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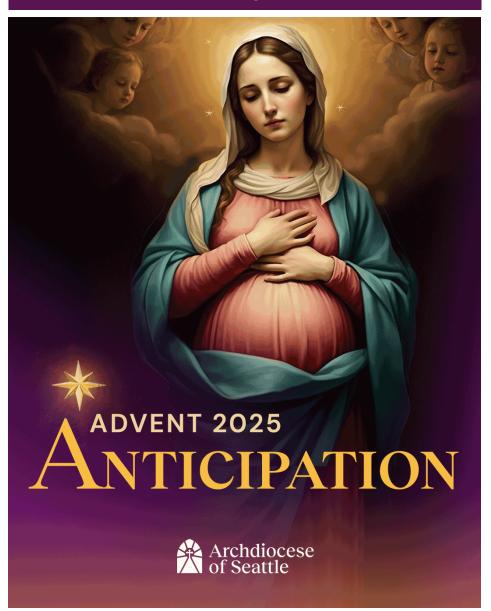
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November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent



PASTOR'S LETTER

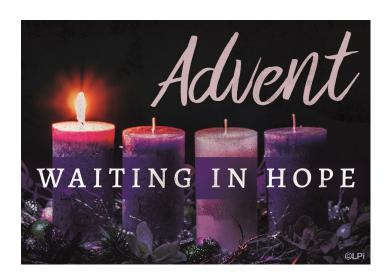


ADVENT

The word "Advent" comes from the Latin adventus, meaning "coming," and is associated with the four weeks of preparation for Christmas. Advent always includes four Sundays and begins on the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (November 30) and continues until December 24. In 2025, Advent begins on November 30 and ends on December 24, when Christmas Mass begins. Christmas Day is December 25. This time of preparation for the coming of the Messiah comes alive in the Liturgy of the Holy Mass, since "the liturgy leads us to celebrate the birth of Jesus, while reminding us that He comes every day in our lives, and that He will return gloriously at the end of time" (Pope Francis, Angelus, December 1, 2019). The Advent readings are oriented towards witnessing the moments in the history of salvation in which the Lord revives the hope of those who believe in his coming and invites them to vigilance and penance. Thus, the Liturgy underscores these ideas through the various texts of the prophets, the apostles, and the teachings of Jesus himself in the Gospels. Attentive meditation on the Advent liturgy texts helps us prepare ourselves so that His presence does not go unnoticed. During Advent, the liturgical color used by the Church is purple. This color symbolizes austerity and evokes a sense of penance. It is used because it helps the faithful become aware of the need for conversion, for being prepared, and for stirring up hearts in anticipation of the Lord's imminent arrival. The biblical readings during Advent are taken primarily from the prophet Isaiah (first reading), but also from other prophetic passages in the Old Testament. All of them refer to the coming of the Messiah. The prophet Isaiah, Saint John the Baptist, and Mary of Nazareth are presented by the Church as the great models for being properly prepared to receive the Savior. The Advent season is divided into two parts. Part One: From the First Sunday of Advent until December 17th. This period has a distinctly eschatological character, focusing on the "Second Coming," that is, the Lord's return at the end of time. Part Two: From Monday, December 18th to Sunday, December 24th. These days are known as the "Holy Week" of Christmas. As the final stretch before the Birth of Jesus, the Church intensifies the preparation of hearts, focusing on meditating on the mystery of the Incarnation, that is, the irruption of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity into history: Christmas. The Third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete Sunday," which means "Rejoice." A pink candle on the Advent wreath represents this Sunday. The Advent wreath reminds us

