



The Fourth Sunday of Advent



Welcome to
Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

December 20, 2020

OUR LADY of the LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH



MASS AT OLL

Sign up online at www.ollparish.com to attend Mass in person:
Sundays, 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM;
Mondays-Saturdays, 8:30 AM;
Tuesdays-Thursdays, 6:00 PM;
Saturdays Vigil at 5:00 PM.

Livestream Saturday Vigil and Daily MASSES at www.ollparish.com/live.

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

SACRAMENTS AT OLL

RECONCILIATION every Saturday, 9:30 AM-10:30 AM.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK by appointment only. Call the Parish Office at 503-636-7687.



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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

Masses

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 www.ollparish.com/live.

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

Christmas Environment Offering

We invite you to make an offering in honor of your loved ones during this Christmas season to benefit the environment of the Church. If you wish to participate, a gift may be made in any dollar amount

- **electronically** through online giving or the Parish App
- **by check**, mail to parish office or place in the offertory drop slot in the Narthex



When you make your donation, you are invited to make it “in memory of” or “in thanksgiving for” and include this in the online giving “memo” or writing it on the Christmas offertory envelope which can be found in the Church Narthex or Parish Hall. Please write clearly your intentions on the envelope. These names will be displayed in the Epiphany Sunday bulletin on January 3.

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. The cut-off date is Sunday, December 20. Thank you for supporting the adornment of the Church.

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

Luke 2:10-11

We have much to complain about...

The pandemic, racial injustice, the economy,
the environment, the politics, and the list goes on.

These are *very* important matters and
these should be discussed and pondered and acted upon.

But if we focus only on the problems,
we end up ignoring the ever-present hope.

The HOPE is the key to everything.

The Holy Family had much to complain about.

They were forced to travel far from home in Nazareth,
all the way to Bethlehem

to participate in a census ordered by the occupying forces
...while Mary was nine months pregnant.

There was no housing available, making them homeless.

Then the baby came, with no crib,
only a feeding trough/manger used by the livestock
who lived in that smelly cave
in which this Homeless Family was sheltering.

That is the situation into which *Eternal HOPE* was born.

Love's Pure Light was born that Holy Night.

Mary and Joseph could have been filled with discouragement
except for the sheer joy they saw in the Christ Child,
and their fidelity to God's plan.


This is our path: to remain faithful to Christ
who is fully present in our lives and our world.

This year, let Love's Pure Light shine in you and
through you.

Call to Him, put your hope in Him...

JESUS, my Savior!

Your brother in Christ,



Fr. John Kerns, pastor



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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 www.ollparish.com/faith-formation 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 year, we will offer online learning to children enrolled in Life Kids and First Sacraments.

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

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

FAMILY PLAYLIST FEATURE

"Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene"



Use this prayer when setting up your scene.

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

"The Discomfort of 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

"The Nativity of the Lord, December 25"



Dr. Brant Pitre discusses *The Mystery of Christmas* in this short video.

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 & Sack Lunch Pledge

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.

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.



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 www.ollparish.com/mercy-teams.

Parish Office Hours

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

December 24 - closing at 12:00 PM

December 25 & 28 - closed

December 31 - closing at 12:00 PM

January 1 - closed



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 4.

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.

Respect Life

Serving Moms in Need This Advent

From USCCB's Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities:

Each year during Advent, we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ our Savior at Christmas. As we anticipate this joyful celebration, we recall the journey of the Holy Family from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

Today, women in our own communities are pregnant, poor, perhaps without a home, and in great need. They may feel alone, scared, and overwhelmed, not knowing where to turn.



Learn more about how you can help mothers in your community by signing up at walkingwithmoms.com.

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

Week 38: Did You Know?? On Sunday, December 27, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. In the words of Pope Benedict XVI: "O God, who in the Holy Family left us a perfect model of family life lived in faith and obedience to your will, help us to be examples of faith and love for your commandments." Let us pray for and support all families, especially those in crisis, during this year of Walking with Moms in Need.

"Huge challenges face many women in difficult or unplanned pregnancies - including a lack of financial resources and life-affirming support networks. These women are among those on the peripheries whom Pope Francis calls us to serve more intentionally. The parishes of western Oregon must be places where they can turn for support." Archbishop Sample on Walking with Moms in Need.

Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese

12/28 Feast of the Holy Innocents Virtual Rosary at 6:30 PM. For more info, seas-aloha.org.

1/3 Human Trafficking Silent Prayer Vigil: Join us on the sidewalk in front of St. Andre Bessette Catholic Church (601 West Burnside Street, Portland) at 11:00 AM to pray for victims and an end to human trafficking.

