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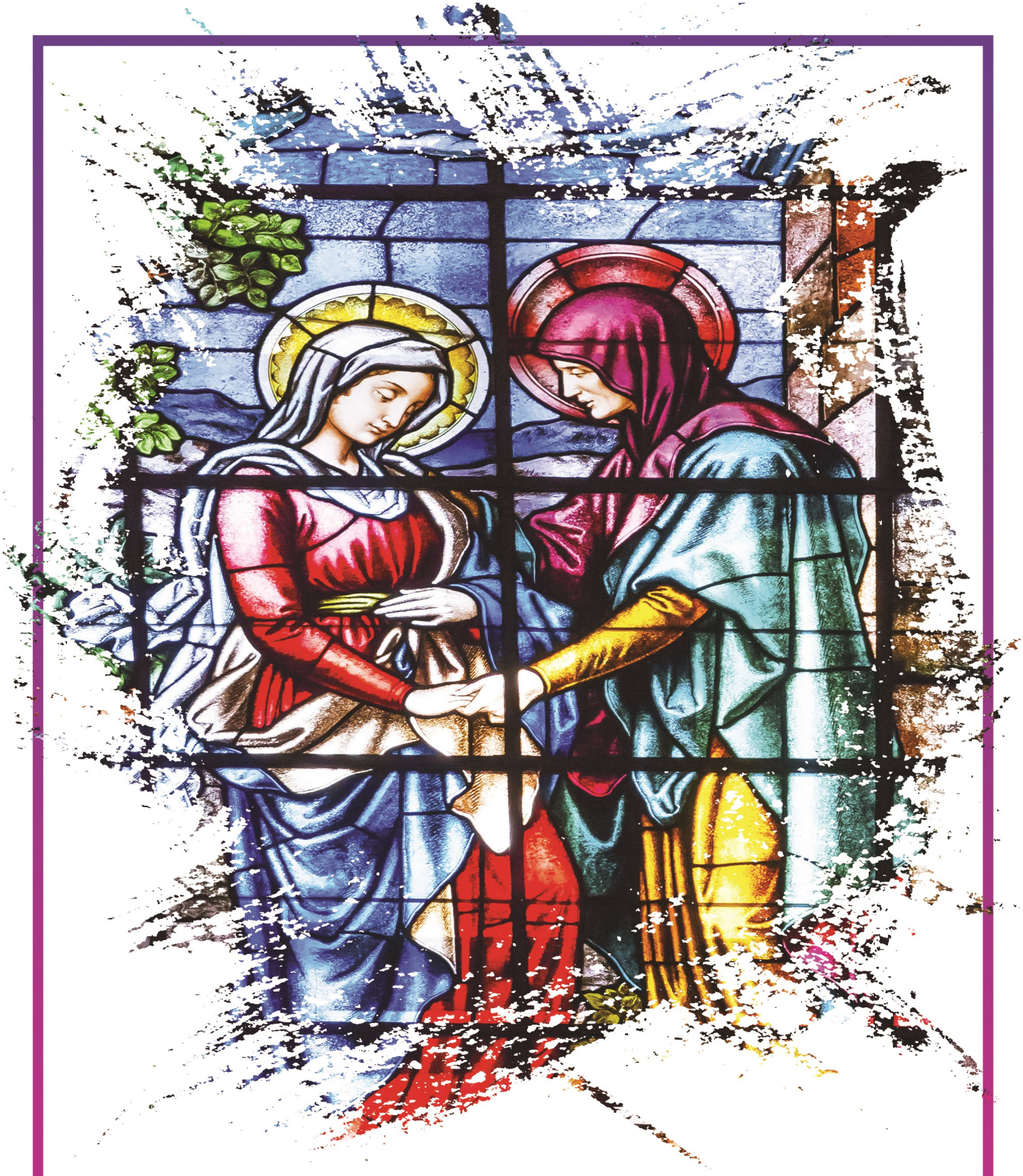

"BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN, AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB." - LK 1:42

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Fourth Sunday of Advent | December 19, 2021

Welcome to our visitors this holiday season!!

Welcome back!! We are happy to see you!!

COVID UPDATE: Governor Inslee announced a new Proclamation regarding the wearing of masks in Washington State, effective Monday, August 23. That means: **masks will be required at all times when attending Mass, or any other activity at St. Andrew's until the order has been updated. Thank you for your patience, understanding and stewardship to help protect your neighbor, friends and family. Please also note the newest Decree from Bishop Tyson on our website.**

Mass with Bishop Tyson on KAPP, Sundays at 6:30 AM (English) & 9 AM on Hispanivision. Can also be viewed on the Yakima Diocese website after airing.