of the time before Jesus, when the world lived in spiritual darkness. During Advent, we remember the days of the Old Testament as we eagerly anticipate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. At Mass, you will also see priests and deacons in pink vestments, which remind us to joyfully await the birth of Jesus. The candles mark the four weeks of Advent. On the first Sunday of Advent. a violet candle is lit; on the second Sunday, a second violet candle is lit. On the third Sunday, a pink candle is lit, and on the fourth Sunday, the last candle, violet, is lit. These colors correspond to the vestment colors for each of those weeks: violet for penance, pink for joy. Advent was probably first celebrated in the 5th century, based on the tradition of fasting several times a week, beginning on the feast day of St. Martin of Tours (November 11) and concluding on Christmas Day. Currently, Advent always begins about four weeks before Christmas, on the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Andrew (November 30). Advent is the time given to us to welcome the Lord who comes to meet us, to examine our desire for God, to look ahead, and to prepare for Christ's return. He will return to us on Christmas Day, when we will remember his historical coming in the humility of human nature. But He comes within us whenever we are ready to receive Him, and He will come again at the end of time "to judge the living and the dead" (Pope Francis, Angelus, December 3, 2017).

SOURCE: ewtn.com—aciprensa.com—hallow.com—opusdei.org



STEWARDSHIP

Part I -A Time for Every Purpose: Living the Faith through the Precepts of the Church

Time is one of God's greatest gifts. From the first light of creation to the final breath of our lives, every moment is held in His loving plan. Time is not merely something that passes, it is something sacred, a vessel of grace through which God invites us to love, to grow, and to serve.

Every season of life carries purpose. There is a time to plant seeds of faith, a time to nurture them with prayer, a time to bear fruit in service, and a time to rest in gratitude for what God has done. The question is not whether we have time, but how we choose to spend it.

The Church offers us guidance for living our time well through the Precepts of the Church, which help us remain rooted in faith and connected to the life of grace. They are not burdens or rules to be endured, but signposts that direct our hearts toward God.

The Precepts of the Church

Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

Each Sunday is a sacred pause in our week, when heaven touches earth. At Mass, we offer our time back to the One who gave it to us. Worship keeps our hearts centered on God's eternal love.

Confess your sins at least once a year.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation allows us to begin again. In confession, time becomes a moment of healing and grace, where we are renewed in God's mercy

Receive the Eucharist at least once during the Easter season.

The Eucharist nourishes us with Christ's presence. To receive Him is to be strengthened for the journey of faith.

"There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens." Ecclesiastes 3:1

Observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.

Fasting helps us slow down and reflect. It teaches us to hunger for God, not just for food, and to create space in our time for spiritual renewal.

Contribute to the support of the Church.

Stewardship reminds us that everything we have—our time, talent, and treasure—comes from God. By giving generously, we help the Church continue her mission in our community and beyond.

Participate in the Church's mission of evangelization of souls.

Each of us is called to share the Gospel. Whether through words, actions, or quiet witness, we can bring the light of Christ into the world. Evangelization is one of the most beautiful ways we can spend our time.

These precepts ground us in the rhythm of faith—worship, repentance, renewal, and service. They remind us that holiness is not lived in grand gestures, but in consistent, faithful living.

Next week, we'll reflect on how we can make our time fruitful through the **Works of Mercy**, using our days not only to love God, but to serve one another in His name.

Lord of all time,

teach me to treasure each moment as Your gift.

Help me to use my days to grow in faith, to serve with joy, and to live every hour in gratitude for Your love.

Amen.

Lord God,

Giver of every good gift, You know my heart and the desires You place within it. Today I ask for the grace to say yes, yes to Your call, yes to being generous with the time, talents, and treasures You have entrusted to me.

Open my eyes to see the needs of my parish family. Open my hands to serve with joy. Open my heart to give freely, trusting that You will provide all I need.

Strengthen me to step forward in faith, without hesitation or fear. Let my offering, whether big or small, become a blessing that builds up the Body of Christ in my community.

May my service bring glory to Your Name, renew hope in others, and deepen my love for Your Church.

Jesus, make me generous like You. Holy Spirit, guide my decisions. Father, receive my yes today and always.

