

Attention Young Adults, College & University Students

Our annual dinner “on your parish” will be held Tuesday, the day after Christmas at 6:00PM. If you haven’t yet registered (essential) see Msgr. Ecker after Mass (the place will be revealed by him). COME AND JOIN US FOR A WONDERFUL EVENING!!

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Next Sunday, Dec. 31st is the day honoring Joseph, Mary and Jesus and an opportunity for renewal of marriage vows and dedication of our families under the protection of the Holy Family—at all weekend Masses.

MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

Usually a day of obligation, January 1st, the obligation does not bind this year as it falls on a Monday! Mass will be offered on Jan. 1st at 9:00AM (English) and 1:00PM (Spanish) in our Cathedral with special emphasis and prayers honoring Mary as our “Queen of Peace” and besieging heaven for a true and lasting peace for our world. Please join us on this special day, honoring our Blessed Mother and asking her intercession for peace!!

LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
SCRIPTURE READINGS		1005
Processional Hymn	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	No. 386
Responsorial Psalm 89:2		
<i>Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.</i>		
Gospel Acclamation Luke 1:38		
<i>Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.</i>		
Offertory	Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming	No. 438
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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST			
Holy, Holy, Holy		No. 304	
Memorial Acclamation	Save Us Savior	from <i>Belmont Mass</i>	
Amen		No. 218	
Lamb of God		No. 311	
Communion Hymn	I want to Walk as a Child of the Light		No. 585
	Christ, Be Our Light!		No. 584
Recessional Hymn	On Jordan’s Bank		No. 392

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER JESÚS!

A SPECIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR VERY OWN FATHER JESÚS MARISCAL, WHO IS YOUNGER THAN EVER TODAY!!

Thank you for all you do for our parish and Diocese!!

ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL
DIOCESE OF YAKIMA

Love God. Live the Eucharist.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER
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2023

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Parish Office Hours
Monday-Friday 9:00AM-4:30PM
(Closed 12:00 Noon-1:00PM)

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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Fourth Sunday of Advent: Christmas Eve

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2023

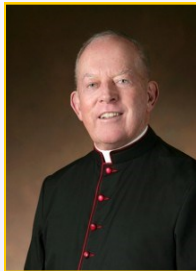
M Dec. 25 NATIVITY OF THE LORD
T Dec. 26 St. Stephen, The First Martyr
W Dec. 27 St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

TH Dec. 28 The Holy Innocents
F Dec. 29 St. Thomas Becket
S Dec. 30 Within Christmas Octave

LAST WEEK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING TOTAL: **\$12,220.45**

Behold I am the Handmaid of the Lord, may it be done to me according to your Word. —Luke 1, 28

With this beautiful response of Mary to the invitation of the Angel Gabriel, to become the Mother of Jesus. The whole Christmas Epiphany, Lenten, Easter and Pentecost become possible and real. Just a young girl, probably in her mid-teens, she was blessed with the wisdom and courage to say, "Yes!" to the angel and open to the will of God for her, and the whole story of our redemption had begun, as God leapt down from Heaven and became one of us.



What an example of acceptance of the will of God!! Even though she didn't understand what her response meant, her "Yes" changed the whole of history, and we celebrate this day and week, the fulfillment of God's promises through the Prophets and the Sacred Scriptures. And, what an example for us on how to respond to inspirations and messages of God to us, as we strive to live our lives as Disciples of this same Lord Jesus Christ.

When I am inspired to do something good; to visit the sick, to reach out to encourage someone who is depressed or sad, to stand up in defense of someone who is unable to speak for himself or herself; when I have the thought to be more charitable and sharing of my time, treasure and talent. Mary's response in today's Gospel must become ours, so that we can say about us, "Behold the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

With that kind of response, we can never go wrong.

A most Blessed and Happy Christmas to All!!

Msgr. John A. Ecker

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Sunday Offering
ONLINE



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING!

HOLY INNOCENTS MASS

For all parents and families who have lost children by miscarriage, abortion, illness, accidents or any other way. IN THE CATHEDRAL CHAPEL— THIS THURSDAY DEC. 28th at 5:30PM, followed by a reception in the Assembly Place. All are welcome as we gather to remember, raise up and celebrate their lives.

PRO-LIFE MASSES

Bishop Tyson will celebrate both the 11:00 AM (English) & 1:00 PM (Spanish) Masses on the Feast of the Epiphany, **January 7th, 2024** as our Diocese pledges anew our dedication as a PRO-LIFE PEOPLE. Please plan to join us for these celebrations in our Cathedral.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes for 1st year will resume on Sunday, January 7th and for 2nd year on Tuesday, January 9th. We wish you all a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Cycle 'B' of Sunday Readings

With the new year of grace and Advent, we began the proclamation of the 'B' Cycle of scripture readings, which extends until the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday November 24, 2024.

LIFE TEEN & SPYEDGE: MOVIE MARATHON

THIS Friday Dec. 29th from 10:00AM to 9:00PM, School Cafeteria. Movies, board games, and lots of food! Questions? Contact Shawn at 509-902-7150. *For all high school & middle school students.*

LIFE TEEN EPIPHANY PARTY

Pizza & Gift Exchange Game!! Sunday Jan. 7th, 2024 from 8:15pm-9:30pm, School Cafeteria. Bring a wrapped gift (\$5 or less) that you think others your age would enjoy!. EVERYONE THAT PLAYS LEAVES WITH A GIFT!! Bring your friends!!



Consider trying out Catholic Netflix 'FORMED' for FREE this holiday season! Questions? Give us a call!

ABUSE HOTLINE

Our Diocese has this private line for those wishing to report incidents of sexual abuse regarding clergy, diocesan or church employees or volunteers.
1-888-276-4490



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Feast of Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

With no LifeTeen/Evening Mass this Sunday, Christmas Masses will be celebrated tonight (Sunday) at:

5:30 PM—Family Mass

10:30 PM—Solemn Mass of Christmas with Bishop Tyson and your parish priests (bilingual)

10:00 PM—Scripture and Carols

Christmas Day

Monday schedule as follows:

Masses (English) 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM (Spanish).

No evening Mass on Christmas Day.

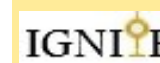
No 5:30PM Evening Prayer.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

As is tradition of the Diocese of Yakima, Christmas Eve and day Masses the collection will be provided to Catholic Charities for their outreach in our name. Please be generous!! Special envelopes are in the Cathedral for your convenience.

END OF THE YEAR DONATIONS

The IRS offers tax breaks for donations to religious or charitable causes. Your Cathedral parish is one of those non-profits you may wish to consider as we approach the end of the year 2023. Thank you for your consideration!!



IGNITE Adoration, Prayer & Praise continues this Wednesday at 5:30-6:30pm in the Chapel. We'll continue our journey of Trusting Everything to Jesus as we grow deeper in relationship with Him through prayer and sung praise. All are welcome! For details follow us on our FB page at IGNITE YAKIMA or email IGNITEYAKIMA@GMAIL.COM.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

TO: Jewel A. Brumley, Michelle Baumbach, David Fonfara, Marcela Roque, Megan Burchak, Melinda Howell, Rosa Rangel, Nicole Keck, Patrick Kingman, Sam McDonald, Jason Perrault, Jeff Schumacher, Michael Smith, Julia Boyle, Bill Hays, Loretta Erskine, Alexander Masi, Hilda St. John, Maria E. Valencia, and all who celebrate this week!

