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THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Sunday, December 13, 2020 * Third Sunday in Advent* www.stjosephparish.org



3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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DECEMBER 13, 2020**

**Livestream Mass: 5pm Saturday
on our YouTube channel**

(Available for viewing throughout the week)

**Weekday Mass Schedule
Monday - Friday, 7 am, YouTube**

Readings for December 20, 2020

FIRST READING: 2 SAMUEL 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

SECOND READING: ROMANS 16:25-27

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:26-38

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All is Bright: A Virtual Celebration at Christmas

Christmas at St. Joe's will look different this year. Although the circumstances of this pandemic are heartbreaking, we have a unique opportunity to gather together, virtually, to celebrate the Nativity, with all the music and liturgy that we love, this Christmas Eve at 5pm on our [YouTube](#) channel. (The Mass will be available for viewing after that time, as well!)

By hosting livestream Mass, we show that we love one another, and that we are committed to equity and inclusion: everyone can join! No jostling for seats this year, and no one will have to experience being turned away at the door – instead, we can gather with our immediate household and celebrate safely.

There will be multiple opportunities to make safe, creative “pilgrimages” to the church, as we will be hosting a variety of individualized programs, both virtually and physically at the church this Advent. From our family to yours, we wish you a safe and merry Christmas.

Advent Calendar

December Open Hours: The church will be open noon-3pm on weekdays, and noon-4pm on weekends. Wednesday and Friday evenings, the church will be open 5pm-8pm, as well. Drop-in with your family! Take a picture, leave an ornament for the tree, and maybe bring some food for a local food bank.

Octave Evenings: The church will be open every weeknight 5pm-8pm from December 14th - December 24th (except Tue. Dec. 22nd).

Christmas Eve Children's Prayer on [YouTube](#): 2pm, December 24th

Christmas Eve Mass on [YouTube](#): 5pm, December 24th (and available to view any time after that!)

Christmas Evening of Reflection, Live via Zoom: 6:30pm, December 25th ([email Theresa](#) for the Zoom link)

Visit www.stjosephparish.org/christmas2020 for all the events and more info



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Entrance Song

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL/9th C.

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
Who or - der all things on might i - ly;
Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height
That mourns in the lone - ly ex - ile here
To us in the path of once knowl - edge show,
In an - cient times once gave the Law
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
And teach us and in her ways to go.
In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Kyrie

Cantor: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. All: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Cantor: Chris - te e - le - i - son. All: Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Cantor: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. All: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,
to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to announce a year of favor from the LORD
and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul;
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,
like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.
As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise
spring up before all the nations.

Psalm

Luke 1: My Soul Rejoices

Guimont



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
Because he has regarded his handmaid in her lowliness;
behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

For the Almighty has done great things for me. And holy is his name.
And his loving mercy is from age to age for those who fear him.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and has sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his loving mercy

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Murray



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" he admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: *"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said."* Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us (men) and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
All bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
All stand upright.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was
buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



