

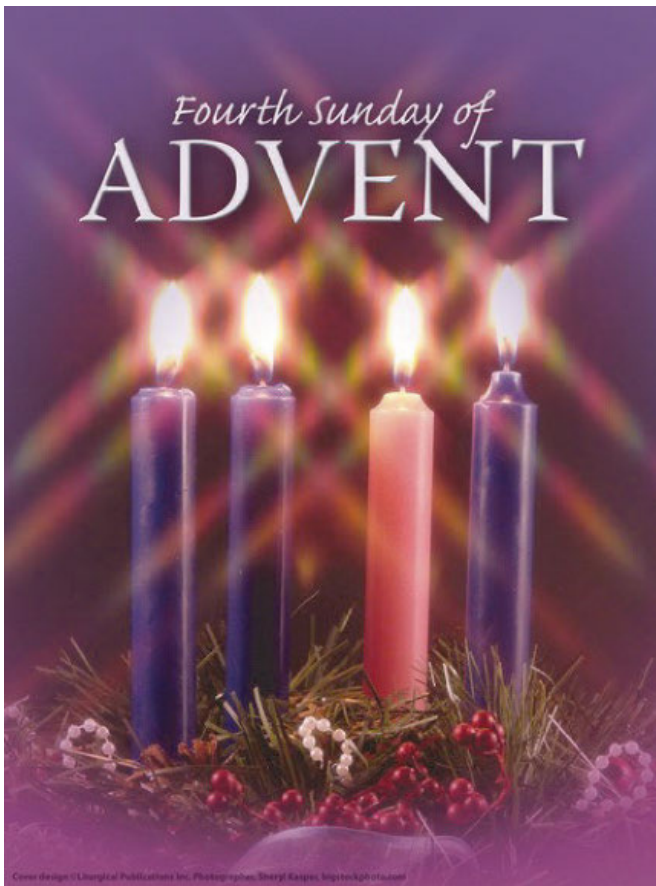
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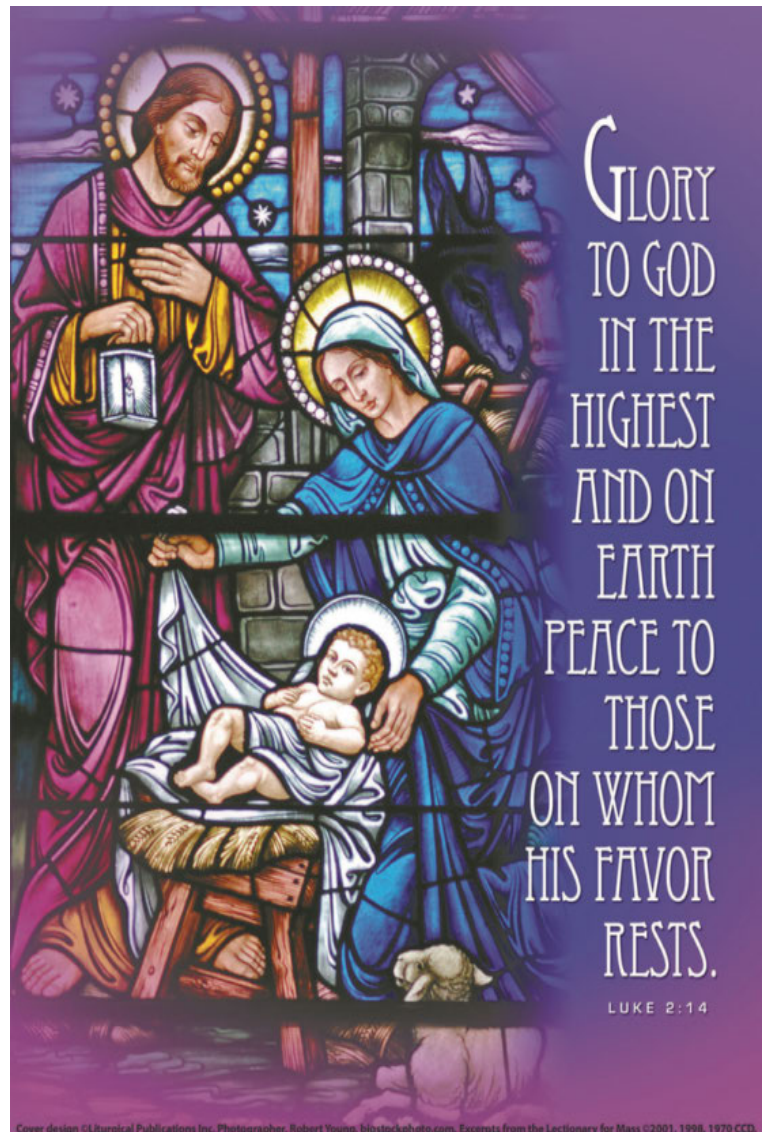
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Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24, 2023
and
The Nativity of The Lord, December 25, 2023



*“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall name him Jesus.”
Luke 1:31*

“And the word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory...” John 1:14



St. Joseph Catholic Church-Otis Orchards

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 24

8am †Jennifer Ganley
Orndorf

10:30am †Alice Darling

Tuesday, December 26

8:30am †Paula Gorton

Wednesday, December 27

6pm †Darrel Jones

Thursday, December 28

8:30am James Leroy Frei

Friday, December 29

8:30am †Liz Kiblen

Saturday, December 30

5:30pm †Mike Eaton

Sunday, December 31

8am Ursula Kroll &
Family

10:30am †Michele Otten



Readings:

4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14-16

Psalms 89:2-5,27,29

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

**Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass
(Christmas Eve)**

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 89:4-5,16-17,27,29

Acts 13:16-17,22-25

Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

**Nativity of the Lord
(Christmas Day)**

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalms 98:1,2-3,3-4,5-6

Hebrews 1:1-6

John 1:1-18

May God bless you and your loved ones this Christmas. We pray you will have a wonderful Christmas and blessed new year. Thank you for all of your support throughout 2023,

St. Joseph Parish Staff

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are glad you are here!
Please stop by for coffee and donuts after morning mass and say hello. Information about our ministries and mass times is on Page 4. Feel free to email or call the office with any questions. We hope you will join us again next week!

