

SAINT FRACIS DE SALES CALENDAR 2026

JANUARY 2026

1. New Year's Day. Mary, Mother of God.
Masses 9 am (English) & 10:30 am (Spanish)
Bridgeport 1 pm
3 Oración del Año Nuevo en Chelan 7:30 pm
4 The Epiphany of the Lord (Sunday)
11 The Baptism of the Lord-
Take Christmas decorations down after Mass.
21 Safe Environment First Communion class
22 Roe vs. Wade Anniversary
24 Feast Day of St. Francis de Sales

FEBRUARY 2026

- 2 **The Presentation of the Lord. Sunday**
World Day or Consecrated Life.
Mass at 9 am English.
Spanish: 5 pm Bridgeport and Chelan 7 pm
3rd St Blaise
14-15 Sign up for Lenten soup.
18 **ASH WEDNESDAY Masses: 9 am and 7:00 pm**
bilingual. Bridgeport Mass 5 pm
Stations of the Cross on Fridays
22 OCIA -Rite of Election 2pm at Holy Family 2PM

MARCH 2026

- (Risk Management Training in Yakima TBA)
7-8 Annual Diocesan Deacon Retreat -Chelan.
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
(set clocks 1 hour ahead)
19 St. Joseph.
24 Chrism Mass at the cathedral
25 The Annunciation of the Lord.
29 **PALM SUNDAY Regular Sunday Masses**

APRIL 2026

- 2 **Holy Thursday Bilingual Mass 7:30 pm.**
Bridgeport 5:30 pm
3 **Good Friday Stations of the Cross 3 pm**
Bilingual Liturgy at 7:30 pm. Bridgeport at 5:30 pm
4 **EASTER VIGIL MASS. Bridgeport 5 pm.**
Chelan 8 pm-Bilingual. O.C.I.A. sacraments celebrated.
5 **EASTER SUNDAY Regular Mass schedule**
12 Divine Mercy Sunday.
22 Pastor/Bookkeeper Appreciation Day 10:30 am or TBA
25-25 Congreso de Evangelización en Yakima

MAY 2026

- 3 Mary's Crowning
10 **Mother's Day.**
16 **Confirmations at the Toyota Center at 11 AM**
17 The Ascension of the Lord (Sunday)
18-22 Priest Annual Retreat, Federal Way
24 Pentecost Sunday
25 Memorial Day.
26 Theological update- 10:30 am (Yakima) or TBA
27 Last Day of First Communion Classes
29 Transitional Deacon Ordination 6pm
31 The Most Holy Trinity.
31 **First Communions 9 and 11 am**

JUNE 2026

- 7 High School graduation 9 am and 11 am Mass
7 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
12 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
13 The Immaculate Heart of Mary
21 **Father's Day**
29 St Peter and St. Paul

JULY 2026

- 4 Independence Day.
10 Bach Festival at St. Francis 7:30pm
26 St. Ann Feast- Bridgeport. SUNDAY

AUGUST 2026

- Registration for Religious Education
6 Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
14 Assumption's Vigil Mass in Chelan 6 pm or TBA
30 **First day of classes: First Communion 10 am**
(We follow the Chelan School District Calendar)

SEPTEMBER 2026

- Catechists commissioning TBA
7 Labor Day
9 ACA Gathering & Luncheon 10 am Yakima
12 **First day of classes: Confirmation 5 pm**
14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross
29 to October 2 Priests' Convocation

OCTOBER 2026

- 10 Church Mission Congress in Yakima
18 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 2026

1. **ALL SAINTS—Sunday.**
1 **ACA Pledge weekend**
1 **Daylight Saving Ends (set clock back 1 hour)**
2 **ALL SOULS Mass at 8 AM and 7:00 pm Spanish**
Bridgeport Mass 5 PM
17 Mass for the deceased Priests, St. Paul Cathedral
22 CHRIST THE KING.
Sign up for the Guadalupe and Posadas Novena.
26 Thanksgiving 9 am- English. Spanish 10 am.
Bridgeport 12 pm.
29 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Guadalupe decorations after the 11 AM Mass

