



# Advent

*~ a time for preparation ~*



With Mary , we bring people to Christ to live the love of God

## mass times & information

**SAT** 4:00 p.m. (Vigil)  
**SUN** 8:00 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.  
**MON** 7:30 a.m.  
**TUE** 7:30 a.m.  
**WED** 7:30 a.m.  
**THU** 7:30 a.m.  
**FRI** 8:30 a.m.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**MON** 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**TUE** 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**WED** 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**THU** 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**FRI** 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**SAT** Closed  
**SUN** Closed  
**Holidays** — Closed

### BAPTISMS

Please call the Faith Formation Office (313-884-7407) during the last months of pregnancy to arrange for Baptism classes and schedule the Sacrament. Everyone has a right to their own sacramental certificate. No one has the right to another person's certificate, except: the parent/guardian of a minor child. (Archdiocese of Detroit)

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:00 pm or by appointment

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ MINISTRY TO THE SICK

The Church strongly encourages people to receive the Sacrament (Anointing) of the Sick at the early stages of serious sickness or before serious surgeries.

In emergency situations needing the prompt attention of a priest, please call the parish office.

### MARRIAGE

Archdiocesan law requires advance notice of at least six months.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Newcomers to the parish may register in the Parish Office during regular office hours. Others, please notify the Parish Office of address changes. **Adults over 21** need to be registered as an individual member to be considered a Catholic in Good Standing.

**Hearing devices are available for use during Mass. Please ask an usher for assistance.**

## Half and Half from Msgr. Gary Smetanka



Well we are getting closer to the day and season of Christmas. I am sure there is an increase of activity as we move forward. As the weeks of Advent progress and the days of Christmas approach, our minds turn to the wonder and joy of the Incarnation of Jesus – the Word of God made flesh for our sake.

Hopefully, the days of Advent have been good ones for us in taking at least some time to pause and reflect on the mystery we are about to celebrate next week. How great, how beautiful, how blessed we are that the Lord became like us, except in sin, so that we might become more like Him. That is our goal and our hope.

During this week, if you have your manger up already, take some time to look and examine your Christmas manger or crib. Examine the features and expressions on the Holy Family, the shepherds and kings. Imagine your own expression if you were there! Imagine the wonder and awe of what this little child can do for your life!! As you look at this scene, pray this little prayer:

*Lord, we pray before this Christmas crib, and await the feast of the birth of the Holy Child. Call forth the child from within each of us; cause us to wonder and to rejoice again in this most ancient feast. With the shepherds we come to the birth of Christ, seeking a simple celebration. The greatest gift will be ourselves given to you, Our God, and to each other. May the star of Bethlehem, which shone brightly over the first crib, stand guard over us filling us and all the earth with light and peace.*

\*\* There are at least three opportunities this week to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (individual Confession). The first is Monday 6 - 8 pm and the second is Tuesday, 2 - 4 pm. You will find a number of our local parishes in the SERF Vicariate having the same schedule as we "keep the light on" just for you. I will also be available for private confessions this Thursday, Dec. 16 from 1 until 2 pm in church. Please take the opportunity to experience this Grace-filled Sacrament and make straight the highway for our Lord.

\*\* A reminder to please try and be on time for the start of Mass. Many people still seem to be coming 5, 10 even 20 minutes late. Leaving the house a few minutes earlier should do the trick.

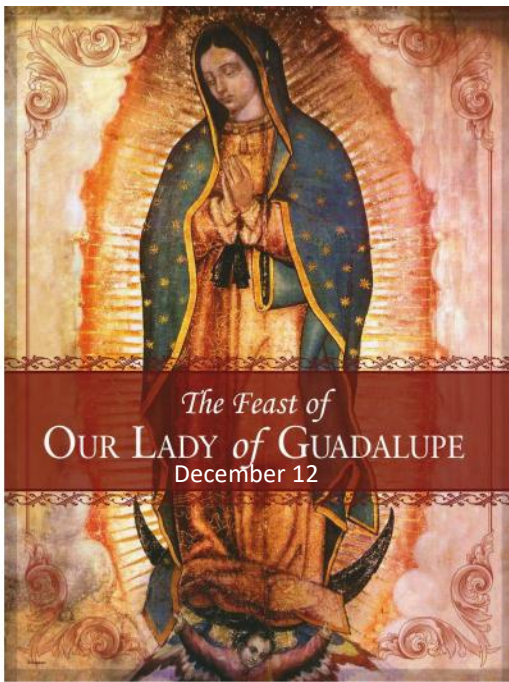
\*\* Our Knights of Columbus Council need all your orders for the honey glazed, spiral sliced, hams to be placed by Wednesday Dec. 15, for pick up on Wednesday, Dec. 22. Thanks for your support on the hams, supporting our Knights, and all that you do for the parish.