ADORATION HOURS FOR FAMILIES

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

Tuesday, December 26

12:30pm Frank & Judy Mauro

1:30pm Thomas Mawn

Wednesday, December 27

6am David Maxwell

7am Katie May

7pm Linda Mayer

8pm Matthew & Nicole McBlair

9pm Savannah McCaffrey

ACA UPDATE

Percentage of Goal:	92.4%
Total Pledged:	\$91,018.00
Parish Goal:	\$98,556.00
Participation:	158 Donors

We continue to close the gap. As of December 14th we only need about \$7,600 more to reach our goal. Again, thank you to all who have pledged. We are grateful for your generous support of St. Joseph's and of our Diocese. Please pray that we may reach our goal soon.

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving," St. Mother Teresa

STEWARDSHIP

“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!”—Luke 1:28 “Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ’s light to the world.”

The Journey

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, “Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?” I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn’t go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS©LPi

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

YOUR TIME & TALENT IS NEEDED



Do you like coffee & donuts?

Help is needed after the 10:30am mass. We need people to serve donuts, put out napkins, etc. if needed and clean up afterward. If 3, 4 or 5 people or more pitch in the burden will be light. Sign ups are now for weekly service, not an entire month at a time. Call the office for more details or see the sign up sheet in the hall. This is a community tradition here at St. Joseph’s which we hope is able to continue. Please Consider volunteering. We appreciate all help. *“Do small things with great love.”—St. Mother Theresa*

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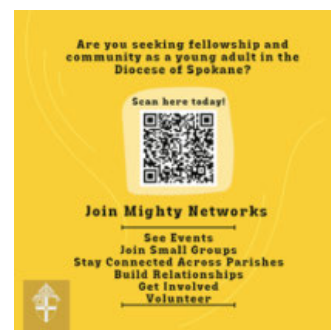
Court Madonna of the Valley Catholic Daughters 4th Annual Toasty Toes sock donation began December 15th and ends January 15th. The socks will all be given to Catholic Charities, who in turn will send them to St. Margaret’s, CAPA, House of Charity.

Next general meeting is January 13, 2024. 9am at St. John Vianney Hall. Come join a group of faithful women. Contact Diana Picone 541.550.6728.

Free Annual Women’s Retreat February 10th Saturday 9-12 noon. Fr. Oiland will be our speaker. Please RSVP to doberbarn@aol.com or 541.550.6728 Diana Picone.

WEEKLY COLLECTION for December 10th			
General Fund	Plate	Online	TOTAL
\$6277.43	\$1198.00	\$4398.00	\$11,873.43
Total for December:			\$22,514.93
Building Maintenance Fund for Dec:			\$100.00
Valley Partners for December:			\$1103.86
Amount needed each month			\$42,000.00

Young Adults:



PARISH INFORMATION

PASTORAL STAFF:

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Gina McCauley, religiously@stjoeparish.org

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Parish Ministries:

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 Cindy Baird

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, religiously@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

EUCCHARISTIC 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, stjoepayers@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

Join us and enrich your faith!

The Advent Wreath

“And in the end, everything else will turn out to be unimportant and inessential, except for this: Father, Child and Love.” St. (Pope) John Paul II

The fourth candle of Advent represents **LOVE**, the ultimate love of God who gave us His only Son. It is called the “Angel’s Candle”. Once again the color is purple, a royal color, leading us to eagerly await the new Kingdom and our new King.

Religious Ed classes for PreK through 8/9th 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**

Baptism

Baptisms are done at any weekend Mass or privately upon request. Please call the parish office for information at 509-926-7133.

Take a look at FORMED! Sign up for **free!** (A gift from our Parish) Go to **Formed.org/signup**, enter St. Joseph Otis Orchards or use the link on the parish website, stjoe.parish.org.

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. Children hear their own Liturgy of the Word based on that Sunday’s readings and Prayers of the Faithful. Please contact Gina for more information at religiously@stjoe.parish.org

Register for The Rescue Project

The Rescue Project starts Monday January 29th and runs through Lent. The Rescue Project was developed by Fr. John Riccardo, check it out at <https://watch.actsxxix.org/therescueproject>

Each session includes a meal, a 30 minute video and discussion. All adults and teens are welcome

Visit the Parish website at <https://stjoe.parish.org/adult-faith-bible-study> to register or contact Gina McCauley at 509-926-7133 or Margie Frett at 509-434-4745 for more information.

Video Series for parents with Con & Mary Brady

Videos with discussion are presented Sundays between the masses from **9:00am-10:05 am**. The next video sessions of the ***Presence*** series (***on the Eucharist***) 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 adults are welcome!**

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

St. Joseph Parish Scripture Study on ZOOM , **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 for the details: **Kathy.dondero@gmail.com 509-990-3466**



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 stjoeprayers@gmail.com or c-8036**

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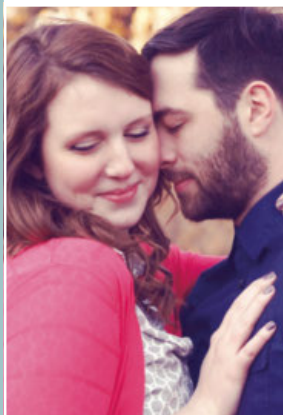
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