

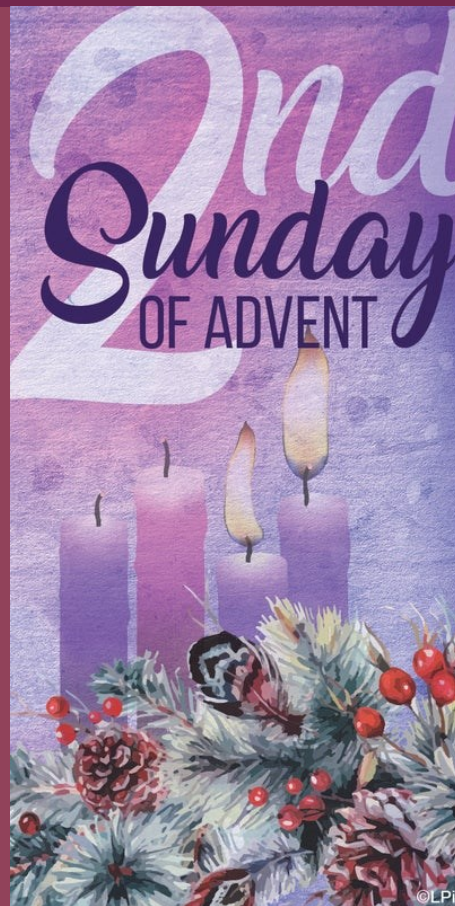
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We belong to Christ, not ourselves

ST COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLD ON IN FAITH



Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2024

St. Columban Church

506 First St. S | Yelm, WA 98597

Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Saturday 5 p.m.

Immaculate Conception: Monday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m.

Daily Mass Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m.

(Except First Fridays)

Eucharistic Adoration First Fridays 6:30 p.m.

Confessions Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Anointing of the Sick By request

Rosary Prayer Group Monday 7 p.m.

Spanish prayer group Tuesday 6:30 p.m., Hall

Sacramental Preparation Contact the office

The church may be open for prayer during office hours upon request.

St. Peter Mission

149 Keithahn St S | Tenino, WA 98589

Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m.

First Friday Mass 9:00 a.m.

Immaculate Conception:

Monday, Dec. 9, 9 a.m.

Confessions Sunday 7:30-7:45 a.m.

Anointing of the Sick By request

Parish Office at St. Columban

parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Monday-Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 2p.m.

Friday by appointment

Sacramental Emergencies

In danger of death call: 360-704-7051

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Help line 360-458-1904

saintcolumbanyelm.org

360-458-3031

Reflect on the Sunday Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Sunday Readings Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

First Reading

“For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God’s worship.” (Bar 5:3-4)

The prophet Baruch offers the Israelites in Babylonian exile a vision of hope in which their broken relationship with God will be fully restored. Is there a broken relationship you could help heal this Advent season?

Psalm The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy . (Ps 126)

Second Reading

So that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ. (Phil 1:10-11)

St. Paul prays with joy over the partnership he experiences with the believers in Phillippi. What relationships in your life bring you joy?

Gospel

“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)

St. Luke is careful to place the activities of John the Baptist in their proper historical and political context, showing how God acts in human history. Can you think of a time in your personal history when you felt God present?

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Immaculate Conception

Entrance Antiphon I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothes me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bride adored with her jewels.

Readings Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

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Mass Intentions

Parishioners may schedule a Mass intention on our website or by calling the office. Sunday Masses are offered Pro Populo

Dec. 10—
Dec. 11—
Dec. 12 —
Dec. 13—

The Code of Canon Law confirms the practice of offering Masses for particular intentions is ancient: "The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2).

Prayer Intentions

Loving God, we join with others of your people here asking you to hold in Your hands all of our homebound brothers and sisters and those who have asked for our prayers



For The Sick and Homebound*

Robert Fisher, Marcella Thornton, Theresa Gonzales, Joe Judge, Pam Henslee, Mary Taylor, Leslie Seffern, Phillis Evert, Gaby Makinster, Maria Espino, and Alexis DeHan her newborn baby Barrett.

For The Deceased

All the souls in purgatory, especially all those who have no one to pray for them. *May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

For peace in the world, for God’s protection on those in danger, the defeat and true repentance of unjust aggressors, and mercy for those who have died by violence.

For our young people, that they may eagerly seek and generously respond to their vocations from God.

