



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

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Third Sunday of Advent

Our Reason for Hope

*God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid.
My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my savior.*
- Isaiah 12:2-3

Our Responsorial Psalm this Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete: meaning *rejoice*) is actually not a psalm but a passage from the prophet Isaiah: *Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.* (Is 12:6) Coupled with the first line from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians: *Rejoice in the Lord always* (Phil 4:4) and the prophecy of Zephaniah in the first reading, the encouragement to "rejoice" shapes our Advent focus this year: *Be glad and rejoice with all your Heart. The Lord, your God, is in your midst.* (Zephaniah 3: 14.17)

What is our reason to rejoice, to take a hopeful outlook when our world seems so overwhelmed with suffering and sadness? We have hope because Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit to be with us – as Church – His visible and continuing presence in the world, and to guide us as a people until He comes again. Our Advent reflections remind us of and connect us to the whole arc of salvation history: God's covenant to be with us always.

What Should We Do?

In this Sunday's Gospel, the crowds ask John the Baptist, "What should we do?" St. John replies with ways to prepare

for the coming of the Messiah. We know historically that Jesus was born, lived and preached the commandments to love, was crucified, died but then was raised and will come again. How do we prepare for His Second Coming?

Pope Francis has called for the Church to hold a "synod" in the next several years and has invited Catholics all over the world to begin a dialogue to ask the very question that the earliest disciples asked of John the Baptist: *What should we do?* The Holy Father is inviting us to pray and consider how the Church should respond to the important issues of our current day and, in a spirit of "collegiality" to make recommendations. Every diocese will have an opportunity to provide input into this worldwide process.

Archbishop Sample has begun our Synod preparations locally with a call to pray. Beginning this weekend, we will pray the Synod prayer (see page 3) every month as the first step toward our personal and parish-wide discernment. Trusting that the Holy Spirit is leading us, *we are confident and unafraid.*

- 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 13, 2021

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

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

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

Wednesday, December 15, 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 16, 2021

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

Friday, December 17, 2021

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

Saturday, December 18, 2021

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

Sunday, December 19, 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*

Liturgy, Music, and Prayer



Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has invited the Catholic Church to embark on a journey together. Through listening and discernment rooted in the Holy Spirit, the entire people of God will be called to contribute to a process by which the Church deepens in understanding of Her mission and looks toward the future.

A Synod, which is the process by which the Church will begin this important work is not just a convening of Bishops reflecting on a particular topic and advising the Pope. A Synod is a journey of discernment, in which the people of God are called to pray and reflect upon the Holy Spirit's will for the Church. Through our listening and our sharing, we will seek to understand what the Holy Spirit's will is for the topic being discussed – and thus, for the Church.

For the 2023 Ordinary Synod of Bishops, that topic is synodality. Simply put, synodality is discerning how the Spirit is moving through and with the Body of Christ, so that we may continue to fulfill our mission to evangelize in the world. Here is the prayer for the synod which we will pray each month at Mass, and at parish meetings when possible. It is the same prayer that was used at each of the sessions of the Second Vatican Council.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

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:

November 2021: \$125,337

Year to Date: \$561,128

BUDGET:

Year to Date: \$586,629

LAST YEAR:

November 2020: \$97,699

Year to Date: \$478,103

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Campaign for

Human Development: \$2,412.53

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 13, 2021

8:30 am † Fred Cook

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

8:30 am † Antoinette

Merolla

6:00 pm † Violet Flores

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

6:30 am † Dennis and Jean Knapp

8:30 am † Gene Wizer

Thursday, December 16, 2021

6:30 am † Gary Donald

Buck Von Dross

8:30 am † Ronald Cox

Friday, December 17, 2021

8:30 am † Molly Marquard

Saturday, December 18, 2021

8:30 am † George Murphy

5:00 pm † Nora Jean Smith

Sunday, December 19, 2021

7:30 am For the Parishioners

9:00 am † Amin Totonchy

11:00 am † Robert Goodwin

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: Jesus Wants Us To Be Joyful Phillipians 4:4-7
Jesus wants us to rejoice in Him and be full of joy all the time, no matter if we are happy or sad. That does not mean we cannot have tears when sad things happen, it means that inside our hearts we still have joy and peace because we know that Jesus loves us.

