

PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!'" - Mt 3:1

Parish Staff:

Secretary	Debbie Forgette	735-8558
Bookkeeper	Bianca Medina	735-8558

Parish Community Center (PCC) Coordinator
Presently Unstaffed

Faith Formation:

Pre-school to 5th Grade	Karen Gorham	735-8558
6th to 8th Grades/Edge	Danielle May	528-9780
9th to 12th Grades/Life Teen	Jennifer Moore	492-6209
	& Joe Bliss	216-402-3118
	email: lifeteenhs@gmail.com	

Confirmation	Deacon Mike & Carol Gaulke	551-7626
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults	Joe & Sherry Schroeder	405-2242

Ministers of Music:

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass	Julianne Barnaby	735-2163
9:30 a.m. Mass	Paula Bachelor	375-9019
5:00 p.m. Mass	Perry Kelly	735-8558
Children's Choir	Presently Unstaffed	735-8558

Ministries of Worship:

Scheduler for Liturgical Ministers	Trish Feeney	551-0486
Eucharistic Adoration	Liz Friedrich	783-6223
Prayer Line	Adele Ogryzek	627-0201
Altar Server Training	Zack Rinderer	582-2543

Parish Ministries:

Mary Martha Prayer Group	Camille Henneberry	735-4858
Welcoming Committee	Jan Beardemphl	948-3367
PCC Nursery	Wynona Vaz	222-8982
Ministry to Sick and Shut-Ins	Deacon Eric Shaber	
	& Charlotte Shaber	208-521-7846
Bible Study	Judy Turner	438-7938
Women's Group	Linda Rego	221-1130
Weekend Mass Refreshments	Judy Urrutia	438-5039

Councils and Committees:

Parish Council	Jim Carey	627-0321
Finance Council	Jared Liebert	947-9386
Stewardship	Lenice & Pat Nagle	582-6893
Evangelization	Rob Privette	438-1222
Voice of the Spirit	Dieter Bohrmann	987-3158
Parish Library	Ann Stevens	396-2723

Charter Organizations:

Catholic Daughters	Linda Garner	627-2748
Knights of Columbus	Peter Dreisbach	205-2377
St. Vincent de Paul	Message Line	591-0632
Scout Troop #275	Teddy Herrera	778-0505
American Heritage Girls	Erin Leistritz	406-579-1891

Natural Family Planning:

Carol Gaulke	619-5464
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DECEMBER 7, 2025

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses:

Monday, December 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday through Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday: 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 3:00 - 4:15 p.m.
or by appointment.

Please visit our Holy Spirit Facebook page to join livestream events:

<https://www.facebook.com/HolySpiritParishCommunity>

Office Hours: Monday through Friday

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Babies and young children are usually baptized during Mass on Saturday or Sunday, or on Saturday at 12:00 p.m. Call the parish office for a list of upcoming Baptism dates and to receive registration information for pre-Baptism classes. (735-8558)



Holy Matrimony

On Being Married at Holy Spirit ...

Engaged couples who wish to be married at Holy Spirit Parish are asked to contact the parish office at least nine months prior to their desired wedding date. The couple and the priest will then meet to begin the Marriage preparation program. (735-8558)

Deaths

What should I do when there is a death in my family?

Please call the parish office and speak with the office staff and the pastor before making arrangements with the funeral home, to ensure that the church is available at the desired date and time. (735-8558)

Second Sunday of Advent, December 7, 2025

Calendar for the Week: (Note: PCC = Parish Community Center)

Sunday, December 7:

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass in the church at 9:30 a.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).

Prayer Angels for Peace, PCC hall, 11:00 a.m.

Confirmation Super Sunday, PCC hall and rooms 3 and 5, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation, PCC room 9, 3:00 - 4:15 p.m.

Mass in the church at 5:00 p.m.

Edge (Middle School),
PCC rooms 5 and 6/8,
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Life Teen (High School),
PCC hall, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.



Monday, December 8:

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass in the church at 9:00 a.m.

Mass in the church at 6:00 p.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).

Attendance on December 12th fulfills December 8th obligation in the Diocese of Yakima.

Tuesday, December 9:

Advent Weekday

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Holy Spirit Mommy and Me, PCC nursery,
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Religious Education, pre-school to fifth grade,
4:00 - 5:15 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation, CHURCH, 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Mass in the church at 5:30 p.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).