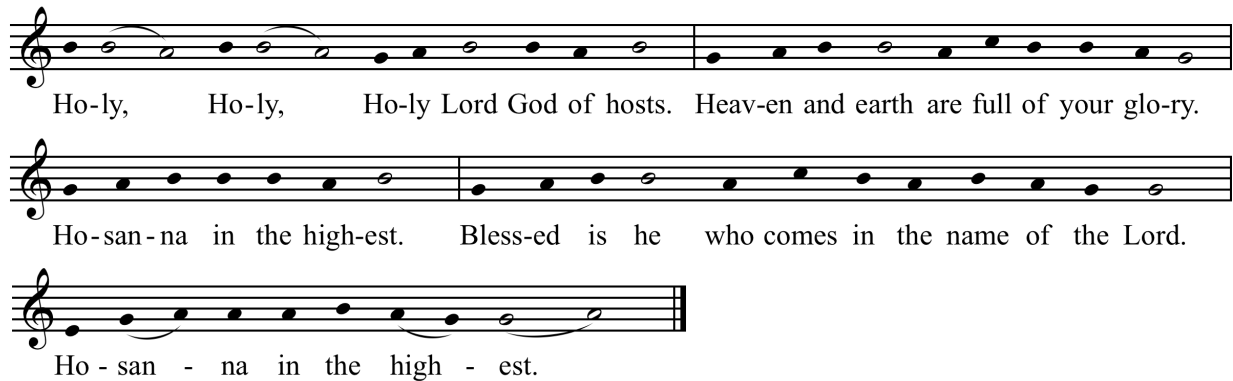
Offertory Song

My Soul In Stillness Waits

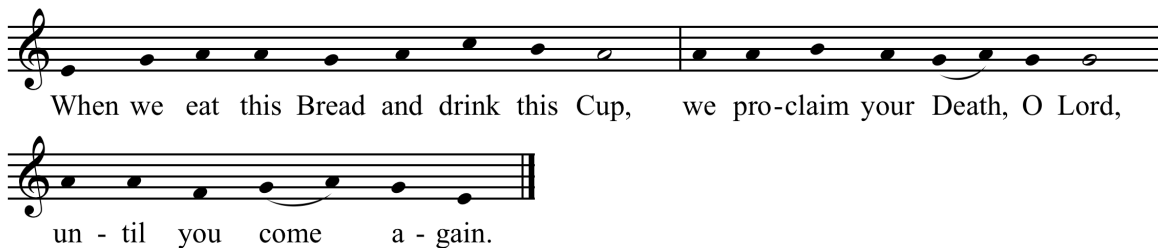
Haugen



Holy, Holy, Holy



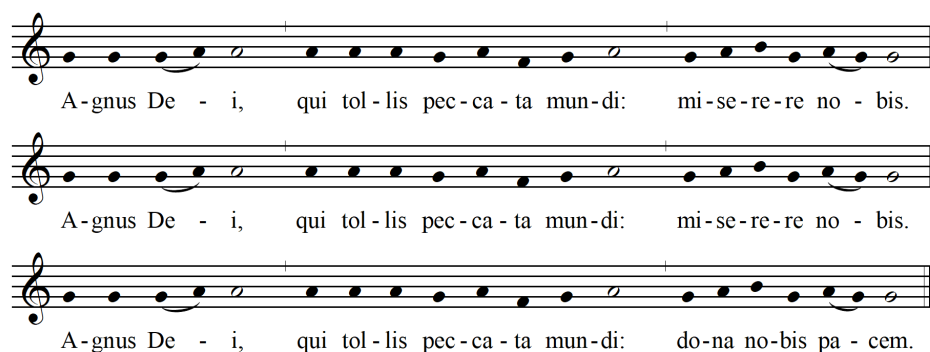
Mystery of Faith



Great Amen



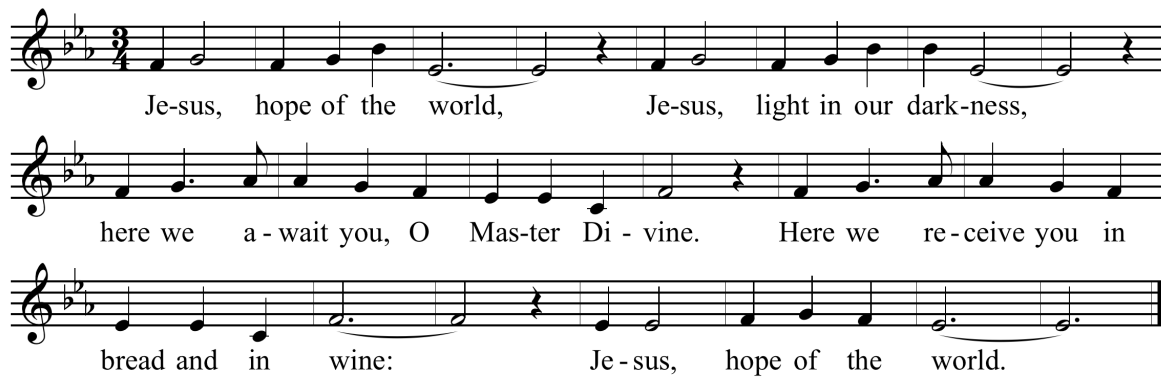
Lamb of God



Communion

Jesus, Hope Of the World

Tate/Light



Je-sus, hope of the world, Je-sus, light in our dark-ness,
here we a - wait you, O Mas-ter Di - vine. Here we re-ceive you in
bread and in wine: Je - sus, hope of the world.

Recessional

O Come Divine Messiah

ENEZ DIVIN MESSIE/Pellegrin



1. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah, The
2. O come in peace and meek - ness, For
world in si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its
low - ly will your cra - dle be: Though clothed in hu - man
tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.
weak - ness We shall your God - head see.
Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the
night and show your face, And bid us hail the dawn of grace. O
Come, Di-vine Mes - si - ah, The world in si - lence waits the day When
hope shall sing its tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.

