

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2016

They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."

— Matthew 1:23

Masses for the Week



SUNDAY - December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

10:00 am - Carolyn Goldman †

MONDAY - December 19

8:00 am - In Thanksgiving of Owners & Employees of Vict. Advocate

TUESDAY - December 20

8:00 am - Doris Aley †

WED - Dec 21 - St Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church

8:00 am - Paul Bittlebrun †

THUR - December 22

8:00 am - Marian Bolech †

FRIDAY - December 23 - St John of Kanty, Priest

8:00 am - Billy Yandell, Jr †

SATURDAY - December 24

8:00 am - John Carl Loest

5:00 pm - Frank L. Kandler †

MIDNIGHT - The NATIVITY of the LORD (Christmas)

12:01 am - William Strelczyk †

SUNDAY - December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - Clergy

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Mon: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tue: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wed: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thu: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Fri: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Sat: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Sun: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

NEXT WEEKEND - December 24 & 25

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

of HOLY COMMUNION

and **LECTORS**

Sat. 5:00 pm - Liz Lemke

Norman Schoener

Volunteer, Volunteer

Mid-Night - Connie Novak

Emily Yeary

Jimmy/Patsy Whitaker

Sun. 10:00 am - Donna Maxey,

Bud Tucker

Pat Brennan, Pauline Hinojosa

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 5:00 pm - Dennis Strelczyk, Kaden Fikac, Braydon Manning

MIDNIGHT - Carol Bludau, Suzie Ryan, Volunteer

Sun. 10:00 am - Felix Ramirez, Volunteer, Volunteer

USHERS:

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

Mid-Night - Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer

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



This Week

SUNDAY - Fourth Sunday of Advent

MONDAY - Altar Society meeting - 6:30 pm

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

SATURDAY - 5pm - Vigil Mass - Children's Liturgy

12:00 - Midnight Mass

SUNDAY - Christmas: Nativity of the Lord

10:00 am Mass

Extra Envp Collection: Christmas Offering



Please note: the parish office will be closed from December 26 to January 2nd. End-of-year contributions will be received through Dec. 25th.



VOCATION CRUCIFIX

At the 7:30 am Mass Billy and Carol Pope will take possession and continue our prayers. Next to take possession on December 25th at the Midnight Mass is Emily Yeary.

Adoration for 2017

THE SCHEDULE IS BEING RE-DONE



We are looking for volunteers for adoration on First Fridays. The 2016 schedule will remain the same except for the few changes of those now unable to attend.

Please contact Leona Sedlar at 361-575-3160.

Please Pray for Our Sick

Tina Moya, Cheryl Barker, Amy Bernhard, Eva Kimmel, Jewell Correll, Amy Jo Wuest, Katrina Marbach, Baby Rachel Wiesner, Lillian Lau, Shirley Coghlan, Cecilia Edwards, Kite Bomersbach, Luke Wenske, Betty Escheveste, JoAnn Hough, Clifton Lau, Franklin Sedlar, Dora Schilhab, Ann Hagel, Emory Migura, Jean Biederman, Jerry Bassham, Mary Ann Leblanc, Ben Mikulik, Jr.



**Generations of Faith ~ GOF
Religious Education Classes**

- Dec 18 GOF Class
- Dec 24 Children's Christmas Eve Mass
- Dec 25 CHRISTMAS No Class
- Jan 1 New Years Day No class
- Jan 8 GOF Class
- Jan 15 GOF Class
- Jan 22 GOF Class
- Jan 29 GOF Class



OLL Altar Society Christmas Bake Sale
December 17-18 in the Church Hall
after each Mass.
Cookbooks will also be on sale.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
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



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The Music Ministry is extending an invitation to all that will be attending Midnight Christmas services to please join the choir in the singing of Christmas carols before mass. We will start singing at **11:35 pm**.

Save the Date: January 8, 2017

Parish Family Breakfast

Prepared by the Holy Name Society
Stay tuned for more details

Weekly Offering **WEEKEND of 12-10/11-16 Count - 587**

Total Operating Income.....\$ 5,120.00
2nd Collection:.....(D.S.A.).....\$ 901.60

Thank You! Your Generosity is Greatly Appreciated.

GETTING EVEN

The only ones you should try to get even with are those who have helped you.

—Anonymous

Mass intentions are open for 2017.



There is an opportunity to remember your loved ones by offering a Mass in their honor or in their memory.

To make arrangements, call or come by the office after January 3rd or send a note containing your name, a contact phone number, the name of the recipient of the Mass intention, and the desired date, and we will contact you.

The Catholic Lighthouse -

Parishioners who wish to receive a paper copy of the Lighthouse may subscribe by calling (361) 573-0828 or online at <http://www.victoriadiocese.org/subscribe> now or e-mail lighthouse@victoriadiocese.org



Advent Vespers: December 18th 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.

Pastoral Institute Extended Program- Spring 2017 TRINITY

Tuesdays, January 10 through February 14, 2016
Mornings 9:15-11:30 am or Evenings 7:00-9:15 pm
Classes will be broadcast from the St. Mary Activity Center
401 S. Liberty, Victoria, TX 77901
to Wharton, Mentz, Hallettsville, and Shiner
Register & Pay online www.victoriadiocese.org/extended-program
Or Call 361-573-0828 ext.2223 or ext. 2227 for more information.

Feast Day of the Holy Innocents
Wednesday, December 28, 2016,
Celebration at Raphael's Refuge,
Celebrants Bishop Cahill, Fr. Tommy Chen,
Msgr. Joseph Hybner, & Fr. Eddie Winkler.
A rosary will begin at 10:30 am.
Mass begins at 11 am.
Refreshments will be provided, and you are welcome to bring something to share if you wish.

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** 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.