Monthly Intentions of the Archdiocese

For this local Church, that as the Partners in the Gospel process continues to unfold, we may look to the future with joy and hope

Monthly Intentions of the Pope

For pilgrims of hope—We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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St. Columban Finance & Pastoral Council *Please be patient as this council is being restructured. Members will be posted once they have been officially appointed by our Pastor.*

St. Peter Advisory Commission Sherry Bachmann (Chairperson), Marilyn Ritter, Bernie Schwarz, Bob Bacon, Diane Weston

WELCOME TO SAINT COLUMBAN We proclaim the Roman Catholic faith to the communities of McKenna, Nisqually, Rainier, Roy, Tenino, and Yelm in southeast Thurston and southwest Pierce counties. Our community has grown since its origins at the former St. Margaret Mary Church in McKenna, and our current church in Yelm is named for the Irish-born 6th century missionary to Europe St. Columbanus of Bobbio. We have also been present in Tenino since 1891 through St. Peter Mission, named for the apostle and first pope.

Did you know our front pews are always empty? Be closer to the Lord and sit closer to the altar next Sunday.

A Word from our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I've already thanked many people for the warm welcome they have given to me, Fr. Martin, and Fr. William. This especially includes the staff, but there are also many other parishioners who deserve to be thanked as well. But there is one group I would like to personally acknowledge who have helped to make my transition to our parish family smooth, and that is the community at St. Martin's Abbey.



Living across the street from a monastery is a pretty great thing, honestly. All throughout the summer I went up there several times a week for Vespers (evening prayer) and the monks provided some very warm hospitality. Currently, my practice is to go up there Sunday Evenings for Vespers and dinner. I've really gotten to know them, and they've gotten to know me. It's a good feeling when people get to know you and they keep inviting you back!

One of the things that my time with the monks has reinforced is to have a very broad view of the world. The monks don't really get worked up about a whole lot, (so far as I can tell, anyway). They understand the ebbs and flows of life. Sometimes things are up, and sometimes they are down, and then they go back up again. They know this because they know their history. The benedictine order has seen a lot over the years.

The benedictine tradition is also part of the story of all our parishes as well. Benedictine priests from St. Martin's Abbey have pastored each one of our parishes at one point or another, and many of our parishioners went to school at the University or work at the University.

That being said, I'm often surprised to hear how few parishioners have actually been to the abbey. Some

don't even realize it is there. I'd like for that to change, honestly, and I think that Advent might be a good time to visit the abbey for prayer. The monks pray the psalms publicly three times a day, Monday through Saturday.

Morning prayer is at 6:25 in the morning. You could stop by before work. Midday prayer is every day at noon and Evening Prayer is at 7:30. Each session lasts 15-20 minutes, so it really isn't very difficult. On Sunday Evening prayer is at 5pm and takes about 30 minutes.

As I said above, their prayer focuses on the Psalms. During the week the psalms are usually recited, but on Sunday they are chanted, which is why it takes a little longer. Some of the hymns and chants are a little difficult, to be honest, but I've gotten used to them and if you go regularly I think that you will too. If you've never prayed the Liturgy of the Hours before you might feel a little lost at first, but over time you'll figure it out. I think it would be most beneficial to pick a time you can consistently go and attend weekly so that you can understand the flow of the prayer. The prayer will become more fruitful over time.

The easiest way to get to the Abbey is to enter off of College Street and head straight up the hill. There aren't too many parking spaces, which hasn't been a problem when I go on Sunday, but it might be at other times, especially that midday hour or if many of you read this and choose to check it out! I especially want to recommend Sunday Evening, and I hope to see some of you there.

I also hope that you will pray for the community, as they pray for us. Pray that the monks there can grow in their love of God, and pray that they will have more vocations so that they can continue to flourish for many years to come.

Fr. Bryan

Dialogue for Justice: Catholic Advocacy to Reduce Poverty

Today we hear the pleading voice of Isaiah saying, "A voice of one crying out..." (Lk 3:4). And what does this voice call us to do? We are to "prepare the way..." by removing obstacles to the Kingdom of God. Paths and roads are to be straightened, valleys filled, mountains removed, and rough ways made smooth. We may tend to think that prophecy is the magic of fortunetelling,

guessing, or hypothesizing. Rather, a prophet is a person who speaks for another, in this case for God. Inspired by holy wisdom, a prophet points out problems and suggests a better way. We hear clearly the voice of John the Baptist calling us to action. Where do we see rough roads, deep valleys, or roadblocks that hinder the Spirit of God? Is it in the physical or mental illness of a family member or friend? Does a lack of livable wages hold families back from a more fulfilling life? Do we see

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Holy Day of Obligation tomorrow: Monday, Dec. 9

Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be 9 a.m. at St. Peter Tenino and 7 p.m. at St. Columban on Monday, December 9. This is the patronal feast day of the United States of America and has been transferred from its usual date.

The Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. Blessed Pope Pius IX solemnly defined this traditional belief of the Church in 1854: *The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.*



most of all it helps us to welcome you to the parish! Stop by and introduce yourselves! The Parish Office is open Mon-Thu 9:30 a.m.—2 p.m. or call us for an appointment on Fridays. You may also register online at saintcolumbanyelm.org

Faith Formation

Sunday Faith Formation Schedule for all Children & Youth (Grades K-12) 9-10:15 a.m.

Dec. 8, 15, **NO CLASS** Dec. 22, 29

Children & Adults, Contact: Mrs. Makinster

Elementary & Adult Faith Formation, gaby@saintcolumbanyelm.org 360-458-3031 x2 *habla Español*

Catechists for our Kindergarten Faith Formation Classes and Sponsors for our OCIA program are needed, contact Gaby Makinster at the parish office if you are available to help.

Youth Ministry, contact: Mr. Lucero,

ym@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Parents, check your emails! *We will communicate with you directly over email regarding YM events.*

Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Are you or do you know someone who is interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church? Classes have resumed. Contact the parish office for more information.

Bible Study—Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the Winter Clothes Closet.

From the Catechism

719 John the Baptist is “more than a prophet.” In him, the Holy Spirit concludes his speaking through the prophets. John completes the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah. He proclaims the imminence of the consolation of Israel; he is the “voice” of the Consoler who is coming. As the Spirit of truth will also do, John “came to bear witness to the light.” In John’s sight, the Spirit thus brings to completion the careful search of the prophets and fulfills the longing of the angels. “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God. Behold, the Lamb of God.”

Celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe at Sacred Heart Lacey on Thursday, December 12

Join our Parish Family in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Mañanitas at 5 a.m.; a Play, Rosary, and Novena at 6 a.m.; and breakfast at Hallen Hall following. In the evening, procession at Sacred Heart begins at 6 p.m. with Mass in Spanish at 7 p.m.

Parish Family Advisory Council nominations

Fr. Ochs is looking for parishioners interested in joining the Parish Family Advisory Council, an advisory committee with a term of about three years. To nominate someone, please fill out the online form, linked at this QR code or call the parish office at 360-458-3031 to nominate over the phone. Nominations will be accepted until Sunday, Dec. 29.



Help us decorate the Church for Christmas

Following 10:30 a.m. Mass & the Knights of Columbus Breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 22. All volunteers are welcome! Children must be supervised at all times.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve) - 5 p.m. St. Peter Tenino, 7:30 p.m. St. Columban

Wednesday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day) — All Masses will be at St. Columban: Midnight 12 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Are you registered? Registration ensures that we know you are here, makes us aware of your needs and gifts, but

Financial Stewardship Collection Report

Week of Nov 24	St Columban Goal: \$5,800	St Peter Goal: \$1,000
Envelope Collections	\$3,547.55	\$582.58
Loose Giving	\$72.43	\$143.00
Net	(\$2,180.02)	(\$274.42)
Special Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
St Vincent DePaul	\$30.00	\$0.00
Sacramentals**	\$21.46	\$11.00
Flowers	\$0.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$50.00	\$0.00
Second Collection:	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Candles, Beeswax tapers, Blessed Salt

Weekly Calendar

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY December 9

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary (transferred)
Immaculate Conception Mass 9:00 a.m. St. Peter Church
Immaculate Conception Mass 7:00p.m. Church

TUESDAY December 10

Our Lady of Loreto

Daily Mass 9:00a.m. Church
Winter Clothes Closet 6:00-8:00 p.m. Small Hall
Spanish Prayer Group 6:30p.m. Church

WEDNESDAY December 11

St. Damasus I, Pope

Daily Mass 9:00a.m. Church
Bible Study 10:00a.m. St. Peter
Winter Clothes Closet 6:00-8:00 p.m. Small Hall

