

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7000 35th Avenue SW , Seattle, Washington, 98126

December 11, 2016



"Relationship with the God-who-comes-to-visit gives to every gesture, every thing, a different light, a 'thickness', a symbolic value." "In this season of Advent, we are called to enlarge the horizons of our hearts, to be surprised by the life which is presented each day with its novelty." -Pope Francis

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil - 5:30 PM

Sunday Mornings - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Weekday Mass - Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday - 9:00 AM

Holy Day Masses - 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturdays - 4:15 PM to 5:00 PM (or by appointment through the Parish Office)

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From the Pastor's Desk

Darkness To Light

During these darkest days of late fall and coming winter, we all look for light to guide us through the darkness. We light up our homes with festive lights and trees. All of this lifts our spirits and offers us a way through the darkness. The sacrament of Reconciliation can be for us a light in the midst of darkness. I quote one of our fifth grade students who told me a few years ago, "a sin is when you do something wrong, you do it anyhow, but it won't stop speaking to you." Our communal reconciliation services allow us to bring those parts of our lives that are still speaking to us for God's mercy and forgiveness. We have a beautiful reconciliation service planned for you on December 14th at 7:00 p.m. and again on December 17th at 1:00 p.m. I never like to miss out on an opportunity to encounter the God of mercy. Come join your community of faith for this celebration of Light.

Christmas Falling On Sunday Really Hurts

Because Christmas falls on a Sunday, the finances of every parish take a hit because it is like missing a Sunday. In spite of the great Christmas crowds who fill churches, our offering for Christmas is often less than our regular offering. If you could help the parish through the end of the year by making an extra offering at Christmas, you would be a magi bearing a gift that would sustain our parish life.

Fr. Jack

FROM A HEART OF GRATITUDE WE SHARE OUR
TREASURE



As of December 6, 2016:

314 pledges received

\$690,708.78 in pledges for 2017

586 of 900 households still to hear from

\$309,296.22 left to meet our Million-dollar goal.

Prayer & Liturgy



Let Us Pray For...

We will hold our brothers and sisters, listed below, in prayer for a month. If you would like to have us pray beyond this month for anyone, please notify our parish office and we will keep their name on the list for the time that you have requested.

Lucy Budde	Denise Daubney-Lamp	Evelyn Soros
Ken Casey	Craig Duncan	Louis Soros
Robin DeLong	Hudson Langhams	Sam Soros
David Haywood	Mason Langhams	Juan Velasquez
Chantille Henry	Carolyn Longshore	Barbara Wilson
Rebecca Holden	Arlene Lutz	Ally Warnke
Sharon Lyons-Huber	Jenny Mattingly	
Betty Kamp	Donna Peters	

Christmas Flower Donations

It is that time of year to begin planning for our Christmas celebrations. The Arts and Environment Committee is hard at work creating another wonderful place for worship and prayer and your donations can help with this effort. Envelopes are in the pews. You can also make a donation at our parish website. Donations in honor or in memory of a loved one are also possible. Thank you for your generosity!

Advent Reconciliation Services With Lessons And Carols

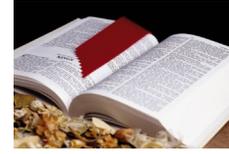
Join us this Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, December 17th at 1:00 p.m. to celebrate this wonderful sacrament of mercy and forgiveness with Starry Crowns. You can learn more about the Sacrament of Reconciliation by going to our parish website.

For more information about "Prayer and Liturgy" go to www.olgseattle.org and click on the "Grow In Faith" tab.

BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

THERESE BIANCHI
A Move In The Right Direction

206-234-6607
isellwestseattle.com



Scripture Readings

This Week

Third Sunday of Advent

Reading 1: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Reading 2: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Next Week

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Reading 1: Isaiah 7:10-14

Reading 2: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Word And Communions Services

Wednesday, December 28th

Thursday, December 29th

Catholic Community Services Week

This weekend, we welcome Ed Jose from Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services who will speak to us about providing care for our poorest and most vulnerable neighbors. As good stewards of your gifts, 92 cents of every dollar CCS spends goes directly to those in need. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to CCS during CCS Week. See the insert in this week's bulletin. Learn more about their work or make a donation by visiting their website at www.ccsww.org.

Handicap Seating

Many of you have noticed that the two front rows have cushions. Some of our fellow parishioners, who are handicapped or have difficulty walking, are encouraged to occupy these seats allowing the presider and cup minister to bring Communion directly to you.