LITURGY & WORSHIP

Advent Reflection – Art & Environment Committee

By Katy Callaghan Huston, MAPS

Our Advent journey continues this week with more light and color. St. Joseph's is aglow in red and green. White lights brighten the trees on either side of the doors, and a great wreath hangs above them. Inside, our Crèche/Nativity Scene appears before the altar.

A bit of history for those who might not know: St. Francis of Assisi is credited with staging the first nativity scene in 1223. The only historical account we have of Francis' nativity scene comes from *The Life of St. Francis of Assisi* by St. Bonaventure, an early Franciscan, born five years before Francis' death. He tells us that Francis obtained permission from Pope Honorius III to set up a manger with hay and two live animals—an ox and a donkey—in a cave in the Italian village of Greccio. Francis then invited the people to come and gaze upon the scene while he preached about the birth of Jesus.

In our Jesuit tradition, Ignatius of Loyola invites us to imagine ourselves in scenes from scripture. Come to the church, if you are able, or use an image, or your own Nativity scene for contemplation. Ignatius suggests that we use all of our senses to be fully present.

Who are we in this moment in our salvation history? Are we a concerned and caring Joseph? Mary? Struggling to give birth and trusting in God? A shepherd awakened by angels singing? And what is ours to do today as we move toward Christmas?



Come visit the church during open hours to see the creche

PARISH LIFE

Women's Faith Sharing Group

Women's Faith Sharing Group every Thursday during Advent. The format includes an Advent examen with sharing based on the theme for that week. There will be a scripture reading, with time for everyone to reflect and share what moved or inspired them in that passage, and our prayer intentions. Email theresal@stjosephparish.org to join!

Advent Evening Reflections

Check out our [YouTube](#) page for weekly Advent Evening Reflection videos. Week 1 is already available!

Stories from the Sister Parish: Who Stole the Baby? – Christmas Traditions of Arcatao, Chalatenang



As told by Rosita Rivera

Since I was a young girl, Christmas was celebrated with joyful devotion. Let me tell you about our tradition: every home makes a nativity set, using plants and soil from outside and clay figures we make or buy at the market. Then, Baby Jesus is stolen from someone's home. This is done without bad intentions, as this is a tradition from long ago, to promote fun and sharing within the community. The baby is returned on Christmas Eve or, in some cases, the baby will be stolen on Christmas Eve and returned on Three Kings' Day. One year, during the time Padre Donald Balinger was here, I was chosen to be Joseph. During the procession, I was told to steal the baby, someone was to turn off the lights, so I could steal it. I put the baby in my *cebadera* (purse). Padre Donald did not know about these traditions, so when the lights came back on, and he realized the baby was missing, he was so upset that someone had stolen it. He was looking frantically for it, asking everyone to look, and to give

it back. "Who stole the baby?" he kept asking. We had to explain to him about the tradition, and why we did it. He calmed down after he understood and agreed this was a great way to have fun and share in community.

During Christmastime, we also have *Posadas*. It used to be that a married couple was chosen to be Mary and Joseph for the *Posadas*, and they would get dressed in costume for processions through the town. Today, we have a young boy and girl, around 8 years old. Each night of the *posadas*, we designate two homes where Joseph and Mary will be turned away, and at the third home, they are welcomed inside. Food is shared: pan dulce, coffee, hot chocolate. Kids sing and play.

With the civil war, all of this was lost. During the war, we did not know if it was Christmas or New Year's. Every day we were moving, running to save our lives. Instead of fireworks, we had bombings. All traditions and culture were lost those years. As we resettled, we started to restore our traditions, but times and people change. Now, most communities will gather at someone's house. A family will host the get-together for Christmas, and people bring food to share. This helps families that have few resources, and especially the elderly that cannot prepare a special meal anymore. After Christmas Mass, people will gather and wait for midnight, when Jesus is born. We eat *tamales*, bread, coffee, or chocolate. Some will roast a chicken or make *carne asada*. This all depends on their financial situation.

On Christmas day, a lot of families will go to the Sumpul river to enjoy the day. On Three Kings' Day, if a baby Jesus was stolen on Christmas eve, a procession is organized, with shepherds, Joseph and Mary, and the kings, and people walk to the house where the baby will be returned.