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Sunday Collection with gratitude and appreciation Dec 11 & 12, 2021	
Regular Sunday	3,300.00
Building Fund	341.00
Religious Education	302.00
Immaculate Conception/OLG	211.00
Christmas to Church	150.00
Total collection	4,304.00

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20

Tue—Iris O'Malley
Wed—†Jim Bailey
Thrs—†Jean Skibeness
Fri 8AM—†Jeanne Dunning

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https://st-andrewsparish.org/bulletins

In regards to Sunday **collections and Second collections**, please feel free to:

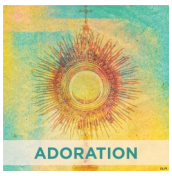
1. mail in your donation.
2. donate online using the VANCO link on our web page https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?ap-pver3=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JlDavDsozUE7KG0nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbZ2Oyjm61r5a_QF1lDOkHauXHubq5Z7ap5JVmPErc4ZeYHCKCZhESjGNQmZ5B-6dxy_mH3FNXJLz6rtPC2i2h9A=&ver=3
3. an electronic payment through your bank.
4. leave your donation in the basket at Mass (located in center church isle) or drop off at parish office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Please pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish Linda Brennan, Christina Keys, Dorothy Drotzmann, Sandy Thomas, Darlene Gapp, Rebecca Rojas, Dan & Chris Papineau, Sam Cavanaugh, Fr. Maury Peterson, Msgr. Perron Auve, Fr. Reilly, Fr. Murtaugh, and our priests and nuns who suffer from poor health, we pray to the Lord. Please call the parish office with updates.

Many thanks to our volunteers who are currently helping with Mass ministries. **More people to help with Mass sign-in and/or cleaning of pews are needed, as well as lectoring and altar serving.** If you are available, please contact the parish office at 509-962-9819.

Please join us Thursdays 8:30AM to 3PM for Adoration in the Church.
"Come, let us adore him."



Traditionally, all monies collected at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses benefits Catholic Charities. If you wish to make a **Christmas donation to St. Andrew's**, please use the special ***"A Christmas Gift to My Church"*** envelope on the bulletin table. All monies collected on Sunday, December 26, will benefit St. Andrew's.

The **2021 Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities** will be taken in our parish on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Your generosity helps Catholic Charities to be a light in the darkness to those in need throughout Central Washington. As a parish family, we have the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ on Earth by supporting the work of Catholic Charities. Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift. Envelopes are on the bulletin table https://catholiccharitiescw.org/

Parish offices will be closed Fridays, December 24 & 31, in observance of Christmas and New Year's, respectively. Have a blessed holiday season!

The **general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation** (including the Saturday Vigil Mass) **was reinstated** (CIC, can. 1247) **on November 28, 2021**, The First Sunday of Advent. As has always been the case, those who have a serious reason are exempt from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (CC 2181). This includes those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immune-compromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety of contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons. Travelers always may seek a dispensation from their pastors, and they are exempt if their travels make Mass attendance impossible or unduly burdensome.

CHRISTMAS MASSES & WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve

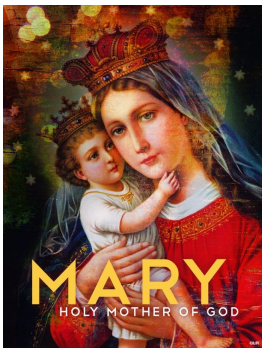
4:30 PM Children's Mass
8 PM Vigil Mass of Christmas
10 PM Misa in Español

Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

9 AM Mass
11 AM Misa in Español
(NO Saturday 5PM Sunday Obligation Vigil Mass)

Sunday, December 26, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Sunday Obligation Masses)

9AM, 11:30 AM (Español) and 5PM



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Will be celebrated with Masses at 9AM and 11AM (Español) on Saturday, January 1. This is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

The normal **SUNDAY OBLIGATION MASSES** will be offered this weekend, January 1 & 2:
Saturday Vigil 5 PM
Sunday 9AM, 11:30 AM, & 5 PM

Thank you for the monetary donations to St. Vincent Ministries to help cover the cost of the Giving Tree food vouchers and gift cards provided to the families.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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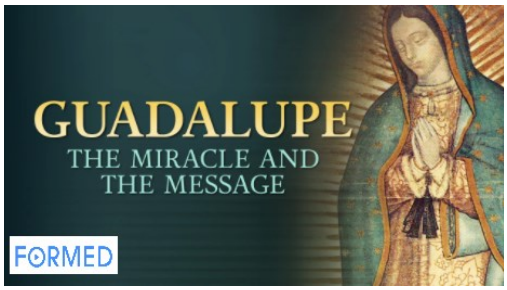
In observance of Christmas, there will be **no classes from December 19 to Jan 1. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 2, 3, & 5, for all levels**.

