

Third Sunday of Advent December 12, 2010



Schedule of Masses

Saturday
6:30 p.m.
Sunday:
8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
12:00 noon (Español)

Weekday:
Monday - Friday 8:05 a.m.
First Friday: 8:05 a.m.
10:00 a.m. (Nursing Home)
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. (*anticipated*)

Parish Office Hours

Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Confessions are held every Saturday 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. in the Church (mission churches: 30 minutes prior to each weekend liturgy) and by appointment at any time.

Anointing of the Sick

Those in need of the Sacrament may contact the Parish Office.

Baptism

Celebrated on the first weekend of the month (outside of Lent). Parents & Godparents must register for the Baptism class (held monthly) by contacting the parish office. Godparents must be practicing, church-going Catholics and if married, must be married in the Catholic church.

Marriage

Arrangements must begin at least 6 months in advance. Call for an appointment with a Priest or Deacon.

Confirmation

Our Bishop celebrates Confirmation with our parish each year during the Easter Season. Registration begins each year during July & ends in September of the same year.

Holy Orders

Those interested in a vocation to priesthood or the diaconate should call the Parish office. Any who are interested in life as a Religious Sister or Brother may also call to discuss their vocation.

Quinceañera

Must be practicing Catholic & attending Mass on Sundays/Holy Days. Currently attending R.E. & attended for the previous three years.

Religious Education

is our program of faith formation for children not attending Catholic school. Sessions are held on Wednesdays.

Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church

serving the Missions of

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Sr. Francesca Bui Thi Thanh Bihn, O.P. Superior

A Reflection from the Pastor

Rejoice. I say it again, Rejoice. The first word of the entrance antiphon for this Sunday's Mass is "Gaudete," "Rejoice." We are called as Church to realize that the Lord's birth is near, rejoicing in the fact that he is born to us and is soon to come again.

Today we also celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which under this title is the patroness of the Diocese of Victoria. The see of the diocese, or place in which the bishop and cathedral reside, is Victoria. Originally named Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe de Jesus, Victoria, was later added after the first Mexican president of the new Republic of Mexico in 1836. It was later shortened to just Victoria. The coat of arms of the diocese contains a rose, which is symbolic of Our Lady of Guadalupe and her dominion over this people of God. So we have more to rejoice about this Sunday.

Lastly, we rejoice with John in today's gospel, that Jesus was the one long awaited for. John of course has his moment in which he sends some disciples to ask Jesus – are you the one? Jesus responds by telling John, that everything he is doing is cause for rejoicing, it doesn't get any better than it; lame –walking, blind-seeing, lepers- cleansed, the deaf –hear. Many times in our lives we can behave like John and act like we don't have anything to rejoice about – when we see the same things happening around us and no change – war-with little peace (but peace has come in some cases), abortion – still a law of the land (but so many have been converted and so many children are alive because of prayers and pleading), cancer, muscular dystrophy – no cure (yet treatments are helping those with them live longer lives), and the list could go on. It seems that in our world, when we turn on the television or radio or internet, there can be such little cause for rejoicing. Yet, we should rejoice, because the Lord who first loved us so much, that he came as man, taking on human flesh, and willingly dying on the cross for our sins, rose from the dead and gives us the chance to rise also, above all of life's tragedies – that is cause for rejoicing here!

Take some time to rejoice this week with your family.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Ty





Our Lady of the Gulf

Monday, Dec 13

St. Lucy
8:05 am Roger Martinez
by Jesus & Maria Guajardo

Tuesday, Dec 14

St. John of the Cross
8:05 am Mary Jane Twedell
by Mary Silvas

Wednesday, Dec 15

8:05 am Lupita Soliz
by Anna Issasi & Janie Ortega

Thursday, Dec 16

8:05 am Mary Martinez
by Frank & Lupita Reyes

Friday, Dec 17

8:05 am Annie Fletcher
by Mary Silvas

Saturday, Dec 18

9:00 am Paul Blasingim
by Mike Wiles & Mary Munsch
6:30 pm Dolores & Antonio Gonzales
by Anita, Connie & Tony

Sunday, Dec 19

8:00 am Emma Garcia
by Steve & Janie Bonuz
10:00 am Juanita Padron
by Arcadio Padron
12:00 pm Parish Family

St. Ann, Point Comfort

Wednesday, Dec 15

9:00 am Joseph & Mary Wagner
by James Wagner

Sunday, Dec 19

10:30 am Henry Jedlicka
by Tina Hubenak

St. Joseph, Port O'Connor

Tuesday, Dec 14

St. John of the Cross
7:00 pm Edwin Janecka, Sr.
by Donnie Machicek & Family

Saturday, Dec 18

7:00 pm John Brown
by John & Georgia Hawes

St. Patrick, Seadrift

Thursday, Dec 16

9:00 am Erwin Koliba
by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Brandl

Sunday, Dec 19

8:30 am Juan Carabajal
by Rick & Angie Salinas

Please keep the following people in your prayers as we wish them a return to good health. Family members of those in need of prayer may call the parish office to have a name added to the list. Names will appear for two consecutive Sundays. Please call to renew your request.

