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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017**

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**OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH OFFICE**

**Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm**

**ST. ANDREW'S PARISH OFFICE**

**Monday-Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm**

**The Catholic Faith  
 Community of  
 Our Lady of Victory  
 and the  
 Church of St. Andrew**

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY**

**MASSES**

**Saturday (Fulfills Sunday Obligation): 5:15pm**  
**Sunday: 10:15am, 12:15pm, 5:15pm**  
**Mon. - Fri.: 7:15am, 8:15am, 12:15pm\*, 1:15pm\*\***  
**& 5:15pm\*\*\* (All in Upper Church.)**

\* Following the 12:15, the Novena of the day follows.

\*\* Following the 1:15, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the Novena of the day.

\*\*\* Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:05 pm, followed by Mass.

**Saturday: 12:15pm, 5:15pm (Vigil Mass)**

**Holidays: 8:15am & 12:15pm**

**Holy Day Vigil: 5:15pm**

**Holy Days: 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 11:45am**  
**12:15, 12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 4:45, & 5:15pm**

**CONFESSIONS**

**Mon. - Fri.: 7:45-8:15am, 12:45-1:30pm, 5:00-5:30pm**

**Sat.: 4:50-5:15pm**

**NOVENAS & DEVOTIONS**

<b>Mon.:</b> Miraculous Medal	<b>Sat.:</b> The Rosary
<b>Tues.:</b> St. Anthony	<b>1st Fri.:</b> Sacred Heart
<b>Wed.:</b> St. Jude	Novena
<b>Thurs.:</b> The Holy Spirit	<b>Fridays of Lent:</b>
<b>Fri.:</b> The Rosary	Stations of the Cross

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

After the 1:15pm Weekday Mass.  
 Benediction will be at 5:05pm, before the 5:15 Mass.

**BAPTISMS** Sundays at 1:00pm

**ST. ANDREW'S**

**MASSES**

**Sunday: 12:15pm, 5:15pm**

**Monday - Friday: 12:15pm, 1:15pm**

**CONFESSIONS**

15 minutes after each Mass

**DEVOTIONS**

Novena after the 12:15 weekday Mass  
 Novena and Rosary after 1:15pm weekday Mass

**PARISH ACTIVITIES**

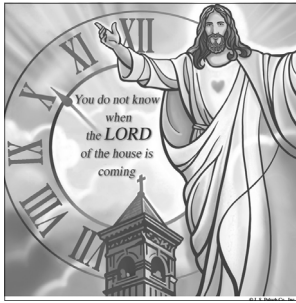
**Monday: 5:45pm – Legion of Mary (OLV)**

**4th Friday: 5:45pm – Patrician Catholic**  
 Discussion Group (OLV))

**As Announced: FiDi Catholic Young Adults**

# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2017, Year B



## GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — We are the clay and you, O LORD, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

**Gospel** — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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## First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2017

Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know  
when the time  
will come.

— *Mark 13:33*



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;  
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14;  
Mk 1:1-8

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Advent calendars appear now in many homes, and newfangled formats are even available on line. Children have fun opening the doors and windows keyed to the days counting down to Christmas. Behind each door is



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a picture related to the Christmas mystery, perhaps a scripture verse or saying, but more and more these days something totally unconnected to religious life, like a small toy or a chocolate treat, appears instead. The Advent calendar is not very old as traditions go. We can trace it back to German-speaking Christians, both Protestant and Catholic. Lutherans might have originated the custom by placing chalk marks on doors starting December 1, lighting candles every day, or placing a new religious picture on the wall each day during Advent. The oldest known hand-made calendar goes back to 1851, and the first printed ones appeared in 1908 in Germany with Bible verses behind the doors. By far the most interesting calendar is a building, the town hall (*Rathaus*) of Gengenbach in Germany's Black Forest. Every year the townspeople invite an illustrator of children's books to create twenty-four paintings or motifs for each of the twenty-four main windows of the building. Every night the people gather to see a new window opened and illuminated.

Very few commercial Advent calendars pay much attention to the core values of our liturgical calendar: the pivotal place of Sunday, the importance of Advent feasts like Saint Lucy and Saint Nicholas, and the clear shift in tone on December 17 from Advent longing and preparation toward imminent hope in Christ's

—*Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

## LIKE A CHILD

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.

—*St. Nicholas*

# GIVING TREE



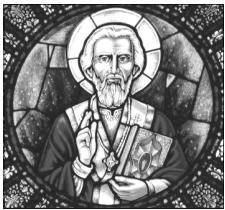
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The Christmas Giving Tree this year is to benefit pregnant women and their families served by the Sisters of Life.

At Christmas we celebrate the gift of the Christ Child and every birth of a child is a renewal of this greatest gift. Thank you for helping us to celebrate!

The name of an item is written on each tag on the tree that would benefit the woman and/or child in need. Please take a tag or tags as you are able and return the items unwrapped to the tree in the Chapel office. All items are due back to the parish by **Monday, December 11th at the latest.**

Thank you so much for your generosity!



## THE REAL SAINT NICHOLAS

Behind the jolly, red-suited, shopping mall Santa of today lies a real person- St. Nicholas of Myra, a Christian monk who lived in the third century

A.D., in what is now Turkey. We know very few historical details of St. Nicholas' life. Even the year of his death is uncertain, although both the Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches have celebrated December 6-the date of his passing- for more than 1,000 years. Within a century of his death, the much-admired Nicholas had become the center of a series of folk legends. He was credited with stopping a violent storm to save doomed sailors, donating money to a father forced to sell his daughters into prostitution, and even restoring to life a trio of boys who had been dismembered by an unscrupulous butcher. Today, Nicholas is considered the patron saint of sailors, children, wolves and pawnbrokers, among others.

