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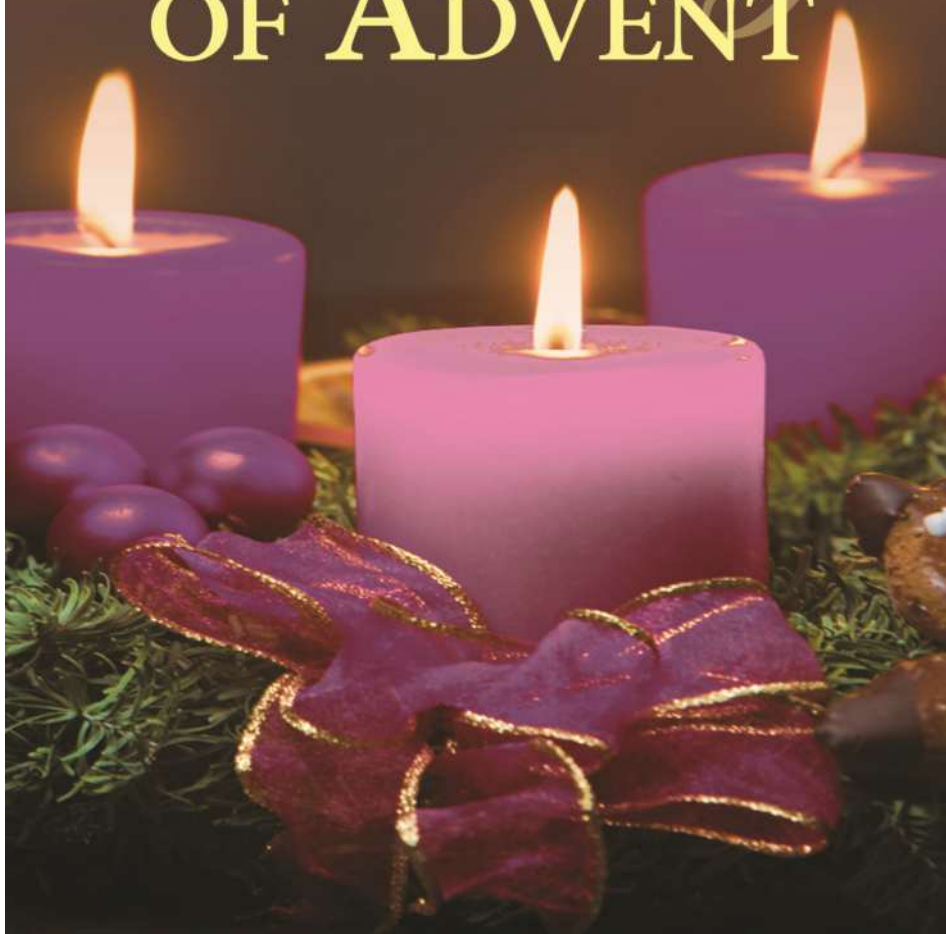
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December 14, 2025

3rd Sunday
OF ADVENT





PASTOR'S LETTER

THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent wreath is a centuries-old Christian tradition. Often overshadowed by the candles it holds to light the way to the birth of Jesus; the Advent wreath itself symbolizes many themes and beliefs fundamental to the Christian faith. In parishes, Advent wreaths are placed anywhere on the altar, on a side table, or even hung from the ceiling. The Advent wreath is not an ancient custom. It appears to have first emerged among German Lutherans in the 16th century, but it was later introduced, in 1839, by the Protestant pastor Johann Hinrich Wichern, one of the founders of the Home Mission, a pioneering movement in Germany related to urban ministry. The earliest wreath was a large wooden wheel with many more candles: twenty small ones for the weekdays and four for Sundays. Later, this tradition, typical of German Protestant churches, was also adopted by Catholic churches. Initially found only in church settings, it eventually spread to homes worldwide. It is customary for the Advent wreath to have three purple candles and one pink candle. Although the candles are not required to be a specific color, these colors are customary as they allude to the liturgical season of Advent, when priests wear purple, symbolizing penance and humility in anticipation of Jesus' arrival. The pink candle represents the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday. This color represents joy and gladness because the birth of Jesus is near. The names of the Sundays of Advent are taken

from the first words of the Introit, the antiphon that opens the celebration of Mass on these Sundays:

First candle / Sunday: HOPE (Prophecy Candle)

Second candle / Sunday: PEACE (Bethlehem Candle)

Third candle / Sunday: JOY (Shepherd Candle)

Fourth candle / Sunday: LOVE (Angel Candle)