\*\* The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra will perform their Holiday Concert tonight (Sunday) at 7:30 pm. Ticket information can be found on the GPSO website, or by calling the Grosse Pointe War Memorial (313-881-7511).

May you be touched by the powerful presence of the Lord as we prepare and celebrate His coming!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka





**Monday, December 13**

7:30 a.m. +Veronica Yuhase

**Tuesday, December 14**

7:30 a.m. +Rosalie Baratta  
+Donald Abood

**Wednesday, December 15**

7:30 a.m. +Susie Pifer Cerwin

**Thursday, December 16**

7:30 a.m. +Elsie & William Connors

**Friday, December 17**

8:30 a.m. +Nancy Fodell  
+Mary Lou O'Brien

**Saturday, December 18**

4:00 p.m. +Deceased Members  
of the Ronzi Family  
+Anne Marie Shaheen  
+Kristina Mulder  
+Claude Richards  
+Donald R. Jaeger

**Sunday, December 19**

8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners

9:30 a.m. +Catherine Jaboro  
+Marilyn Bourgojn  
+Arthur Molitor  
+Terry Trimmer

11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski  
+Eugene Ignasiak  
+William Collins  
+Kristina Mulder  
+Gino Cavaliere  
+Susan Amine



**Scripture Readings**

Readings for the Week of December 12, 2021

- Sunday**      **Third Sunday of Advent**  
Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
- Monday**     **Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**  
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9;  
Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday**    **Memorial of Saint John of the Cross,**  
**Priest and Doctor of the Church**  
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23;  
Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday**    Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14;  
Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday**    Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Lk 7:24-30
- Friday**        Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Saturday**     Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Sunday**        **Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45



# JOIN US IN AN ADVENT FOOD DRIVE

Everyday during the month of December, place an item from the list below in a box and pray for those listed in red. After Christmas, donate the box to one of the organizations listed below.

<b>1.</b> Box of cereal The homeless	<b>2.</b> Peanut Butter Underprivileged children	<b>3.</b> Jelly Farmers	<b>4.</b> Boxed potatoes Unemployed	<b>5.</b> Mac-&-cheese Underemployed
<b>6.</b> Canned fruit Seniors	<b>7.</b> Canned tomatoes The poor	<b>8.</b> Canned tuna Struggling families	<b>9.</b> Dessert mix Those affected by storms	<b>10.</b> Applesauce Shelters
<b>11.</b> Canned yams The sick	<b>12.</b> Toothpaste Understanding of God's will	<b>13.</b> Bar of soap The hungry	<b>14.</b> Saltines Those with addictions	<b>15.</b> Rice Those released from prison
<b>16.</b> Oatmeal Single parents	<b>17.</b> Pasta Victims of abuse	<b>18.</b> Spaghetti sauce Sick children	<b>19.</b> Chicken Noodle Soup Mentally ill	<b>20.</b> Tomato Soup Those caring for homeless
<b>21.</b> Canned corn The dying	<b>22.</b> Canned carrots Those seeking basic needs	<b>23.</b> Green beans Those in foster care	<b>24.</b> Deoderant Displaced families	<b>25.</b> Blessed Christmas!

## St. Lucy Parish

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**All orders are due no later than Wednesday, December 15**



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**PICK UP**

**Wednesday, December 22**

**3:00 pm –6:00 pm**

**Under Church Canopy**

# FORMING OUR FAITH

*“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.” — 1 John 1:1*

## *Gaudate Sunday*

The Third Sunday of Advent is also called “Gaudate” Sunday, which means “Rejoice!” But what are we rejoicing over? That we get to spend time with those we love? That it’s time for our favorite Christmas traditions again? That Jesus is in our lives? Yes to all of the above. But is there an even stronger reason to have Joy this Christmas season.



