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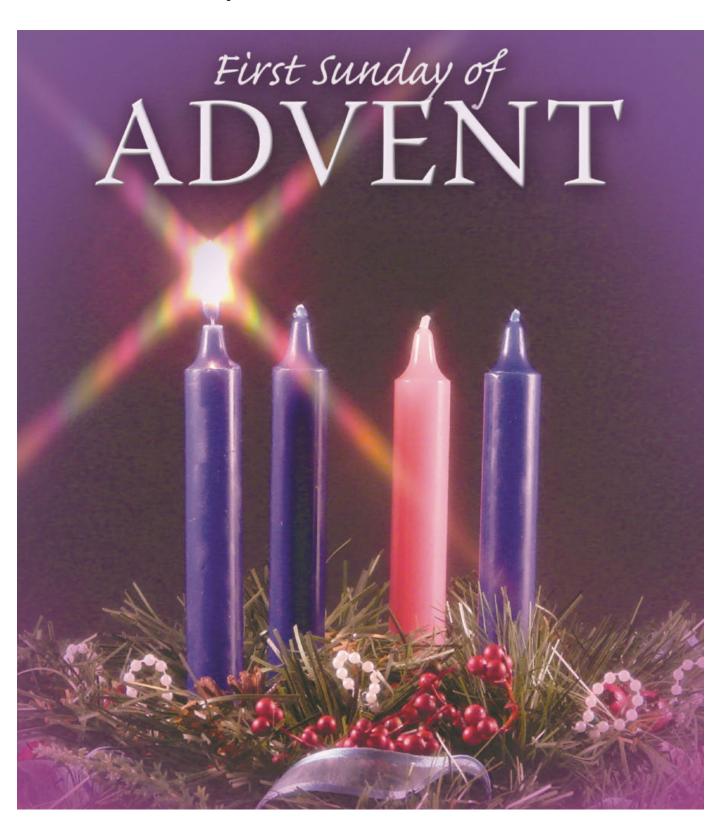
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First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023"



## St. Joseph Parish — Otis Orchards

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 3

8am †Carl Hoffer 10:30am †Darrel Jones

Tuesday, December 5

8:30am Josh&Nicole

Wanner

Wednesday, December 6

6pm Ann Shires

Thursday, December 7

8:30am †Mee Leong

Friday, December 8

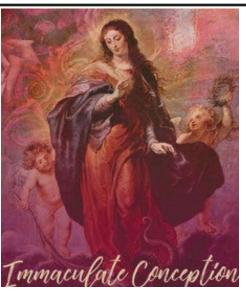
8:30am †Sister Irene

Mahoney

Saturday, December 9 5:30pm †Liz Kiblen

Sunday, December 10

8am †Margaret Clift 10:30 †Darrel Jones



"Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee"

## **Today's Scripture Readings**

Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b,64:2-7 Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 1Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37

## Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 Psalm 85:9-10,11-12,13-14 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

A Holy Day of Obligation Friday, December 8th! Mass at 8:30a.m. and 7 p.m.

#### ADORATION HOURS FOR FAMLIES

When you are in Adoration please say a prayer for these parishioners during their hour.

## Tuesday, December 5

12:30pm Doug & Amidi Lux

1:30pm Sam & Cherie Lyman

## Wednesday, December 6

6am Aaron & Lora Lynn

7am Brian & Abby Macall

7pm Duane & Christine MacKleit

8pm Daniel & Linday Mahoney

9pm Steve & Leanne Malek

**2024 Contribution envelopes** for those who use them are in the foyer and ready for you to pick up. They are labeled and marked with names and ID numbers.

#### THE WEEK AHEAD December 3-9

Tuesday Quilters 10am OCIA 6:30pm-8pm Wednesday Pastoral Council Mtg. 6pm

Friday Mass 8:30am. & 7pm Saturday Mass 5:30pm

#### **!!!!!TREE OF SHARING!!!!**

We support two groups with the Tree of Sharing: a group of Otis Orchards Elementary kids and The House of Charity. Please WRAP the gifts for the students with the ornament tag *attached* and *description side down*. Gifts for House of Charities do NOT need to be wrapped. The children's gifts should be returned to the parish office by *Sunday*, *December 10th* so they can be delivered December 13th. Thank you for your generosity!