DECEMBER 2026

- (Penance Service TBA)
3 Guadalupe Novena. Rosary at 6 pm in the church.
8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Masses 9 AM. Bridgeport 5 PM. Chelan 7 PM
11 Bridgeport OLG vigil Mass at 6 pm
St Francis OLG Danzas 6 pm. Mass 8pm or TBA
12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Mañanitas 5:30 AM. Mass at 6:30 AM
Pre-Christmas decorations (Lights, Nativity and trees)
16 Posadas. Christmas Liturgical Decorations
20 Christmas Liturgical Decorations 1 pm– banners...
24 Christmas Vigil Mass 5 PM and 7 PM Spanish.
25 Christmas Mass 9 am English, Spanish 10:30 am.
Bridgeport 1 pm
27 Feast of The Holy Family

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MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO de MISA

Daily Mass/Misas Diarias: 8 am Monday-Friday
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Vigilia del Sábado 6:30 pm Español
Sunday: 9 am
Misa del domingo: 11:00 am Español
Bridgeport 1 PM

Confessions: Saturday 6 pm. Also by appointment or after Mass.

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Christmas, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Christmas touches what is most beautiful in our lives and our faith. Christmas shows us that God wants to be close to us and wants us to be close to Him. It tells us that God loves us enough to be willing to share in our poverty and our suffering. The place where He was born, Bethlehem, which means house of the bread, and the manger in which He lay, which was a food trough for animals, reveal to us that He came to be our food, to nourish us with His truth, His light, and His love. His birth shows us He came for all the people, from the lowly shepherds who were practically the most unimportant people in society to the wise men who came far away. Every conceived child is a sign of hope to its parents and the world – who knows what each little life might accomplish. Jesus’ coming into our world brings the greatest hope of all: we shall live forever in His kingdom.

As we celebrate the most joyous time of the year, the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we are grateful for the blessings bestowed upon us throughout the year. It is also a time when we, as a parish family, come together to reflect on the importance of community, faith, and service. Your presence and participation are what make our community strong and vibrant. Each of us has been entrusted with a special gift: to show others how the mystery of God is among us. Next year, we will celebrate the 75th Diocese Anniversary. We have purchased some books that recount the history of our Diocese of Yakima from its beginning. We would like every registered family to have a copy. The books will be labeled with your contact information. If you need to make a correction or would like to be registered to our parish, this is the time to do so. Also, we have the book from Matthew Kelly, *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality*, in the foyer for you to take and the Catholic Extension Society calendar.

May the love of the Holy Family be yours during the Christmas seasons. I continue to hold you in my prayers and ask that you continue to pray for me. A blessed Christmas to all,

Fr. David

The 2026 donation boxes are in the foyer. They are arranged by alphabetical order, so the envelope numbers may not match your former number.

SIGN-UP FOR DONATION ENVELOPES. If you are currently not receiving contribution envelopes and would like to sign-up for a new box for 2026, please write your contact information at the sign-up list in the foyer or send us an email at chelanchurch@gmail.com.

Annual Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities (envelopes are in the foyer). Extend the love of Christ to your neighbors by contributing to the 2025-2026 Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities. As the social service arm of the church, Catholic Charities serves people throughout the lifecycle. From expectant mothers and young children to frail elders and the handicapped, Catholic Charities brings hope to life for those most in need. **The Mass collections during Christmas Day and Christmas Eve will go 100% for Catholic Charities.** To learn more about the Catholic Charities network of services, visit www.catholiccharitiescw.org.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS As the year comes to a close again, we are thankful for the many contributions in time, talent and treasure that St. Francis de Sales receives. Monetary donations received before December 31, will be credited to your 2025 statement. Statements will be mailed mid-January. ACA payments are recorded by the Diocese of Yakima and you will receive a statement from them. Thank you again for your generosity.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED THE DIOCESE with your ACA pledges. There are 190 registered families in the parish. 75 families supported the Annual Catholic Appeal for the bishop during the 2025 appeal. This year only 30 families have participated in this appeal. Please return your envelopes to our office, or take one from the foyer if you have not received it by mail. Thanks.

