

Visitation DC Kids Breakfast & Bake Sale Sunday, December 10th 8:30 am – Noon Parish Center



“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.”

— Mk 13:35-36

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**DECEMBER 3, 2017
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**VISITATION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
CATHOLIC CHURCH - VERBOORT**

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*Menu Includes:
Sausage Patties, Pancakes,
Scrambled Eggs, Applesauce,
Coffee & Juice*

Adults, Seniors & Young Adults - \$7
Children 5-12 - \$5
Children 4 and under - Free
Immediate Family - \$30



*Proceeds to benefit our Education Trip
To Washington DC, Spring of 2018.*

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Parish Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday @ Noon

BAPTISMS: By appointment

MARRIAGES: By appointment, at least six months prior to marriage

NEW FAMILIES: Kindly register by calling the rectory

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

CHURCH SECRETARY: Donna Heesacker

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CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4-4:30 pm

or by appointment



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	December	3	8:00 am	John Terhorst † by Melvin & Marie Finegan
			10:00 am	For You and Your Intentions
Monday	December	4	8:00 am	Lester Vandehey † by Dan & Dawn Vandehey
Tuesday	December	5	8:00 am	Evelyn Vandervelden † by Kenny Vandervelden
Wednesday	December	6	8:00 am	Francis & June Noll † by Family
Thursday	December	7	8:00 am	Gerry Vandehey † by Florence VanDomelen
Friday	December	8	8:30 am	Christine Sahlfeld † by Dave & Donna Heesacker
			7:00 pm	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin
Saturday	December	9	5:00 pm	Art Coussens † by Betty Lewis

Weekday Servers:

December 4th-7th: Anne Nevis and Jessie Palominos

November 25th & 26th

Your Gift to God

Envelopes & Checks: \$3,300.50

Loose Collection: \$580.78

St. Vincent: \$281.00

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dec 8th, 7:00 pm:

Servers: Volunteers

Lector: Tammy Scheenstra

Eucharistic Host Minister: Volunteer

Eucharistic Cup Ministers: Volunteers

Music: Karen & Alicia's Group



Weekend Masses For December 9th & 10th

Mass times	5:00 PM - Saturday	8:00 AM - Sunday	10:00 AM - Sunday
Lectors	Linda Oldenburg	Judy Verboort	School Children
Eucharistic Host Minister	Lee LaBonte	Lorna Vandecoeving	Steve Kloplic
Eucharistic Cup Ministers	Donna Heesacker Traci Nelson	Tammy Scheenstra Mel Finegan	Patty Vanderzanden Dean Hermance
Ushers	Dave Heesacker Terry Smith	Lawrence Verboort Tom Herinckx	School Children
Servers CB= Cross Bearer	Matthew LaBonte Dylan Jansen	Noah Wahlberg Daniel Wahlberg Michael Wahlberg CB	School Children
Music	Heather Renshaw Bethany Stewart	Regina McLoud	Children's Choir

VISITATION SCHOOL NEWS

Dinner Night Out - Join us at Izzy's Pizza on Wednesday, December 6th, 2017, 1071 SE Tualatin Valley Hwy, Hillsboro OR from 5-9 pm. 20% of proceeds towards the new Visitation Catholic School Building. *Please bring flyer with you to the restaurant in order for Visitation Catholic School to receive credit*. We received a check for \$450.00 from The Bites.

Santa's Workshop Wednesday & Thursday December 7, 2017 - Santa's Workshop is an event were Visitation School Children shop for their immediate family members Christmas Gifts. Gifts cost from \$1.00 to \$6.50 each. Each child will have so much fun shopping, picking the perfect gift and then brining these special treasures to a volunteer to wrap.

Donations Needed: Christmas gift bags, tissue paper, wrapping paper and bows, small boxes (shoe box size and under), tape and gift tags. Please drop-off your donation in the Convent basement, or call Janelle Kelly at 503-314-4732 to arrange pick up. Thank you!

Volunteers are needed! We have been very fortunate for all of our wonderful Parishioner volunteers. I hope you will consider joining us for another year of Christmas Fun! Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017 – Santa's Helpers, 8:30-10am and 12:00-1:30pm Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017– Santa's Helpers (shop with the kids and wrap presents) 8:30am – 3pm. Clean up, take down & put away 3:00pm until finished. If you can help volunteer or have any questions please contact *Janelle Kelly* or jjcdkelly@msn.com

Rummage Sale Drop-Off - We will be holding our next Rummage Sale Drop-off on Saturday, December 9th 8 am to 12 noon behind the Parish Center. We will be taking all items except for: NO Mattresses, NO Car seats, NO Cribs, NO TVs, NO non-working small appliances or electronics.

