



THE POPE'S DECEMBER INTENTIONS FOR 2018

Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.



COOKIES FOR SHUT-INS: Your response to this request was well beyond expectations! Each of our 74 shut-ins received a beautiful tin containing over four dozen cookies. The 26 residents at the Underhill Residence at Erb and Avondale each received a box also filled with cookies. All of the recipients of your generosity were touched by this gesture of kindness. May your celebration of Christmas be filled with joy as you recall the happiness your cookies brought to those special people within our community. Thank you for making this tradition at Lourdes so successful. with prayers Fr. Rafal

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY (USHERS): Men and women of the parish are invited to serve as ministers of hospitality (ushers) on Christmas Eve (5:00 and 7:00 p.m.) and at midnight Mass as we welcome one and all to our parish for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BEARERS: Volunteers are needed to serve as gift bearers at our Christmas Masses: 5:00 p.m. (Pageant) and 7:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, midnight Mass and 9:00 a.m. on Christmas Day. You are also welcome to volunteer as gift bearers for New Year's Eve/Day.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY CHOIRS



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CHOIRS! Once again, we are offering you an opportunity to help us with Christmas music by joining one of our special Christmas Choirs. If you are interested in helping at the Christmas Eve 5:00 Family Mass and Pageant, please sign up on the music stand in the church vestibule. There will be a rehearsal on Sat., Dec. 22 in the Choir Loft from 1:00-2:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping at the Christmas Eve 7:00 or the

Christmas Day 9:00 Mass, please sign up on the list on the music stand in the vestibule. The rehearsal for these Masses will be on Sat., Dec 22 from 10:00 a.m. - Noon. Refreshments will be provided! Thank you for helping make Christmas at Our Lady of Lourdes very special!



CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTE: During the Holy Season of Christmas, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes to be placed in the church in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes are a sign of remembrance and an expression of faith in Christ's promise of eternal life. Forms are available at the church entrances if you wish to make such a tribute. The floral tribute sheets will be placed in the sanctuary in a gift-wrapped box. Those loved ones named will be remembered at all the Masses during the Christmas season.



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PASTOR:	Rev. Rafal Tomon
DEACON:	Rev. Mr. Phong Hoang
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:	Mrs. Patrycja Wiecek Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
SUNDAY MASSES:	Saturday 7:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday 2:00 p.m. Vietnamese Martyrs Community Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:	By appointment – please phone the parish office
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:	Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon Twenty minutes before weekday Masses or by appointment
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:	By appointment – please phone the parish office
BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS:	Last Sunday of each month after all Masses
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:	Church door collections – last Sunday of each month

Announced Mass intentions for December 17 to December 23, 2018

Monday.....	8:30 a.m.	+Ettore Volpini – Charmaine & Frank Volpini & Family
Tuesday.....	7:00 p.m.	+Carmen Leon Ponciano – Ligia Ponciano
Wednesday.....	8:30 a.m.	+Pearl Misersky – Miriam Jayasundera
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	+Roland Austrup – Margaret Austrup
Friday.....	8:30 a.m.	+Michael Murray – Rosemarie Murray
Saturday	7:00 p.m.....	+David Eckert – Mitzie Eckert & Family
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish
	11:00 a.m.	Special intention

Offertory collection for Sunday, December 9, 2018: \$5941.75

[Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.]



HELPING CHILDREN THROUGH OUR BOWING ANGEL: A long-standing tradition at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is the presence of the bowing angel by the manger scene, who graciously bows her head after an offering is made. Again this year, all donations received from the bowing angel will be sent to the School Sisters of Notre Dame Children’s Project in Kenya who work with children whose parents have died of HIV-AIDS. Since the bowing angel cannot digest paper, a plate will be by the angel to accept paper offerings. (Cheques should be made payable to “Our Lady of Lourdes Church”.)

TREE OF LIFE: It is a tradition here at Our Lady of Lourdes to call the large tree in the sanctuary the “*Tree of Life*” for the decorations on it reflect two of the great Christian mysteries: *birth and death*. On the tree, there will be **63 angels** each inscribed with the name of a child baptized in the parish since last Christmas, and **22 crosses** in memory of those born to eternal life. When the Christmas season is over, these personalized ornaments will be available as mementos to family members. Parents with children baptized this year are encouraged to have a photo taken with the child by the tree and to keep this with the ornament.

DIOCESAN BOOKKEEPING POLICY: As we approach year end, parishioners frequently wish to make contributions to the church that will be credited to their tax receipt for the current year. Diocesan bookkeeping policy requires that parish books close on December 31. Contributions made in January cannot be applied to 2018 offerings.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL would like to thank the staff, students and parents of Our Lady of Lourdes School for their generous support of the Angel Tree project. Hundreds of hats, mitts, gloves, scarves and socks were collected, and we have begun distributing them at our outreach lunch project, and our weekly food hamper program. The people we serve are very grateful for your generosity. Thank-you for making this happen. Merry Christmas to you and your families.

PARKING: You are reminded of the parking lot at the corner of Roslin and Alexandra which can be used by parishioners attending weekend liturgies. Parking is never permitted in the driveway beside the rectory! This must be kept open at all times as a fire route. Thank you for your understanding.

Christmas Office Hours

Christmas Eve.....	Open
Tuesday, December 25 & Wednesday, December 26.....	Closed
Thursday, December 27 & Friday, December 28.....	Closed
New Year's Eve.....	Open
Tuesday, January 1.....	Closed
Wednesday, January 2.....	Regular office hours



Christmas Season Schedule 2018

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confession Times)

Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon; twenty minutes before all weekday Masses or by appointment

Mass Schedule



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 23 9:00 a.m.
 11:00 a.m.
 2:00 p.m...(in Vietnamese)

Christmas

Monday, December 24...Christmas Eve...
 5:00 p.m.Pageant
 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25..Christmas Day...
 12:00 a.m.....midnight
 9:00 a.m.
 11:00 a.m.
 2:00 p.m.....(in Vietnamese)

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 29..... 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday, December 30 9:00 a.m.
 11:00 a.m.
 2:00 p.m.....(in Vietnamese)

Feast of Mary, Mother of God: New Year's Day

Monday, December 31..... 5:00 p.m.
 Monday, January 1, 2018..... 9:00 a.m.
 11:00 a.m.
 2:00 p.m.....(in Vietnamese)

Feast of the Epiphany.....Regular weekend Mass times

Volunteers needed! Things to sign up for during this Christmas season . . .

- Christmas Eve Family Choirs (all ages)
- Christmas/New Year's gift bearer
- Minister of Hospitality (Usher)