THURSDAY December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Daily Mass 9:00a.m. Church
Altar Society Weekly Cleaning 9:30a.m. Church
Choir Practice 6:00p.m. Church
Winter Clothes Closet 6:00-8:00 p.m. Small Hall
Bible Study 6:30p.m. Small Hall

FRIDAY December 13

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Daily Mass 9:00 a.m. Church

SATURDAY December 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Dr

Confession 3:30p.m. Church
Anticipatory Sunday Mass 5:00p.m. Church

SUNDAY December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

Confession 7:30-7:45a.m. St. Peter
Sunday Mass 8:00a.m. *Int.: Pro Populo* St. Peter
Religious Ed 9-10:15 a.m. RE Bldg Hall
Confirmation Classes 9-10:15 a.m. Hall
Sunday Mass 10:30a.m. *Int.: Pro Populo* Church
Altar Society & DOM Fellowship 11:45a.m. Parish Hall

Upcoming Dates

Sunday, Dec. 22—Decorating the Church for Christmas

After Mass Breakfast & Coffee Hospitality

Join us after the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall
Dec. 8—Altar Society
Dec. 15—YM Coffee & Donuts fundraiser
Dec. 22—KofC Breakfast



Altar Society

A team of talented parishioners beautifully maintain and clean the Church every Thursday after Daily Mass.



Daughters of Mary

Meets monthly, There is no meeting for December but join us **December 17th** at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall for our Annual Christmas Party!



daughtersofmary@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Daughters of Mary Giving Tree

Thank you for helping with this year's Giving Tree! Stars and gift cards are now due so our volunteers can sort them for distribution next Sunday, Dec. 15. Families who wish to apply for this assistance please contact SVdP at 360-458-1904.



Liturgical Ministries

parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Altar Servers, Choir, Greeters/Ushers, Readers
 Please check your schedules and arrive in time for Mass.



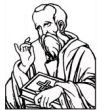
Knights of Columbus

The Council and Assembly meet monthly third Wednesdays of every month at 6p.m. in the hall, with Vespers beginning at 5:30 p.m. **Next Council & Assembly meetings: Wednesday Dec. 18 (Christmas Party)**



St. Peter Circle

Meets second Tuesdays every other month at St. Peter Tenino. Next scheduled meetings: Jan. 14, Mar. 11, and May 13 at 9:30 a.m.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Meets monthly, on the third Thursday of the month in the parish hall at 7 p.m. **Next meeting is Dec. 19th.**



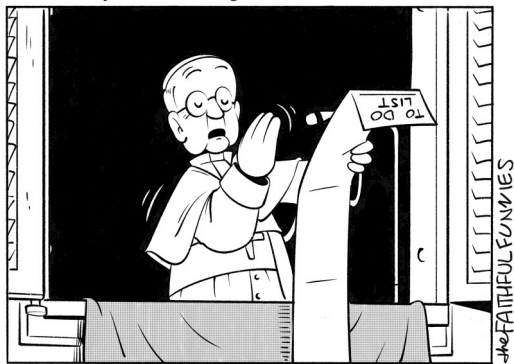
Winter Clothes Closet

Open Tuesdays-Thursdays 6-8p.m. Free to all in need, no questions asked. Donations are through the parish office or by using the bin in the narthex. Please do not leave donations outside the doors of the office or hall.

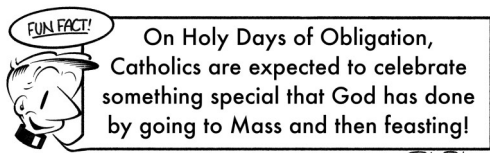


Keep in mind donations should be of good, re-usable quality; something you would wear. Items such as boots, gloves, hats, scarves, coats, blankets, etc. are needed; rather than summer apparel such as swimsuits, shorts, & flipflops which are not particularly useful for keeping warm during the winter months.

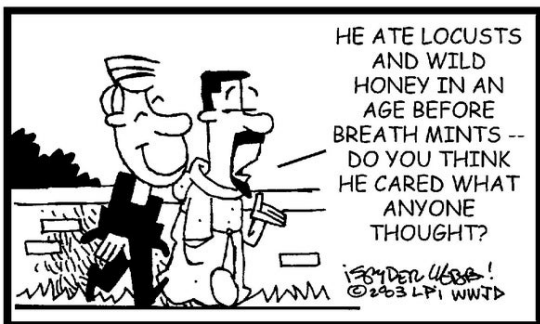
“What do you get when you cross a Papal blessing with a to-do list?”



