

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2016

Those whom the LORD has ransomed
will return and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy. — Isaiah 35:10a

Masses for the Week



SUNDAY - December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 am - Edward Simper †

10:00 am - Luisa Sanchez †

BAPTISM: Sydney Lynn Kurtz: Child of: Keith & Heather

MONDAY - December 12

8:00 am - Rev. Dan Morales †

TUESDAY - December 13 - St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

8:00 am - Chester Paul Lyssy †

WED - Dec 14 - St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

8:00 am - Rev. Ralph Baidoo †

THUR - December 15

8:00 am - Liv'g/Decs'd Mbrs † Kenneth/MaryAnn Bernhard

FRIDAY - December 16

8:00 am - Randal Lau †

SATURDAY - December 17

8:00 am - Buddy Waida †

5:00 pm - Gene Jolly †

SUNDAY - December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - Clergy

10:00 am - Carolyn Goldman †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Mon: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 or any readings from the Common of the BVM, nos. 707-712

Tue: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wed: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thu: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Fri: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Sat: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Sun: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

NEXT WEEKEND - December 17 & 18

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

of HOLY COMMUNION

and LECTORS

Sat. 5:00 pm - Geriann Neuman

Helen John, Volunteer

Alicia Kutchka

Sun. 7:30 am - Martha Nichols

Cliff/Yvonne Moczygemba

Che Sanchez

Sun. 10:00 am - John Vecera,

Howard/Carol Bludau

Joe Nevlud

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 5:00 pm - James Record, Carson Miller, Suzie Ryan

Sun. 7:30 am - Katelyn John, Cameron & Jenny Marbach

Sun. 10:00 am - Eric & Reice Tibiletti, Andrea Villegas

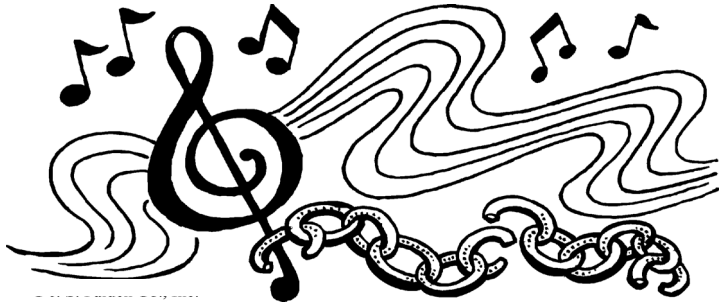
USHERS:

5:00 pm - M John, F Motal, T Goslin, R Dominguez

7:30 am - F Marbach, J Novak, M Fikac, Volunteer

10:00 am - K Spann, A Schoener, H Raska, Volunteer

**Please Pray for Our Sick: Tina Moya,
Cheryl Barker, Amy Bernhard, Eva Kimmel,
Jewell Correll, Amy Jo Wuest, Katrina Marbach**



This Week

SUNDAY - Third Sunday of Advent

Special Coll. Envp: Retirement Fund for Religious

2nd Collection: D. S. A.

MONDAY - Holy Name Society meeting - 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY - R.C.I.A. - 7:00 pm - R.E. Bldg

FRIDAY - On site Vascular Screenings (Elite Medical Imaging)

SATURDAY - Confessions - 4:00 - 4:30 pm

SUNDAY - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Advent SVDP & VCAM

BRING A FOOD OR OFFERING TO CHURCH.

This opportunity ends December 18th

This is the final week to make good on your intentions to **feed the hungry** or **clothe the naked**.



THE LOOK OF LOVE

What does love look like?

It has feet to go to the poor and needy.

It has eyes to see misery and want.

It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others.—St. Augustine



VOCATION CRUCIFIX

At the 10:00 am Mass Howard & Carol Bludau will take possession and continue our prayers. Next to take possession on December 18th at the 7:30 am Mass is Billy and Carol Pope.

ADORATION

for 2017

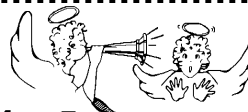


THE SCHEDULE IS BEING RE-DONE

We are looking for new volunteers

and also the existing adorers, ones that helped in years past. The 2016 schedule will remain the same except for the few changes of volunteers now unable to attend.

Please contact Leona Sedlar at 361-575-3160



MASSSES

Your Attention Please Mass intentions are again open.

The year has come to an end and there is new opportunity to remember your loved ones by offering a Mass. To make arrangements, send a note containing your name, a contact phone number and the name of the recipient of the Mass intention. You will be contacted to confirm your intentions.