Amen.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SH Sacred Heart

Wed. (12/3) 9:00 am: Jolene Todd+ Friday (12/5) 9:00 am: Frank Isselhardt+ Sat. (12/6) 5:00 pm: Donald Ellwood+ Sunday (12/7) 8:30 am: Angelina Andrest+

10:30 am: Teresita, Reypasa & Family

SJW St. Joseph the Worker

Sunday (12/7) 12:30 pm: Santiago Salunat+

A SP St. Philip

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Sunday (12/7) 8:30 am: Dick Ripp+

1:00 pm (Spanish): Our ill Parishioners

SM St. Mary of Guadalupe

Wed. (12/3) 6:00 pm: Our Homebound Parishioners

Thurs. (12/4) 9:00 am: Meg Chromey

Sunday (12/7) 10:30 am: Dominique Duhart+

SJE St. John the Evangelist

Monday(12/1) 9:00 am: (SPI) Theo McLeod

7:00 pm: (RIP) Enrique Lopez; Souls in

Purgatory,

Tues. (12/2) 9:00 am: (RIP) Enrique Lopez
Wed. (12/3) 9:00 am: (RIP) Souls in Purgatory
Friday (12/5) 9:00 am: (RIP) Betty Pasco
Sat. (12/6) 5:00 pm: (SPI) Patricia Cease
Sunday (12/7) 9:00 am: (SPI) Gracie Campbell

11:00 am: (Spanish) (RIP) Eduardo Zamora Rocha; Froylan

Rocha; Maria de Jesus Torres Ponce: (SPI) Jaime y Antonia

Blas

5:00 pm: (Spanish) (SPI) Brenda y Jaime

Blas

PRAYER AND DEVOTIONS

SH Sacred Heart

Wednesday(12/3) 8:30 am: Rosary

9:30 am-11:00 am: Adoration

1st Friday (12/5) 9:30 am: Anointing of the Sick

SJW St. Joseph the Worker

Thursday (12/4) 11:00 am: Rosary

SP St. Philip

Sunday (12/7)

Wednesday(12/3) 8:30 am: Liturgy of the Hours

9:30 am: Rosary & Divine Mercy 6:00 pm: Men's Prayer Group, 6:00 pm: (Spanish) Divine Mercy,

Thursday (12/4) 6:00 pm: (Spanish) Divine Mercy, 1st Friday (12/5) 8:30 am: Liturgy of the Hours 9:30 am:-11:00 am, Anointing of the

Sick, followed by Adoration 5:00 pm-6:00 pm (Spanish)

SM St. Mary of Guadalupe

1st Thursday(12/4) 9:30 am-12:00 pm: Anointing of the

Sick, Rosary and Adoration

6:00 pm Ridgefield ADORE (Adoration) 7:00 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group

SJE St. John the Evangelist

Monday (12/1) 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm: Adoration

Wednesday(12/3) 6:00pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the

O'Shea House

Thursday (12/4) 9:00 am Morning Prayer Lauds

(English)

Friday (12/5) 10:00am: Sacred Heart Holy

Sacrament of Adoration with

Healing Prayer

8:00pm: Children's Nocturnal

Adoration

9:00pm to 11:45 pm Women's Nocturnal Adoration

CONFESSION

SH Sacred Heart

Saturday (12/6) 3:30 pm-4:40 pm

SP St. Philip

Wednesday (12/3) 8:30 am Friday (12/5) 8:30 am

1st Saturday (12/6) 8:30 am & 9:30 am

SM St. Mary of Guadalupe

Wednesday (12/3) 5:30 pm Thursday (12/4) 8:30 am

SJE St. John the Evangelist

Monday (12/1) 8:00 pm Saturday (12/6) 3:30 pm-4:45 pm

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Francine Carpio Scott, Anne Flynn, Ellen Olson, Geroge & Carmen Brandreth, Ron Marquez, Arlan Byrd, Carolyn Carpio, Adam Wingfield, Maura M., Steve Flyn, Kari Groshell, Donna Reeder, Bob Sabol, Carolyn Mackes, Joni Concannon, Manuel Juscefh Maciel, Linda Pope, Gibson, Jaxon Pacheco, Amber Naramore, Ruby Duncan, Sean Knowles, Marie Vallentyne, Thomas MacDonald, Shirley Keller, Don Mass, Tony Giovingo, JoAnn Heichel, Patrick McIntire, Butch and Margaret Martin, Olivia Branch, Jack Otokichy, Flor Carrillero Baltazar, Mary Jo Piazza, Ron Hertz