The Advent wreath helps make visible the time of waiting and of coming together. Its circular shape refers to the beginning and the end, alpha and omega, within eternity and unity. A cycle that always returns and that carries within itself divine perfection. It is a symbol of the Lord's infinite love. In the heart of winter, nature fades its colors, but shines with its evergreen plants, which never wither. For this reason, the wreath is made of pine and fir branches to remind us of vitality and hope. Advent is a unique "season of hope," full of preparation for all of us in the Christian community, although society at large can easily overlook it as simply an early and prolonged celebration of Christmas. It is true that Christ has already come, and we should rejoice in his Incarnation every day of our lives. But the four weeks of Advent that precede Christmas give us all a special time to "retell" in prayer the story of the birth of Jesus, the Hope of Israel.

SOURCES: allow.com— desdelafe.mx— holypart.es— vaticannews.va— trentonmonitor.com



Advent Reflection Series Part III

Joy in the Midst of Waiting: Recognizing God's Blessings



Scripture:

**Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say, rejoice!"**

Philippians 4:4

"The Angelus"
by Julie Carrick
[Listen and view video here.](#)



**The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior,
Who will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love,
Who will sing joyfully because of you**

Zephaniah 3:17

Gaudete Sunday shifts our focus to joy. This joy is not shallow or dependent on circumstances; it springs from the deep assurance that God is with us. Even during busy schedules, struggles, or uncertainty, Christ walks closely beside us.

Joy grows when we practice gratitude. It opens our eyes to the blessings around us and helps us see God's presence even in small things. Advent joy is strengthened through prayer, community, and looking with hope toward the coming of the Lord

Stewardship **Note: The Gift of Treasure**

True Christian joy also invites us to reflect on the gift of treasure, the blessings God places in our lives. Stewardship is not about giving out of obligation but out of gratitude. This week is a reminder that:

- giving generously supports parish ministries and outreach,
- even small sacrifices can make a great difference,
- our blessings are meant to be shared,
- joyful giving imitates the generosity of Christ.

When we give with joy, we become part of God's work in our parish and beyond.

Closing Prayer:

Lord, fill my heart with Advent joy. Help me to recognize Your blessings and to give generously from a spirit of gratitude. Strengthen my hope as Christmas draws near and let Your joy be my strength.

Amen.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

● SH Sacred Heart

Wed. (12/17) 9:00 am: Steven Schrantz+
 Friday (12/19) 9:00 am: Scott Thompson+
 Sat. (12/20) 5:00 pm: Cuneta Family members
 Sunday (12/21) 8:30 am: Mary Garrison Poundstone
 10:30 am: Martin & Chris Kratt

◆ SJW St. Joseph the Worker

Sunday (12/21) 12:30 pm: Arthur David McKay+

▲ SP St. Philip

Wed. (12/17) 9:00 am: Noel Ripp & Jerome Martin
 Friday (12/19) 9:00 am: Tyler Collins +
 Sunday (12/21) 8:30 am: Miguel Angel Guerra +
 1:00 pm (Spanish): Juanita Arias
 1st Sat.(1/3) 9:00 am: Souls in Purgatory+

◆ SM St. Mary of Guadalupe

Wed. (12/17) 6:00 pm: Dieter Hundt +
 Thurs. (12/18) 9:00 am: Matt Eussen +
 Sunday (12/21) 10:30 am: Ava Lipp

■ SJE St. John the Evangelist

Monday(12/15) 9:00 am: (SPI) Doug Eklofe, Brent Eklofe
 7:00 pm: (RIP) Enrique Lopez
 Tues. (12/16) 9:00 am: (RIP) Souls in Purgatory
 Wed. (12/17) 9:00 am: (RIP) Gwen Edel, Amanda Edel,
 Don Carrick
 Friday (12/19) 9:00 am: (RIP) Souls in Purgatory
 Sat. (12/20) 5:00 pm: (RIP) Susan Malubay, Peter
 O'Sullivan, Maria de Jesus
 Ponce (SPI) For The People
 Sunday (12/21) 9:00 am: For the People. (RIP) German
 Sanchez Silva. Francine
 Carpio Scott
 11:00 am: (Spanish) (RIP) Eduardo
 Zamora Rocha, Fraylan
 Rocha, Antonio Ponce, Maria
 de Jesus Torres Ponce,
 5:00 pm: (Spanish) (SPI) Jaime y Brenda
 Blas

CONFESSION

● SH Sacred Heart

Saturday (12/20) 3:30 pm-4:40 pm

▲ SP St. Philip

Wednesday (12/17) 8:30 am
 Friday (12/19) 8:30 am
 1st Saturday (1/3) 8:30 am & 9:30 am

