



Welcome to

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Be glad and rejoice with all your heart.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst.

-Zephaniah 3:14.17



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**December 19-26, 2021**

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## Parish Calender & Special Masses

# Celebrate Christmas at Our Lady of the Lake

### Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24 at 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 are livestreamed at ollparish.com*

## This Week

### Monday, December 20, 2021

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

### Tuesday, December 21, 2021

Gospel of Mark 9:30 AM PC-NAZ

### Wednesday, December 22, 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 23, 2021

Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 PM PH-FRONT

### Friday, December 24, 2021

*The Nativity of the Lord: Christmas Eve*

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

### Saturday, December 25, 2021

*The Nativity of the Lord : Christmas Day*

### Sunday, December 26, 2021

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

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



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(Zephaniah 3:14,17)*

**This Christmas Let's Get Real**

by Fr. John Kerns

The problems our world faces right now are very real.  
We need a Savior. And perhaps more than ever.

However, as our world grows more secular  
it seems that fewer people are focused on spiritual realities.  
In fact, some would even say that "such things are not real".  
But today's celebration of Christmas provides a stark contrast to disbelief.  
We don't just proclaim a spiritual Savior who is outside our experience.  
Today we proclaim that God became flesh to save our soul and body.  
Jesus was born as a human being.

God was born into our reality so that we could connect with his reality.  
The Gospel writers took note of the historical, political  
and cultural realities of that exact time and place. (Luke 1:5 and Luke 2:1-5)  
They consulted with eyewitnesses to make sure that they were giving  
an accurate account of what actually happened. (Luke 1:2)  
This is not some fabricated, fictitious, made-up story.  
Rather, this event is Truth itself.

Jesus was born to us in order to teach us about the fullness of life;  
a full life that he desires for each of us.  
His impact was so global that everyone in the world marks time  
by the calendar that centers on the day of his birth.  
When he says that he is God, we need to take him at his word.  
Otherwise, as C.S. Lewis remarked, we must consider him either a liar or a lunatic.  
If neither of those are true, then he must be LORD.

So let's get real.

If Jesus is really God, then we need to listen to him.  
He provides real hope and a plan for us that the world cannot give.  
I encourage you to read the bible, participate in Mass, and pray daily.  
Let your life and your love of others be inspired by the fact that:

*Today is born for us a Savior. He is Christ the Lord! (Luke 2:11)*

Your Brother in Christ,



Fr. John Kerns, Pastor

## Family Faith Formation

Since faith begins at home, we encourage families to eat, pray, and live their faith together. That is why we provide online lessons for parents to share with their children at home.

### December 25 - Christmas The Birth of Jesus



The Christmas season is a season full of joy. It begins on Jesus' birthday, December 25. We decorate the church and the priest wears gold or white. At Mass, we celebrate that Jesus, God's son, came 2000 years ago to save us from sin so we could live with him forever. Jesus is the best gift that God gave to the world! This is the real meaning of Christmas.

