



Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples of Jesus Christ.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Second Sunday of Advent

Living the Season of Advent

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*

- Luke 3:4, 6

Each year on the middle Sundays of Advent, we hear how John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus so that the community might be ready for the Messiah. Then and now, to “be ready” for the Messiah means a radical change in attitude: from complacency to attentiveness, and from despair to hope in God’s providence. John took to the desert to gain that perspective and called the people to a baptism of repentance that they might reflect on the ways to turn their attention back to God’s mercy and forgiveness.

Each year I appreciate the opportunity Advent provides to refocus my spiritual attentiveness to God’s presence in my life and the challenge to live more completely as a disciple of Christ. But it seems like this whole year has been a time in the desert! Coping with COVID’s impact on daily life here at the parish and at home, living through wildfires, ice storms, and the heat dome, and adjusting to a life-changing medical condition have stressed my resiliency and resolve. Many of us have faced similar “mountains and valleys”



that have tested our fortitude and faith. As Fr. John reminded us though in last Sunday’s homily: we *need* to know our *need* for a Savior!

The Lord, Your God, Is in Your Midst

This year, as we journey through this season of Advent, our parish staff invites you to ponder the words of the prophet Zephaniah: “*Be glad and rejoice with all your heart. The Lord, your God, is in your midst.*” (Zeph 3:14, 17) How can we pay attention to the signs of God’s presence in our lives? Prayer is essential. Daily prayer provides the time of solitude (hopefully) that allows us to recalibrate our spiritual compass to hear God’s voice directing our hearts to loving service.

Serve the Lord with Gladness

In the desert, when we look beyond our own needs and condition, we become more aware of God’s call to compassion for others. Our Advent Giving

Trees, the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food boxes, and our ongoing Mercy Teams sack lunch outreach are immediate ways to respond as individuals or families. *Ready the way of the Lord!*

- Tom Tomaszek, *Pastoral Associate*

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday & Thursday 6:30 AM
Monday-Saturday 8:30 AM
Tuesday 6:00 PM

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
7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

LOCATED AT

790 A Avenue,
Lake Oswego, OR 97034

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:15-10:00 AM or by Appointment

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

First Friday of the Month, 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM,
in the Church (subject to change)

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the Parish Office

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Parish Calender & Special Masses

Celebrate Advent and Christmas at Our Lady of the Lake

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, December 8

6:30am, 8:30am (School Mass), 12pm & 6pm

Sundays of Advent

November 28; December 5, 12 & 19

Masses: Saturdays 5pm; Sundays 7:30, 9 & 11am

Reconciliation Service

Wed. Dec. 15, 7pm (Multiple confessors available)

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24

4pm (Church & Gym), 6pm & 8pm (Church)

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25

9am & 11am

Feast of the Holy Family

(No Saturday evening Mass)

Sunday, December 26

7:30am, 9am & 11am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, December 31 at 5pm

Saturday, January 1 at 9 am

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 1 at 5pm

Sunday, January 2 at 7:30am, 9am & 11am

*All Masses will also be livestreamed
online at ollparish.com*



This Week

Monday, December 6, 2021

Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 AM PC-LIB
Boy Scouts 7:00 PM PH-CARP

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Gospel of Mark 9:30 AM PC-NAZ
Caperaum Young Life 7:00 PM PH-CARP

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 AM PC-LIB
Exodus 90 7:00 AM PC-BOARD
EPIC-Church History Study 9:30 AM PH-CARP
Charismatic Prayer Group 11:00 AM PC-LIB
RCIA (Adult Initiation) 7:00 PM PC-NAZ

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Psalms : The school of prayer 9:30AM PC-NAZ
Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 PM PH-FRONT

Friday, December 10, 2021

Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 AM PC-LIB
Awakening Faith 11:00 AM PC-LIB
Alcoholics Anonymous 9:00 PM PH-CARP

Saturday, December 11, 2021

Reconciliation 9:15 AM CH
Women's & Men's ACTS 6:00 PM PH-CARP
Pentecost Reunion

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Confirmation Class 12:15 AM PH-CARP

*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*

Celebrating Advent and Christmas 2021

Thank you for your patience throughout this year as we have adapted our procedures for attending Mass during the pandemic. The good news is that now all Masses are open for anyone to attend without sign-up or registration this year. Masks are still required for anyone attending, regardless of vaccination status. We also are keeping the west transept of the church as an area for additional “physical distance” seating.