Those who are sick and unable to join us today, the men and women in our Armed Forces, and all the faithful departed,

Names will be kept on the list for two months. To add or remove a name to our prayer list, please contact Garri Linardos in the Sacred Heart office. (360) 687-4515, or email g.linardos@sacredheartbg.org

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EVENTS

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Monday (12/1)	5:00 pm	OCIA Family Night, church
Tuesday (12/2)	10:30 am	Book Club, Hall
	5:30 pm	CGS Level 2, Hall
Wednesday (12/3)	10:00 am	CGS Level 1 & 2, Hall
	5:30 pm	CGS Level 1, 2 & 3, Hall
Thursday (12/4)	7:00 pm	Knight of Columbus Meeting, Hall
Friday (12/5)	9:45 am	Advent Small Group Reflection, Hall

SJW St. Joseph the Worker

SP St. Philip

Monday (12/1)	6:30 pm	OCIA (Spanish), Hall		
Tuesday (12/2)	6-8:00 pm	Choir Practice, Church (Spanish)		
Wednesday (12/3)	6:00 pm	Jr./Sr. High Faith Formation, Parish Hall		
Thursday (12/4)	5:30 am	OCIA Youth/Children Class		
Sunday (12/7)	9:30 am	OCIA Adults, Church		
	11:00 am	Elementary Faith Formation, Hall		
SM St. Mary of Guadalupe				

Sunday (12/7)	9:00 am	Elementary Faith Formation, in the Hall
	10:30 am	Feed My Lambs Collection

SJE St. John the Evangelist

Monday, 12/1	5:30 pm	OCIA (English). 5:30pm—8:30pm, Vogel Hall
Wioriday, 12/1	6:00 pm	Children's Choir Practice, Room K
	6:30 pm	Pastorela Practice, Fireside Room
	7:00 pm	Bible Study, library (Spanish)
Tuesday, 12/2	9:45 am	Faith Sharing & Bible Study Group, Fireside Room
rucsuay, ±2/2	1:00 pm	SVDP Monthly Meeting: 1:00—3:00pm, Fireside Room
	6:00 pm	First Communion Prep: 6:00–8:00PM, Room K
Wed, 12/3	1:00 pm	Elder Project (Sorting & Bagging): Fireside Room
Weu, 12/3	6:00 pm	Family Faith Formation: Room K
	6:30 pm	Renewed in The Holy Spirit, Fireside Room
Thursday, 12/4	9:45 am	Meeting for Discussion of Sunday's Gospel, Library
mursuay, 12/4	1:00 pm	Bible Study (English): Fireside Room
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	5:30 pm	OCIA (Spanish): 5:30—8:30, Vogel Hall
	6:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting: Fireside Room
	6:30 pm	Fixing Costumes for the Nativity Play, Room E
Friday 40/F	7:00 pm	Novena of Rosaries for Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Friday, 12/5	9:30 am	Bible Study (Spanish), Fireside Room
	10:30 am	Legion of Mary, Room E
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir Practice, Room K
	6:00pm	Choir Practice Samuel Rivas, 6:00pm-8:00pm Room
	6:00 pm	Liturgy Training Meeting (Spanish), Church
	6:00 pm	Sharing Talks / Married Couples, Room D
	7:00 pm	Youth Group (Middle School) Library
	7:00 pm	Novena of Rosaries for Our Lady of Guadalupe
	7:30 pm	Young Adult Q & A, 7:30 pm-9:00pm, Fireside Room
Saturday, 12/6	5:00 pm	Religious Olive Wood Carvings Sale After All Masses
	6:00 pm	Novena of Rosaries for Our Lady of Guadalupe
Sunday, 12/7	9:00 am	Religious Olive Wood Carvings Sale After All Masses
	10:00 am	Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast & Santa Visit
	12:30 pm	Rehearsal for the Pastorela, Fireside Room
	6:00 pm	Confirmation Class, 6:00pm-8:30pm Fireside Room
	6:00 pm	Novena of Rosaries for Our Lady of Guadalupe