“A Holy Day of Obligation!”



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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backbiting and gossiping ruining our relationships? Do we allow our political rhetoric to destroy family harmony? Do we allow the news to numb us to the pain others experience? Advent prepares us for the most hoped for event in human history...the Incarnation – God made man. Jesus, our prophet, brings hope to the world by his compassionate life of healing and loving. Where can we be a prophet to someone or some cause? At what point this week can our voice be heard crying out to relieve suffering – to point to a better way

Peace, Deacon Terry, ofc



Q&A

Question: What is the Hispanic Advent custom of “Las Posadas”?

Answer: “Posada” is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. “Las Posadas” refers to a traditional Advent custom in preparation for the birth of Jesus, beginning on December 16. For nine successive evenings, groups reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem.

Two children dress as Mary and Joseph, sometimes with Mary riding on an actual donkey. They are usually accompanied by children dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. Adults accompany them as they process to designated homes where they sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group enters the home and becomes the chorus that responds to the request for lodging. In the beginning the request is rebuffed. They move to several more homes where the ritual is repeated. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues. This is repeated in different neighborhoods and homes each of the nine days.

While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our “posada.” As we struggle to arrive at a fair and just immigration policy, it would be good to recall the fact that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were also immigrants looking for a hospitable place to dwell.

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In our Parish Family

SACRED HEART PARISH

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Mailing: P.O. Box 3805 Lacey, WA 98509

Sunday Mass: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 Noon
10 a.m. (Korean, Fabian Hall), 2 p.m. (Spanish)
Saturday: 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: Mon-Sat 9 a.m.

Reconciliation: Sat. 3:00-4:45 p.m., or by appt.

Eucharistic Adoration: Thu after Mass until Sat at 4:30 p.m. in St. Frances of Rome Chapel

Parish office: Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-Noon, 1-4 p.m.
360-491-0890 sacredheartlacey.com
staff@3hearts.org

Holy Family School, a private independent Catholic school in Lacey, serves grades PK-8. Learn more at Holyfamilylacey.org or call 360-491-7060.

Pope John Paul II High School, a Catholic, college-prep high school that develops young men and women who are intellectually strong, spiritually alive and committed to service. Visit popejp2hs.org or call 360-438-7600

From the Archdiocese

Advent is a season of hope and joy as we prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ and his second coming. Find Advent reflections, videos, resources, traditions, prayers and more at archseattle.org/advent.

For a complete list of events happening around the Archdiocese of Seattle visit archseattle.org/eventslist

Young Adult events:
archseattle.org/living-catholic/young-adults/

Washington State Catholic Conference represents the Catholic bishops of Washington in their efforts to support public policies that promote the common good. Visit wacatholics.org.

Read updates from Archbishop Etienne on his blog www.archbishopetienne.com

Project Rachel Hope & Healing After Abortion
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St. Andrew Christmas Novena Prayer

This beautiful, short daily prayer is traditionally prayed 15 times a day during Advent, starting on the Feast of St. Andrew on November 30. But for most busy families, praying it together once a day is a win. The words of the prayer are a reminder of the humble and historical event of the incarnation. Try saying the prayer after lighting the Advent wreath or as part of your prayers before dinner.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Song of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

invites you to celebrate with us

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Novena

From Wednesday, 12/04 to 12/11, at 7 PM in the church, except for Monday, 12/09, at 6 PM.

Thursday Dec. 12th

Mañanitas 5 AM.

Play, Rosary, and Novena 6 AM.

Breakfast at Hallen Hall.

Procession 6 PM.

Spanish Mass 7 PM.

Guadalupan Dinner

Saturday, 12/14, from 6-8:30 PM, in Hallen Hall.



Posada Navideña



Join Joseph and Mary on this pilgrimage with melodies, the Rosary, and tamales.

Monday 12/16 at 6 PM, Hallen Hall.

Thursday 12/19 at 7 PM, Fabiana Hall.