These traditions are important to us—we try to emphasize that we have to bet on ourselves and on our customs. We celebrate and enjoy while living the real meaning of Christmas.



FAITH JUSTICE

St. Joseph Giving Tree

Between November 20th and December 16th, St. Joe's is again hosting the annual Giving Tree! You can take an ornament off the tree in the church vestibule OR [sign up online here.](#)

- Please choose an ornament and purchase the requested item.
- If your item does not indicate whether to wrap the gift or to leave it unwrapped, please leave the gift UNWRAPPED.
- Please attach the ornament/tag you received to the wrapped/unwrapped gift.
- Bring your giving tree donations back to the St. Joseph Giving Tree or the Parish Center (or have it mailed to 732 18th Ave East, Seattle, WA 98112).

Note: The last day of our collection is Monday, December 14th. Thank you for supporting one of our Outreach Partners! If you have any questions regarding the Giving Tree, **please contact Deacon Steve at steve@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.**

Facing Homelessness Project Wants Your Old Cell Phones and Tablets!

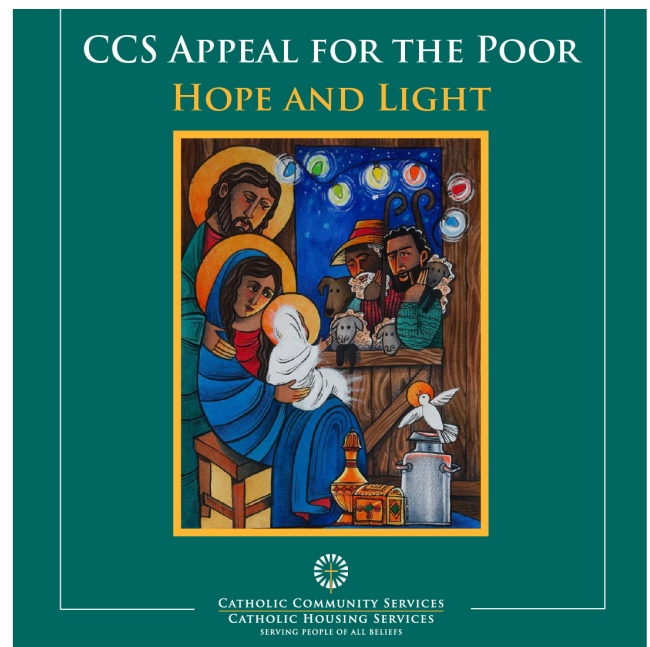
The [Facing Homelessness Project](#) is collecting old cell phones and tablets for the men and women they serve. To find out how to donate, contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or steve@stjosephparish.org



Adopt a Family at Christmas

In addition to St. Joseph's Giving Tree this year, we are hoping to give extra support to one of our Outreach Partners, [Catholic Community Services: Pregnancy and Parenting Support.](#)

Located in the old convent on the campus of St. Edwards's Catholic Church in South Seattle, CCS has over 100 years of experience helping the less fortunate in our community. If you are looking to "adopt" a family for Christmas by helping out with material needs, they can match you up. To get connected, contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or steve@stjosephparish.org



THE MAGIS FAMILY FORMATION PROJECT

December 2020

The *Magis* is a family faith sharing guide with a “menu” of options for parents and children to pick readings and/or activities to do together, especially during Covid-19. December’s theme is **Saying Yes to God in Our Lives**, corresponding with Advent and Christmas. Because there is so much we want to share with you this month we have an extended Magis available online at <https://www.stjosephparish.org/magis>

Creating a Homemade Advent Wreath

An evergreen symbol of the passage of the four weeks of Advent



- Make a wreath with a paper plate and some cardboard toilet paper or paper towel tubes. Follow the template at: <https://www.looktohimandberadiant.com/2014/11/kids-advent-wreath-free-printables.html>
- Make a natural wreath by putting 3 purple pillar candles and 1 pink pillar candle in mason jars and arranging the greenery around them
 - Find fresh greenery at Home Depot or your local garden store.
 - Purchase advent candles though Kaufer’s Religious Supplies (5201 4th Ave S, Seattle)
- After you’ve set up your wreath, raise your hands in blessing and say together: *Each week we add another light. Our hope for Jesus growing bright. We pray, we share, we do our part, to welcome Jesus to our heart*