We still need more catechists/subs. Please remember our catechists and students in your prayers for a successful and safe year.



Dear Friends, Catechists & Teachers,

The video of the week is ***"Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message"*** The most important event in the evangelization of the New World occurred in December, 1531. Over the course of four days, the Virgin Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego. As a result of this encounter, and the image miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma (cloak), nine million Native Americans embraced the Catholic faith, and the Americas began its transformation into the Catholic hemisphere. Our Lady of Guadalupe's message of love had replaced the institutionalized violence of the Aztec culture and built a bridge between two worlds.

Many blessings and prayers.
+Bishop Joseph Tyson

*Many thanks to Johnston & Williams for sponsoring our **2022 parish calendars**. Please pick up your copy on the bulletin table.*

During inclement weather, the southeast activity center door will be unlocked before and after Masses for **those who need a more sure-footed walk area to access the church for Mass.** As a courtesy, please leave this parking area available for those who need close-to-building parking.

St. Dominic of Silos

Feast Day – December 20 1000-1073

As a youth, Dominic tended sheep on the foothills of the Pyrenees where he learned to appreciate solitude. He then pursued the quite life as a monk. Dominic became the prior of his monastery, but was forced to flee by the king of Navarre, who intended to seize the monastery's land. The monastery of St. Sebastian at Silos welcomed him. There as prior, Dominic conducted a successful program of spiritual and material renewal. The Dominicans especially honor him. For a century after Dominic's death, Blessed Joan of Aza visited his tomb. There she had a vision promising her that she would have another son. When the child was born she named him Dominic and he became he founder of the Dominican Order.

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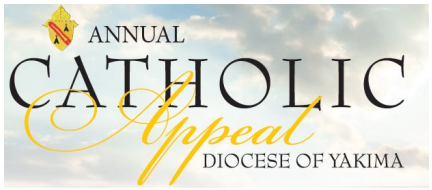
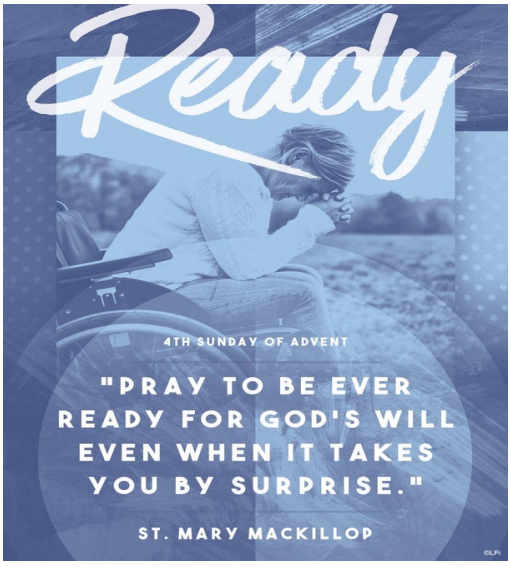


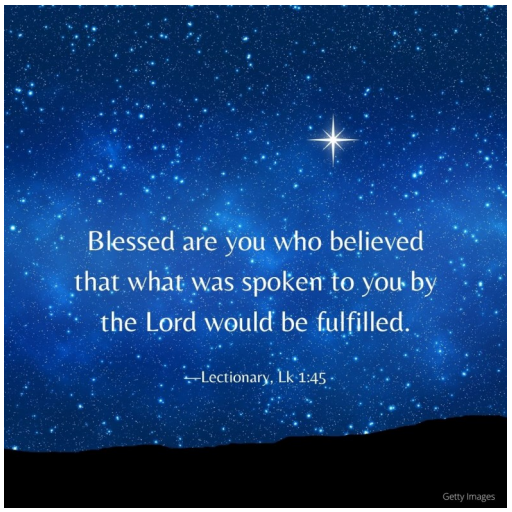
Many thanks to our loyal donors and the new donors who have pledged to the **Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal**. Our 2022 goal is $38,472. We've received 23 pledges totaling $7,419.00. Our overall goal is to have 100% parishioner participation. If you were not prepared to make a pledge previously, we urge you to do so today. Your gift is essential to sustaining the many ministries of the Diocese of Yakima. Any pledges paid over the goal are rebated back to St. Andrew's. Envelopes are on the bulletin table. If you would like to donate online, please visit www.yakimadiocese.org

As the year comes to a close once again, we are thankful for the many contributions in time, talent and treasure that St. Andrew's receives. It wouldn't be possible without you. Thank you for your generous sharing. Monetary donations received before 4PM Thursday, December 30, or postmarked December 31, will be credited to your 2021 statement. Statements will be mailed mid-January. ACA payments are recorded by the Diocese of Yakima and you will receive a statement from them. If you use VANCO, you can sign in to your account and print a statement.