Knights of Columbus Council 10653, PCC room 9, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10:

Advent Weekday

Our Lady of Loreto

Mass in the church at 9:00 a.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).

Mary Martha Prayer Group, PCC room 5, 1:30 p.m.

Parish Council, PCC room 7, 6:00 p.m.

Amazing Grace Choir, church, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 11:

Advent Weekday

Saint Damasus I, Pope

Mass in the church at 9:00 a.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA), PCC rooms 6/8, 7:00 p.m.

Celebration Choir, church, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 12:

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mass in the church at 9:00 a.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).

Attendance fulfills December 8th obligation in the Diocese of Yakima.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., in the vestibule. Concludes with *Prayers for Priestly Vocations* and *Prayers for Peace* at 4:30 p.m. and the *Rite of Benediction* at 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, December 13:

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, PCC hall,
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Parent's Day Out, PCC nursery and room 3,
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday Vigil Mass in the church at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 14:

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass in the church at 9:30 a.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).

Christmas Pageant, PCC hall, 2:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation, PCC room 9,
3:00 - 4:15 p.m.

Mass in the church at 5:00 p.m.

Edge (Middle School), PCC rooms 5 and 6/8,
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

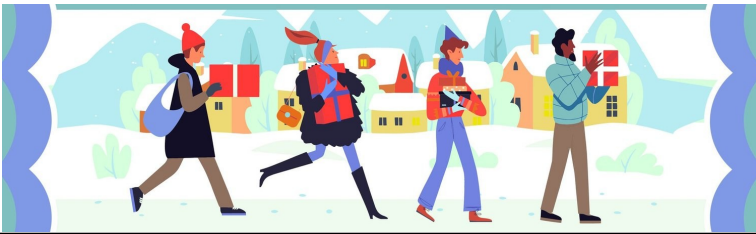
Life Teen (High School),
PCC hall, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.



Parent's DAY OUT

Attention parents! Are you wanting a little time away from the kiddos? And do you need help with wrapping Christmas gifts? We have the perfect solution for you. **PARENT'S DAY OUT!** Our teens would love to watch your infants through school age kids on Saturday, **December 13th** from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the nursery (infants - 4 yrs old) and youth room (school age). We will help wrap presents for you away from prying eyes in PCC room 5. These services will be offered by donation. A pizza lunch will be available for an extra \$5 per child.

Parents must sign their children up ahead of time so we know how many children to plan on. We won't be able to offer this service to those who are not signed up in advance. Please call or text Jennifer Moore at 509-492-6209 with child(ren)'s names and ages. All donations received will be directed toward our youth's participation in Life Teen Camp in the summer of 2026.



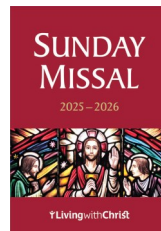
The Women's Group is collecting new and used blankets and sleeping bags for distribution to the homeless at charities throughout our community. Sadly, many of our needy neighbors are sleeping in cars or outdoors during the winter months. Please package your new or gently used blankets/sleeping bags in a plastic bag and place them inside the playpen in the vestibule through December 14. Contact Linda Rego at 253-370-6368 for more information.

ADVENT XLT Come, Let Us Adore Him

Tri-Cities Prep Catholic High School in Pasco invites our whole community to **ADVENT XLT** on **Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m.** XLT—short for *Exalt*—is a powerful evening of **Advent worship, reflection, and Eucharistic Adoration**, with live music, prayer, snacks, and fellowship time. It's a beautiful way to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ this Advent season. All families, parishioners, and youth are warmly welcomed.



Email Kenny Van Houdt at kvanhoudt@tcprep.org for more information.