Scrip - Scrip is available when the School Office is open from 8:10 am to 8:40 am in the School/ Convent. You may email your order to scrip@vcsknights.org and we will call you when your order is ready. Questions, contact Jennifer Finegan at 503-961-4449.

From the Desk of Fr. Michael

This weekend as we start the season of Advent, continuing with our custom, the Parish Pastoral Council has selected an Advent book to provide for each parish family as a gift. The book is entitled, "Perfectly Yourself" by Matthew Kelly, author of such New York Best Selling list of "Rediscover Catholicism", "Four signs of a Dynamic Catholic" and "Resisting Happiness".

In the next four weeks of Advent, I invite all of you to read this book and together we can have the Best Advent together. The next four Pastor's Notes, I will provide a brief reflection of sections of the book. So without much further adieu, here is my reflection of chapters 1-3 (pages 1-76).

In chapter 1, Matthew Kelly focuses upon this false notion that we have all heard, "practice makes perfect." In fact, this very mantra can be the root of our own frustrations the lead us to give up readily when we do not see the immediate change or high benchmarks that we have made for ourselves.

Rather, the proper perspective is practice makes progress. For instance, if we have a goal of losing 15 pounds and after two weeks in our diet and exercise we lose 2 pounds, because it seems like we are far from our benchmark we focus on our lack of perfection when we are called to celebrate the 2 pounds worth of progress. How do we break this cycle and change this perspective.

Matthew Kelly's point reminded me of the two classical concepts of perfection that I learned in philosophy courses in seminary. The two concepts, one in Greek and the other in Hebrew, were understood as the following. The Greek concept of perfection is based upon possessing no flaws or faults. Perfection is to measure up to some ideal. The Hebrew concept, on the other hand, is quite different. It is to walk with God despite our flaws. In other words, we are to seek to be in the divine presence because we are not perfect.

Often times, we live by the Greek concept of perfection which leads to what Matthew Kelly characterizes of the challenges we face when trying to make a change. If we adopt, foster, and cultivate the Hebrew understanding of perfection we have a greater awareness of our human frailty, weaknesses, and faults so much so that we naturally turn to God who is perfect to seek the graces and blesses to strengthen us to overcome it.

And when we are conditioned to seek God in his infinite mercy, compassion, and love for help in our own deficiencies, we are able to celebrate on the progress we make on his help and not focus on the negative.

And the beginning of Advent is a great opportunity for us, as heard in the readings this weekend and the upcoming weeks to slow down, stop, be alert and watchful so we can have that quiet time before God asking sincerely his assistance as we walk in his presence while we accomplish the many things that is required of us to ensure a joyful celebration of Christmas with family and friends.

Have a Blessed Week!
~Fr. Michael

Second Collection Next Weekend

There will be a Second Collection Next Weekend, December 9th & 10th for Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift provides vital support for Senior Catholic Sisters, Brothers and religious order priests.

House Bill 3391 Forces Abortion Coverage and Expands Taxpayer-Funded Abortion

The Oregon State Legislature passed a bill that has more to do with force than it does with freedom. House Bill 3391, which has now been signed into law by Governor Brown, forces insurance companies to cover abortion on demand and it forces all Oregon taxpayers to help finance an extremist abortion agenda that does not enjoy majority support.

By insisting on complete insurance coverage of abortion, including late-term and sex-selective abortions, the legislature and the Governor show intolerance of widely held opposing views and will compel thousands of Oregonians to support what their conscience rejects.

Oregonians opposed to House Bill 3391 should lend their support to the Stop Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act. This measure needs 117,000 signatures to qualify as an initiative for the 2018 election. Visit www.StopTheFunding.org to sign the petition and find out how you can help reverse some of the harmful effects of the current legislation that implements and expands taxpayer funding for abortion.

Priest Travel Dates

Fr. Roberto will be gone Nov. 28-Dec. 8, Dec. 18-29.

Fr. Juan Jose will be gone Dec. 26-Jan. 4.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Masses

Friday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. Mass is offered as follows:

Verboort: 8:30am School Mass, 7:00pm Mass

Roy: 9:00am School Mass, 7:00pm Mass

North Plains: 9:00am Mass, 5:30pm Mass

Advent Penance Services throughout the Vicariate

Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 7:00pm in Verboort (St. Edward/St. Francis/Visitation)

Thursday, Dec. 7 at 6:30pm in Forest Grove (St. Anthony of Padua)

Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 7:00pm in Hillsboro (St. Matthew)

Additional Individual times during weekdays:

Monday and Friday 5:00-6:00pm St. Alexander in Cornelius

Wednesday 8:45-10:00am and 6:45-8:30pm St. Matthew in Hillsboro

Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming

Please welcome warmly our RCIA 2018 class who are making their first steps to full communion:

Verboort: Sarah Cordua, Erin Helton, Jacob Helton, Jennifer Hughes, Mark Hughes, Ethan Porter

Roy: Sean Ringen and Amy Vanderzanden

North Plains: Greg Schlatter

Middle School Youth Group

Sunday, December 10 Advent Service Project from 6-7:30pm in the Visitation Parish Center. We will be producing Blessing bags that St. Vincent de Paul will distribute. If you would like to donate, you can donate \$10 (cost of the bag) or the following items: water bottles, protein/energy bars, razors, chapstick, travel size mouthwash, toothpaste, sanitary/baby wipes, socks, hot hands, travel tissues, and gallon size zip lock bags. For more information, please contact Laura Nevis at 503-575-5608.

