



PELICAN VALLEY

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Elizabeth: After 6:30 p.m. Mass (Thu)

St. Leonard: After 6:30 p.m. Mass (Wed)

Our Lady of Victory: 8:30 a.m. *Thursday*
if there is a 9:00 a.m. Mass
3:30 p.m. Saturday

OLV Adoration

7:00–7:45 a.m. Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday
12:30–5:00 p.m. Tuesday after Mass
7:00–8:45 a.m. Thursday

OLV Rosary

8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday



THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

LA SAGRADA FAMILIA

El niño iba creciendo y fortaleciéndose, se llenaba de
sabiduría y la gracia de Dios estaba con él. - Lc 2, 40

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Church & Office Hours:

St. Elizabeth: Carrie Wedll 218 731-5304

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Office Hours: 3:00–6:00 (Wed)

Our Lady of Victory: Don Cole

218-736-2429, ext. 10

Church Hours: 7:45 to 4:00 (Mon-Fri)

Office Hours: 9:00 to Noon

and 1:00 to 4:00 (Mon-Thu), 9:00 to noon (Fri)

PASTORAL COLUMN

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph this weekend with the New Year of 2024 so soon to be here! We pray for blessings of the Christ Child, His mother Mary, and foster father Joseph to descend upon each of our families, helping us also to be holy and loving. And may we be forgiving as Jesus is forgiving of us!

With New Years Day falling on a Monday this year, the **January 1** holy day of obligation in honor of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is "waived". So we will have only one Mass on Monday, in honor of Mary and to pray for world peace, and that will be at Our Lady of Victory, 9:30 a.m. All are invited!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been generous to our parishes this Christmas, and also in your end-of-the-year giving. What a beautiful gift we've been entrusted with: the gift of our faith. May we cherish our faith, our Church, our parish family and Catholic community. Your financial support of our parishes is necessary and appreciated: to be faithful, consistent and generous with our stewardship in the New Year could be a great New Years resolution!

I thank you too for all the Christmas kindness and generosity you have shown to me with cards, pictures, prayers, gifts and treats. Christmas is a humbling time for us pastors, always a reminder that we're loved. I try to be extra generous to others in return!

May God bless you and keep you, let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you now and throughout the New Year!

Fr. Alan

Este fin de semana celebramos la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José ¡Con el Año Nuevo de 2024 tan pronto por llegar! Oramos por las bendiciones del Niño Jesús, Su madre María, y su padre adoptivo José descendieron sobre cada una de nuestras familias, ayudándonos también a nosotros para ser santos y amorosos. ¡Y que seamos perdonadores como Jesús nos perdona a nosotros!

Dado que el día de Año Nuevo cae en lunes este año, el día sagrado de precepto del 1 de enero en honor a María, la Santa Madre de Dios está "exenta". Así que tendremos una sola misa el lunes, en honor a María y para orar por la paz mundial, y será en Nuestra Señora de la Victoria, a las 9:30 a.m. ¡Todos están invitados!

Me gustaría aprovechar esta oportunidad para agradecer a todos los que han sido generosos con nuestras parroquias esta Navidad, y también en sus donaciones de fin de año. Qué hermoso regalo se nos ha confiado: el don de nuestra fe.

Que apreciemos nuestra fe, nuestra Iglesia, nuestra familia parroquial y la comunidad católica. Su apoyo financiero a

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 30

4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Greg Reisenauer

Sunday, December 31

8:30 a.m. **SE Mass** †Bev and †Tony Wedll

9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Joan Pawlowski

10:30 a.m. **SL Mass** People of the Pelican Valley
ACC

12:00 p.m. **SL Misa en Español**

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Monday, January 1 *Parish offices closed*

9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Stan Fuxa and †Brian Fuxa

Tuesday, January 2

12:05 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Nicolle Braaten-Toso

Wednesday, January 3

10:30 a.m. **Veterans Home Mass** †Jeremy Leopold

6:30 p.m. **SL Word and Communion**

Thursday, January 4

9:00 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Denise Busko

Friday, January 5

9:00 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Jack Jonas

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 6

4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Lynn Lanus

Sunday, January 8

8:30 a.m. **SE Mass** †Bev and †Tony Wedll

9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Tom Copa

10:30 a.m. **SL Mass** People of the Pelican Valley
ACC

12:00 p.m. **SL Misa en Español**

Adoration schedule is on the front page of this bulletin

nuestras parroquias es necesario y apreciado: ser fieles, coherentes y generosos con nuestra mayordomía en el Año Nuevo podría ser ¡Un gran propósito de Año Nuevo!

Os agradezco también toda la bondad y generosidad navideña que me habéis mostrado con tarjetas, fotos, oraciones, regalos y golosinas. La Navidad es un tiempo de humildad para nosotros los pastores, siempre un recordatorio de que somos amados. ¡Trato de ser más generoso con los demás a cambio!

¡Que Dios te bendiga y te guarde, que Su rostro brille sobre ti y sea misericordioso contigo ahora y durante todo el Año Nuevo!