1/21 9 Days for Life Novena Begins

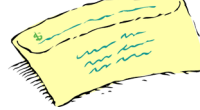
1/22 USCCB Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

1/23 ORTL March for Life at Salem Capitol steps 2:30 PM

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 so. The added envelopes are addressed to OLL. Just place your check inside, fill out the return address section, and put a stamp on it. We are asking that you write the fund that you wish your donation to go to on the memo line of your check. If no indication is made, then your donation will automatically go to the general offertory fund. Again, thank you so much for your generosity!

Offering Envelopes



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 12/13/2020
Weekly Collection: \$33,048
Fiscal Year to Date: \$512,955

LAST YEAR:
Weekly Collection: \$27,765
Fiscal Year to Date: \$592,702

BUDGET:
Fiscal Year to Date: \$574,000
Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$2,051

OLL School Virtual Auction — February 6, 2021

Did you know that our Parish school, OLL Catholic School, holds a benefit auction each year? The purpose of the auction is to raise funds that support our school operations and Tuition Assistance programs. Auction proceeds are used to ensure that families are able to provide their children with a Catholic school education.

This year our auction will be presented virtually through an online platform. Even though this year is virtual, we have many ways for you to participate. Please consider donating auction items, providing sponsorship, or bidding on one of our great auction packages.

The online auction presentation will be on February 6, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Visit OLLauction.school or contact Michele Hanna at michele.hanna@yahoo.com or Jenni Duhl at jenniduhl@gmail.com for more information.



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.

Advent Giving Tree — Last Sunday to Drop Off Donations

This Sunday is the last Sunday to drop off donations during the Mercy Teams drive through collection from 8:30 to 10:45 AM. The JOIN and Blanchet House Amazon Wish Lists can still be donated to. For the links to those wish lists, and more information about the Advent Giving Tree, visit ollparish.com/giving-tree.



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.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 20, 2020

9:00 AM For the Parishioners
11:30 AM +Stanley & Lorraine Kowalski

Monday, December 21, 2020

8:30 AM +Amin Totonchy

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

8:30 AM Int George Reis
6:00 PM +Candida Glaser

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

8:30 AM Int Sharon Mlinar
6:00 PM Int Michael Turley

Thursday, December 24, 2020

8:30 AM +Jim Mattechek
3:00 PM Int Maude Roark
5:30 PM +Robert Urbana
8:00 PM +Antoinette merolla

Friday, December 25, 2020

10:00 AM +Sandy Nosler

Saturday, December 26, 2020

8:30 AM +Rose Rankin
5:00 PM +Jose Luis Garza

Sunday, December 27, 2020

9:00 AM For the Parishioners
11:30 AM +Pius Chow

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

Retrouvaille - Help for Troubled Marriages

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together.

The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own.

For confidential information about the program, call 1-503-225-9191 or email portland@retrouvaille.org or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

Lake Grove Job Seekers

Sponsored by Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, Lake Grove Job Seekers is a free, confidential program which helps job seekers find a job or change careers. The program combines weekly educational meetings featuring expert speakers, with one-on-one personal coaching, and a variety of online resources. Open to anyone who resides in the Portland metro area. Meetings are currently hosted on Zoom every Monday, from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

If you are a job seeker visit lakegrovejobseekers.org to see our calendar of speakers and to learn more about attending our meetings or working with a mentor. No advance registration is required to sit in and learn from the experts brought to you.

To become a "mentor" to help others contact info@jobseekerslo.org. Many mentors are retired and have significant experience as a mid-to-senior level business professional or entrepreneur, but this is not a requirement nor is experience as a job or career coach. Almost none of our mentors had this experience when they became a mentor.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Unhealed effects from abortion experiences do not have to compound the extraordinarily massive stress in countless lives right now. The power to resolve abortion-related trauma and grief are found in an upcoming Project Aurora sponsored Rachel's Vineyard Retreat February 12-14, 2021. For more information contact Project Aurora at 541-942-2861 or visit www.project-aurora.org.

Resources for Well-being

In November, the OLL Ministry staff put together a list of resources to support you and your family during these uncertain times. We encourage all parishioners to use these resources however they find most helpful. Find the link on our home page.



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 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.
- **Submit**. You will receive an email to confirm your information.

STEP 2 - SET UP 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, Maintenance, SVdP)

- 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** (bottom of page)
- In the **CONFIRM MY GIFTS** window, review the details to insure everything is correct. Click **SUBMIT**.



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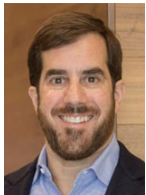
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