Advent Examen

The daily examination of conscience, a spiritual practice developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola

1. **Review:** Invite the Holy Spirit to help you see the day as the newborn baby Jesus sees it. What joy have you found today? Where have you felt God’s love?
2. **Thank:** Think about what you are thankful for today. What special things or gifts did you receive today? (thinking about the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh brought to Jesus)?
3. **Feel:** Take a moment to consider when you felt God today. Recognize your feelings in those moments. How did you prepare your heart for God’s presence in the coming of Jesus?
4. **Pray:** Now take a moment to think about the times when God seemed to be hidden. When may you have seen the need for love and didn’t respond (maybe like the innkeeper), or the opportunity for forgiveness and you walked away?
5. **Hope:** Finally, prepare for the hope of Jesus Christ in your life. Think about what you are hopeful for and what you are looking forward to during Advent and the Christmas season.

Reading Corner

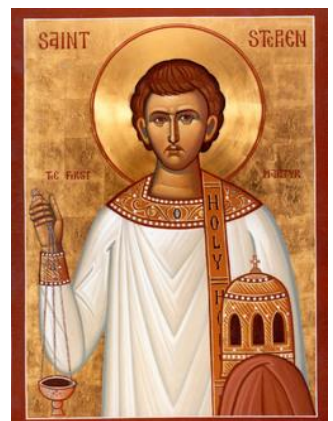
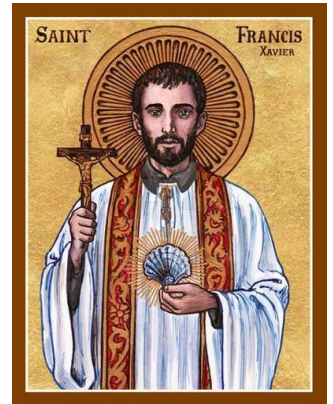
- *Counting to Christmas: Family Advent Devotions and Calendar*
- *The Legend of the Poinsettia* by Tomie dePaola
- *Angela and the Baby Jesus* by Frank McCourt
- *The Gift of the Magi* by O. Henry
- *Santa’s Christmas Prayer*
- *Santa’s Prayer*



Say 'Yes!' to God Advent and Christmas Calendar

We say yes to God when we reach out to others with kindness and pray to God with faithfulness and gratitude. Use this calendar in collaboration with the Family Conversations about Faith section below.

- **Nov 29** Decorate for Advent & Christmas
- **Dec 1** Get in touch with a friend you miss
- **Dec 2** Pray for the sick
- **Dec 3 Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier**
He said yes to God when he knelt beside St. Ignatius as one of the first Jesuits. Later, he became a missionary to India and Japan. *St Francis Xavier, pray for us!*
- **Dec 4** Let someone go before you in line
- **Dec 5** Give someone your full attention
- **Dec 6 Memorial of Saint Nicholas, the patron saint of children.**
One European tradition is to put your shoes out and wake up to candy or treats! *St. Nicholas, pray for us!*
- **Dec 7** Donate toys to bring a child joy
- **Dec 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary**
Mother Mary, be at our side to inspire us as we try to be ever nearer to your Son, Jesus.
- **Dec 9** Pray for those who are lonely
- **Dec 10** Light a candle for peace
- **Dec 11** Leave a gift for your postal worker
- **Dec 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Our Lady of Guadalupe, teach us about God's love for Native and Indigenous people. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!
- **Dec 13** Be extra kind to a shy friend
- **Dec 14** Send letters to far-away family
- **Dec 15** Pray for those who are hungry
- **Dec 16** Do a chore without being asked
- **Dec 17** Give a genuine compliment
- **Dec 18** Do a secret act of kindness
- **Dec 19** Go for a walk and pick up litter
- **Dec 20** Visit St. Joseph's and say a prayer
- **Dec 21** Write a note to an elderly neighbor
- **Dec 22** Bring friends Christmas treats
- **Dec 23** Help clean your house for Christmas
- **Dec 24** Sing Christmas Hymns with joy!
- **Dec 25** Give your family a big hug and a kiss.
- **Dec 26 Feast of St. Stephen The Martyr**
St. Stephen was a loyal member of the early Christian community. Christianity was illegal at the time and he was asked to deny his faith; he remained faithful. *St. Stephen the Martyr, pray for us!*
- **Dec 27 Feast of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist**
- **Dec 28 Feast of the Holy Family (Jesus, Mary, and Joseph)**
Do you have a creche or nativity scene in your house? When you look at Jesus in the manger pray: *O Divine Babe of Bethlehem Come and be Born in Our Hearts.*
- **Dec 29** Write notes to thank each person who gave you a gift
- **Dec 30** Help your family by offering to make dinner and do the dishes
- **Dec 31** Make a list of things your grateful for from 2020



CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Christmas Eve Children's Prayer

Tune in for our Children's Christmas Prayer, which will be available from 2pm on via our parish [YouTube](#) channel. This is a prayer experience led by our children and we hope your little ones enjoy it!