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PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER: FOR OUR SICK: B.J. Bacon (relative of Troy and Emma Bacon), Carmel O'Shea (relative of Fr. O'Shea), Kathleen Zimbehl (parishioner), Lorraine Ramirez (niece of Dru Squires), Fran Rombaugh (parishioner), Marlin Friedrich (parishioner), Debbie Tavernaro (parishioner), James Ellis (son of Deacon Ken and Cindy Ellis), Spenser Heaton (nephew-in-law of Fr. Michael), Laurie Brzezowski-Greenberg (sister of Fr. Michael), Fr. Michael Brzezowski, Tyler Stevens (grandson of Rose Stevens), Brad Nelson (brother of Brett Nelson), Brian and Amanda Hollenberg (son and daughter-in-law of Glenn and Karen Hollenberg), Sr. Mary (parishioner), Jim Berkman (son-in-law of Allan and Merilynn Erhart), Fr. O'Shea, Amanda Parry (parishioner), Kathy Bealer (relative of Deacon Ken Ellis), Jim Young (parishioner), Don Malisani (father of Paul Malisani), Harry and Jana Barnes (parishioners), John Jurgilewicz (parishioner), Larry Harris (relative of Deacon Ken Ellis), Lorraine Damon (daughter of Edith Perez), Eric Zimbehl (son of Kathleen Zimbehl), Margaret Liedigk (parishioner), Kevin Gilliam (parishioner), Richard Dennis (uncle of Deacon Ken and Cindy Ellis), Rachel Courson (parishioner) and girls, George J. Konzek, Sr. (father of David Konzek), Camille Henneberry (parishioner), Rob Privette (parishioner), Addison Wessels (grandniece of Mike and Pam Thurman), Nikki Hensyel (sister of Terri Larson), John Schneider (relative of Gloria Ziegler), Chuck and Kate Wilson (relatives of Debbi Fisler), Judy Cleary (parishioner), Jeneane Conway (daughter of Julie Waddoups), Linda Ziegler (daughter-in-law of Gloria Ziegler), Rose Stevens (parishioner), Deborah Rowley (parishioner), Natalie Schaeffer (parishioner), Isaac Schmidt (grandson of Sharee Kline), Diana Murawski (parishioner), Steve Sakry (family member of Mike and Pam Thurman), Deby Ziegler (daughter of Gloria Ziegler), Christina Squires (daughter of Dru Squires), Jason Dietz (grandson of David and Denise Konzek), and Tom Collins (son-in-law of George and Marlene Fox).

If you wish to add a prayer need to [this list](#), please call the parish office at 735-8558.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

All dates are tentative.

Tuesday	December 9, 5:30 p.m.	Leila Brown RIP
Wednesday	December 10	Angelo Tavernaro RIP
Thursday	December 11	Sherry Clark
Friday	December 12	Rudy Rego RIP
Saturday	December 13, 4:00 p.m.	Jay & David Jay Johnson RIP
Sunday	December 14, 5:00 p.m.	Kelly O'Brien RIP

The Sunday morning Mass is normally offered for the people of the parish.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Msgr. Perron Auve**.
May he rest in peace with the risen Lord.

To have your need added to our parish prayer phone chain,
please call Adele Ogryzek at 627-0201.

To have your need added to the list which is published in the bulletin
once each month, please call the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP: We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

Thanks for your giving of time, talent, and treasure.

For online giving, visit:

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The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



This patronal feast day of the United States will be celebrated on **Monday, December 8th with Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated on **Friday, December 12th at 9:00 a.m.**



Bishop Tyson has permitted Catholics in the Diocese of Yakima to honor the Blessed Mother in December by either attending Mass on December 8th **or** on December 12th. That means that attendance at Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe fulfills the December 8th obligation to honor our Blessed Mother's Immaculate Conception.

A Note from the St. Serra Club of Tri Cities

"John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!'" (Matthew 3:1) Is the Holy Spirit calling you to proclaim the kingdom of God as a priest, permanent deacon, brother, monk or nun?

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Join Us for Special Reflections This Advent!

1st Sunday of Advent - *Joyful Service*
2nd Sunday of Advent - *Loving Sacrifice*
3rd Sunday of Advent - *Abiding Presence of God*
4th Sunday of Advent - *Spirit of Nazareth*

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You have a choice this Advent: Get caught up in the annual rush of shopping, decorating, and parties or slow down and take a few minutes each day to remember who this season is really about—Jesus.

In *Adore*, popular author and speaker Fr. John Burns and illustrator Valerie Delgado will help you reclaim the sacred sense of longing and joyful hope at the heart of Advent, focusing on a new theme each week—vigilance, preparation, nearness, and Emmanuel—that you can relate to your own life.



Brother Francis leads us on a daily journey in this special seasonal celebration of the coming of the Lord!

This video series features meditations, prayers, and suggested activities to keep our focus on Christ this Christmas.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES 2025

Monday, December 15, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 18, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.

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HOLY SPIRIT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thank you to those who volunteered to fill specific time slots during Eucharist Adoration. We still have an **immediate need** for one Committed Adorer on Fridays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Another time slot is available for one Adorer from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., or you may choose to commit to a half hour instead of an hour.