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Parish Family Christmas Mass Times

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Sacred Heart Lacey

5pm* Family Mass

7:30pm Youth Choir

10pm Spanish/English Bilingual, Incense used

St. Columban Yelm

7:30pm Incense used

Carols at 11:30pm precede Midnight Mass

St. Peter Tenino

5pm



Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Sacred Heart Lacey

8am

10am* Schola, Incense Used

Noon

St. Columban Yelm

Midnight* Incense used

10:30am Incense used

Carols begin 15 min. before Masses at Sacred Heart and 30 min. before Masses at St. Columban

*Livestreamed on YouTube



ADVENT 2024

Hope and Rejoice



This Advent, use this guide to help you and your family enter into the hope and joy of the season.

Advent Family Traditions

Advent, the liturgical season before Christmas, is a great opportunity for families to enjoy joyful, faith-based traditions that keep the focus of the season on the anticipation of Jesus. This isn't easy when retailers start Christmas the day after Halloween. Even if you didn't grow up with many Advent traditions, are there one or two traditions on this list that you can try this year?

Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is rich with the symbolism of the season: four candles for the four weeks of Advent and the flames representing the light of Christ to come. The lighting of each candle is an opportunity for the family to gather in prayer and read the daily scripture or reflection from an Advent book. Try turning off the lights and sing a song like, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" or "Light the Advent Candle" as the candles are lit.

Advent Calendar

The point of an Advent calendar is to inspire hopeful anticipation of the coming of Jesus and to emphasize the spirit of waiting over the spirit of receiving. Although the chocolate and Lego calendars are fun, try a faith inspired Advent calendar this year, which are easy to purchase online. Many have daily scripture quotes from Advent to keep you in the Advent frame of mind.

For more resources, an Advent reflection guide, and other inspiration, go to [archseattle.org/advent](https://www.archseattle.org/advent)



Christmas Anticipation Prayer

Also known as the St. Andrew Christmas Novena (not a typical 9-day novena), this beautiful, short daily prayer is traditionally prayed 15 times a day during Advent, starting on the Feast of St. Andrew on November 30. But for most busy families, praying it together once a day is a win. The words of the prayer are a reminder of the humble and historical event of the incarnation. Try saying the prayer after lighting the Advent wreath or as part of your prayers before dinner.

Straw for Baby Jesus

This tradition is when you put out a "manger" (a small cardboard box will do) and a bowl of "straw" in a common area (such as the kitchen table), and the idea is to create a full bed of straw for baby Jesus by Christmas Eve by adding a piece of straw when a good deed or small sacrifice is done for Jesus. Everyone can participate, even parents! On Christmas Eve, you lay baby Jesus (or a doll to symbolize) on the (hopefully) full bed of straw and sing "Away in a Manger" or "Silent Night."

Blessings for the Advent Wreath, Nativity set and Christmas Tree

You can find blessings for the Advent Wreath, Nativity set and Christmas Tree in many Catholic prayer books or online (such as archseattle.org/advent). Taking a moment to pause and pray a blessing is a great way to reflect on the meaning of these traditions. These blessings invite us to enjoy them with intention and gratitude.

Jesse Tree

This tradition traces salvation history from the Old Testament through the birth of Christ. Much like the Advent calendar but more involved with longer daily readings and song, it's a daily activity rich with symbolism and a great way for all ages to participate.

Decorating in stages

Instead of putting up all the Christmas decorations the morning after Thanksgiving, consider putting them up in stages to emphasize the season of waiting for the light of Christ. This will help put more focus on your Advent traditions. One idea is to wait to light and decorate the Christmas tree until Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. Remember, the Christmas season starts on Christmas and lasts all the way through January 12.

"O" Antiphons

The "O" Antiphons are beautiful, short chants used at vespers (evening prayers) for the last seven days of Advent from December 18-24, each starting with "O" and each highlighting a title for the Messiah (O Wisdom, O Lord,...), which increases the anticipation of Christ's coming. You can add these to your evening prayers around the Advent wreath or in front of the Nativity set.

St. Andrew Christmas Novena

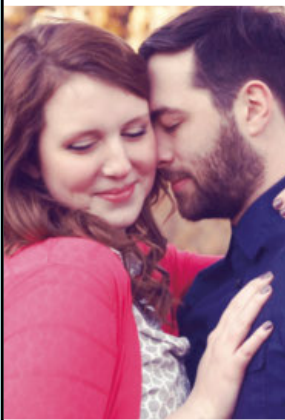
Traditionally prayed November 30 to Christmas Eve.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen

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