#### TURKEY BINGO SUCCESS!

Thanks to all who made the evening successful and fun. We appreciate all who worked so hard organizing, planning, preparing and running our event. We also truly appreciate all those who came to play bingo and participated in the raffles, cakewalk and auctions, and supported the Knights by buying food as well. A heartfelt thank you to all!

Seniors On The Go will have a holiday feast on Wednesday, December 13th at noon here in the hall! The main dish will be provided. Bring side dishes and desserts to share. Entertainment will also be provided for our festive day.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."—Mark 13:33

We take all things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth. —*Anonymous* 

Will you help make the church beautiful this Christmas season? We would like to raise about \$500 to purchase poinsettias for the church. The suggested donation is \$10. With the help of one of our parishioners, we have been able to reserve 48 good quality poinsettias from the greenhouse at Spokane Community College. Please be aware, will not be tagging individual plants this year. Thank you for your support.

#### THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A BIG thank you to the families and individuals that came for leaf clean up. We had a great turn out and a wonderful day.

Mike & Danielle Atwood (who also brought a trailer)
Stephanie Cooper & Family
Richard & Cindy Baird
Jake Gehlen
Megan Gunning & Family
Anthony Guastella
Lono, Katie and Ryan Hagmann
Barbara Haney
John Shapland
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Also thank you to those whose names we didn't get and to the gentleman who brought his industrial leaf blower which helped all of us get the job done much faster.

Your service was greatly appreciated!

We are grateful to have reached 75% of our ACA goal! 137 households have pledged \$73,911.00. Wow! However, we have over 700 registered households here at St. Joseph and we need everyone's help. If you have yet to give, please continue to prayerfully consider making a contribution of any amount to help us reach our goal. Thank you!

WEEKLY COLLECTION for November 19, 2023			
General Fund	Plate	Online	TOTAL
\$4,261.43	\$957.00	\$1,955.50	\$7,173.43
Total for November to date:			\$30,730.67
Building Maintenance Fund for Nov.:			\$370.00
Valley Partners for October:			\$957.00
Amount needed each month			\$42,000.00

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 9am – 3pm Silent Day of Prayer on Our Lady of Loreto: The Astounding Miracle of the Holy House of Loreto at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center Keynote speaker: Sister Mary Eucharista, SMMC Come enjoy the documented historic happenings that amaze pilgrims who venerate this holy relic, and pray with the Blessed Mother for the world. The silent day of prayer includes Mass, Confession, Adoration, two conferences, and lunch. \$47 per person (\$57 with use of a room for the day).

Annual Christmas Concert for Vocations featuring Our Lady of Lourdes Choir and Diocesan Youth Choir, **December 9th** at **1pm**, Kubiak Theater at Gonzaga Prep High School. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 children or \$45 maximum for a family. Tickets are available at Sjp2society.org/tickets or at Kaufer Catholic Supply.

And Advent Retreat-Lessons of Faith from Our Blessed Mother presented by Marie Bricher will be at St. George Catholic Church in Post Falls on December 10th from 2-5p.m. Please RSVP to Pamela Tate so they can be sure to have enough booklets and refreshments. RSVP to ointate@gmail.com

## **PAJAMA DRIVE**

The Pajama Drive ends December 4th. If you would like to help St. Mary's with this, please bring the pajamas (all sizes) to the school Monday, December 4th. Our goal is 650 pairs between our two schools. The PJs will be given to Catholic Charities Christmas Bureau.



We at St. Joseph have a wonderful prayer chain to help those who need a little (or a lot) of extra support in times of need. For prayer support email Diana Andriolo at <a href="mailto:stjoeprayers@gmail.com">stjoeprayers@gmail.com</a> or call the office.

## PARISH INFORMATION

**PASTORAL STAFF:** 

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**Faith Formation Director** 

Gina McCauley, religioused@stjoeparish.org

Housekeeping and Building Maintenance

Desiree Wheeler, StJoefacilities@outlook.com

For information on any of the following please call the Parish Office:

Baptisms: Infants thru Adults

Marriage: Preparations begin at least four months in

advance of the wedding. Attendance at Marriage Preparation

Weekends & other Diocesan regulations apply.

Anointing of the Sick/Shut in Ministry

**Stephen Ministry** Sally Stuber

**Parish Hall Rental** 

Wedding Coordinator Desiree Wheeler

Altar Server Instructor Deacon Chalo

**Eucharistic Minister Instructor** 

Marilyn Lunneborg

**Lector Instructor** Joe Biegler

For the following please contact Our Faith Formation Director, Gina McCauley, religioused@stjoeparish.org or you may call the office.

