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DECEMBER 8, 2024



### 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.  
The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."  
- Lk 3:5-6*

### 2º DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

*Todo valle será rellenado, toda montaña y colina, rebajada; lo tortuoso se hará  
derecho, los caminos ásperos serán allanados y todos los hombres verán la  
salvación de Dios. - Lc 3, 5-6*

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#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

#### Church & Office Hours:

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Church Hours: 7:45 to 4:00 (Mon-Fri)  
Office Hours: 8:00 to Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 (Mon-Thu),  
8:00 to 12:00 (Fri)

# PASTORAL COLUMN

I hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving celebration. This week, we prepare to celebrate the Mother of God, the invocation of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, which is a great celebration in Nicaragua. On December 12, we will have Our Lady of Guadalupe mass and welcome new brothers and sisters who join the church through OCIA. We extend a warm welcome to our parish community of OLV! May this special time of Advent, the Child who is born soon encourage us to wait for him in prayer and loving our neighbors.

MARANATHA!

*Fr. Lucho*

Espero que hayan tenido una bonita celebración de Acción de Gracias. Esta semana nos preparamos para celebrar a la Madre de Dios, bajo la advocación de Inmaculada Concepción el 8 do diciembre, que es una gran celebracion en Nicaragua. El 12 de diciembre, tendremos misa de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Le damos la bienvenida a nuevos hermanos y hermanas que se ingresan ala iglesia a través de OCIA. ¡Le damos una cálida bienvenida a nuestra comunidad parroquial de OLV! Que este tiempo especial de Adviento, el Niño que nace pronto nos anime a esperarlo en oración y amando a nuestro prójimo.

¡MARANATHA!

*P. Lucho*



## OLV PRAYER CHAIN

Please call Jo Weatherly 218-205-0390, Louise Wentworth 218-770-0473 or Alice Neuleib 218-205-9007 to become involved with or to add your intentions to the prayer chain.

# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Saturday, December 7

8:00 a.m. OLV Mass †Jadie Dahlen  
4:30 p.m. OLV Mass †Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Sunday, December 8

8:30 a.m. OLV Mass All People of the ACC  
8:30 a.m. SE Mass †Richard Johnson  
10:30 a.m. OLV Mass †Paul Lehman  
10:30 a.m. SL Mass †Enrique Romero  
12:00 p.m. SL Misa en Español †Manuel Ramirez  
3:00 p.m. OLV Penitential service

### Monday, December 9 Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

9:00 a.m. OLV Mass All People of the ACC  
6:30 p.m. SL Mass Lopez Family

### Tuesday, December 10

12:05 p.m. OLV Mass Vocations to the Priesthood

### Wednesday, December 11

10:00 a.m. Park Gardens Mass Willie Sauer

### Thursday, December 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 a.m. OLV Mass †Jadie Dahlen  
6:00 p.m. SL Mass Karin Kratzke

### Friday, December 13

9:00 a.m. OLV Mass †Cyril Keller

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Saturday, December 14

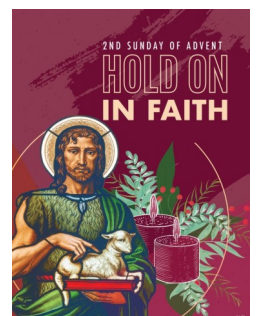
4:30 p.m. OLV Mass †Marge Weiand

### Sunday, December 15

8:30 a.m. OLV Mass †Tim Terhurne  
8:30 a.m. SE Mass Willie Sauer  
10:30 a.m. OLV Mass †Jadie Dahlen  
10:30 a.m. SL Mass †Enrique Romero  
12:00 p.m. SL Misa en Español †Enrique Romero

## ADORATION SCHEDULE

7:00—7:45 a.m. Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri  
7:00—8:45 a.m. Thursday



# ST. ELIZABETH

OF HUNGARY

# OUR LADY OF VICTORY

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Jack Quackenbush (grandson of Darrell and Sandy Hanneman), Jennifer Kolstad, Charlotte Schmitz (granddaughter of Mary Marquardt), Marlys Holubok, Hudson Hendrickx, Kay Henkes, Jerry Schauff, Pat Baker, Kayla Pask, Barbara Hall (Kris Nordick mom) and Joan 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

## 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, LeAnn Ishaug, Grave Leon Family, Jim Marty, David Fix and Esperanza Abarca.