◆ SM St. Mary of Guadalupe

Wednesday (12/17) 5:30 pm
 Thursday (12/18) 8:30 am

■ SJE St. John the Evangelist

Monday (12/15) 6:00 pm
 Saturday (12/20) 3:30 pm-4:45 pm

PRAYER AND DEVOTIONS

● SH Sacred Heart

Wednesday(12/17) 8:30 am: Rosary
 9:30 am-11:00 am: Adoration
 1st Friday (1/2) 9:30 am: Anointing of the Sick

◆ SJW St. Joseph the Worker

Thursday (12/18) 11:00 am: Rosary

▲ SP St. Philip

Wednesday(12/17) 8:30 am: Liturgy of the Hours
 9:30 am: Rosary & Divine Mercy
 6:00 pm: Men's Prayer Group,
 Thursday (12/18) 6:00 pm: (Spanish) NO Divine Mercy,
 1st Friday (1/2) 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

Sunday (12/21) 7:00 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group
 1st Thursday(1/1) 9:30 am-12:00 pm: Anointing of the
 Sick, Rosary, Divine Mercy and
 Adoration
 6:00 pm Ridgefield ADORE (Adoration)

■ SJE St. John the Evangelist

Monday (12/15) 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm: Adoration
 Wednesday(12/17) 6:00pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the
 O'Shea House
 Thursday (12/18) 9:00 am Morning Prayer Lauds
 (English)

HOLIDAY HOURS

Family 44 Parish Offices of St. Philip, St. John and Sacred Heart will be closed December 22nd through January 3rd. We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Bob Clark, Scott Clark, Lynn Hainley, Faye Lister, Jeff Rice, Mike Speilman,, Anne Flynn, Ellen Olson, Geroge & Carmen Brandreth, Ron Marquez, Arlan Byrd, Carolyn Carpio, Adam Wingfield, Maura M., Steve Flynn, 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, especially Francine Carpio Scott+.

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

SH Sacred Heart

Monday (12/15) 5:00 pm

Tuesday (12/16) 10:30 am

5:30 pm

Wednesday (12/17) 10:00 am

5:30 pm

Friday (12/19) 9:45 am

OCIA Family Night, church

Book Club, Hall

CGS Level 2, Hall

CGS Level 1 & 2, Hall

CGS Level 1, 2 & 3, Hall

Advent Small Group Reflection, Hall

SJW St. Joseph the Worker

SP St. Philip

Monday (12/15) 6:30 pm

Tuesday (12/16) 6-8:00 pm

Wednesday (12/17) 6:00 pm

Thursday (12/18) 5:30 am

Sunday (12/21) 11:00 am

OCIA (Spanish), Hall

Choir Practice, Church (Spanish)

Jr./Sr. High Faith Formation, Parish Hall

OCIA Youth/Children Class

Elementary Faith Formation, Hall

SM St. Mary of Guadalupe

Sunday (12/21) 9:00 am

10:30 am

Elementary Faith Formation, in the Hall

Feed My Lambs Collection

SJE St. John the Evangelist

Monday, 12/15 5:30 pm

6:00 pm

6:30 pm

Tuesday, 12/16 9:45 am

1:00 pm

7:00 pm

Wed, 12/17 6:30 pm

7:00 pm

Thursday, 12/18 9:45 am

10:00 am

1:00 pm

5:30 pm

5:30 pm

7:00 pm

Friday, 12/19 9:30 am

10:30 am

6:00 pm

6:00 pm

6:00 pm

6:00 pm

OCIA (English). 5:30pm—8:30pm, Vogel Hall

Children's Choir Practice, Room K

Pastorela Practice, Fireside Room

Faith Sharing & Bible Study Group, Fireside Room

SVDP Monthly Meeting SVDP, Fireside RM

Posadas Followed by Hot Chocolate

Renewed in The Holy Spirit, Fireside Room

Posadas Followed by Hot Chocolate

Meeting for Discussion of Sunday's Gospel, Library

Bereavement Ministry Meeting, Room K

Bible Study (English): Fireside Room

OCIA (Spanish): 5:30—8:30, Vogel Hall

Quinceanera Rehearsal, Church

Posadas Followed by Hot Chocolate

Bible Study (Spanish), Fireside Room

Legion of Mary, Room E

Children's Choir Practice, Room K

Choir Practice Samuel Rivas, Room B

Parish Council Meeting, Fireside Room

Sharing Talks, Married Couples (Marriage Encounter)