P. Alan

ST. ELIZABETH

OF HUNGARY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bob Swiontek, Jack Quackenbush (grandson of Darrell and Sandy Hanneman), Jennifer Kolstad, John Schauff, Charlotte Schmitz (granddaughter of Mary Marquardt), Kandace Love, Marlys Holubok, Darrell and Sandy Hanneman, Kathleen Grise, Walt Paler's sister Barbara, Hudson Hendrickx, Kay Henkes, Jerry Schauff, Pat Baker, Kayla Pask and Joan Brusven, Jim Wedll, Tyler Kurtz, Jean Lehn, and Deacon Pete and his family, those that suffer from effects of drugs and alcohol, and those with cancer.

ST. LEONARD

OF PORT MAURITIUS

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE THAT SERVE

throughout the year in our different events, committees, and councils. If you are interested in serving in any way during Mass, please contact Alejandra.

OPEN DATES FOR MASS INTENTIONS at St. Leonard Parish. Call Jennifer at the OLV office to schedule. 218-736-2429 ext. 15.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Austin Lee, Claudia Cruz, Laura Saavedra, Rosalva Martínez, Judy Marko, Ardean Erickson, Ross Olson, Joyce Valley, Rudy Butenas, Jerry Stokka, Tom Johnson, Tony Vigen, Denice Smischny, Jack Geske, Marilyn Jentz, Marilyn Gilbertson, Marilyn Schwartz, and LeAnn Ishaug.



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OUR LADY OF VICTORY

ATTENTION OLV MINISTRY MEMBERS

Please update your availability for the February through April 2024 ministry schedule. This includes Lent and Easter. The schedule will be finalized mid January. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS GRATITUDE

Thank you for all of the gifts, cards, and well-wishes; and even some food that came my way. A very generous people in this parish. Thank you! *Deacon Chuck*

SUNDAY, WEDNESDAY FAITH FORMATION

There will no Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 Mass on December 31st.

There are no Wednesday Faith Formation classes the week of December 31st.

FACILITY CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Our Finance Council, Trustees, and parish administration would like to update you on our **Facility Campaign**. As of December 26, we have raised \$32,000 of our \$200,000 goal. You can see our fundraising on the "thermometer" in the gathering space.

The Finance Council and Trustees would like to suggest that if you are prayerfully considering a donation through a qualified charitable distribution, that, given the past week's record-setting stock market performance, it may be a great time to maximize the contribution. Please visit with your financial planner to maximize any contribution.

Again, we thank you for your prayerful consideration. Many thanks to those who have contributed so far. We pray that together, we can meet the needs of our church and school. God bless you one and all.



January 1st

PELICAN VALLEY

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

ACC DIRECTORY UPDATE

Our new directory has been proofed and returned to Universal Church Directories last week. The expectation will be to have the directories in hand by mid February.

STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." - Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

The Diocesan TV Mass has been a lifeline for the homebound. Other diocesan ministries continue their work in support of faith formation, family life, Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization and vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.



PASTORAL LETTER ON THE EUCHARIST

In light of the National Eucharistic Revival, an initiative of the U.S. bishops aiming to inspire, educate and unite the faithful in a more intimate relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist, Bishop Neary was moved by the Holy Spirit to write his very first pastoral letter, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." His hope is that everyone will read the letter during this Parish Year of the Eucharistic Revival and that the people of God deepen their love and understanding of the Eucharist. There are some suggestions inside the letter about how to host small groups to learn and study together. For more information and to download the PDF of the pastoral letter, visit www.stcdio.org/2023-pastoral-letter.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CONTINUED

OLV MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Music Ministries -"All are Welcome"

Cantor

The Cantor is responsible for greeting assembly as Mass begins and providing musical leadership that fosters the "full, active and conscious participation" of the assembly. This ministry requires an audition.

Choir Member

Choir Members play a special role in leading the congregation musically during weekend, holiday, wedding, funeral, and other special Masses throughout the year. As there are numerous opportunities available, one can sing as little or as much as desired.

Handbell Choir

The Handbell Choir enhances liturgical music. Members need not have experience playing bells but should be able to follow tempo beats and read a line of notes.

Instrumentalist

Instrumentalists are a very important component for enhancing the sung prayer of the community during Mass, as they provide a foundation for congregational singing. Whether you play piano, organ, guitar, a string, reed or wind instrument, we are always looking for instrumentalists to assist with weekend, holiday, wedding, funeral, and other Masses throughout the year. Though we welcome instrumentalists to join us during weekend Masses, having the added beauty of additional instruments is especially important during the holidays and other special Masses. All ages are invited.

Contact our Choir Director, Paula Leitch, if you are interested in participating in this important ministry: **218-736-2429**.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please call: Jo Weatherly 218-736-4938, Louise Wentworth 218-770-0473, Alice Neuleib 218-205-9007 to become involved with or to add your intentions to the prayer chain.

Web Sites:

OLV..... www.ffolvchurch.org
School..... www.ffolvschool.org
St. Leonard . www.stleonardpr.org
Diocese www.stcdio.org

Facebook Pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/StLeonardPR>
<https://www.facebook.com/stelizabethparish>
<https://www.facebook.com/Our Lady of Victory>