**Religious Education Ministry** 

Preschool - 8th grade: Sunday 9:00—10:15 a.m.

Youth Ministry

Youth 6th-12th Grades: Thurs 6p.m at St Mary Parish

located at 4th and Adams in Spokane Valley

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

OCIA meets on Tuesdays from 6:30pm to 8pm in the St.

Joseph Parish Hall

**WORSHIP** 

Saturday - 5:30pm

Sunday - 8:00am & 10:30am

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 8:30am

Wednesday—6:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 12:30-1:30pm

Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm

Saturday 4:00-5:00 pm

or by appointment

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TIMES** 

Tuesday 12:30—2:30pm

Wednesday 6:00—8:00am

and 5:00 - 6:00pm with Benediction

6:30—10:00pm

**OFFICE HOURS** 

Monday-Thursday: 8:30am—4:30pm

Friday 8:30am-1:30pm

More of our Ministries:

Adoration

Sharon Elliott

Compassion and Justice Committee:

Mary Cameron

**Evangelization Committee** 

Carolyn Holley

**Finance Council:** 

Debbi Haskins

**Knights of Columbus:** 

Kevin Nicholls

**Pastoral Council:** 

Steve Lee

**Prayer Chain:** 

Diana Andriolo, stjoeprayers@gmail.com

Piece in the Valley Quilters

Kathie Krestyn

**Respect Life Committee** 

Philip Wehr

Seniors on the Go:

Ella Peterson or Dianne Murray

**Stewardship Committee:** 

Kathi Glascock

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** 

Ken & Cheryl Nagle

#### **Faith Formation**

## Please join us and enrich your faith!

Religious Ed classes for PreK through 8/9the grades are held between the masses, 9:00 to 10:15. Feel free to get your donut first!

YOUTH GROUP meetings are at St. Mary Catholic church at 4th and Adams from 6pm to 8pm on Thursdays for youth 6th through 12th grades. Please-call JJ Nazzaro at 509-928-3210x112 or email him at jnazzaro@dioceseofspokane.org

#### The Advent Wreath

"...lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope of our Lord's coming into the world at Christmas, as well as the anticipation of his second coming at the end of time." *usech.org* 

The first candle in the Advent wreath represents HOPE. The color purple symbolizes royalty. Advent begins a new liturgical season as we anticipate the birth of Jesus.

## A prayer to bless an Advent wreath:

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of ever nation.

Lord God, bless us as we light the candles of this wreath. May this wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man."

Pope Francis

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, during the 10:30 Mass we have Children's Liturgy of the Word in the chapel. Children hear their own Liturgy of the Word based on that Sunday's readings and Prayers of the Faithful. They rejoin the Mass before the Eucharistic Prayer. Please contact Gina for more information at religioused@stjoeparish.org

Our **Senior Luncheon** which is traditionally put on by the Youth Group and held in the fall will be in the **Spring** this year. As soon as we have all the details worked out we will let you know.

OCIA continues on Tuesday evenings 6:30-8pm in the hall for those inquiring about the Catholic Faith. All adults are welcome, whether Catholic or not, to attend OCIA as a refresher course or as a sponsor for someone in the program. For more information call Gina McCauley.

Coming in January—The Rescue Project!

Sundays: Video Series for parents with Con & Mary Brady Videos with discussion are presented in the chapel between the masses from 9:00am-10:05 am. The next video sessions of the *Presence* series will be March 3rd and 17th. This is a correction. Parents of Sacramental Prep students will be required to watch at least two videos in each series. All parents are welcome!

**Traveling?** Find a place for Mass wherever you are by going to *masstimes.org* 

#### Have you checked out FORMED yet?

Sign up for **free** to view educational and entertaining documentaries, films, discussions and more. There is something for everyone, including children! Go to **Formed.org/signup**, enter St. Joseph Otis Orchards the link on the parish website.

St. Joseph Parish Scripture Study on ZOOM is on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Read, reflect, discuss and pray about the Sunday scriptures. All are welcome. A weekly commitment is not necessary, join when you can. Email Kathy and she will get back to you with the details.

Kathy.dondero@gmail.com 509-990-3466



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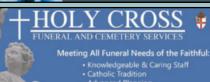
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