Room D

Bible Study (High School Group), Library

Posadas Followed by Hot Chocolate

Posadas Followed by Hot Chocolate

Simbang Gabi Reception

Posadas Followed Hot Chocolate

Saturday, 12/20 7:00 pm

Sunday, 12/21 6:00 pm

10:00 am

6:00 pm

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

January 4 bulletin: submittals due to parish office by Dec 11*

January 11 bulletin: submittals due to parish office by Dec 29*

ADVENT 2025 ANTICIPATION



Advent Penance Services All services begin at 6:00 pm

St. Joseph, Vancouver

December 15th

St. John the Evangelist, Vancouver

December 16th

Holy Redeemer

December 23rd

● Sacred Heart Advent Small Group

Fridays at 9:45 am,
beginning Dec. 5th.

Join an Advent reflection small group at Sacred Heart, 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.

Praying the O Antiphons

December 18th through 24th

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.

Look for the payer booklets in the
vestibule at Sacred Heart

Dec. 18 ~ ‘O Wisdom’

Dec. 19 ~ ‘O Adonai’

Dec. 20 ~ ‘O Root of Jesse’

Dec. 21 ~ ‘O Key of David’

Dec. 22~ ‘O Rising Dawn’

Dec. 23~ ‘O King of Nations’

Dec. 24 ~ ‘O Emmanuel’

HUELLAS MIGRANTES PRESENTS

LA PASTORELA

THE SHEEP OF BETHLEHEM



A story of unity, understanding, and
resilience that will lead you to
reflect and, undoubtedly, to
understand the true meaning of
Christmas.

PRESENTATIONS:

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER/PORTLAND:
DECEMBER 14TH 2:30 PM

ST. JOSEPH/VANCOUVER:
DECEMBER 19TH 7:00 PM

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST/VANCOUVER:
DECEMBER 21ST 12:30 PM AND 6:00 PM

ST. PHILIP/WOODLAND, WA:
DECEMBER 28TH 2:00 PM

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH/PORTLAND
JANUARY 4TH 1:30 PM

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JOIN US FOR

Christmas

Family 44 Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24th Christmas Eve

Sacred Heart ~ 5:00 pm

St. Mary ~ 5:00 pm

St. John ~ 5:00 pm

St. John ~ 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sacred Heart ~ 12:00 Midnight*

Thursday, December 25th Christmas Day

St. Philip ~ 8:30 am

St. John ~ 9:00 am

Sacred Heart ~ 10:30 am*

St. Mary ~ 10:30 am

St. John ~ 12:00 pm (bilingual)

St. Joseph 12:30 pm*

St. Philip ~ 1:00 pm (Spanish)

St. John ~ 5:00 pm (Spanish)

* incense will be used

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St. Mary of Guadalupe Feast Day Celebration Sunday December 14th

The Social Committee invites you to a Chili luncheon after mass to celebrate the feast day of St. Mary of Guadalupe. We hope to see you there as we continue to grow our community.

St. John The Evangelist Simbang Gabi

Sunday, December 21, 9:00 am

Simbang Gabi (literally "Night Mass" in Tagalog.) It is a series of nine Masses, from December 16th to December 24th. Simbang Gabi is above all an expression of filial devotion to Mary, the mother of God. Filipino Catholics join and accompany Mary, so to speak, as she awaits the birth of her son. Simbang Gabi started as an agricultural practice, in the Philippines that allowed farmers to attend Mass before heading to the fields. Our Simbang Gabi Mass will be celebrated on December 21st, at 9 AM Mass. A reception follows. You are invited to this special celebration.



St. John The Evangelist Christmas Poinsettias

We will be using live poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas. If you would like to donate a poinsettia, please drop it off at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex for our Flower Ministry Volunteers to arrange. Thank you for your donations!



How can I help this Christmas at Sacred Heart?

Be a part of the Christmas Tradition at Sacred Heart by donating your time or resources. Here are a few ways you can help:

Donate (bring donations to Sacred Heart the week of Dec. 14th)

- Poinsettias (any color)
- Live garland
- Wreaths



Volunteer to help decorate on Sunday, Dec 21st, after the 10:30 am Mass

- Set up and decorate pre-lit tree on altar. This is a great family activity.
- Set up and decorate pre-lit tree in vestibule
- Set up Nativity in vestibule
- Hang garlands and wreaths in church
- Hang garlands and wreaths outside
- Set up chairs in hall for overflow seating

For more information contact Garri in the parish office.
(360) 687-4515 g.linardos@sacredheartbg.org

OUTREACH

● Sacred Heart/St. Joseph Annual 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. It's not too late to make a donation or volunteer to help distribute/deliver food and gifts on Saturday, December 20th.