Advent Family Service

December 15th is the deadline to sign up to write letters for our seniors or make a Christmas care packet for L'Arche. These opportunities are being sponsored by the Family Service Working Group, whose goal is to help your family reconnect with their Catholic spirituality through service and reflection for Advent. For more information about these activities and to sign up go to this [LINK](#).

RCIC

The Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for Children will kick off in January and now is the time to enroll. This is the process through which children become fully initiated members of the Roman Catholic Church. These sessions will take place via Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 7-7:45pm. Children who are older than the 3rd grade who have not been baptized or received First Holy Communion are warmly invited to join the group. This process will include prayer, instruction, working with a parent, and the celebration of rites of Baptism and Confirmation, and the Eucharist in the Easter season. To enroll your child in this program, please contact Claire Hansen at claireh@stjosephparish.org.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The St. Joseph family has continued to support our church during the pandemic. It's been amazing! Thank you to everyone who donated time or money to our ministries, sent in a check, or kept us in your prayers - our staff couldn't do it without your support.

In the spirit of transparency, as we look ahead at December, I would like to share some numbers. During Advent, Sundays are usually the highest for attendance and collections. Our total envelope collection for last December was \$126,000. Of that, \$13,500 was anonymous cash donations. Christmas alone averages \$26,000, with \$8,500 in anonymous cash. Our December collections keep us going with cash flow until Easter. As we are often unable to offer in-person Mass currently, we have added three new ways for you to make a donation when you visit the church during Advent and Christmas.

1. We have a new secure dropbox on the wall across from the vestibule kitchen. You can simply drop in cash or checks!
2. We have added text-to-give option. Just text the amount you give to (360)502-7257. This will link up with an existing online giving account or let you donate as a guest.
3. Don't have cash or check on hand? Dip Jar is a new kiosk system in the Vestibule. Just swipe your card, and it lights up show that you've made a \$20 donation. [Check out our new video Stewardship Corner to see how!](#)

If you are able, please remember to include St. Joseph in your giving this Advent season. If you are unable to make a gift, I ask that you keep us and the Parish in your prayers. We will continue for our part to find creative ways to help meet your spiritual needs along with serving those in need until we can come together as a Parish Family once again.

~Mary Wiseman, Pastoral Assistant for Stewardship maryw@stjosephparish.org

Virtual Alternative Bazaar

Even though we can't gather at St. Joseph's this year in person for our annual Alternative Bazaar, you can still make a difference! How you shop can change the world.

One way you can help is to shop Fair Trade Winds online at www.fairtradewinds.net or in person at the shop in Ballard at 5329 Ballard Ave., Seattle, WA 98107. Open every day! Masks are required, and we have plenty of hand sanitizer.

Shop ethical, earth-friendly gifts for everyone on your list! Nativities • Ornaments • Decor • Gifts for kids • Jewelry & Accessories • Fair trade foods

Another way to help is to shop with the Refugee Artisan Initiative at www.refugeearts.org.

REFUGEE ARTISAN INITIATIVE



Fleece Hats and Neck Warmers | \$15



Hand-Sewn Fabric Cubes | \$20

Set of 4 Cloth Napkins | \$25



Madam VP Mask | \$20



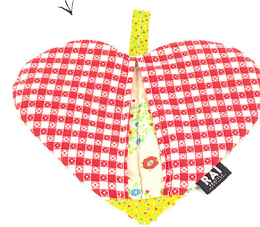
Under \$30!

Holiday Gift Guide

Handmade Fabric Hoop Earrings | \$30



Heart-Shaped Hot Pad | \$15



Reversible Bowl Cozies | \$15



Cozy Wool Scarf | \$30



Handmade Zipper Wallets | \$25



Rebirth Soy Candles | \$20-30



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