Checking Account Balances	
November 31, 2021	
St. Andrew's	76,166.64
Holy Cross Cemetery	25,024.26
St. Vincent de Paul	27,536.03
Valley View Meals	1,597.44
Community Garden	2,705.71
PREPARES	435.00

CRP Savings Balances	
November 31, 2021	
St. Andrew's	711,600.17
October Festival	14,369.23
World Youth Day	1,224.38
Building Fund	28,788.34
St. Vincent de Paul	48,448.68
Holy Cross Cemetery	156,148.37
Memorial To Unborn	1,329.85
Veteran's Memorial	30,878.72



Diocese of Yakima **MAGNIFICAT for Parish Leadership Workshops** will continue via ZOOM on

Saturday, Dec 18 — Tribunal, Canonical Concerns
9—10 AM
Fr. Michael Ibach, presenter
Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89087235167

Meeting ID: 890 8723 5167

These workshops are for all parishioners, and are strongly encouraged to join in. These workshops have been offered in the past focused on catechesis. This year it is focused on parish leadership topics. This workshop concludes this series. We hope you have enjoyed the presentations.

GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

St. Augustine tells us that a "Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps." As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life's necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world's ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.
Why doesn't God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world's ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42

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Blessing of a Christmas Manger

In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223.

The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time.

When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R/. Who made heaven and earth.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 2:1 (lines 1-8) or Isaiah 7:10 (lines 10-15, the birth of Emmanuel).

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The leader prays with hands joined:

God of every nation and people,

from the very beginning of creation

you have made manifest your love:

when our need for a Savior was great

you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.

To our lives he brings joy and peace,

justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,

bless all who look upon this manger;

may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,

and raise our thoughts to him,

who is God-with-us and Savior of all,

and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

R/. Amen.

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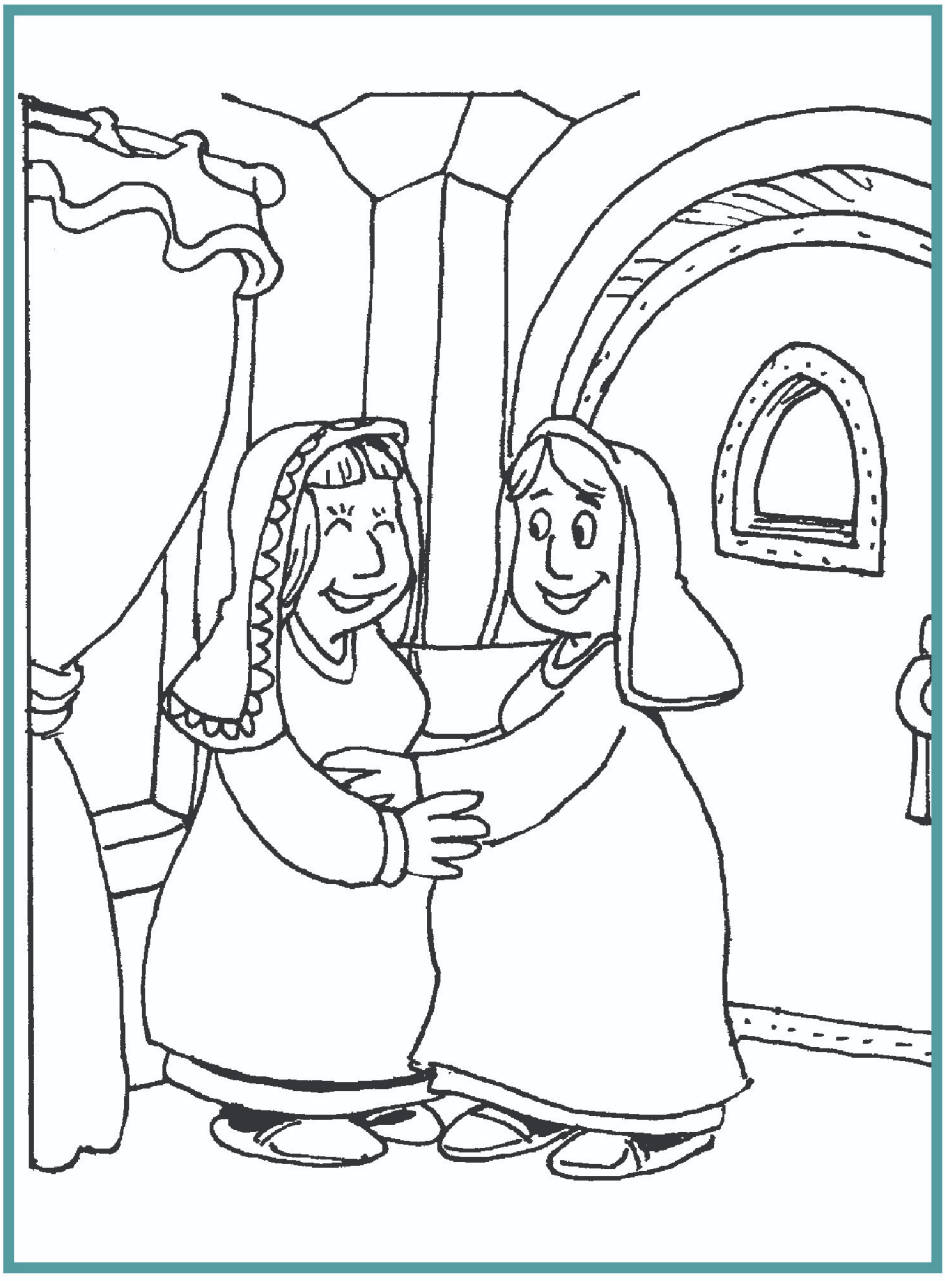
Kids Corner