### Someone Has Come to Fight:

### The Kerygma

Fr. John Riccardo from *Acts XXIX* proclaims the ultimate reason to have Joy every day of our lives. Hear him describe exactly what God has done for us by typing in the link below, or searching “Someone Has Come to Fight: The Kerygma” on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XqafKxFiktQ>

For more from Fr. John on the Kerygma, visit *Acts XXIX* at their YouTube channel below:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/>



Advent is a great time to bolster your prayer life and make room for Our Lord in your heart! Formed helps us do that, not only with daily reflections from Dr. Tim Gray, but with “Adore,” a new series of reflections for each week of Advent.



<https://watch.formed.org/adore-advent-reflections-with-fr-john-burns>.

If you haven’t already, logging in is very simple! Enter our ZIP Code (48236) and find Our Lady Star of the Sea. Then you can start browsing resources on our rich Catholic Faith!

### Faith Formation Office Hours

Monday: **8 AM — 2PM**

Tuesday through Friday: **8AM—4PM**

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## Music Notes from Glenn Miller

Musical Musings – Kyrie eleison / Lord, have mercy, / For you, O Lord...

I am writing these musings from Portland, Oregon, where I am singing with the professional chamber choir, Cappella Romana in the west coast premiere of Benedict Sheehan's setting of the *Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom* under the direction of the composer. A couple of summers ago – pre-pandemic – this work was recorded by his St. Tikhon's Choir, a project which I had the privilege of being a part of, and most recently the recording was named a finalist in the 2022 Grammy awards. The liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is the Orthodox equivalent of the Holy Mass, the very summit of Church's worship and sacrifice. (The full recording is available on YouTube, you'll find it simply by doing a search for Benedict Sheehan, Liturgy of St John Chrysostom; I highly recommend listening and praying it this Advent season.)

Two central features of the Liturgy are the many times the words, "Lord, have mercy," or its Greek translation, "Kyrie eleison" is chanted, (a text we sing at the beginning of Mass) and also the extensive litanies that are prayed. A litany is a prayer consisting of a series of invocations and supplications by the leader with responses repeated by the congregation, an example of which is the Litany of the Saints. With the tragic events that unfolded locally in Oxford, singing these litanies in concert here in the Pacific Northwest and in the liturgy in prayer certainly took on deeper resonance, as did the beautiful hymn we have been singing during this season during communion which itself is a litany:

*For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits,  
Truly my hope is in you.*

*O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory,  
Your radiance shines in all who look to you,  
Come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.*

*O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits,  
Our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word,  
Come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.*

*O Root of Life, implant your seed within us,  
And in your advent draw us all to you,  
Our hope reborn in dying and in rising.*

*O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage,  
We ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain,  
Open to us the pathway of your peace.*

With this in mind, about our closing organ voluntary this weekend, a piece simply titled, *Litanies*, its composer, Jehan Alain, writes: "When the Christian soul in its distress finds no new words with which to implore God's mercy, it repeats endlessly the same invocation with strong faith. Reason having attained its zenith, Faith alone reaches on high." Alain wrote about playing this piece. "Prayer is not a lament but a devastating tornado, flattening everything in its way. It is also an obsession. You must fill people's ears with it, and God's ears too"

Lord, have mercy. Lord, hear our prayer.

OUR LADY  
STAR OF THE SEA



2021 DIRECTORY  
OF PARISHIONERS

### 2022 Parish Directory

We will be printing the 2022 Directory in February. If you did not fill out an updated registration form earlier this year and need to update your information, please email Debby, [d.veltri@stargp.org](mailto:d.veltri@stargp.org), with your updated information. This included phone numbers, and addresses, if you want or don't want them published. The directory information will be sent to the publisher in early January.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN YOUR MINISTRY



Many Blessings to Msgr. Smetanka on the  
39th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood.

(December 11, 1982)



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**"O Come Let Us Adore Him"**

"In dryness, just stay with Him. Mary will love and adore. 'It is good for us to be here,' even if attention wanders, like a child with its mother. Our very presence tells Jesus we love Him" (Edel Quinn, Servant of God).

*The chapel is open many hours for prayer. The hour is filled with graces that pour out to you, your family, our parish, our community, and our world. Please do not underestimate your sacrifice of time. Our Lord cannot be outdone in generosity when we give to Him of ourselves in prayer.*

## A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love you above all things  
and I desire to receive you in my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if  
you were already there  
and unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be  
separated from you.  
Amen.

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[www.OLSOS-Auction.org](http://www.OLSOS-Auction.org)



# Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

## 2021 Christmas Schedule

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 3 pm  
until all have been heard.