Generations of Faith ~ GOF
Religious Education Classes

- Dec 11 GOF Class
- Dec 18 GOF Class
- Dec 24 Children's Christmas Eve Mass
- Dec 25 CHRISTMAS



Baptism and 1st Communion of Older Children

If you have a child or know a child 3rd grade or older who has not been baptized or received 1st Communion, please let us know so we can prepare them for their Sacraments.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA 7 pm - 9 pm on Wednesdays in Rel Ed Bldg
The RCIA door is ALWAYS open

1. Unbaptized Adults interested in Catholic Church.
2. Baptized Adults in another faith and interested in becoming Catholic.
3. Baptized Adult Catholics who
 - haven't been confirmed & received 1st Communion
 - want to know more about their faith,
 - would like to be RCIA Sponsors,
 - would like to return to the Catholic Church.

For more info, please contact: Bob/Laurie Bautista-573-9561
laurie.bautista@gmail.com, or Rectory -575-3813



WEEKEND of 12-3/4-16 Count - 439

Total Operating Income.....\$ 5,436.00
2nd Collection:.....(Bldg.Reprs).....\$ 2,501.00

THANK YOU..... Your Generosity is Greatly Appreciated.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the ties of affection and authority that bound Europe's Catholics unraveled in the sixteenth century, many cultures lost time-honored customs of faith. Some customs proved to be especially difficult for the reformers to wrest away from the people, especially those celebrated in the home. This week in Sweden, a country where the Catholic Church was disestablished four hundred years ago, a Catholic martyr from Sicily is the most beloved figure. St. Lucia, Lucy, is celebrated on Dec. 13. The long-story-short is that Lucy was a Christian whose father wanted to marry her off to a pagan fellow, and she rejected her father's authority. To make an example of her, her father had her killed. In the course of the brutal martyrdom, Lucy lost her beautiful eyes, but her vision was miraculously restored. The candles worn today by the eldest daughter of the family are tokens of the fire that refused to harm the saint. So this patroness of light and clear vision is revered on the shortest, darkest days of the Nordic winter. Before the reform of the Gregorian calendar in the sixteenth century, Dec. 13 was the winter solstice.

Today, young girls appear in the morning wearing lighted candles on their crowned heads (battery-operated now after many mishaps), and serve sweet rolls and coffee to everyone in the house. For the Swedes, who are not churchgoers, the "Lucias" are the official heralds of the holiday season and a sign of everyone's yearning for more light in this world. Europe once abounded with customs like this; the survival of this custom in Scandinavia is a sign of God's grace, and how fertile the soil is to receive the true message of Advent.

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If a parishioner would like to receive *The Catholic Lighthouse*, call 573-0828 or e-mail lighthouse@victoriadiocese.org



ALTAR SOCIETY Christmas BAKE
December 17 & 18
after each Mass



Cookbooks will be on sale also.

SAVE THE DATE- -JANUARY 8, 2017

Parish Family Breakfast

Prepared by the Holy Name Society
STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS



As we, the *Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament*, continue our Celebration of 150 Years here in Victoria, we invite you to an **OPEN HOUSE** at 1101 NE Water St. on **December 17, 2016 from 2:00 -5:00 pm.**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Advent Vespers: December 11, & 18 from 5pm - 5:45pm in the Incarnate Word Chapel.

This liturgical evening prayer of the church focuses on praying the psalms, giving thanks for the day and offering praise to God. Solemn evening praise closes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



Elite Medical Imaging will be hosting a **vascular screening** on **Friday, December 16, 2016** at

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

Eight screenings are offered: Carotid Artery, Thyroid Abdominal Aorta, Liver, Spleen, Gallbladder and both Kidneys. These screenings are only available with your doctor if you already have symptoms.

Each screening is \$49 or **all 8 for \$150.**

Please call **1-855-303-0667** to pre-register.

Prevention is Key to early detection & good health!

FEAST DAY OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Weds. December 28, 2016, celebration at RAPHAEL'S REFUGE, with Bishop Cahill, Fr. Tommy Chen, Msgr. Joseph Hybner, and Fr. Eddie Winkler as Celebrants. A rosary will begin at 10:30 am, followed by announcements. Mass begins at 11 am. If it is cold, be prepared as doors may need to be open. There will be refreshments. You are welcome to bring something to share, but please do not feel that you must.

The **QUARTERLY BUNCO PARTY** hosted by the **Altar Society of Holy Family Catholic Church** will be **Wednesday, January 11, 2017, from 9:30 am to Noon.** It will be held at St. Peter's Parish Hall. A free lunch will be served, and game prizes and door prizes will be awarded. Please invite a friend, and enjoy visiting with the ladies from our five local Catholic Churches. For information and **reservations** contact Olivia Blanchard at 570-7107; Ginger Wagner at 550-6444, or Betty Frederick at 573-5850.