

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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First Sunday of Advent + November 29, 2020

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church was founded in 1958 and is an integral part of the Mountainside community.

As a parish, we strive to:

form one family in Christ embracing our various backgrounds and age differences;

unify and strengthen our parish bonds through living our Catholic faith supported by Eucharistic Adoration, Educational, Service, and Social Ministries;

To evangelize and minister to the needs of God's people under the patronage of Our Lady of Lourdes, reflecting the greater Church's efforts to promote love of God and love of neighbor - through our Catholic faith and works.

Throughout this journey, we strive to become stronger families, neighbors and Catholics living our lives according to the teaching of Jesus Christ, under the protection and intercession of Our Blessed Mother.

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Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am & 5 pm

Weekdays 7:30 am & 8:30 am

Saturday 8:00 am

Holy Days As Announced

Penance Saturdays 1:00 pm

Novena to the Miraculous Medal
Saturdays following 8:00 am Mass

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Fridays following the 7:30 am Mass

Baptisms scheduled monthly excluding Lent

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the sick. . . Valerie Santiago, Eve Vitale, David Gagliardotto, Martha Pares, James Leung, Joseph Iacono, Fred Perna, Frances Kayton, Manny Teixeira, Logan Alseika, Edward Stacy, Joe Raughbaugh, Jim Loomam, Angelo (Buddy) Latora, Peter Spadaccini, Richard Kontra, Romaine Malaker, Antonetta Ferrara, Helen Ahlquist and Patricia Del Duca.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week in loving memory for Roberta Wegryn* requested by Mark Farinella and for the loving memory for Laurence Meier and Stella Meier* requested by Gregory Meier.

** This denotes rescheduled Eucharistic Candle due to pandemic.*

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory for Walter Olsofsky* requested by the Plucienik Family.

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Please Pray for our service member, Sgt. Nicholas Perez-Santalla and AZ2 Stephen Vesper USN and for all Service Men and Women who are presently serving our country.

ARE YOU REGISTERED ?

We have people coming to Our Lady of Lourdes on a regular basis who need a form of some kind filled out and, when we check our records, we find that they are not registered parishioners. **ARE YOU REGISTERED AS A PARISHIONER OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES?** If you are not, it becomes more complicated if you need some kind of form to be filled out stating that you are a parishioner. The best way for you to know that you are registered is the fact that you receive collection envelopes, either on a regular basis or only at Christmas or Easter. PLEASE – save yourself and our parish staff a great deal of time and trouble -- Visit the PARISH office and register!

Sponsor Letters—Canon (Church) Law states that a Godparent for Baptism and a Sponsor for Confirmation be an active, fully-initiated Catholic (Confirmed). An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the Church, is in a valid Catholic marriage (an individual married civilly, by a judge, mayor, or divorced and remarried without an annulment is not eligible to act as a sponsor) and publicly leads a genuine Christian lifestyle. Please note that we can only write Letters of Eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

All boys and girls are welcome to sign up, the only qualification is that you already received your First Holy Communion!



**IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT
FR. BILL**

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

A few of this week's tweets from Pope Francis....

Generosity that supports the weak, consoles the afflicted, relieves suffering and restores dignity to those stripped of it, is a condition for a fully human life.

Jesus challenges us to put aside all differences and, in the face of suffering, to draw near to others with no questions asked.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS: Even if you are not scheduled to serve Mass, please check the Sunday Sacristy 10 minutes before Mass to see if you are needed.

ATTENTION LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: You have already been assigned, please check the schedule.

Everyone is welcome! Please contact our Parish Office to register with us.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

If they could be made God's people by what they did, then God's gift of grace would not really be a gift.
Romans 11:6 NCV

To whom does God offer His gift? To the brightest? The most beautiful or the most charming? No. His gift is for us all -- beggars and bankers, clergy and clerks, judges and janitors. All God's children.

And he wants us so badly. He'll take us in any condition-- "as is reads the tag on our collars. ... He wants us now."

Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pray for Us!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The usual hours are the following:

Monday thru Friday 9 am
(following the 8:30 am Mass) to 9 pm.

Saturday, 8:30 am
(following the 8 am Mass) to 4 pm.

Sunday No Adoration.

Adoration Chapel Candles

Intentions to be rescheduled when the church opens for temporary adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Now accepting intentions.

**MASS BOOK 2021
&
MASS RESCHEDULING**

All Masses that were to be offered while the Church was closed have been rescheduled for the remaining weeks of this current year 2020. The new Mass Book for the year 2021 is now open. The Mass Book will be open for Masses only from January 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021.

Does the Parish have your current email? Occasionally we reach out to parishioners in this manner especially during this period of social distancing.

Please let us know the best way to reach you!

Email: lcandela@ollmountainside.org

Text or call: 908-391-3737



Saturday Evening, November 28th, Vigil, First Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM V. John & Louise Nossek
Req. by the Burvett Family

Sunday, November 29th, First Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Robert Riley
Req. by the Kontra Family

9:30 AM William Dillon, Sr.
Req. by the Family

11:30 AM Patricia & George Shaneen
Req. Karen Shaneen

5:00 PM Russell Scutari
Req. by the Scutari Family

Monday, November 30th, St. Andrew

7:30 AM Mark Dooley
Req. by Dr./Mrs. James Dunne

8:30 AM Richard Ruggeri
Req. by Mark Farinella

Tuesday, December 1st

7:30 AM Rose Vera Kaepfel
Req. by Carmen & Santos Santiago

8:30 AM Patricia Spang Merlo
Req. by the Gallagher Family

Wednesday, December 2nd

7:30 AM Patricia Merlo
Req. by the Mancini Family

8:30 AM Brian Demeo
Req. by Linda & Clem Pace

Thursday, December 3rd, St. Francis Xavier

7:30 AM Carl Leonhard
Req. by the Family

8:30 AM John McHugh
Req. by Patricia Belenets & Family

Friday, December 4th, St. John Damascene

7:30 AM Mary Montalbano
Req. by Joseph Mattioli

8:30 AM Patricia A. Merlo
Req. by Marianne & Bill Taylor

Saturday, December 5th

8:00 AM John Taylor
Req. by Marianne & Bill Taylor

Saturday Evening, December 5th, Vigil, Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM Jose Quinones
Req. by the Family