Sharing our Time, Talent, and Treasure Replacement School Campaign

Our current fundraising of donated cash and commitment from 260 donors is \$3,917,692. Thank you for your generosity. The Weston Matching Grant has been achieved and we have qualified for the \$100,000 grant match.

Please begin your donation commitments or if you would like to make a donation as we are beginning the infrastructure projects of a new well in early December and septic system this 2018.

Continuing to seek heavenly blessings and intercession, please join me in praying the Prayer of St. Michael the Archangel to ward off distractions that may keep us from completing the goal at hand.

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host -
by the Divine Power of God -
cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits,
who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

Parent Meeting

Parent Meeting for the children receiving First Reconciliation and Holy Communion on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 6 pm at the Church.

HS Youth Group

Meets Sunday, December 3 for Life Nite lesson on St. Francis of Assisi, "Man of prayer and man for the poor" from 6:00pm-7:30pm in Visitation Parish Center.

Sunday, Dec. 17 from noon to 2:30pm, Advent Service Project Christmas Caroling and Visiting homebound on a tractor pulled cart. Please meet at Visitation Parish hall and bring warm clothes. Pick up is at St. Francis church. Cookies and hot chocolate will be provided.

HS Confirmation

Meets Sunday, December 10 from 6-7:30pm at St. Francis of Assisi church basement.

RCIA

Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 6:00-7:00pm in the St. Francis of Assisi church basement, Roy. Fr. Michael will be discussing "Mary and the communion of saints".

Choir Practice

Children's Choir practice on Sunday, December 3rd, 5-6 pm. All children grades 2nd - 8th are welcome to join. Adult Choir practice on Sunday, December 3rd, 6-7 pm.

Religious Education

The next CCD Class for grades 1-5 will be on Monday, December 4th from 4-5 pm in the convent.

Altar Society

Altar Society Christmas Potluck on Tuesday, December 5th, 2017. 5:30 pm Social Hour. 6:00 pm Potluck. Short Meeting to follow. All are welcome!

DC Kids Breakfast & Bake Sale

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The Word Among Us

Free copies of The Word Among Us. Daily meditations for December are available at the entrance of church to take home. Sponsored by the Visitation Altar Society.

Meetings

Parents Meeting for the parents of children receiving 1st Reconciliation & Holy Communion on Monday, December 4th, 6 pm at the church.

Parent's Club Meeting on Monday, December 4th, 7 pm at the Parish Center.

Facilities Meeting on Tuesday, December 5th, 6 pm at the Convent.

Altar Society Potluck/Meeting on Tuesday, December 5th, 5:30 pm Social Hour, 6 pm Potluck, Short Meeting to follow at the Parish Center.

Looking for a Great Christmas Gift?

Fr. Scott's Book: Verboort, A Priest and His People is available for \$55 at the school office, 503-357-6990. All monies are donated to Visitation Tuition Fund.

Rental Property Available

St. Francis of Assisi parish is renting a 1360 square foot home that is 3 bedrooms and 2 bath with attached garage across the street from the church on 39080 NW Harrington Road, Cornelius, OR 97113. The rental amount is \$1795 a month. If interested please contact Dan Spiering at 503-324-6933 to inquire and fill out the application which includes a \$35 fee.

Marriage Help

Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the January 2018 program beginning with a weekend on January 19-21 call 503-225-9191, email: portland@retrouvaille.org or visit www.helpourmarriage.com

The Catholic Sentinel

Meet a local board game designer and his quest to give people a real-life board game. Catch up on the progress and mystery surrounding Alzheimer's disease. Get some tips on how teens can better balance busy lives. Find details for Christmas Masses around the archdiocese. To see more stories any time, go to catholicsentinel.org

Altar Society Poinsettias

The Altar Society will be ordering 25 poinsettias for Christmas. If you would like to purchase one as a memorial for a loved one, please send the order below to Margie Vandehey by December 18th. Her address is 36390 NW Long Rd., Cornelius OR 97113. The cost is \$15.00 each.

Ordered by _____ Phone # _____

In Memory of _____