chocolate Calendar"

> Advent: More than a Chocolate Calendar

Fr. Mike explains what this season is really about.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

#### Pre-Register for EDGE & Life Teen

**EDGE**: 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades **Life Teen**: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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

"The Discomfort of Advent Advent"



"But if choirs, trees and movies are of *ultimate* value to us—that is, if the Advent season is *only or mainly* about those sorts of things—then you'll miss the bigger picture."

#### **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

Join The Search! Log in/Create your OLL Parish Formed.org account.

#### Adult Monthly Playlist Feature

"Muscial Meditations by Catholic Artists from Home Present: Be Not Afraid"



#### **Church APP**

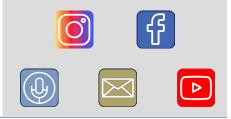
Have you downloaded OLL's App? Text 'OLLAPP' to 77977 to download

#### Quick & Easy Access to:

Videos & Homily Podcast • Calendar & Events Online Giving • Mercy Teams Sign Ups Prayer Resources • and so much more!

#### **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).



#### Loving Others through Outreach

#### **Respect Life**

#### **Diaper Drive**

Madonna's Center for Life: During this pandemic, there are a lot of the "first-time ever in history" moments. Not all are good news. But, joy and hope prevail. We are so blessed by the generous HEARTS of the Our Lady of the Lake parishioners because for the first-time since we first began our mission in 2007, our giant diaper rack is FULL of EVERY SIZE of diapers!



And, the next day after the load of LOVE (diapers) were dropped off, we got a call from a young family with a baby, and two toddlers. They so desperately needed three different sizes of diapers! On behalf of the families we serve, we THANK ALL who



helped to coordinate this collection and ALL who gave so graciously their support. Responding to the Call in Support of Life - from The Madonna's Center of Life. 503-653-1595 info@madonnascenter. org www.madonnascenterforlife. org

Mother and Child Education Center: A huge shout out to our generous donors from Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church! So many diapers we can barely see our intern!

May the advent of the infant Jesus bring expectant mothers joy, hope, and peace.

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

> Week 36: Did You Know?? On Tuesday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. We look to Immaculate Mary, awed by her singular privilege as the Mother of God and free from original sin, to intercede for all mothers as we seek to provide care and comfort to those who need help during this year of Walking with Moms in Need.

#### **Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese**

**12/6 Human Trafficking Silent Prayer Vigil:** Join us today to pray for victims and an end to human trafficking. Meet at 11:00 AM on the sidewalk in front of St. Andre Bessette Catholic Church, 601 West Burnside Street, Portland

#### **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 0z bottle of water, granola bar, fruit/apple sauce cup, bag of chips, plastic spoon & napkin.

#### **Street Ministry to The Unsheltered**

**Next Street Ministry Dates** is Saturday, 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 <u>www.ollparish.com/mercy-teams</u>.





St. Vincent de Paul

#### **Annual Christmas Food Boxes**

#### SUPPORT DESERVING FAMILIES IN OUR AREA

#### **Three Participation 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.

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

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## **Giving Tree**

November 29 — December 20

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

Ways to help:

• Advent Giving Wish List

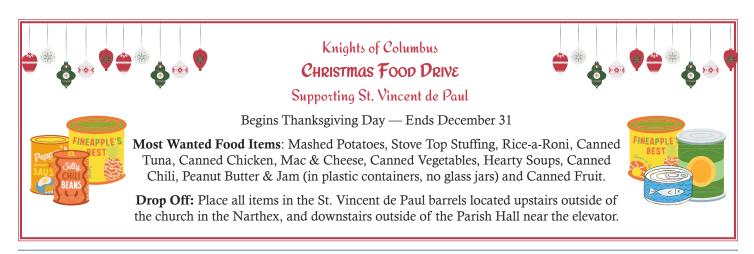
See the Advent Giving Wish List at www.ollparish. com/giving-tree. All donations can be delivered to the parish on Sundays from 8:30 to 10:45 AM during Mercy Teams drive through collection or left under the Christmas tree outside the Parish Hall.

• \$25 Gift Cards to Fred Mever 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.



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