A Committed Adorer is someone who commits to attend Eucharistic Adoration weekly in a chosen time slot. Volunteers are available to substitute for you when you have a conflict.

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the church foyer on Fridays after Mass from 9:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. At 4:30 p.m. we have prayers for vocations and for peace, followed by Benediction at 4:45 p.m. Parishioners and others are welcome to attend Adoration anytime during the day, for any length of time, but it is very important to have two Adorers assigned each hour, so the Lord is never left alone.

Please prayerfully consider spending time with the Lord each Friday. Contact Liz Friedrich at 509-539-5413 (text/call), 783-6223 (home), or at mfriedrich2@charter.net with any questions or to volunteer.



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR PARISH'S 40TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

Tis the Season! Parish of the Holy Spirit's annual Christmas Pageant will be presented next weekend on **Sunday, December 14th**. Participation is open to all children/youth from preschool through high school.

The final rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 13th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the PCC.

The Christmas Pageant performance will be at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 14 in the PCC hall.

If you would like to participate, if you have any questions, or you would like to help with the Christmas Pageant, please call Karen Gorham at 509-735-8558 or email Karen at karen@holyspiritkennewick.org.



Beginning Monday, December 8th, we will have workers assessing and repairing our church roof. Thank you for understanding that there may be noise on the roof of the church and work vehicles around the church. At this time, we are not sure of the scope of the work or how long the project will take to complete, so thank you for your patience. Updates will be provided as we know more.

Women's Group Christmas Raffle

Following all Masses
Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7
Saturday, December 13 and Sunday, December 14

Winning tickets will be drawn following
the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, December 14.

All proceeds support the Women's Group ministry
which provides funeral luncheons
to families after funeral Masses at Holy Spirit.



You are invited to decorate the Teddy Bear tree in the hallway near the vestibule with **stuffed animals, hats, and mittens** by December 14. Each item you donate will be given out by the Adopt-a-Family ministry to the families sponsored by our parishioners at Christmas.

Holy Spirit St. Vincent de Paul Conference



Thank you, Holy Spirit parish family, for your generous fifth Sunday donations totaling **\$6,696.29** to your St. Vincent de Paul Conference. We have received a number of requests for assistance from homeless individuals living in their cars. Your donations provide them with gas, food, and an opportunity for us to meet with them as we help them. The Conference meets this coming Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in PCC room 7. Come visit!



Will You Notice the Shoot?

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Today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah offers a familiar Advent image: the shoot sprouting from the stump of Jesse. The verses immediately preceding speak of God walking through the forest with an ax: "The tall of stature shall be felled, and the lofty ones shall be brought low" (Isaiah 10:33). But now, amidst all the destruction, a tiny sign of new life emerges, and the Spirit of God descends upon it, bearing many gifts—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, delight.

So often, when we scroll through the news, our attention is captured by violence and war and the "mighty" who make great noise when they fall. "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees," echoes John the Baptist in today's gospel. If we are looking



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for where God's Spirit can be found, however, Isaiah reminds us we will need to look elsewhere. We will need to attend to the quiet, fragile resurrections taking place below the surface when it appears as if all has been lost. If we seek wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, and delight, we will need to look where the little ones of the earth are found. We must have our eyes open for the shoots.