Bulletin Articles

Following are submittal timelines for any news or announcement your group or ministry wants published in an upcoming bulletin. You can submit your articles to your parish office, or to Garri Linardos at g.linardos@sacredheartbg.org * note early due dates

December 21 bulletin: submittals due to parish office by Dec 3* December 28 bulletin: submittals due to parish office by Dec 11*



Advent is a season of joyful anticipation as we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. On a deeper level, anticipation during Advent is about fostering a greater desire for the Lord and his presence in our daily lives.

Go to <u>archseattle.org/advent</u> or scan the code for Advent inspiration from Archbishop Paul D. Etienne, engaging stories from Northwest Catholic and resources to make this your best Advent ever.



LITURGY



A Holy Day of Obligation

St. John: 9:00 am (English) **7:00 pm** (Spanish)

Sacred Heart: 9:00 am (English) **7:00 pm (**English)

St. Philip: 9:00 am (English)

St. Mary of Guadalupe: 6:00 pm (Bilingual)



Friday, December 12th

Sacred Heart: 9:00 am Mass (English) Bring a flower to place before our Lady before Mass

St. Philip: 6:00 am Mañanitas & Donas 9:00 am Mass (English) 6:30 pm Mass (Spanish)

St. John:

Wed. Dec 10 7:00 pm Mass (Bilingual) Thurs, Dec 11 7:00 pm Mass (Bilingual)

Fri, Dec 12

4:30 am Rosary 5:00 am Mass (Spanish) 6:00 am Cultural Dances 9:00 am Mass (English) 5:00 pm Mass (Bilingual) 7:00 pm Mass (Bilingual)

St. Mary of Guadalupe: Sun. Dec 14 ~ Chili Luncheon following 10:30 am Mass

ADVENT BEGINS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH



Sacred Heart Advent Small Group

Fridays at 9:45 am. beginning December 5th. Join an Advent reflection small group at Sacred Heart, This will replace the Sunday Scripture Prayer Group during Advent.

Or use this 2025 Advent Reflection Guide with your family or group of friends to reflect each week on Advent readings and reflections led by Pope Leo XIV. Go to archseattle.org/advent to download the guide in English or Spanish.



ADVENT REFLECTION TALK

HOPE IS ALIVE IN **JESUS CHRIST**





MEN'S

MINISTRY

PRESENTER IULIE CARRICK. CATHOLIC RECORDING ARTIST. AUTHOR. SPEAKER.

TUESDAY. **DECEMBER 9** 11:00 AM, 7:00 PM

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH 8701 NE 119TH ST. **VANCOUVER, WA**

OUTREACH

Sacred Heart/St. JosephAnnual Christmas Food Boxes

St. Vincent de Paul and the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring our Christmas program to provide food boxes and gift cards for those in need. Our parish family has brought the joy of Christmas to many families in years past, and with your help we will again.

There are four ways you can help:

- 1. <u>Sign up</u> your family, or a family you know who could use a little help.
- 2. <u>Sign-up to sponsor</u> a family food box on November 22nd & 23rd. You can sponsor a box individually or share the responsibility with a friend. Return boxes to the church **on** December 13th & 14th.
- 3. <u>Donate funds</u> on the sign-up days, to help pay for perishable food items and gifts cards for the children.
- Volunteer your time to help store items after Masses in December, or distribute/deliver food and gifts on Saturday, December 20th.



St. John The Evangelist The Giving Tree

The <u>Giving Tree</u> will be going up Saturday November 29th. Please take an ornament off the tree, purchase the item on the ornament and bring it back to church in a



Holiday gift bag. If there are several items listed on the ornament it is not necessary to buy all, they are just ideas. All gifts need to be back by <u>December 12th</u>. If you have any questions please call SJE St. Vincent de Paul at (360) 573-7199 or Judi Fairbanks at (360) 666-6025

St. John the Evangelist Prepares Service Dates and Hours

- 2nd Sunday of the month Diaper distribution from 12:30 pm
- 4th weekend of the month—Baby & Infant store open after all weekend Masses

We are currently in need of diapers sizes 5, 6, 7, and baby wipes. Donations can be dropped in the Narthex. We appreciate your support!

