ADVENT

Dear friends in Christ,

As we begin this new liturgical year, this new Year of Grace 2027, and this holy season of Advent, I want to commend to you some passages of Pope Leo's homily for the first Sunday of Advent from last year. He reminds us that best way to prepare for Christ's coming, or his second coming, is pursuing holiness:

…We begin Advent, the season for preparing ourselves to experience anew at Christmas the mystery of Jesus, the Son of God, "begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father"…. In this context, the… prophet Isaiah, where the invitation resounds, beckoning all peoples to ascend the mountain of the Lord (cf. v. 3), a place of light and peace… The first image is that of the mountain "established as the highest of the mountains" (cf. Is 2:2). It reminds us that the fruits of God's action in our lives are a gift not only for us, but for everyone. Zion is a city set on the mountain and symbol of a community reborn in fidelity. Its beauty is a beacon of light for men and women from every place, and serves as a reminder that the joy of goodness is contagious. The lives of many saints confirm this. Saint Peter meets Jesus thanks to the enthusiasm of his brother Andrew (cf. Jn 1:40-42), who was led to the Lord, along with the Apostle John, by John the Baptist's zeal. Saint Augustine, centuries later, comes to Christ thanks to the ardent preaching of Saint Ambrose and there are many similar examples.

We find here an invitation to renew the power of our own witness of faith. Saint John Chrysostom, a great shepherd of this Church, spoke of the allure of holiness as a sign more eloquent than many miracles. He said: "The miracle happens and passes, but the Christian life remains and continually edifies" (Commentary on the Gospel of Saint Matthew, 43, 5). In conclusion, he exhorted: "Let us therefore watch over ourselves, so that we may also benefit others" (ibid.). Dear friends, if we truly want to help the people we meet, let us "keep watch" over ourselves, as the Gospel recommends (cf. Mt 24:42) by cultivating our faith with prayer with the sacraments, living it consistently in charity, and casting off — as Saint Paul tells us in the second reading — the works of darkness and putting on the armor of light (cf. Rom 13:12). The Lord, whom we await in glory at the end of time, comes every day to knock at our door. Let us be ready for him (cf. Mt 24:44), sincerely committed to living a life of goodness, after the example of the numerous holy men and women who have dwelt in this land throughout the ages. POPE LEO XIV

HOW CAN WE PREPARE FOR THE LORD'S COMING DURING ADVENT?

Advent is a season to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord at Christmas and at his coming in glory. So, we wait and watch for him with eager longing and joyful expectation. We need to be ready. The spiritual practices of prayer, reconciliation, and giving to those in need, help make room in our hearts when he comes:

RECONCILIATION - Opportunities for Confession

One of the best ways to prepare our hearts for Christmas is to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In this Sacrament, God's forgiveness heals our sins and helps us begin anew. We will have wonderful confessors, all of whom will be eager to help, especially for those who haven't been to Confession in a long while.

St. Anthony: Friday, December 11, 6 – 8 PM Adoration and Confession with 1 confessor
St. Jude: Monday, December 14 – 7 PM with 6 confessors
Holy Innocents: Thursday, December 17– 7 PM with 3 confessors

ALMSGIVING

The GIVING TREE AND GIVING GARLANDS at each church help provide a joyful Christmas for so many in need. Gift tags are available on the trees and garlands. You can really make a difference in a person's life by taking a tag. The new unwrapped gifts or gift cards must be returned by the due date to get delivered. If you have any questions or want to help:
St. Anthony and Holy Innocents: Claudia Silva, Outreach coordinator, 425-788-1400 and pantry@holyinn.org
St. Jude: Gary and Susan Pilawski at 283-9094.

PRAYER

Advent is wonderful time to renew the habit of Daily Mass. Going to Daily Mass helps keep the meaning of life before our eyes and reminds us to begin each day with gratitude to God. In addition, we have wonderful opportunities for adoration in our parish family. As Christmas approaches, do we ponder what "gift" can we present to Jesus on His birthday?"Your present" could be "your presence," every week during Advent, in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. If we allow Him, the Lord can transform by his presence to be more like Him. What better way to spend this Advent "giving ourselves" to the Lord. A great present indeed.