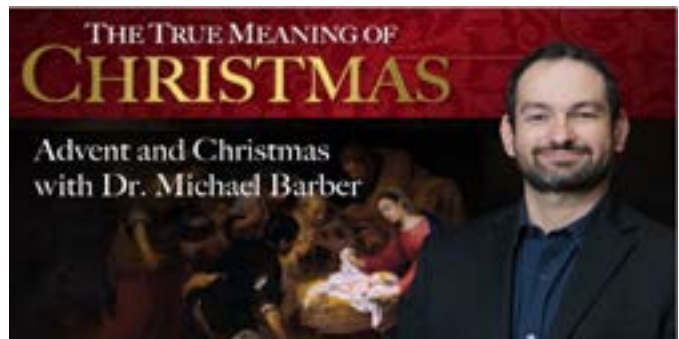
For your children to learn more, check out our "[Faith In The Home](#)" activities on our webpage.

Coming Home for Christmas

Episode 2: Christmas trees with Dr. Michael Barber

Learn more about the history of Christmas Trees and what they symbolize.

Click [HERE](#) for a FREE subscription to our movie playlist. Sign up as a parishioner and enter **97034**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS for Family and Youth Faith Formation

December 2021

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



OLL NURSERY

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.

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](#)



HEALING THROUGH LOVE:

A CATHOLIC RESPONSE TO RACIAL INJUSTICE

THURS. JAN. 20, 2022
7PM - 9PM

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church
650 A AVE, Lake Oswego OR 97034

Talk will be located in the church.

Join us for an unforgettable evening with **Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers** as he examines our Catholic history on racial justice, celebrates Catholic heroes, and offers an authentic Catholic response to issues surrounding racial injustice.

Register online at

[tinyurl.com/](https://tinyurl.com/deacon-harold)

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Tickets

- Individual - \$15
- Bring a Friend - 2 for \$25
- Student - \$10

Scholarships available.
Contact Laura at
laurap@ollparish.com or
503-303-4215.



Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, *"The Dynamic Deacon"* is an internationally renowned speaker, author and preacher. He is the co-host of several popular series on EWTN, is a featured presenter in the acclaimed *"Chosen"* series for Ascension Press and co-hosts the national weekly radio program *"Living Stones"* on Mater Dei Radio. He is author of several books including *Father Augustus Tolton: The Slave Who Became the First African-American Priest* and *Ignite: Read the Bible Like Never Before*.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Boxes

The Christmas boxes were distributed on the weekend of December 4-5. **There are a few boxes left.** 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 10:00 am -noon. You can deliver the box to a family or drop off for another parishioner to deliver. **Drivers are needed, please contact the parish office.**



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

Advent Giving Trees



We began receiving donations on the First Sunday of Advent, November 28, and **will continue through Sunday, December 19.** Thank you in advance for bringing comfort to those living out in the cold, our brothers and sisters in Christ, especially at a time when many service agencies are struggling to meet their needs.

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.

Upcoming Penance Services

Below is the list of local parishes holding Penance Services along with their times for the 2021 Advent season:

Resurrection: December 9th at 7:00 PM

St. Anthony: December 14th at 7:00 PM

Our Lady of the Lake: December 15th at 7:00 PM

St. Clare: December 16th at 7:00 PM

St. Francis: December 17th at 7:00 PM

St. Cyril: No Plans Yet

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.

OLL YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS:

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

With Secret Santa Gift Exchange:
Please bring a wrapped gift up to \$10

December 19 | 10-11:30am in Parish Hall
Register for "middleschool" at
ollparish.com

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 in formation at <https://www.ollparishcomgiving/>