

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19, 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

"And they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us," in today's gospel. As we approach the birthday of our Savior, let us take a moment to reflect on how God is with us. He is with us in His Word and in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. He is also present in those ways in which we open ourselves to being a member of Christ's body, the Church.

This week, I invite you to take part in the daily singing and praying of the Posadas, which relive the time in which Joseph, Mary, and Jesus (in the womb) were turned away from a place to stay. The last night, the final door is opened and the rejoicing begins as Jesus is born to the world. What a wonderful way to realize how much God is with us – he was going to be born in a stable among animals – God comes to us in varied ways and asks us to be open to his coming.

As you prepare for the birthday of our Savior in your homes, please find inserted this Sunday a home blessing which you and your family can take part in at the beginning of the new year. You may choose to use chalk and inscribe the new date and blessing over your door or use the card inserted in the bulletin.

Lastly, beginning in January, there will be several changes to the Mass and Confession Schedule. Saturday evening Mass will begin at 5:30 p.m. The Sacrament of Penance will be celebrated Saturday afternoon from 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. The Sunday morning schedule will remain the same with the exception of the noon Spanish Mass, which will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Fr. Ty

On behalf of the Deacons, Sisters and parish staff
may you and your families have a blessed week and a Merry Christmas.



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Winter break from
December 20 - 31
Returning January 3, 2011

Mass Schedule for:

OLG Penance Service:
Tuesday, December 21
7:00 pm

Vigil of the Nativity/Christmas Eve:
Friday, December 24
7:00 pm OLG
St. Joseph, Port O'Connor

Nativity of the Lord/Christmas:
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 **(En Español)**

Parish Office Holiday Schedule

Closed December 23 - January 2

Religious Education (CCD)

No classes

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

Christmas Flower Envelope due December 20



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

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

Holiday Schedule
Closed December 23 & 24
Closed December 31

Building Scheduling for 2011

Organizations using a parish building to hold meetings are asked to come by the parish office to schedule use for 2011. Please bring an updated list of officers and their phone numbers. Do not assume that because your organization is currently scheduled on the calendar, you will remain scheduled. Scheduling must be made in person by an organization officer.

ESL Class Holiday Schedule

No class until Tuesday, January 4,
2011 6:30 pm at St. Matthew Hall.

Clase de inglés

No habra clase hasta el martes, dia
4 de enero del 2011 a las 6:30 pm en
el salon de San Mateo.

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.

Port Lavaca Nursing & Rehabilitation 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.

No room at the Inn "Las Posadas"



December 19, 6:30 pm St. Jude Hall
Dec. 20, 22, 23, & 24 6:00pm St Jude Hall
December 22 5:00 pm St Jude Hall

Everyone is invited to join in on a reenactment symbolizing the trials which Mary and Joseph endured before finding a place to stay where Jesus could be born. Prayer and singing also to be included.

Todos son invitados un representacion de Las Posadas. Habra cantos y oracion.

Decorating the Church for Christmas

December 23, 9:00 am

Poinsettia wrapping, bows & wreaths to be hung, a nativity scene to be placed....if you would like to help please come to the church at 9:00 am on Thursday, Dec. 23.

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.**

Marriage Saving

During the weekend phase of Retrouvaille a series of presentations are given by a team of three couples and a priest. The team presents a technique of communication that enables you to take a good look at most areas of your relationship. After each presentation you have time in the privacy of your room to discuss the previous presentation. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend in Victoria on January 14-16 call 979-543-3493 or email: lbconner@sbcglobal.net or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org