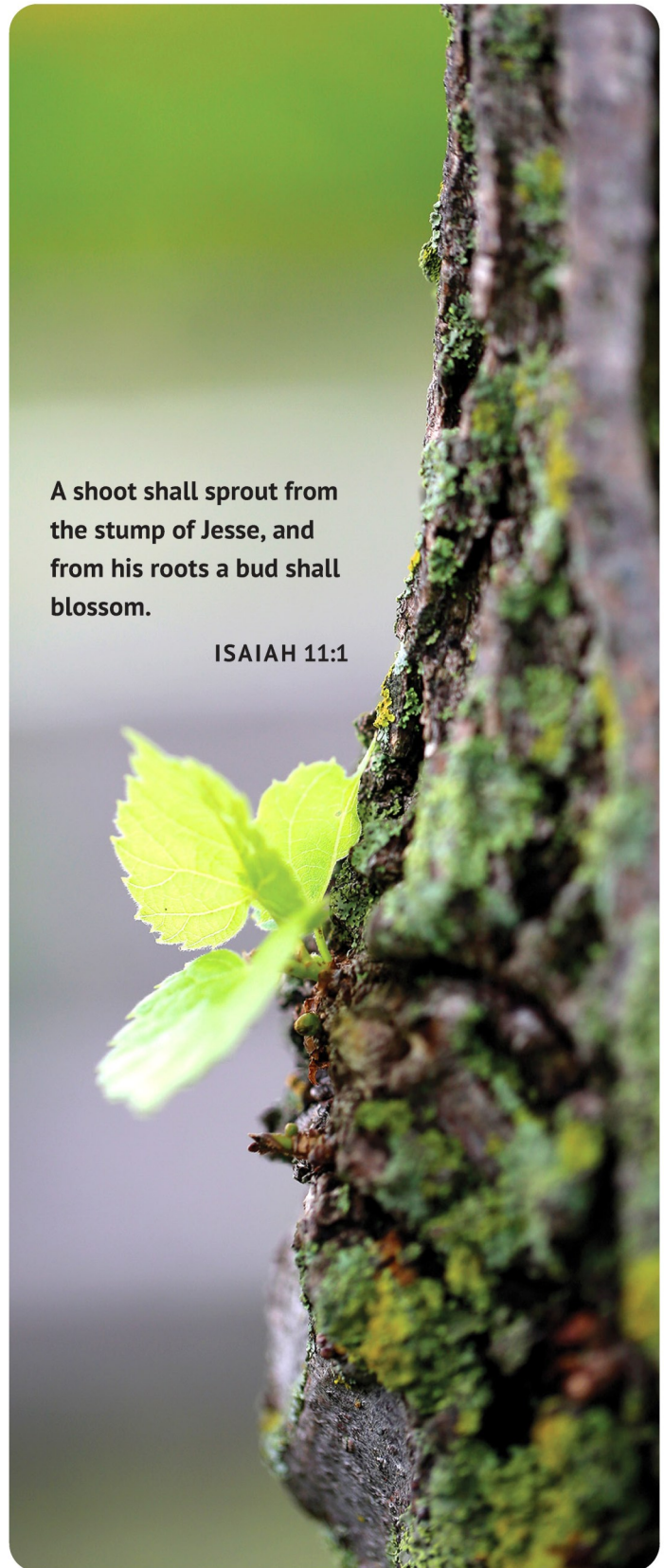
The gospels emphasize that Jesus was one such little one. Although the glory days of his people seemed to have come to a crashing close, they have not. In him, we glimpse the truth that life is stronger than death. We see that the future has not been erased, no matter how terrible the past. In him, we find our hope. ●

Reflect

***Are my eyes open to the small signs of God's work
in the world, or am I too distracted to notice?***

**A shoot shall sprout from
the stump of Jesse, and
from his roots a bud shall
blossom.**

ISAIAH 11:1



Dear Padre,

Do non-Catholics go to heaven?

Yes, they do, because of the grace of God at work in his people. To suggest otherwise would seem to imply that Catholics somehow have a “golden ticket,” or some kind of right that simply does not exist.

The Incarnation of Jesus healed the division between heaven and earth, a division established by the “sin of Adam” and confirmed by our own lives of sin. Through his passion, death, and resurrection, all has been restored to the manner that the Father first envisioned through his Creation. The division was between humanity and divinity, not between religious practices and divinity. Catholics believe and celebrate that God accepts all people of a good heart and a good spirit. God is not blinded by the labels that sometimes blind his people to the bigger reality.

When Catholics, or people of any religion, proclaim exclusivity and specialness, particularly when it concerns eternal life, all people should be very cautious about what they assume. To assume a certain type of arrogance—to yourself and to your belief and life of faith—that excludes others or separates another as “not one of us” simply has no place in the kingdom of God. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 8 <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Gn 3:9–15, 20 Eph 1:3–6, 11–12 Lk 1:26–38	December 9 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 40:1–11 Mt 18:12–14	December 10 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 40:25–31 Mt 11:28–30	December 11 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 41:13–20 Mt 11:11–15	December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> Zec 2:14–17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab Lk 1:26–38 or Lk 1:39–47	December 13 <i>St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i> Sir 48:1–4, 9–11 Mt 17:9a, 10–13	December 14 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Is 35:1–6a, 10 Jas 5:7–10 Mt 11:2–11

Do you have a question for the Padre?
Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.




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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made “restless” by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.

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