[thehistorychannel.com](http://thehistorychannel.com)

## THIS WEEK

Altar Bread & Wine  
and Church Sanctuary Lamp  
Offered in Honor of the  
Immaculate Conception  
And the Blessed Virgin Mary



Requested by Lourdes Tabique  
And Denise Marasigan

## WELCOME VISITORS



It is our pleasure to welcome you to the Parish of Our Lady of Victory & St. Andrew. Due to the recent upsurge in the opening of more and more hotels in the area, a good number of visitors now join us for Mass on Sunday. If we can be of assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us. Contact information can be found on the cover of this bulletin. We urge you to check out our website with the very interesting history of our relatively "young" parish, as well as goings-on that might be of interest. Our website can be found at: [olvsta.org](http://olvsta.org).

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017

### Thursday, Dec. 7 (Vigil)

5:15 pm Carla Zecca

### Friday, Dec. 8

7:15 am Abundio Alburo  
7:45 am Br. Raymond Meagher, FSC  
8:15 am Giovanna, Nicola, & Anna Lucignano  
11:45 am Mary Scully  
12:15 pm Winifred Powers  
12:45 pm Cathy Mead  
1:15 pm Mary Crowley  
1:45 pm Benedette Adewale\*\*\*  
4:45 pm Mary Frattini  
5:15 pm Mrs. William Nana Lawrence

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent  
 Monday: St. John Damascene  
 Wednesday: St. Nicholas  
 Thursday: St. Ambrose;  
 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  
 Friday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed  
 Virgin Mary  
 Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

### PARISH PAY IS NOW WESHARE ONLINE GIVING

Have you ever been to Mass and found yourself low on cash or without your checkbook when the basket came around? There is an online option for you!



Visit our website: [olvsta.org](http://olvsta.org), and scroll down the homepage until you see the button icon pictured above.

Click on it and set up a login to donate just once or on a regular basis.

If you already have an account, you will need to verify it using your ParishPay username and the last 4 digits of the credit card or bank account you are using.

If you have any questions you can call WeShare support at 800-950-9952, Select Option 1, from 7 am –7 PM.

## GRANDMA'S CHRISTMAS STRATEGY

One Christmas, a mother decided she was no longer going to remind her kids to send thank you notes. Consequently, the kids' grandmother never received any thanks for the Christmas checks she sent to the kids.

The very next Christmas, all the kids stopped by in person to thank their grandmother for their checks.

When asked by a friend what caused this change in behavior, the grandmother replied, "Simple. This year I didn't sign the checks."

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## PRAYER FOR THE ADVENT WREATH

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.

He is the Savior of us all.

O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light the first (purple) candle of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation.

May He come quickly and not delay.  
 We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

## MASS INTENTIONS

\*\*\* Indications "for the intentions of"

### OUR LADY OF VICTORY

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

10:15 am: Louie Camacho  
 12:15 pm: Cheryl Murphy  
 5:15 pm: Bobby Gambino

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:15 am: Carmine, Tom, Michelina, and Peggy D'Amato  
 8:15 am: James Doyle  
 12:15 pm: Michael G. Lavallato  
 1:15 pm: Teresa Casertano Galbo  
 5:15 pm: Lillian Van Nostrand

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:15 am: Ethel Walsh  
 8:15 am: Tom Gucciardo  
 12:15 pm: Maria Cellante\*\*\*  
 1:15 pm: In Thanksgiving  
 5:15 pm: Lillian Van Nostrand

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:15 am: Frances Moore  
 8:15 am: Rose M. D'Ambrosio  
 12:15 pm: Maria Grazia & Rose D'Amato  
 1:15 pm: Lourdes De Jesus  
 5:15 pm: Souls in Purgatory

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:15 am: Nancy Rose Di Virgilio  
 8:15 am: David Miller  
 12:15 pm: Rose D'Amato  
 1:15 pm: Mary Kelly  
 5:15 pm: Carla Zecca

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:15 am: HOLY DAY  
 8:15 am: OF OBLIGATION  
 12:15 pm: PLEASE SEE  
 1:15 pm: SEPARATE  
 5:15 pm: SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

12:15 pm: Dominick Bess  
 5:15 pm: Bishop William McCormick

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

10:15 am: Rev. James Pilsner  
 12:15 pm: Anthony & Agnes Fratta  
 5:15 pm: Christopher Carrozza

### ST. ANDREW CHURCH

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12:15 pm: Nora Van Aalst  
 5:15 pm: Available

12:15 pm: Gliceria Balcon & Celese Roa

1:15 pm: Frank Imburgio

12:15 pm: Joseph Alcuri  
 1:15 pm: Pedro Santiago

12:15 pm: Phillip Morace  
 1:15 pm: Frederick Love

12:15 pm: Peter Trigubetz  
 1:15 pm: Alexander Joseph Ernst

12:15 pm: Guiseppe Canepa  
 1:15 pm: Linda Devereaux

*No Saturday Mass at St. Andrew's location*

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12:15 pm: Shirley Sorice  
 5:15 pm: Nora Van Aalst