Monday Dec 13, 6:00—8:00 pm  
Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2:00—4:00 pm  
Thursday, Dec. 16, 1:00 -2:00 pm  
Tuesday, Dec. 21, 7:00 -8:30 pm

### Christmas Eve

4:00 pm, 4:15 pm (gym), 6:00 pm and 11:00 pm  
*Musical prelude begins at 10:30 pm*

### Christmas Day

9:30 am and 11:30 am

### Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, Dec. 26  
8:00 am, 9:30 am,  
and 11:30 am

### Mary, Holy Mother of God

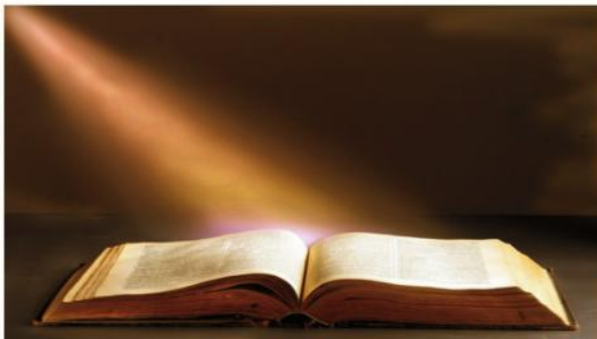
*Not a Holyday of Obligation this year*  
Friday, Dec. 31, 4:00 pm

### Solemnity of the Epiphany

Saturday, Jan. 1, 4:00 pm  
Sunday, Jan. 2, 8:00 am,  
9:30 am and 11:30 am.

Please visit our website [www.olsos.org](http://www.olsos.org)  
for the latest information or updates to this schedule or call the parish office at 313-884-5554.

## Thursday Morning Men's Fellowship



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- The AMen



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## In memoriam

12/13/1977	Antionette Schoenmakers
12/13/1978	Isabella Smith
12/13/1982	Florence MacLelland
12/13/1994	Barbara Boqusz
12/13/1995	Gloria DaDeppo
12/13/2000	Louis Polombit
12/13/2006	Cecelia Ellis
12/13/2016	Gordon Snow
12/13/2020	Jeff Kraus
12/14/1975	Josephine Niedeck
12/14/1983	Mary Karpinski
12/14/1989	Ralph Cadieux
12/14/2009	Mildred Maertens
12/14/2014	Marie Caldwell
12/14/2019	James Eckerman
12/15/1982	William Hendricks
12/15/2002	Daniel Fricker
12/15/2012	Susan Amine
12/16/1963	Ada Salyers
12/16/1974	Edmund Tomaszewski
12/16/1977	Alice Major
12/16/1993	Thomas J. Zink
12/16/2004	Salvatore Russo
12/16/2007	Lucy Ponczocha
12/17/1955	Mary Gutowski
12/17/1972	John DeVos
12/17/1984	Dominic Marasco
12/17/1994	Ray Laethem, Sr.
12/18/1963	Martin Hoffmann
12/18/1978	Cletus Welling
12/18/1997	(Pat) Donna Lee
12/18/2003	Terrance Hogan
12/18/2006	Joseph Quasarano
12/18/2008	Francis Blake
12/19/1980	Harold Stock
12/19/1985	Sondra Ayers
12/19/1988	Veronica A. Hourd
12/19/1997	Margery Long
12/19/2005	Vincent Simonelli
12/19/2009	Patricia Rauss
12/19/2011	Maria Consuelo Gorski
12/19/2015	Katherine Tazzia

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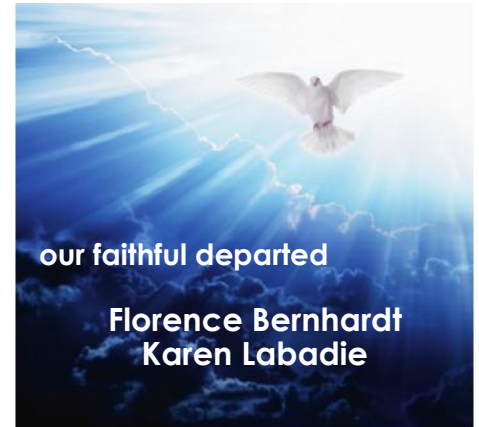
### the sick

Angela Agrusa, Robert Caldwell,  
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Virg Ditty, Joseph Drader,  
Angela Harris, Joyce Janowski,  
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Fr. Francis Weingartz,

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Kyle Lechner, Thomas Miller,  
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