◆▲ St. Mary & St. Philip Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest-

In order to promote the true meaning of Christmas, the KCs are conducting a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest for youths through age 14. You can pick up poster paper before and after Masses November 30th through December 14th. Prizes will be presented to each entrant, along with a \$50 first prize for the winner of each age group. Questions, call Mike Gannon at 360-518-2083.



◆▲ St. Mary & St. Philip Coats for Kids

The John Henry Newman Council 11252, Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations throughout the month of November for Coats for Kids. Thank you for your generous donations to help keep kids warm this fall and winter!

◆▲ St. Mary & St. Philip Neighbors Helping Neighbors

December 21st we are collecting for Neighbors Helping Neighbors. As you may know many of the local food banks are struggling to keep up with food demands. Any contribution you can donate will be greatly appreciated, peanut butter and canned meats are always needed. Thank you for your support.

■ St. John The Evangelist

The Giving Tree

The annual Giving Tree is up in the narthex. The tags on the tree are requests from families that are experiencing hard times. Please make a child's Christmas brighter this year by taking an ornament from the tree and purchasing the item. Bring the wrapped or bagged gift item back to church by the due date on the back of the ornament. Thank you so very much for your help and thoughtfulness. For more information contact Judi Fairbanks (360) 666-6025



■ St. John The Evangelist Elder Project Continues in December

The Catholic Daughters will continue to collect items for their annual Elder Project throughout the month of December. This effort provides gifts for homebound seniors and disabled persons, through the assistance of the SW Washington Agency on Aging and Disabilities, with some of these gifts being distributed well past Christmas season as it takes time to deliver 500 gift bags, one client at a time. Suggested items for donation include 2026 calendars, word searches, socks, gloves, hats, toiletries, bath towels, pot holders, snacks, wrapped chocolates. New or very gently used items only. Please place donations in the Narthex bins labeled "Elder Project." To help assemble gift bags or for any questions, contact Deborah at (509) 948-8340



**The Prepares store will be
open the 3rd weekend of
December, only for this month
due to the holidays.**

■ 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

Women's Retreat

The Holy Spirit

Sign-up will begin
the weekend after Christmas
at the Welcome Desk after all Masses at
St. John the Evangelist

Open to all women ... Come without cost

(Bring your own brown bag lunch)
Presentation in English

Saturday
January 10, 2026
9:30-2:00 pm

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
8701 NE 119th Street
Vancouver, WA 98661

Agenda

Registration ... 9:30 am

Topic Presenters:

Geralyn Ballo

Sister Anne Marie Warren

(Our Lady of Peace Retreat House, Beaverton)

Morning Session ... 10-11:30 am

Lunch (your own) ... 11:30-12:30 pm

Afternoon Session ... 12:30 - 2:00 pm

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STEWARDSHIP

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

TIME. TALENT. TREASURE.

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.

December 4	Registered Families	Commitments Returned	% of Participation
Sacred Heart	439	32	7%
St. Joseph	34	3	9%
St. John	1989	165	12%
St. Mary	267	38	14%
St. Philip	399	19	5%

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

FAITH FORMATION



◆ St. Mary Youth Group 2nd Annual Cookie Walk!

Buy your Christmas tin and put your favorite cookies in. The Cookie Walk will take place in the hall on December 21 after youth group mass.



● Sacred Heart

Sunday, Dec. 14, 6-8 pm

Youth Group will host an Advent Party. Games, Music, Cake and Ice Cream for our birthday girl, a \$5 gift exchange (gifts will be available for those who didn't know or forgot) Our Lesson/Prayer Focus will be on the Gospel and John the Baptist.

◆ 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 Sacraments of Initiation (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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

◆ St. Philip Women's Group

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.

● 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 is widely available at your favorite retail store.

Red Cross Blood Drives:

● Sacred Heart

Our next Red Cross blood drive will be on Monday, **January 5th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.** Go to RedCrossBlood.Org and schedule your appointment today. Look for the Sacred Heart link on January 5th. Ask a friend to donate at the same time. You can support each other and do twice as much good.

■ St. John the Evangelist Faith Sharing Group

Faith Sharing Group is taking a "Christmas Break." We will not meet on Dec. 16, 23, 30. Our next meeting will be **Jan. 6, 2026.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Ozanam House December Food Pantry Needs:

Pasta Canned Fruit
Pancake Mix & Syrup Cereal
Cake Mixes & Frostings

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.

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Cyber Security Awareness:

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