

Second Sunday of Advent December 5, 2010

Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church

serving the Missions of

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A Reflection from the Pastor



In Christian art, John the Baptist is often depicted in his camel hair, standing in a desert and preaching the words we hear today: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Standing at the Jordan river, John was baptizing with water for repentance. His task was to get people to stop turning around and sinning and rather to look forward to the coming of Jesus. Jesus was the one who was going to baptize them with fire and the Holy Spirit. And remember that this was a time in which Jesus had not even begun his public ministry – he was just about to get started preaching and teaching this new and radical way of living.

Camel hair jackets are still popular today. You might even own one. Regardless, we all, like John the Baptist, have the obligation of preparing the way of the Lord and making straight his paths. The cloth we are given is the one at our baptism - our soul - in which, after coming up out of the river of baptismal water, cleansed of original sin but not the tendency to sin, we are called to bring that garment unstained into the dignity of everlasting life. In order to cleanse it from sin, we have to first of all repent; recognize the wrong we have done and turn away from it for good. Next we have to go to the Lord's natural laundromat; like when we get our camel hair coat cleaned, the confessional, and receive sacramental absolution and do penance for our sins. Make time during this Advent season to go to confession; to have the fire of God's love rekindled as you make straight the path for Jesus to you. There will be such an opportunity at the parish penance service, in which visiting priests will be present on December 21st at 7:00 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Ty

Schedule of Masses

Sunday:
6:30 p.m. *Saturday (anticipated)*
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.

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.



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

Lamp Intention
Religious Vocation

Our Lady of the Gulf

Monday, Dec 6

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

Tuesday, Dec 7

St. Ambrose
8:05 am Ernestina Davila
by Hernandez Family

5:30 pm Vigil of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lillie Janis
by August Janis

Wednesday, Dec 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:05 am John Janis
by Louis Janis & Sons

12:05 pm Robert & Gladys Meyer
by Bobby Meyer

7:00 pm Samuel Celum
by Eugene & Renda Hobizal

Thursday, Dec 9

St. Juan Diego
8:05 am David F. Saenz
by Family

Friday, Dec 10

8:05 am Roger Martinez
by Mr. & Mrs. Faustino Saenz

Saturday, Dec 11

9:00 am Paul Blasingim
by Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Dreymla
6:30 pm Pablo Perez
by Mr. & Mrs. Lee Benavides

Sunday, Dec 12

8:00 am Parish Family
9:30 am Mary Martinez
by Billy & Georgia Mikosh
11:15 am Eusebio Mendoza



OLG Penance Service

Tuesday, December 21 7:00 pm

Altar Servers

December 11 - 6:30 pm

Mason Elgin, Tristan Freeman, Reilly Low

December 12 - 8:00 am

Natalie Lyssy, Steven Bonuz, Gabrielle Bonuz

10:00 am

Jazmine Rendon, Brittney Dybala, Brianna Dybala

12:00 pm

Arturo Rico, Jorge Rios, JP Piña

Schedules posted weekly in bulletin.

St. Ann, Point Comfort

Wednesday, Dec 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 am Henry Jedlicka
by Gladys Veit

Sunday, Dec 12

10:30 am Benjamin & Agnes Wagner

St. Joseph, Port O'Connor

Tuesday, Dec 7

Vigil of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 pm Blanch Flores
by Lois Campos

Saturday, Dec 11

7:00 pm Betty Bell
by Jay Cohen & Cheryl Carroll

St. Patrick, Seadrift

Thursday, Dec 9

9:00 am Francis Anderle
by Benny Hajak

Sunday, Dec 12

8:30 am Juan Carabajal
by Wife & Family

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation**

**Tuesday, December 7
Vigil**

5:30 pm OLG 7:00 pm St. Joseph

Wednesday, December 8

8:05 am, 12:05 pm, 7:00 pm OLG
9:00 am St. Ann 7:00 pm St. Patrick

**Mañanitas a La Virgin
5:30 am OLG Church**

Mañanitas & Liturgy at church followed by coffee & donuts at St. Jude Hall. Everyone is invited.

Mañanitas y Liturgia en la iglesia. Desayuno despues en el salon de San Judas. Todos son envidados.