Advent and Christmas Schedule

Prior to Thanksgiving, we mailed Fr. John’s Advent and Christmas letter to all parishioners along with a card that lists the details of our parish plans for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Holy Family Sunday, New Year’s Eve, New Year’s Day and Epiphany Sunday, January 2nd. (This information is also in this bulletin and online.) Since Christmas falls on a Saturday this year, the calendar sets up some unusual scheduling. So please take a moment to check the Mass schedule and discuss your plans to attend with other family members.

Of special note: we will again have two Masses at 4 PM on Christmas eve, Friday December 24th, in the church, and live – not livestreamed – Mass in the school gym. These have traditionally been the most attended services and we are planning for full attendance this year. We hope your family will pray with us this Christmas. And for those still not able to attend in person, we will be livestreaming Masses as well.

Confession Times and Reconciliation Service

We will again offer our Advent Reconciliation services with multiple confessors available on Wednesday, December 15 at 7 PM in addition to our normal Confession time on Saturday morning after 8:30 AM Mass. There are similar Reconciliation services at other parishes in our area that week. The schedule is posted in this bulletin and online.

Please note: We no longer offer confession on Saturday afternoons since that is when we set up for livestream Mass.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

This Wednesday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – a Holy Day. Masses are at 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM (School Mass) Noon, and 6:00 PM. Join us to pray for Our Blessed Mother’s intercession in healing our world.



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:

October 2021: \$107,589
Year to Date: \$435,792

BUDGET:

Year to Date: \$465,106

LAST YEAR:

October 2020: \$ 97,512
Year to Date: \$380,404

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

World Mission Sunday: \$ 4,439.80

Checks Payable To:

As a friendly reminder, please make checks payable to **Our Lady of the Lake**. If you’d like to specify a particular ministry or program, please note this in the memo line of your check.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 6, 2021

8:30 am † Domenico Brunetti

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

8:30 am † Ranna Dylag
6:00 pm Int. Joanna Ambrosio

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

6:30 am † Joseph Shelak
8:30 am † Nell Burnett
12:00 pm Int. Sharon Mlinar
6:00 pm † Darrell Dole

Thursday, December 9, 2021

6:30 am † Chong-Nam Francis Wilson
8:30 am † Fred Cook

Friday, December 10, 2021

8:30 am † Fred Cook

Saturday, December 11, 2021

8:30 am † Fred Cook
5:00 pm † Fritz Harbridge

Sunday, December 12, 2021

7:30 am For the Parishioners
9:00 am † Maggie Young
11:00 am † Dola Totonchy

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

Family Faith Formation

Our goal is to support and inspire families to grow in their Catholic faith. Since faith begins at home, we encourage families to eat, pray, and live their faith together. That is why each week we provide engaging online lessons for parents to share with their children at home.



This Week's Lesson: We Need to Make a Straight Path for Jesus
Luke 3:4,6

In this Bible passage, Luke goes back in time and uses words from the Book of Isaiah. Isaiah was one of the most famous prophets who lived about 800 years before Jesus was born. A prophet is a person that God chooses to announce his message to others.

There was another famous prophet who lived during the time of Jesus. His name was John the Baptist. In this passage from Luke, John is the one who is shouting in the desert, telling people to get ready because Jesus is coming.

For your children to learn more . . . check out our "Faith In The Home" activities

Coming Home for Christmas

The True Meaning of Christmas with Dr. Michael Barber

Do you love Christmas traditions but don't know where they come from? Tune in for Dr. Michael Patrick Barber's Advent reflections and learn the meaning behind your favorite Christmas pastimes.

