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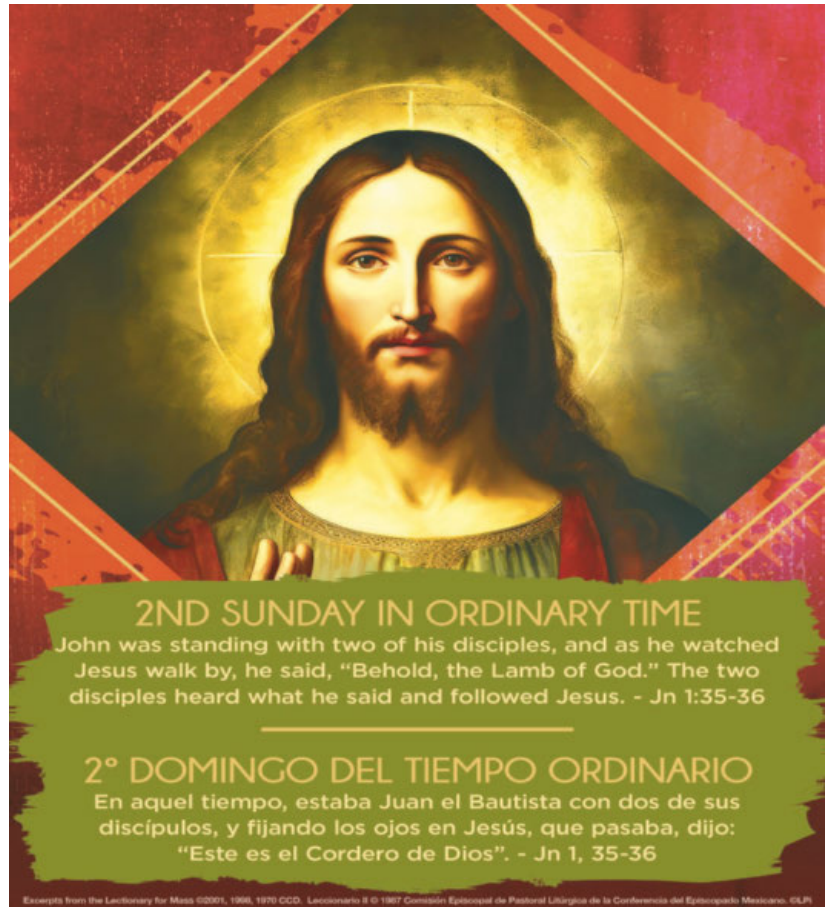
St. Leonard: After 6:30 p.m. Mass (Wed)  
Our Lady of Victory: 8:30 a.m. *Thursday*  
*if there is a 9:00 a.m. Mass*  
3:30 p.m. Saturday

### 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



### Church & Office Hours:

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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 return to a brief interlude of Ordinary Time on the liturgical calendar before Lent begins, with Ash Wednesday on February 14. Yes, the Fish Fry people at OLV are already putting their heads together, planning and organizing another great season of serving up walleye dinners! It doesn't seem like I've been back from sabbatical already two months, but I have. I still feel the energy from that time of renewal...just as we've all been renewed by the joy we've experienced this Christmas.

With the impending arrival of Father Lucho, our Pelican Valley ACC enters another phase, returning to being served by two full time priests along with all the deacons and other great servant leaders of our parishes. The last I heard from Bishop Patrick, his plan is to assign Father Lucho as parochial vicar of all three parishes. We have been blessed by the service of our retired priest team, and they will continue to help out when needed. But we welcome Father Lucho with open arms and it will be wonderful to work together with him to serve the needs of all. The exact date of his arrival and when he can "start work" is presently being determined with the assistance of our diocesan immigration lawyer. But it should be within the coming weeks.

Let us pray this weekend that our ACC business manager Mayme Hofland has returned safely from Guatemala and for her good health now and in the future.

God Bless you all! Father Alan

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Volvemos a un breve interludio del Tiempo Ordinario en el calendario litúrgico antes de que comience la Cuaresma, con el Miércoles de Ceniza el 14 de febrero. Sí, la gente de Fish Fry en OLV ya está juntando sus cabezas, planeando y organizando otra gran temporada de cenas de luciopercas. No parece que haya vuelto ya dos meses sabáticos, pero lo he hecho. Todavía siento la energía de ese tiempo de renovación... así como todos hemos sido renovados por la alegría que hemos experimentado esta Navidad.

Con la inminente llegada del Padre Lucho, nuestro ACC de Pelican Valley entra en otra fase, volviendo a ser atendido por dos sacerdotes de tiempo completo junto con todos los diáconos y otros grandes líderes de servicio de nuestras parroquias. Lo último que escuché del Obispo Patrick es que su plan es asignar al Padre Lucho como vicario parroquial de las tres parroquias.