If this seating is full, or not available, an usher may assist you in storing the walker or wheel chair out of the passage ways for the safety of those using the aisle.

Occasionally, these seats may be reserved. In that case, an usher can assist you finding an appropriate seat towards the front.

Faith Formation



Mark Your Calendars Family Faith Formation Schedule

Faith Formation Programs for the Month of December

- December 11th - Regular Schedule
- Sacramental Prep Year One and Two, 3rd-8th grade; RCIA for older children - 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. - located in parish school
- Children's Liturgy of the Word - 11:00 a.m. Mass - Dismissal from the church
- Little Lambs, Lord Lions, and Good News Bears 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - located in the school. Little Lambs located in the preschool classroom in the parish hall (basement of the school. Please come to the front entrance of the school to get to the classroom).
- **December 18th - No classes or Little Lambs - Christmas holiday Begins**
- December 21st - Rehearsal for Christmas Mass (Gospel Story) All children are invited - 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the church.
- December 24th - Final Rehearsal for all children in our pageant - 2:00 p.m. arrival. Christmas Eve Family Mass - 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- December 24th - Christmas Eve Family Mass with procession - 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All children are welcome to participate in procession.

Check website at www.olgseattle.org Faith Formation for the schedule of all our Faith Formation programs for the year.



Christmas Eve Gospel Pageant Welcome All Shepherds, Angels And Stable Animals To Our Christmas Eve Children's Mass!

Our Lady of Guadalupe parish has a wonderful tradition of inviting all children who want to participate in our Christmas Eve Children's Mass on **December 24th** at 3:00 p.m. to join us. We have wonderful costumes for all children who want to participate in the reenactment of the Christmas Story. If your child wants to be part of this special tradition in our community, here is what they need to do:

- Attend a mandatory rehearsal on **Wednesday, December 21st** in the church from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Costume assignments will be made at the rehearsal to give time to make sure children have what they want in terms of costume fittings. We will rehearse the telling of the Gospel story and to make sure that the children are familiar with the pageant format. We will need older children who do not want to be in the pageant as readers and greeters, so there are lots of opportunities for anyone who wants to participate.
- We will have a second walk-through rehearsal on December 24th at 2:00 p.m., which is also mandatory, so that we can give as much support to the children as possible, enabling them to tell the greatest story ever told in a prayerful and meaningful way.
- Please note that any additional children who may come during the Christmas Eve Mass, and have not participated in the two required rehearsals, will have an opportunity to be part of the procession to the crèche with Fr. Jack carrying battery operated votive candles which will represent their light and gift to baby Jesus. Often friends and family have relatives who come to the special Family Mass, and it is our desire to welcome all children to share in the joy and excitement of this wonderful tradition.
- As it takes many people to assist the children into their costumes, hand out activities to occupy the children, and assist with a small protein snack, we will need parents and guardians to volunteer. Sign-up sheets will be in the church.

If you should have any questions about our Christmas Eve Children's Mass at 3:00 p.m., please feel free to call Marion Kari at 206-935-0358, Ext 113 or email at marionk@olgseattle.org.



Outreach Ministry

Shelter Volunteers Needed

Each year, on Saturdays and Sundays from September to June, Holy Rosary hosts an overflow shelter for women through Catholic Housing Services' Noel House. They are looking for volunteers to help with driving, hospitality and/or overnight hosting. Drivers will receive instructions on how to operate the bus and overnight hosts are paired with experienced volunteers for the first couple of nights. To sign up, go to <http://www.holyrosaryseattle.org/womens-shelter> or contact JoAnn Tobin at 206-937-1488, Ext. 203 or jtobin@holyroaryseattle.org.

St. Vincent de Paul

It is such a holy time of the year. Advent! We look into our hearts and sweep out the cobwebs left there by selfish accumulation of things that we thought would make us happy - and think of ways that we can make friends and family happy. When we are mindful of the birthday we are celebrating this month, we also think of what might make Him happy. He spent His entire life on earth in the margins of society among the poor - giving them hope and love. As Vincentians, we try to follow Him by bringing food and comfort, hope and help out of the desperation of their lives. Thanks so much for helping us to help them.

Giving Tree Tags Are Here!

