



“Be Strong, Fear Not! Here Is Your God.”

Msgr. John A. Ecker, Pastor

In the 1st Reading of today’s Mass, the Third Sunday of Advent, from the Prophet Baruch, we read these words which introduce today’s reflection. As we closely approach the Nativity of the Lord, once again we are reminded of Jesus’ command: “Be strong, fear not!” The world is in a precarious place, as we well know; Threats of bombings from North Korea, a terrible horrendous war of utter and complete devastation in the Ukraine by Russia, or should I be more correct in saying by Putin? It seems every week or even more often we are besieged by word of another mass shooting even in our own country, drive by shootings close to home in our own city and yet in this Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday, we hear these strong words, directed to us from God through one of His prophets: “Be Strong!”

Sometimes it’s difficult to be strong and to quell fear but God gives us His personal assurance that HE IS HERE walking our journey of life with us and we are encouraged by the theological knowledge that once again we await the promise of the ages and the celebration of the Savior.

Just two weeks from today we once again recall and celebrate the coming of God to earth, to dwell with us on this same earth. Put aside your fear, hold your head up high and rejoice, for our God is with us!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE

Reminder: After all Masses this weekend 12/11, again, The Knights of Columbus will distribute labelled shopping bags for our Annual Non Perishable Food and Christmas Gift Drive, conducted during the weekends of Advent, continuing today! Take a bag (or more), fill them with non-perishable food (and gifts) and return them here, so that others can share in our abundance in this Advent season! Don’t come to Mass empty-handed. Bring something for someone else!



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LITURGY FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Scriptures **No 1004**

Opening Hymn Though Famed in Israel’s Royal History No. 396

Responsorial Psalm: 146: 6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Lord, Come and Save Us.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Offertory Hymn The Summons No. 773

Holy *Sanctus* No. 304

Mystery of Faith We Proclaim your Death... No. 215

Amen No. 218

Lamb of God *Agnus Dei* No. 311

Communion Hymn We Remember No. 938

Closing Hymn As Servants Working an Estate No. 411

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30PM & 7PM (Spanish)
Sunday: 7, 9, 11AM, 1PM (Spanish) &
7:00PM Life Teen

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday Friday: 7AM
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8AM
Spanish Mass Tuesday: 7:00PM

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00PM or by Appointment

Baptisms

Please call Parish Office

Weddings

Four months preparation required

Adoration

Fridays 7:30AM-6:00PM Benediction

Monday Evening Prayer

Weekly 5:30PM-Chapel

Complete Staff listing inside.

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GAUDETE SUNDAY

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2022

M Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
T Dec. 13 St. Lucy
W Dec. 14 St. John of the Cross

TH Dec. 15 Advent Weekday
F Dec. 16 Advent Weekday
S Dec. 17 Advent Weekday



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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Please join us on Monday, December 12th for a special 7PM Mass to honor the Patroness of the Americas and for a chance to win a Mexican Poncho! The external manifestation of the faith of our people, our processors from St. Joseph Church to the Cathedral will be held today, Sunday, December 11th following the 1:00PM Spanish Mass. Plan to take part. The Cathedral will be open at 3:30AM on Monday morning for personal and group devotions.



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ADVENT SUNG EVENING PRAYER

Continuing this Monday, Sung Advent Evening Prayer is celebrated at 5:30PM each Monday of Advent. Please join us for this inspiring prayer of the Church!



PLEASE CLOSE CATHEDRAL DOORS AFTER MASSES, THANK YOU!!!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION

As the social service arm of the Church, Catholic Charities brings hope to life to 50,000 people throughout Central Washington each year. Please help us serve others by giving generously on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. To learn more about the Catholic Charities network of services, www.hopetolife.org. Please support!



DECORATING DAY

We need your help to decorate our Cathedral for the Christmas/Epiphany Season this Saturday, December 17th at 9:00AM. Plan ahead to join and help us. Thank you!

YOUNG ADULTS DINNER

For all college/university students and young adults Monday, December 26th at 6:00PM (on your parish). Reservations must be made by Monday, December 26th at noon. The location will be revealed to you.

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Wednesday, December 28th: Special Mass at 5:30PM in our Chapel for parents and families who have lost children by violence, abortion, sickness, suicide or any other reason. To be followed by a reception in the Assembly Place. Please come to remember, raise up and pray for (& to) your own and others' children of any age.



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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7;
 Mt 1:18-24 (10)



CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Two weeks from today we once again celebrate the great feast of the Nativity of the Lord. For your planning, our schedule is as follows:

NO SCHEDULED CONFESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS EVE-DECEMBER 24TH

Christmas Masses:

Saturday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)

5:30PM Family Mass

7:00PM Spanish

10:30PM Solemn Mass of Christmas (Bilingual)

Sunday, December 25th (Christmas Day)

7:00AM, 9:00AM & 11:00AM (English)

1:00PM (Spanish)

No Life Teen 7:00PM on Christmas Day



NOTE FROM MICHAEL KIM-MUSIC DIRECTOR

Interested in celebrating in song and worship? You are welcome to join our Cathedral Choir. Rehearsals will continue Thursday in the Cathedral Chapel at 7PM. In addition to the Cathedral Choir, we will be adding a BELL CHOIR. If interested, please come to our practice this week and you will receive information. Contact Denny at the Cathedral Office.

Music Director looking for Children's Choir Members (3rd-6th grade) and Instrument players (6+ years experience) for Christmas Masses! Anyone interested, please contact Michael Kim at

music@stpaulyakima.org



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

TO: Vincent Couette, James Craw, James Dunlap, Laura McClintock, Nora Allard, Elaine Griffith, Roberta Gruhn, Nicholas Kranz, Brenda Ramirez, Jared Wyss, Kristin Boettcher, Lucy Rivera, **CHRISTINA MCCARTHY**, Logan Osman, Andy Stiles, Ted Brulotte, Duarte Fernades, Diane H Norman Hepner, Gavin Melton, David Hargreaves, Arlen Moses, Linda Hinkley, Daine Houck, Ron Walker & all who celebrate this week!

Advent Penance Services

This year we will resume in the parishes of the city of Yakima, our Advent Penance Services, communal celebrations of Reconciliation. The priests of our Yakima area will be available for Confession in each Church according to this schedule:

This Wednesday, December 14th

4:00PM Holy Redeemer

7:00PM Holy Family

This Thursday, December 15th

4:00PM St. Joseph's

7:00PM **CATHEDRAL**

Plan to join us for this beautiful spiritual preparation for Christmas and Epiphany!