Sacramental Report	2024	2025
Infant and children Baptisms	6	21
Adult Baptism	2	3
First Communions	14	5
Confirmations	0	18
Weddings	2	0
6 Funerals	6	7
There are 15 youth in the confirmation program and 22 children in the First Communion program.		

ADVERTISEMENT SPONSORS FOR CONFIRMATION. Confirmations will take place at the Toyota Center in Wenatchee on May 16, 2026 at 11 AM. There are 12 parishes from the area which will participate. Each parish is looking for an advertisement sponsor to pay \$1,000 for an add at the back of the program. If you know a business who is interested in this advertisement opportunity, please contact our parish office. Thanks.

PARISH BANNER. Please contact us if you know someone who could make a parish banner. We will need one to process during the confirmation ceremony. Thanks.

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who have helped us cleaning and decorating the church for Christmas.



Lessons From the Christmas Gospels

By George Weigel

The Roman Missal provides four distinct Mass texts for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord: the “Vigil Mass,” the “Mass During the Night,” the “Mass at Dawn,” and the “Mass During the Day.” The Gospel readings for these Christmas Masses teach important lessons at Christmas 2025. The Vigil Mass Gospel, Matthew 1:1-25, includes the evangelist’s “genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham” and concludes with the story of Joseph’s angelic vision and his decision to bend his will to the divine plan and accept the pregnant Mary as his wife, “for it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her” — the child “who will save his people from their sins.”

By naming Jesus as “the Christ” and by firmly locating Jesus within the history of the Jewish people — “... the total number of generations from Abraham to David is fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian exile, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian exile to the Christ, fourteen generations” — the evangelist underscores that Jesus of Nazareth makes no sense unless he is understood as what he understood himself to be and what his first followers understood him to be: the fulfillment of the messianic hope borne by the Jewish people throughout the first stages of salvation history.

Today, when the toxic fumes of antisemitism are poisoning public life and seem to be influencing far too many young Catholics (especially young men), the Gospel of the Christmas Vigil Mass teaches the crucial lesson understood by faithful Christians since the heresy of Marcion was condemned 1,881 years ago: Jesus was of Abraham’s stock and Christianity cannot be severed from its Jewish roots without fatally compromising the structure of the faith.

The Mass During the Night and the Mass at Dawn draw their gospel readings from Luke’s infancy narrative (Luke 2:1-14 and Luke 2:15-20), which, thanks in

part to Georg Friedrich Handel’s *Messiah*, has become the paradigmatic telling of the Christmas story.

If Matthew’s genealogy locates Jesus within the history of the People of Israel, the Lucan Gospel at the Mass During the Night positions the Jewish Messiah within the broad sweep of world history:

“In those days, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his wife, who was with child.”

There are two important lessons here. The first is that salvation history is unfolding inside world history, and in fact gives world history its true meaning. History is not random; history is going somewhere — toward the fulfillment of the Creator’s purposes. And at the end of history, the Creator is going to get what the Creator intended from the beginning: the New Jerusalem of Revelation 21:2, the eternal fulfillment of the “city of David” in the time beyond time that is life within the light and love of the thrice-holy God. The second lesson is that God works gently, even mysteriously, through the characters and events of world history to achieve the divine purpose. Tallying up his tax base in this “first enrollment,” Caesar Augustus had no idea that he was arranging for the Promised One to be born, as was prophesied, in the city of David. But so it happened: a lesson in the challenge of reading the signs of the times, reiterated during the Mass at Dawn when the first witnesses to the messianic birth are not the great and the good but the lowly shepherds. The Gospel for the Mass during Christmas Day offers us the densest, yet most lyrical, theology in the New Testament: the Prologue to John’s Gospel (John 1:1-18), in which the Jewish messiah who redeems all of history is identified with the “Word,” the second Person of the Trinity, “through whom “all things came to be.” The lesson here? In an increasingly irrational world, we must hold fast to the biblical claim that God impressed a rationality into the world and into us: truths that we can know by revelation and reason; truths that map out the path of righteous living; truths that pave the royal road to sanctification and beatitude. “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us ... full of grace and truth.” Therein lies our hope, and the reason for Christmas cheer.