St. Jude Adoration - Friday 9:30AM – 9PM
Holy Innocents Adoration - Friday 6PM – 8PM
St. Anthony Adoration and Rosary - Tuesday 6PM

STEWARDSHIP

We still have a long way to go to meet our stewardship goal. It is so important that we have every family's participation. We cannot do what we need to do for the Lord without everybody's help. Please ask the Lord's help to guide you in giving. You can make your pledge on our parish websites or return a pledge card from the pews. Many thanks to all who have already made your stewardship pledge. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment to our parish!

May this Advent be a time of great renewal for us. May we watch and wait with joyful expectation 'til he comes.
Fr. Johnson

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

ST JUDE Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9AM-4PM, Friday 9AM-12PM

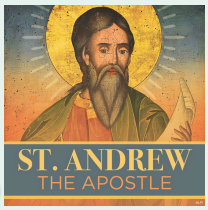
Monday November 30	Tuesday December 1	Wednesday December 2	Thursday December 3	Friday December 4	Saturday December 5	Sunday December 6
9:00am Daily Mass 10:00am Women of Faith 6:30pm Confirmation Session (Youth)	5:30pm Faith Formation K-6	8:30am Confessions 9:00am Daily Mass 7:00pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (for 11am Mass)	9:00am Daily Mass 12:15pm Steps to Freedom 1:00pm Rosary Cenacle 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (for 9am Mass) 7:00pm OCIA 7:00pm KoC - General Meeting	9:00am Daily Mass 9:30am - 9:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Guardians & Angels **7:00pm Holy Hour**	3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass	9:00am Sunday Mass 11:00am Sunday Mass Coffee & Donuts after both Masses 12:00pm Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal 1:00pm Baptism Prep Class 6:30pm Teen Group

HOLY INNOCENTS Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9AM-4PM, Friday 9AM-12PM

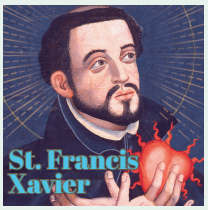
Monday November 30	Tuesday December 1	Wednesday December 2	Thursday December 3	Friday December 4	Saturday December 5	Sunday December 6
	9:00am Daily Mass 3:00-6:30pm Food Pantry Open 7:00pm Adult Confirmation Class	10am-12noon Food Pantry Open 6:00pm Daily Mass 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	9:00am Daily Mass	9:00am Daily Mass 6-6:45pm Confessions 6-8pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		8:00am Sunday Mass 10:30am Sunday Mass 12:00pm Teen Confirmation

ST ANTHONY Office Hours: Dec, 4 2026 Friday 9AM-Noon

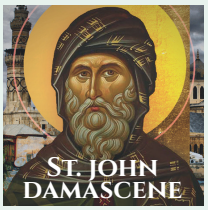
Tuesday December 1	Wednesday December 2	Thursday December 3	Saturday December 5	Sunday December 6
6:00pm Adoration & Rosary	7:30-9:30pm AA Meeting		5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass	5:30pm Sunday Evensong



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PARISH FAMILY FINANCIAL UPDATES

HOLY INNOCENTS YEAR TO DATE 2026 - 2027

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Actual	$201,834
Goal	$214,038
Ahead/(Behind)	*($12,204)*

BUILDING

Actual	$105,455
Goal	$117,277
Ahead/(Behind)	*($30,109)*

ST JUDE YEAR TO DATE 2026 - 2027

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Actual	$410,841
Goal	$412,130
Ahead/(Behind)	*($1,289)*

ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

- Holy Innocents: King County Crisis line at 211
- St. Jude SVdP: Helpline assistance: 206-767-6449
- To learn more or to join the ministry contact:
  - Connie Dunn at Holy Innocents: connie@conniedunn.com
  - Diane Murphy at St Jude: svdp@stjude-redmond.org
- To donate furniture or household items email: svdpfurnitureredmond@gmail.com (UPDATED EMAIL)

SAFE PARKING AT ST JUDE

Safe Parking Helpline: 425-658-4982
safeparking@stjude-redmond.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Holy Innocents:
Contact George Doty 360-668-2224
Dotyga@aol.com
St Jude:
knightsofcolumbus@stjude-redmond.org