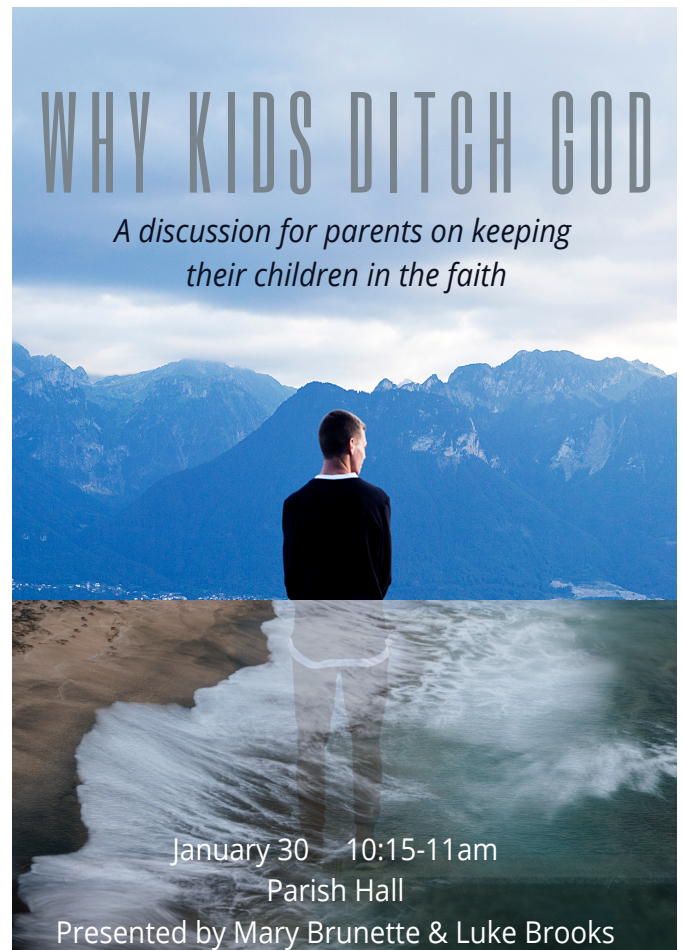
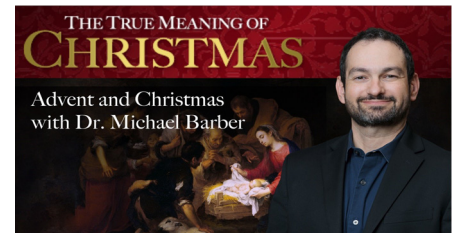
To learn more, check out our ["Faith in the Home"](#) activities

## 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





## Growing in Friendship with God

### Our Lady of the Lake Men's Retreat Friday- Sunday, January 28-30, 2022

- Where:** Mt. Angel Abbey Retreat Guesthouse
- When:** Check in starts Friday January 28 at 3pm. Retreat begins with Friday vespers at 5:20pm and concludes with Sunday lunch.
- Who:** **Bishop Peter Smith** will be our retreat master, and will offer five reflection presentations.
- What:** Time for silence, personal prayer on the peaceful Abbey grounds, liturgical prayer and Mass with the monks, social time, confession, and, the delicious Abbey food are all part of the retreat benefits.
- Cost:** The retreat fee of \$280 provides all lodging, meals and retreat materials. Retreat fee assistance available upon request

## 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

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

### Tickets

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

Scholarships available.  
Contact Laura at  
[laurap@ollparish.com](mailto: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.

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 20, 2021

8:30 am † Thomas Donnelly

### Tuesday, December 21, 2021

8:30 am † Mary Cox  
6:00 pm † Jerry Bloom

### Wednesday, December 22, 2021

6:30 am † Thelma Stone  
8:30 am † Ping Man

### Thursday, December 23, 2021

6:30 am † Patricia Bruns  
8:30 am † Pat O'Keefe

### Friday, December 24, 2021

8:30 am Int. Soltero Family  
4:00 pm (Gym) The Medak & Viulkola Families

4:00 pm (Church) † Gregory Ashou  
6:00 pm Int. Johnstone Family

8:00 pm † Margaret Tomei

### Saturday, December 25, 2021

9:00 am † Lorraine and Stanley Kowalski  
11:00 am † Antoinette Merolla

### Sunday, December 26, 2021

7:30 am For the Parishioners  
9:00 am † Bettie Lou O'Malley  
11:00 am Int. Patrick Juilfs

To view upcoming Intentions or request an Intention online, visit [www.ollparish.com/intentions](http://www.ollparish.com/intentions).

### Thank you from St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all those who donated food for the Christmas Boxes as well as those who volunteered their time to the delivery of these boxes.



### Many Thanks - Advent Giving Trees



We began receiving donations on the First Sunday of Advent, November 28, and **will continue through Sunday, December 19**. Thank you 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.



**American  
Red Cross**



### **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

### Respect for Life-December



"Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, 'in every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat'. His 'yes' to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently

chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us." \*Excerpts from Patris corde, © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Please go to the [OLL Respect Life webpage](#) for more information or resources to help pregnant women in need.

### 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](mailto:dmoser4208@aol.com), for more information.



### 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](#)



### Parish Holiday Office Hours



Please note that the Parish Office will be **closed December 24th, 27th, & 31st** for Christmas and New Years.

We thank you for your cooperation as we spend this holiday season with our loved ones.

-OLL Parish Staff



### 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](mailto: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/>