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and Festival will be held on Thursday, December 12. We will celebrate with mass at 6 p.m., followed by a play of the apparitions (faith formation youth), songs, folk dance, dinner and raffle. The office is still taking donations for our 1st prize of \$1,000. If you would like to donate toward our first prize, please contact Alejandra. Raffle tickets are still available for \$2 each for 36 prizes! All are welcome!

## LAS POSADAS

“Las Posadas”, also known as the Christmas Novena, will be celebrated starting Sunday December 15 for 9 consecutive days leading up to Christmas. Everyone is invited to come and pray the Rosary, sing Christmas carols and dinner; all starts at 6:30pm every night.

## FAITH FORMATION RETREAT

Calling all teens grade 7-12! Join us on December 21 for a teen Advent XLT retreat! Spend the day encountering Christ through fun, fellowship, and faith! Learn more and register by scanning the QR code to the right!



## SHARE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS BAKING!

Our annual free will offering Christmas bake sale to benefit faith formation will be before and after masses the weekend of December 14–15. Please drop off treats for the sale on December 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## LOOKING FOR A SIMPLE WAY TO SUPPORT OUR LADY OF VICTORY SCHOOL?

It's as easy as saving your grocery receipts! When you shop at Service Food and turn in your receipts, OLV receives 1% cash back—just like planting a small seed that grows into a big benefit for our students. You can drop your receipts in the containers located in the gathering space or bring them to the school office. Every little bit helps us cultivate a brighter future for our children.

## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

The poinsettia symbolism is of love, hope and goodwill during Christmas. Help to decorate our church this Christmas season with love, hope and goodwill! Please bring poinsettias to the large table at the back of the Fellowship Hall until December 22. Thank you to all who bring poinsettias, love, hope and goodwill!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Please join us for breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus next week on December 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Free will offering.





# PELICAN VALLEY

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE

High Schoolers: Mark your calendars for the Steubenville St. Paul Conference happening July 25-27, 2025! We want you to join us for this awesome event where you can experience a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ! Ignite your prayer life, strengthen your faith, and be empowered to live FOR HIM! For more information or to register, contact Andrew Jennen: 701-371-1821.

## BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Blessings to you on this second week of Advent. We are very grateful to those of you who have already supported diocesan ministries through the Appeal. As of November 18, the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2024 has raised total cash and pledges of \$1,385,474 toward our goal of \$1,450,000 (98.96%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 7,583 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

### Our Lady of Victory

Needed monthly .....	\$56,667.00
Needed to date .....	\$226,667.00
Collected in October 2024 .....	\$66,280.00
Received to date .....	\$233,602.00
Surplus/Deficit .....	\$6,935.00

### St. Leonard

YTD actual revenues through October 2024 .....	\$56,792.02
YTD budgeted revenues.....	\$47,741.60
Difference .....	\$9,050.42
YTD actual expenses.....	\$63,577.19
YTD budgeted expenses .....	\$73,356.48
Difference .....	\$9,779.29
YTD actual gain/loss .....	\$(6,785.17)
YTD budgeted gain/loss .....	\$(25,614.88)
Difference .....	\$18,829.71

### St. Elizabeth

Needed monthly .....	\$5,416.67
Needed to date .....	\$21,667.00
Collected in October 2024 .....	\$5,713.00
Received to date .....	\$22,539.00
Surplus/Deficit .....	\$872.00

### Web sites:

OLV.....[www.ffolvchurch.org](http://www.ffolvchurch.org)  
 School.....[www.ffolvschool.org](http://www.ffolvschool.org)  
 St. Leonard.....[www.stleonardpr.org](http://www.stleonardpr.org)  
 Diocese.....[www.stcdio.org](http://www.stcdio.org)

### Facebook Pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/StLeonardPR>  
<https://www.facebook.com/parishofstelizabeth>  
<https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyofVictory>

## Stewardship as a Way of Life:

*"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (Philippians 1:9-10)*

During the Christmas shopping season, it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

## Fr. Alan's address while on leave:

Fr. Alan Wielinski  
 c/o Guest House  
 1601 Joselyn Road  
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