Sunday, December 6th, Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Jennifer McAvoy
Req. by the Dalrymple Family

9:30 AM Raymond Fedey (14th Anniversary)
Req. by Linda Fedey

11:30 AM John McLaughlin
Req. by Veronica Quillen

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First Sunday of Advent

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14;
Mk 1:1-8

Financial Figures

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday bulletin printing deadline the November 22nd financials will be printed in the December 6th Sunday bulletin.

The Anointing of the Sick is not a Sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him (her) to receive this Sacrament has certainly arrived.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

ATTENTION GIFT BEARERS

Due to temporary regulations from the Chancery there will be no presentation of the gifts at the offertory of the Mass for the time being.

Fall into eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to Our Lady of Lourdes. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save valuable time for both you and our parish staff.



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Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

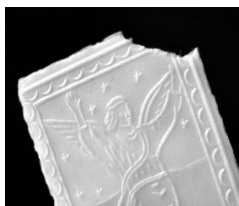
Sunday is the beginning of a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. The first reading from the Prophet Isaiah as the people repent before God: "Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!" Mark's gospel offers the image of the master who leaves his servants in charge while he is away. Be watchful! Be alert!

Monday is the Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle. Thursday is the Memorial of St. Francis Xavier.

During the first part of Advent - until December 17 - we focus on the first reading. This week it is from the Prophet Isaiah. These readings are about promises. Isaiah is consoling, building up and preparing his people to have hope. "In the days to come," he says over and over. When the day of promise comes, "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again." Even though King David's line, and that of his father, Jesse, are almost wiped out, Isaiah proclaims hope: "On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom." Who would believe even a peace in nature - lion lying down with the lamb? "There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea." God's unique ways of favoring the poor, which Mary comes to know and proclaims in her *Magnificat*, are seen when Isaiah says, "He humbles those in high places, and the lofty city he brings down; He tumbles it to the ground, levels it with the dust." Even Jesus' own statement about his mission is seen in the powerful images Isaiah uses to give us courage and hope: "On that day the deaf shall hear ... the eyes of the blind shall see ... the lowly will ever find joy in the LORD ..." "On the day the LORD binds up the wounds of his people."

The gospels for this first part of Advent are chosen from several gospels. They are meant to match the first readings and to show that the promises are fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus brings healing. He raises up the childlike. And Jesus calls and sends the twelve apostles to continue his ministry.

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on Creighton University's *Online Ministries* web site: www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html Used with permission.



"Christmas Wafer" (Oplatek)

Oplatek, the Christmas Wafer are available in the Parish Office or see Deacon Mike.



THE GIVING TREE 2020

This weekend of November 29th our Christmas Giving Tree is filled with tags. All the tags have items requested from various needy organizations and schools.

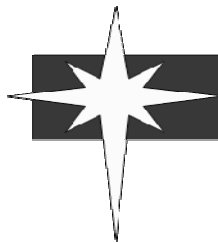
The items must be wrapped and returned to the Church on or before December 13th with the tags secured to the package.

They will be sorted and delivered on that day. Thank you for your generosity.

Carol Leick

Packages are picked up by the Charities the afternoon of December 13th, at 1 pm.

Once the Charity Trucks depart we are unable to get the gifts to the proper locations.



Christmas Schedule 2020

CHRISTMAS MASSES **ADVENT CONFESSIONS**

Monday, December 21 2020
Tuesday, December 22, 2020
7:00 - 8:00 pm

Christmas Eve Mass
4:00 pm (Children’s Mass)
(No 6 pm Mass)

Christmas Day, December 25th
Mass at Midnight
(preceded by Carols at 11:30 pm)

Christmas Morning Masses
9:30 am and 11:30 am

***There is no 7:30 am Mass on Christmas Day
nor an Evening Mass on Christmas Day.***

Focus on Faith Formation



Please remember that all November work is due on November 30th.

December lessons will go live on Tuesday, December 1st.

The December live zoom schedule:

- December 8: grade 3, 4 pm, grade 5, 4:45 pm
- December 9: grade 1, 4 pm, grade 2, 4:45 pm
- December 15: grade 7, 7 pm, grade 8, 7:45 pm
- December 16: grade 4, 4 pm, grade 6, 4:45 pm

First Reconciliation Families: The Reconciliation Family Retreat is Saturday, December 5th at 9 am on Zoom. Please remember that the Reconciliation books are to be completed by the retreat. We will give details on drop off at the retreat. Please have the envelope of retreat material ready to use.

The next 9th Grade Confirmation Zoom is scheduled for Sunday, December 6th at 12:30 pm.

Due to the very small attendance at the Sunday, 5 pm Mass (average 14-18 persons) the Sunday, 5 pm Mass will be temporarily suspended effective December 6, 2020. The Mass intentions for the Sundays in December will be rescheduled to another date. Hopefully the 5 pm Mass will be reinstated in the near future depending on the virus situation.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Due to the limited number of persons able to worship in the Church, if there is an ‘overflow’ of persons attending Mass in the Church, we will offer a simultaneous Christmas Mass in Pollard Hall.

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