This Advent, OLG's Giving Tree is filled with tags for children at Sanislo Elementary, Treehouse, and Catholic Housing Services' Santa Teresita housing program. Through the Giving Tree, students in need at Sanisol Elementary in Delridge will get a gift this holiday season and parents at Santa Teresita receive gift cards for their children, offering them the joy of picking out the perfect gift. The Treehouse tags have suggested items that will go to foster children of all ages. The collected donations stock Treehouse's *Wearhouse*, where foster families are able to 'shop' free-of-charge for their child. Santa Teresita cards go in the marked box in the church and are due by December 18th, while Treehouse and Sanislo gifts go unwrapped in the collection barrel in the narthex by December 11th. Thank you for your generosity!

Mental Health Ministry Information Session

The Life, Justice and Peace Commission has taken 2016 to focus on Mental Health. Based on significant interest in this ministry within our community, we would like to explore forming a new Mental Health Ministry at OLG! If you are interested, please attend an informal meeting on Sunday, December 11th at 9:30 a.m. in the Pastoral Center (parish offices). Look forward to seeing you there! olg.ljp.group@gmail.com.



Pastoral Care

Home Ministries

If you or anyone you know is in need of the **Sacrament of the Eucharist**, the **Sacrament of Anointing**, or other Home Ministries, let us know by calling Marion Kari at 935-0358, ext. 113.

Prayers And Squares Quilt Ministry Continues To Serve Our Community With Love

The beautiful quilts that you see in the back of our church are quilts made by our Prayers and Squares ministry team which meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Pastoral Center. If you want to join our ministry, please call the parish office at 206-935-0358. It does not matter if you have been a quilter for years or have no experience and just want to learn, please come and fellowship with some wonderful ladies who serve our community so faithfully.

Quilts become prayer quilts as a result of the prayers that are tied into them. When a request for a prayer quilt is made from a family, we ask for any special prayer intentions that we can make available for our community to pray for when tying the prayer knots. When the prayer quilt is presented, they can feel each prayer by all of the prayer knots that are tied just for them. Here is what you do:

- Pick up untied thread and make a square knot (right over left, then left over right). Pull the knot firmly against the surface of the quilt.
- Offer a prayer for the person who will receive the quilt. Please remember that person in your regular prayers throughout the week.

Samaritan
Center of Puget Sound

John Baumann, M. Div. LMHC
Counseling & Psychotherapy Services
206-527-2266, ext. 385
425- 830-9614 (cell)

The Third Week Of Advent

by Creighton University

“Lord open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise.”

Daily Meditation:

We begin this third week of Advent asking to feel the joy that comes from knowing our Lord’s coming to us is near. In these precious days ahead, we are praying, longing, hoping in the background of our everyday lives.

His mission is for each of us who ask, “What must we do?” He tells us to give away our coats, our security. He asks that we not bully people but be content with our lives.

We can smile today as we imagine the freedom He has won for us and how liberating it will be to live it, with Him, for others. It is right to give our God thanks and praise.

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 4:6-7

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart.

- Zephaniah 3:14

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks.

- Philippians 4

Did You Know Angels Are Among Us?

If your answer is “yes”, you are right! Our Lady of Guadalupe is blessed with many angels among us, and it is important to recognize a few - the children who are in Our Lady of Guadalupe’s Daisy and Girl Scout Troop and our Cub and Boy Scout Troop. This year, they will have assisted in delivering poinsettias to our seniors and homebound community. The gift of their time and willingness to share with our senior community is what Advent is all about. Let us all remember them in our continued prayers this Advent season!

Community Living Connections - 206-962-8467 or toll free 1-844-348-5464

The City of Seattle is part of the Community Living Connections network, offering an extensive, reliable network for aging and disability services in the King County area. If you are an older adult needing help with transportation, helping someone with a disability, or caring for someone with dementia, Community Living Connections can help. All calls to the Community Living Connections line are free and confidential.

Community living Connections provides anyone who calls a caring, highly-trained specialist who will give them easy access to information, individual consultation and service options. Often, we can connect people with services close to their home, reducing stress and travel time. Staff can also help you determine if you're eligible for programs, services and public benefits to help you or your loved one live with dignity and enjoy the best quality of life possible.

Information and Assistance/Referral - Staff will provide you information about programs and services close to your community, and assist you in accessing services such as: Medicaid - Nutrition Programs - Family Caregiver Programs - Care Coordination - Medicaid Case Management - Social and Recreational Activities.

Individual Consultation and Support - Staff will conduct an interview and assist you in creating a plan based on your goals and values. They will also help you make an informed choice about the service and support options available to you. Staff will provide short term assistance in accessing services and planning for your long term care needs if you do not have someone to help you with these tasks.