**OLG Mass Schedule
Sunday, December 12**

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:00 am, 9:30 am (english)
11:15 am (spanish)

Everyone is invited to join the Hispanic Ministry in celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the Bauer Community Center at 1:00 pm. Enjoy Mariachi, drama, baile de niños (children's dance), cantos (singing), food.

Readings
December 5, 2010
Third Sunday of Advent

Reading I
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Reading II
James 5:7-10

Gospel
Matthew 11:2-11

Last Sunday's Collection
November 28, 2010

OLG \$4965.77

St. Joseph \$675.00

St. Ann \$5496.00

St. Patrick \$303.50

Next weekend's second collection is for the Religious Retirement Fund. Please be generous.

Altar Servers

December 11 - 6:30 pm
Mason Elgin, Tristan Freeman, Reilly Low

December 12 - 8:00 am
Natalie Lyssy, Steven Bonuz, Gabrielle Bonuz

10:00 am
Jazmine Rendon, Brittney Dybala, Brianna Dybala

12:00 pm
Arturo Rico, Jorge Rios, JP Piña

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**OLG Daycare Lil Mariners (3 yr. old group)
& OLG Mariners**



“The Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive”

If you and your family are able to participate,
please bring in a new pair of pajamas to the school by
Thursday, December 8th.

Here are some simple guidelines for the pajamas:

- Pajamas must be brand-new.
- Pajamas in all sizes are needed—from newborn to adult.
- Pajamas must be in complete sets or nightgowns.
- Pajamas in children’s sizes must be manufactured as pajamas—
this ensures that they are flame-retardant and safe.

**OLG Catholic School
and Catholic Life Insurance
Catholic School Sweepstakes**

\$5.00 each ticket

Tickets due January 15, 2011

For more information or tickets
call the school at 552-6140 ext. 202.

**Story of
Our Lady of Guadalupe
& Juan Diego
(in spanish)
OLG Church
Thursday, December 9
7:00 pm**

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
“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.

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.

**Novena to
Our Lady of Guadalupe**

A novena in spanish to Our Lady of
Guadalupe will be prayed in the
church from December 3 -11.

Everyone is invited to attend.

**Novena a
Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**

Un Novena en español a Nuestra
Señora de Guadalupe se rezará el día 3
al 11 de diciembre. Todos son invitados.

Dates/Fechas

Dec 5, 7:00 pm	Dec 6, 6:30 pm
Dec 7, 7:00 pm	Dec 8, 8:00 pm
Dec 9, 7:00 pm	Dec 10, 7:00pm
Dec 11, 7:45 pm	
Dec 12, 5:30 am	Las Mañanitas

OLG Altar Society Meeting

Thursday, December 9, 6:30 pm

Home of Wanda Roberts
107 Harbor Dr., Port Lavaca

Officers for 2011-12 to be elected
followed by a Christmas dinner.
All members asked to bring a
covered dish. Prospective
members also welcomed.

Retrouvaille...

A Lifeline for Marriage

It is designed to provide the tools to help
get your marriage back on track. This
program has helped 10's of 1000's of
couples experiencing marital difficulty at
all levels including disillusionment and
deep misery. 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

Adoracion en español

hoy domingo día 5 de diciembre al las
2:30 pm en la iglesia.

Todos estan invitados.

Adoration in spanish
today, Sunday at 2:30 pm in the church.

Everyone is invited.

Scrip Cards for



Purchase Scrip cards and use them just
like other gift cards. Special order
Scrip cards from hundreds of vendors
nationwide. Order forms are available
at the parish office or call Mary Reyes
Mary Reyes phone at 361-482-9932 or
email olgscrip2010@yahoo.com
Deadline for Christmas orders is
Wednesday, December 8 at 4:00pm for
pickup on Wednesday, December 15.

**Advent
Giving Tree
(Angel Tree)**



The tree is up! Please
help to make
s o m e o n e ' s
Christmas a little
brighter. Offer your
prayers of joy, health and happiness
to your angel, along with the gift.
Angel gifts are due back by
December 14.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe
Coloring Contest**

Ages 2 & up (adults too!)

Deadline:

December 8, 2010 5:00 p.m.

Return entries to: Parish Office

Include your name, age and telephone number.

Prize awarded to one winner in each

of the following age groups:

- 2 - 4 yr. olds, 5 - 9 yr. olds.,
- 10 - 13 yr. olds., 13 & up