Go to <https://formed.org/> for a FREE subscription to our movie playlist. Sign up as a parishioner and enter 97034



Christmas Flower Offerings

Do not forget to submit your flower donation offerings by **December 19th**. These donations can be made through the donation envelopes provided in the Church and Parish Office or through online giving [HERE](#)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS
for Family and Youth Faith Formation

December 2021

5-Family Faith Formation	Parish Hall	10:15-11:00 AM
Middle School & Parent Bible Study	Parish Center	10:15-11:00 AM
12- Confirmation	Parish Hall	12:15-1:15 PM
19- Middle School	Parish Hall	10:15-11:30 AM

FOR UPDATES VISIT

- Family Faith Formation — www.ollparish.com/family
- Middle School — www.ollparish.com/middle-school
- High School — www.ollparish.com/high-school
- Confirmation — www.ollparish.com/confirmation

Pray the Rosary for Evangelization and Conversion



Every third Saturday, join parishioners at 12:00 PM at Lake Oswego's Lower Millennium Park (next to the railroad tracks) to pray for evangelization and conversion in our community and nation. We will pray for about 30 minutes, rain or shine! Join us this coming third Saturday, December 18. Contact parishioner, Dave Moser at dmoser4208@aol.com, for more information.

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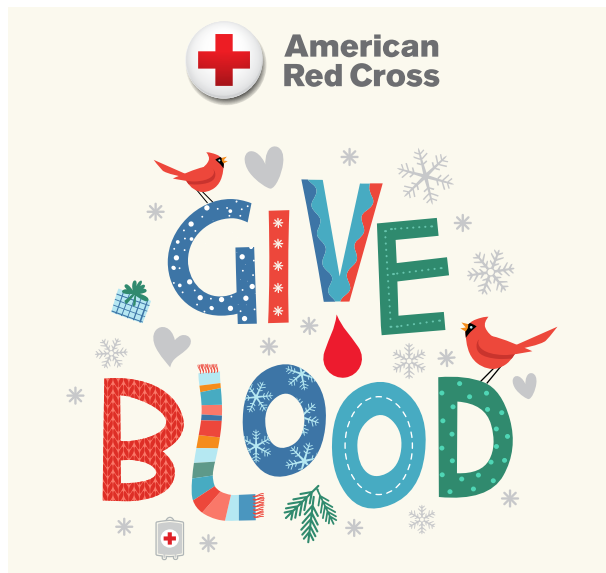
FOR CHILDREN 9 MONTHS
THRU 3 YEARS OLD

EACH SUNDAY:
8:45-11:00 AM PARISH HALL

Parents can now bring their young children to our nursery while they attend the 9:00 AM Mass. Our professional caregivers provide childcare to infants and toddlers who can play in a safe, nurturing environment.

Parish Office Hours Mon-Fri, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

The doors to the Parish Center are locked to ensure the safety of our students. We continue to welcome parishioners to visit the Parish Office when necessary but are encouraging you to make an appointment to ensure staff is available to assist you. As always we are available during office hours by phone, or email. The Parish Offices are on the second floor of the Parish Center.



Blood Drive
Lake Oswego Community @
Our Lady of the Lake Church

Parish Hall
790 "A" Avenue
Lake Oswego, OR 97034

Monday, December 27th
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

To schedule your appointment
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Update Parish Records

Notify the office of any family changes such as address, phone number or email, as well as family additions. Contact Georgeann by calling the parish office at 503-636-7687 or by emailing her at office@ollparish.com.

Thank you from the Mother and Child Education Center!

Thank you to all who have supported Mother and Child Education Center baby bottle fundraiser. Our Lady of Lake has so far generously donated \$5,100.34! This is the largest bottle campaign of 2021 for Mother and Child Education Center! This allows them to continue giving quality assistance to all Moms and Babies that come through their door.

We are so thankful for the bottles that were returned and look forward to getting the rest of the bottles back (empty or full) so they may be used again. Please drop them off at the Parish Center. Thank you!