For more information on ways you can support this ministry, or to schedule an appointment to obtain diapers and other items at no cost, please contact Marina Diaz at 360-521-4981. Please remember, we only accept baby and infant clothing donations, NO adult clothing. Thank you for your support!

▲ St. Philip Christmas Giving Tags

Make a Woodland Student's Christmas brighter this Christmas! Our parish family has an opportunity to share the joy of the season. Please take a Christmas tag and fulfill their Christmas wishes and return all <u>unwrapped</u> gift donations with the student number attached to each item by **December 8th** into the St. Philip parish office or call the office for more details. (360) 225-8308.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and prayers. We pray for you all as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

▲ St. Philip & St. Mary Rosaries for our Troops



Would you be interested in making Military Rosaries for our Troops? Free training for right or left handed people. If interested please contact John V. through the St. Philip office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Ozanam House November Food Pantry Needs:

Pasta
Pancake Mix & Syrup
Cake Mixes & Frostings

Canned Fruit Cereal

St. John the Evangelist St. Vincent de Paul



Looking ahead for 2026 Driver Calendar

Our St John SVdP is looking for new drivers for our Tuesday 8:00am food Pickup at Clark County Food Bank.

Orders typically are two pallets that weigh around 2000lbs total. It can be a team of two drivers with trucks, each bringing in one pallet or if you have a trailer that can accommodate a ton. No lifting required, we have a ground crew that unloads and stocks the product. Rotation would be once a month. For more details, please call Laura Fernandez at 360-314-2090. Thank you.

Sacred Heart/St. Joseph St. Vincent de Paul

For the month of October, we received 29 calls for help. 12 were for rent, 13 for utilities, 1 for auto repair, and 2 for gas, and 1 for a Thanksgiving box. Of those we worked 14, helping 5 families with rent and 9 with utilities. The need continues for non-perishable food for Ozanam House which can be dropped off in the box in the vestibule. Thank you for your continued support!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP TIME TALENT. Our entire life to the goodness of to the abund

Our entire life is meant to be a response to the goodness of God. Stewardship is our response to the abundant generosity of God to us.

November 18	Registered Families	Commitments Returned	% of Participation
Sacred Heart	439	26	6%
St. Joseph	34	1	3%
St. John	1989	120	6%
St. Mary	267	12	4%
St. Philip	399	6	1.3%



Being a disciple of Jesus reflected through these 4 traits of joy (1 Peter 1: 8-9)

Generous

Sharing all of my God given gifts (Acts 20:35)

Intentional

Consciously deciding to advance the Mission of my church. (MT 16: 24)

Responsible

Responding to the call of discipleship by developing my gifts (MT 25: 14-30)

Grateful

Thanking God for my Blessings—especially Jesus (Luke 17:11-19)



Gratitude starts when we recognize that we have received a gift.

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER GOD'S GIFTS TO YOU AND MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY.

Everything we have is a gift from God, and we're called to share these gifts with others. This is stewardship.

Understanding this, embracing the joy of stewardship, is what creates in us a "need" to give. We give not because there is a need to give — but because our heart points us to give as a part of our faith journey. We give because we are grateful for what we have been given.

If you haven't already decided on your parish stewardship commitment, please prayerfully consider God's gifts to you and make your pledge today. Good things happen when you share. When we see everything before us as a gift, we joyfully accept the responsibility to grow and return our gifts to God.

FAITH FORMATION

St. Mary Elementary Faith Formation

~ K - 5th Grade

Classes are on Sundays from 9 am to 10:15 pm.