READ THE GOSPEL & COLOR



When Mary visited Elizabeth, they were both waiting for their babies to be born. Elizabeth's baby would grow up to be John the Baptist. Mary's baby would grow up to be Jesus our savior. Mary and Elizabeth were excited to see each other, not only because they loved each other, but also because they both loved God very much. It makes God happy when we love our relatives and friends, just like Mary and Elizabeth did.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me to love you. Take care of my family, my cousins, and all my relatives at Christmastime and always. Amen.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

If your relatives come to visit you, welcome them with a cheerful greeting. If you go to visit them during the Christmas season tell them how much God loves them.

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RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR MASS ATTENDANCE

MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

Saturday Vigil—Vigilia en Ingles: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9 am & 5 pm

Misa del domingo: 11:30 am (Spanish)

Daily Mass: 8 am Tuesday — Friday

8 am Monday, Liturgy of the Word

Confessions: Saturdays at 3:30 pm, also by appt.

Confesiones: Sábados a las 3:30 pm o por cita.

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DUE TO COVID-19, ACTIVITIES ARE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED

PARISH MINISTRIES

R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) meets Thursdays at 6:30 PM. For those who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith. **Contact** Scott Zimmerman at 509-929-3790 or email gitanesteel@yahoo.com

Centering Prayer Mondays at 5:15 PM in the cry room. **Contact** Karen Gookin at 509-306-0431

Tuesday Morning Study Group meets weekly on Tuesdays at 9 AM, in the library. **Contact** Hugh Spall at 925-2937

Wives In Prayer is seeking help to provide child care during Friday meetings. **Contact** Emily Stickney at 968-9195

Men's Fellowship Group Mondays at 6:30 PM. **Contact** Scott Zimmerman at 929-3790

Crafts Unlimited meet Tuesdays 11 AM in the middle-west room. **Contact** Carole Vondergeest at 962-1551

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Tuesdays 8:30AM in church.

Pro-Life Prayer Join us outside of Planned Parenthood on Kelleher Ford property. Tuesdays 10:30 AM.

The **Knights of Columbus** 4th Thursday of the month at 7 PM. **Contact** Josh Mattson at 509-856-4579

Compassion Corps 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 6:30 PM (in the couch/youth room. **Contact:** Kelly Held at 962-1250

SAYA (St. Andrew's Young Adults). **Contact** Rachel Hochstein at 360-325-6682

St. Vincent de Paul Ministries 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 10:15 AM. Seeking new members.
Contact Maryann Witkowski 509-859-3455

PREPARES is a Catholic pro-life ministry which supports and accompanies young families. Donations can be left in the activity center lobby at the PREPARES donation crib. Your prayers are most appreciated.

Catholic Radio: 100.3 FM/KXAA

Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM): 706 N Sprague **Contact** Marcus Ayers at 925-3043
marcus.ayers@yakimadiocese.org Mass offered on Sundays at 7PM, SURC 137 (open to the public)

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