OLG Community

OLG CYO Volleyball - 2017

Registration is officially open. This is for grades 4th through 8th. Registration will close at 10:00 p.m. on January 13, 2017. Boys volleyball teams are combined by grades. 5th and 6th grade will be one team and 7th and 8th grade will be one team. Cost is \$90 per child. Sibling discounts do apply to second and third children from the same family. Practices will begin Monday, January 30, 2017 with the first matches beginning Saturday, February 25, 2017. Teams will practice twice a week Monday through Thursday.

We are looking for coaches for the following teams: 4th grade for Co-Ed and 5th/6th grade boys and 7th/8th grade boys (if we have enough boys to form a team). If you are interested in being a coach, you must be current on your Archdiocesan guidelines for Safe Environment - this includes your background check, the Policy and Ethics forms, and the Safe Environment training class. You must also have knowledge of the game of volleyball and be willing to attend coaches clinics that are provided by Seattle CYO Athletics to help further your skills as a coach. You will earn 30 commitment hours. In the event we don't have enough players for one team, we will seek out help from neighboring parishes to combine teams so kids have a chance to play.

The link to register your son/daughter for volleyball is:
<https://reg.sportspilot.com/106079>

Erin Pedras is the volleyball coordinator this year. If you have any questions, you can e-mail her directly at erinpedras@centurylink.net.

Thank You

Thank you to all who helped celebrate our Parish Feast Day weekend.

- OLG School and Knights of Columbus for "Light Up the Night"
- Santa Teresita Community for the beautiful Guadalupe Shrine
- OLG Student Council for portraying the story of Guadalupe
- St. Anthony Guadalupe dancers for leading us in music and procession
- Knights of Columbus (especially Joe James) for the delicious carnitas and all the trimmings
- Santa Teresita Community for the Mexican hot chocolate, sweet breads and homemade mole sauce!

Need Part-Time Gym Manager

With upcoming CYO basketball and volleyball seasons beginning in December, 2016, we have a need for a part-time gym manager. If interested, contact Sal at 206-935-0358.

Simbang Gabi - You Are Invited

The Filipino Community at Holy Family, Seattle, invites each one of you to celebrate Simbang Gabi with them with a nine-day novena of Masses immediately preceding Christmas. It is a great source of spiritual nourishment to all of us, as we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. They would be honored if you would join and help them continue this sacred tradition, which was started 23 years ago, at Holy Family. The novena Masses start at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 15th, and end on Friday, December 23rd.

For more information, please visit "Community Events" on our website - www.olgseattle.org

OLG Simbang Gabi

The Filipino Simbang Gabi will not be celebrated at Our Lady of Guadalupe this year. You are all invited to join the celebration at any one of the parishes in the Archdiocese of Seattle.

http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/Assets/Multicultural/10921_SGSchedule6.pdf

or at Holy Family Parish or Holy Rosary Parish.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Hosted by Pati and Paul Heath

With Fr. Ed Hislop

June 5 - 14, 2017

(10 days)

\$4,499 from Missoula

For more information see brochures in the back of the church.

**For more "Community Events",
please visit our website.**

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Family Mass with Christmas Pageant	3:00 PM
Family Mass	5:00 PM
Traditional Mass	10:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

Traditional Mass	10:00 AM
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MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

December 31 & January 1	Regular Mass Schedule
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FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

January 7-8	Regular Mass Schedule
*Family Faith Sunday	9:30-10:45 am, 11:00 Mass



From The Pastoral Center



Stewardship Giving Made Easy Visit **www.olgseattle.org**

If you are looking for a more convenient way to make planned or additional financial contributions to support our parish ministries and programs, we encourage you to look at our electronic giving options. Visit our parish website to learn more. Go to www.olgseattle.org and click on the "Online Giving" button.

OLG School Happenings

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Light Up The Night

OLG School celebrated our annual Light Up the Night event last Friday night and all had a great time! From cookies and cocoa, to crafts, caroling, and Christmas lights, the evening was filled with bright smiles and joy. As a special treat, the Sisters from Providence Mount St. Vincent were on hand to push the plunger, lighting up our Church for all around to enjoy for the Christmas season.



Feast Fay of Our Lady of Guadalupe

We got a head start on celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe this year! The OLG School Student Council started with a lovely reenactment of the story of Juan Diego during Mass, which was followed by a feast being served in the Walmesley Center by the Knights of Columbus. Thank you to Lauren Hobbs, the Student Council and all who helped to make this annual tradition special.

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