▲ St. Philip ~

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Session Dates; December 7; January 11 & 25; February 8 & 22; The Rite of Election: February 24th, March 8 & 22. Easter Vigil on April 4. We meet immediately following the 8:30 AM Mass at St. Philip in Woodland, in the church. All are welcome! Inquirers into the Catholic Faith or Catholics who want a refresher.

OCIA -Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

(Spanish) Are you or someone you know considering becoming a Catholic? We will have classes in Spanish to explore the Catholic Faith on Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm. Email us at: churchoffice@stphilipwoodland.com

OCIA - for Children / Youth

It's a special faith journey for children aged 7-17 who want to receive the <u>Sacraments of Initiation</u> (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.) First session: Thursday, November 6th, @5;30pm in the Parish Hall. if you know someone who is interested and have questions, please call the church office: (360) 225-8308. Email us at: churchoffice@stphilipwoodland.com

Elementary Faith Formation ~ 1st through 5th grade

Sunday, from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm in the Parish Hall.

Jr./Sr. High School Faith Formation~ 6th - 12th Grade

Classes are on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:30pm in the parish hall.

Sacred Heart

Sunday, Dec. 14, 6 pm

This newly formed youth group (for grades 9-12) meets on the second Sunday of the month, at Sacred Heart, October through June, from **6pm to 8pm**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sacred Heart Book Club

Tuesdays in December @ 10:30 am

Join us this December as we read and discuss *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. Please read the first 20 pages before the first meeting on December 2nd. The book I widely available at your favorite retail store.

▲ St. Philip Fridays Event Series ~ Women's Night

The monthly Women's Group will not be meeting in December. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for us. The next meeting will be **Friday**, **January 9**, **6-8 PM** in St. Philip Hall. Please join us for a potluck meal and time of prayer and fellowship with the women of our parish.

St. John The Evangelist Christmas Tree Lighting

Save the Date: **December 13, 6:00 pm**, following the 5 pm mass for the annual Multi Cultural, St. John's Christmas Tree Lighting. We will be in Vogel Hall to hear the Hispanic Children's Choir sing, join in song together, light our Christmas tree and join in fellowship. We are asking every family to bring 2 dozen cookies that are either a reflection of your heritage/culture or your family's favorite Christmas cookie. Hot chocolate and cider will be available.

Let's gather together on this night, as we come closer to the celebration of "The Birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ".

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ~

St. John the Evangelist Council 12983

The Knights of Columbus Annual Holiday Movie Program at Battle Ground Cinema Saturday, December 13 at 9:30 am

Doors open at 8:30 am. Santa will be in attendance. Popcorn is free and Soda only \$1. Children up to 12 years of age are \$5 and Adults are only \$8.

SACRED HEART NEWS

Sacred Heart/St. Joseph Annual Christmas Bulletin Cover Art Contest

We are looking for parishioner art to grace the cover of our parish bulletin this Christmas.

- ◆Crayon, marker, watercolor, collage, just about any medium.
- ◆Should be in a vertical format (Portrait orientation)
- ◆Submit original art or a jpeg to the Sacred Heart parish office by December 14th. info@sacredheartbg.org



CEMETERY

St. John The Evangelist Cemetery

Thank you to all who came out, daring the weather forecast, to help tackle the St. John's Cemetery Fall Fix-Up. Individuals, families and students from Faith Formation and Seton Catholic, YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE!!!!

Cemetery visitation reminder:

The water is now off! Artificial flowers are allowed Dec. 1- March 1.

PLEASE use the temporary vases for flowers, 2 per burial plot

NO GLASS or plastic vases, toys, balloons, food, items that can blow away, or alcohol/drug use on the cemetery property.

St. Mary of Guadalupe News

St. Mary of Guadalupe

With gratitude to God for small victories, the new ADA bathroom at St. Mary Church has been completed. This improvement along with the new storage cabinets in the hall will be of great help long into the future. The handicapped parking designations will be completed soon.

Thank you to Mr. Mike McInnes for his leadership and his team for overseeing this project. We are most grateful to everyone who has given their prayers and support for this project. It had been delayed due to uncertainties (Covid, and Partners). Thanks be to God for its final completion. Good work everyone! God bless...





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