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Saturday, January 13

4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Agnes Mortell

#### Sunday, January 14

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

9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Dianne Todd

10:30 a.m. **SL Mass** †George Vohnoutka

12:00 p.m. **SL Misa en Español**

#### Monday, January 15

9:00 a.m. **OLV Word and Communion**

#### Tuesday, January 16

12:05 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Roy Scheidecker

#### Wednesday, January 17

10:00 a.m. **Broen Word and Communion**

6:30 p.m. **SL Mass** †Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### Thursday, January 18

9:00 a.m. **OLV School Mass** †Jerome Ringwelski

#### Friday, January 19

9:00 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Virginia Vikesland

### The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Saturday, January 20

4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Marge Weiland

#### Sunday, January 21

8:30 a.m. **SE Mass** Mary Jo Robish

9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Joan Forstner

10:30 a.m. **SL Mass** †Holy Souls in Purgatory

12:00 p.m. **SL Misa en Español**

*Adoration schedule is on the front page of this bulletin*

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Hemos sido bendecidos por el servicio de nuestro equipo de sacerdotes jubilados, y continuarán ayudando cuando sea necesario. Pero recibimos al Padre Lucho con los brazos abiertos y será maravilloso trabajar junto a él para atender las necesidades de todos. La fecha exacta de su llegada y cuándo puede "comenzar a trabajar" se está determinando actualmente con la asistencia de nuestro abogado diocesano de inmigración. Pero debería ser en las próximas semanas.

Oremos este fin de semana para que nuestra gerente comercial de ACC, Mayme Hofland, haya regresado sana y salva de Guatemala y por su buena salud ahora y en el futuro.

Que Dios los bendiga a todos! Padre Alan

# ST. ELIZABETH

OF HUNGARY

## **CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MEETING**

At St. Elizabeth, January 21st., after mass

## **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

## **APPRECIATION PARTY/RECEPTION FOR MARY BONGERS**

Mary has been a faithful servant at St. Leonard for many years, particularly in her most recent role as parish secretary. Mary always went the extra mile to help out where she could, assist the pastor, and serve the needs of our parishioners. You will notice she is still around helping an awful lot, however she has retired from her position of parish secretary. **LET'S COME TOGETHER IN BETWEEN MASSES ABOUT 11:20 ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 FOR COFFEE, ROLLS AND FELLOWSHIP AND TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO MARY!**

**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.

# OUR LADY OF VICTORY

## **ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT OLV**

Adult Bible Study sessions will be held Mondays at 1:00 pm in the OLV Fellowship Hall beginning January 22. This winter we will be offering the 10-week study from Ascension Press titled *Epic: The Early Church*. The cost is \$25 for just the workbook or \$32 for the workbook and online access to the videos. Please call or stop in the parish office this week to sign up.

## **FACILITY CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

We are seeing ever warmer temperatures with our campaign thermometer. **Wednesday morning January 10 we are at \$104,600.** So we are better than half way to our goal, with the offer of another \$4,200 matching funds yet for pledges/gifts during January.

Thank you, thank you to everyone for some great participation! We are well on the road towards our new roof, badly needed especially over the school, and an upgrade of lighting for our beautiful church (better to see you!). This lighting will also be better economically in the long run.

May God's face shine brightly upon all who have given to the campaign, and all who are prayerfully considering a gift!

## **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!

## **LENTEN FISH FRIES**

There will be a informational meeting for the Lenten Fish Fries on Monday January 22nd at 6PM in the fellowship hall. Anyone that is interested in helping with this event is welcome to attend.

The fish fries will start on Friday February 23 and will go till March 22nd. Sign up sheets will be online and in the gathering area. Thank you.

## **KC BREAKFAST**

There will be a Knights of Columbus Breakfast on January 28th, from 9:30 To 11:30 am. They will be accepting free will donations. Proceeds to go to the OLV School Teachers Fund.

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AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## **JOURNEY NEWSLETTER UPDATE**

The editor of The Journey newsletter for the past four years, Deb Forstner, completed her final issue with the Winter 2023 edition. She wishes to thank all who have contributed articles, pictures, and proofreading through these years. The new co-editors are Ione Koep and Mary McGovern. Welcome and thank you

## **STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE**

*“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” - John 1:38*

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

## **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](http://www.stcdio.org/2023-pastoral-letter).

## **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

## **ACC DIRECTORY UPDATE**

We expect to have the directories in hand by mid February. Thank you to everyone who had their picture taken. We look forward to this great resource for our ACC.





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