Connecting, Educating, & Supporting Parents During their Pregnancy & Early Childhood Years

Coming January 2022 - Exodus 90 @ OLL

2021 has been a year of change. A pivotal moment in our lives. Is your heart restless? Are you ready this New Year for a personal challenge to grow in faith?



If so, then join us in 2022 and take part in the challenge of Exodus 90.

Join a group of 5-7 men and journey together to discover a path to freedom through a program of: daily readings from the book of Exodus prayer reflection, asceticism, and fraternity.

Contact Neal Corbett at ngcorbett@gmail.com for more information and to learn about joining the next group of men for Exodus 90 in 2022.

Connect with us!

Stay up to date on all the changes and exciting things happening at Our Lady of the Lake, by connecting with us on Instagram and Facebook @ollcatholicchurch and subscribing to weekly emails at ollparish.com/subscribe.

St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Boxes

Special thanks to all who donated as well as though who volunteered helping with the boxes! For those who missed this opportunity, we encourage making an online donation to St. Vincent de Paul.



St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Boxes

We will be distributing the Christmas boxes on the **weekend of December 4-5** in the parish hall after mass. Boxes are to be returned to the church parking lot on **Saturday, December 18 between 8:00-10:00 am**. The boxes will then be delivered between 10:00am -noon. You can deliver the box to a family or drop off for another parishioner to deliver.

For more information, email ollsvdp@ollministry.com or text 503.706.6068 or visit the parish website. ~ Lynn Strand (Christmas box chair).



Volunteers Needed

We have a few parishioners who are in need of a ride to Mass. If you would be interested in helping other members of our community please contact the Parish Office.



MERCY TEAMS

Adopt A Mission

Missions we now serve every week through Adopt a Mission:

1. Martha Mercado's ministry to the Latino Working Poor
2. The Fathers Heart Day Shelter in Oregon City
3. Rose Haven Shelter for Women & Children
4. Salvation Army Female Emergency Shelter
5. First Christian / Home PDX Portland

Missions we now serve once a month through Street Ministry or Knights of Columbus:

1. Street Ministry guests at 4th Sat. Breakfast under the Bridge.
2. Portland City Teams 4th Sat. "Love Fest" for Portland Unsheltered
3. Union Gospel Mission Sacks only for Search & Rescue

HOW CAN YOU HELP our Adopt a Mission Teams?

1. Donate lunches -we will distribute to adopt a mission teams
2. Donate homemade PB&J sandwiches to distribute to the teams
3. Join an existing Adopt a Mission Team and help them directly.

To donate and assemble sack lunches, please provide:

School lunch sack, apple sauce cup, granola bar, bag of chips, 16 oz bottle of water, plastic spoon, and napkin.

Street Ministry to The Unsheltered

Next Street Ministry Saturday, November 27th. Meet at the parish hall at 7:15am and leave at 9:00 to be back by 12:00 PM.

Sign up for projects at <https://www.ollparish.com/serve/love-others/>

ParishSoft Giving Changes

We recently transitioned our online giving to a new platform. Giving to Our Lady of the Lake is now simpler and is even more secure. Here is what that means for you:

- When you go to ParishSoft Giving to make a donation, it will look a little different than it used to. You can get to our new ParishSoft Giving site from the OLL Website on the Giving Page, [HERE](#).
 - If you had an account with our previous Online Giving program, you'll need to set up a new password by clicking "forgot password" the first time you log in. Or, you can create a new account on the "sign-in" tab.

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Thank you for your continued generosity and support to Our Lady of the Lake.

Need any help? Contact our accounting department at accounting@ollparish.com or (503) 636-7687



Double Your Donation With Company Matching



Many employers offer a Matching Gift Program that will match an employee's donation to a local charitable organization like Our Lady of the Lake. Most of these programs match contributions dollar for dollar, and some will even double or triple the amount of your gift. Check with your HR Department to see if your company offers a Matching Gift Program so you can

double your impact! More information at <https://www.ollparishcomgiving/>