- Aiden Cartier
- Warren Greenly
- Shelton Albrecht
- Joe Minjares
- Lupe Rocha
- Duane Mc Donald
- James Wagner
- Mark Almanzar
- Ramon Hinojosa
- Arcadio Padron
- Bruce Phillips
- Bert Hermes
- Brent Dworaczyk
- Margaret Chatham
- Kelly Lillge
- Victor M. Reyes
- Lillian Elder
- Terri Ostler Hand
- Joyce Janssen
- Joseph Calderon

Lamp Intention

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

December 18 - 6:30 pm

Host - Margaret Yanta
Cup - Gilbert Torres, Mike Elgin

December 19 - 8:00 am

Host - Steve Bonuz
Cup - Janie Bonuz, Vern Lyssy

10:00 am

Host - Dalinda Olivarez, Rosie Padron
Cup - Dec Ken Ryan,
Linda & Rolando Reyes

12:00 pm

Host - Cesar Olivarez, Maria Piña
Cup - Deacon Alonzo Calzada,
Fernando Piña, Mary Calzada

Copies of the schedules are available in the Sacristy for the Extraordinary Ministers.

Altar Servers

December 18 - 6:30 pm

Cory Mabry, Nathan Gonzales, Dylan Alva

December 19 - 8:00 am

Melina Ortiz, Philip Lyssy, Issac Cardona

10:00 am

Destiny Rodriguez, Jake Carr, Ciandra Smith

12:00 pm

Harley & Ty DeSoto, Luis Rodriguez

Schedules posted weekly in bulletin.

Last Sunday's Collection

December 5, 2010

OLG \$7819.78
Jesu Caritas \$1453.50

St. Joseph \$411.00

St. Ann \$574.00

St. Patrick \$549.00

Readings

December 19, 2010

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Reading I

Isaiah 7:10-14

Reading II

Romans 1:1-7

Gospel

Matthew 1:18-24

Advent Penance Service Schedule

7:00 pm All Churches

December 14 St. John, Vanderbilt

December 15 Holy Cross, Bay City

December 21 OLG, Port Lavaca

December 22 Assumption, Ganado





Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic School

Presenting a Parent Training Session on Internet Safety & Household Security.
Tuesday, December 14 4:00pm
St. Jude Hall 300 W. Austin
All parents in Calhoun County are invited to attend.



Our Lady of the Gulf Lil Mariner Daycare & Preschool

Mrs. Rosie Padron, Director
361-552-6140 ext. 556
Children 18 months - 12 yrs. of age



Christmas shopping with the kids?

Bring them over to the daycare!! Children can enjoy arts & crafts, movies, music and snacks, and you don't have to worry about "WHERE DID HE/SHE GO?..... AND I SAID NO!"
Drop in rates available.

Christmas Pageant
December 16 7:00 pm
St. Jude Hall
Everyone is invited to attend!!

We have the Winners!!

Our Lady of Guadalupe Coloring Contest

Congratulations...each winner receives a \$10.00 Wal Mart Gift Card!

- Age 2 - 4 **Lily Hartl**
- Age 5 - 9 **Dulce Marisol Morales**
- Age 10 - 13 **Elijah Liserio**

All entries were very creative and nicely done, unfortunately only one could be chosen in each category. Thank You to the judges, Carolee Smith, Leo Kainer & Edna Reyes. All pictures will be posted in the church for everyone to see.

Mass Schedule for:

Sunday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

OLG only - (no changes at Missions)

- 8:00 am
- 9:30 am
- 11:15 am (spanish)

OLG Penance Service: Tuesday, December 21

7:00 pm

Vigil of the Nativity:

Friday, December 24

7:00 pm OLG
7:00pm St. Joseph, Port O'Connor

Nativity of the Lord: Saturday, December 25

- 12:00 Midnight Mass
- 8:30 am St. Patrick, Seadrift
- 9:00 am OLG
- 10:30 am St. Ann
- 11:00 am OLG **(Spanish)**

Religious Education (CCD)

No classes

December 22, 26, 29 & January 2
Classes will resume on January 5, 2011

MASS INTENTION BOOK

Anyone interested in requesting a mass may come to the parish office beginning December 20 to schedule. The book will only be open for January, February and March of 2011. Minimum suggested donation for all masses is \$5.00. **Mass intentions not accepted by phone.**

Christmas Flower Envelope due December 20



Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket at church or brought to the parish office.

Port Lavaca Nursing & Rehabilitation "Winter in Wonderland" Health Fair on front lawn Friday, December 17 4:00 - 8:00 pm

Blood Pressure & Diabetes Screening Booths
Hay Ride 6:00 - 7:00 pm, Refreshments served
&

Blanket Drive 2010

December 1 - 22, 2010

All donations will be distributed to the residents of Port Lavaca Nursing & Rehab for the holiday season. Blankets may be dropped off at 524 Village Dr. or call Cynthia Guerra at 361-649-5400 for pick up.

Advent Giving Tree (Angel Tree)



Many angels still waiting on the tree! Please remember that any Angel who is a senior citizen should not be given candy since many are diabetic. Angel gifts are due back by December 14.

FOR SALE

Two Story House on Benavides

(formerly the priest residence)

This two story house is for sale to be moved. For more information or to make an offer call Tim Dent at the parish office.

ESL Class

Class will meet at 7:00 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month at St. Matthew Hall. Please call the parish office for more information.

Clase de inglés

Clases serán a las 7:00 p.m. el primer y el tercer martes del mes en el Salon de San Mateo. Llame a la oficina de la Iglesia para mas información.

Retrouvaille...

A Lifeline for Marriage

Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Call 979-543-3493 or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org