

# HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Seattle, Washington*

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## *Welcome!*

### **COME WORSHIP WITH US!**

*MASS TIMES: PLEASE SEE PG 6 FOR ANY SEASONAL CHANGES*

**Saturday Vigil** at 5:00pm

**Sunday** at 8:30am and 10:30am

**Tuesday, Thursday, Friday** at 7:45am

**Wednesday and Saturday** at 8:35 am

**Monday** at 7:45am—*Word and Communion Service*

### **RECONCILIATION IN THE CHURCH**

**Tuesdays** from 5:30pm -6:30pm

**Saturdays** from 3:30pm - 4:30pm

or by appointment during office hours.

### **COFFEE AND DONUTS**

**Sunday** in the School Hall after the AM Masses.

**Tuesday** breakfast in the Parish Center Reception Room after 7:45 AM Mass.

### **PRAY THE ROSARY**

**Monday nights**- Join us in the Parish Center Chapel, 6:30-7:00pm. Rosaries and aids provided.

### **FOR THE KIDS**

**Sunday**—The Parish nursery is available during 8:30 and 10:30am Masses.

**Sunday--** Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) meets during the 10:30am Mass.

### **STAY IN THE LOOP**

Join our email list! Send a message to [ParishOffice@holyrosaryseattle.org](mailto:ParishOffice@holyrosaryseattle.org).

Learn more about Holy Rosary's programs and ministries at [holyrosaryseattle.org](http://holyrosaryseattle.org).

### **SPIRITUAL HELP**

#### **First Saturday of the Month**

We pray in a special way for those who are sick and offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for those in need. Join us at 8:35 am in the Church.

#### **Submit a prayer request:**

[prayers@holyrosaryseattle.org](mailto:prayers@holyrosaryseattle.org).

#### **Request a home visit:**

[homebound@holyrosaryseattle.org](mailto:homebound@holyrosaryseattle.org).



This is my 5th year here at Holy Rosary Parish. When starting at a new parish, there is always a transition and settling in period—for the pastor and the wider parish community. When I first arrived, as is often the case, people want to know what my vision is for the community. While there are always some basics that are connected with the teachings of Christ, a fuller vision isn't just something that should come from me, nor simply as soon as I arrive. As such, the transition time of the first couple of years is a good opportunity to lay some groundwork as we draw together toward the Lord.

The early years are often focused on maintenance, and not just on boilers and bell towers, but of programs and ministries, staff and volunteers. But Jesus calls us to something greater—He calls us to share in His mission. He calls us to open ourselves up to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we seek not only His presence in our lives, but where and how He is leading us, and how He is calling us to grow as disciples ourselves but also as Apostles to West Seattle and beyond. This is our corner of the vineyard, and we are entrusted with the work of the family business.

As such, it is my hope that in the year ahead we can in a concrete way take a step back, to reflect on who we are, to celebrate our strengths and examine where we need to grow, and then to enunciate what we want to focus on in particular, where we want to go and how we want to get there. The goal is to write a strategic plan for our parish community.

As we undertake this endeavor, I am forming a commission who will help me in writing the strategic plan. While this group will write the plan with me, it will only come about after listening to the Holy Spirit and engaging the wider community. As such, it requires a docility and openness. It requires the ability to step back and not just think about the particular things that each individual is passionate about.

Most Tuesdays are meeting nights for me as I work with parishioners on our various councils and commissions, as we work together as members of the one body of Christ responsible for His mission here in our neighborhoods. If you are someone who is passionate about our community, who is already an active disciple who wants to help others on our journey together towards Heaven, I would encourage you to think about sharing your gifts through one of these groups, in particular our Planning Commission.

### **Planning Commission**

Our mission is the same as it always has been since Christ founded the Church—to proclaim the Gospel and help lead others to Jesus Christ.

That takes many forms as seen in the many ministries and apostolates present at Holy Rosary Parish. But where do we need to grow most as a community? What needs bolstering, what needs creating, and what would we like to focus on or emphasize? In 2020, Holy Rosary will undertake putting together a Strategic Plan to guide the short term future of our community.

Contact: [planning@holyrosaryseattle.org](mailto:planning@holyrosaryseattle.org)

### **Finance Council**

The Finance Council assists the pastor by providing fiscal oversight and input for the stability and sustainability of the parish. The council meets on the third Tuesday of most months.

Chair: Michael Burke, [chicagoburke@gmail.com](mailto:chicagoburke@gmail.com)

### **Facilities and Maintenance Committee**

FAMCOM assists the pastor by reviewing the maintenance and capital improvements necessary to ensure the good working of our entire campus, and helping address our facility needs and planning for our improvements, many sharing their professional insights. It meets on the 2nd Tuesday of most months.

Chair: Ken Tews, [twotews2004@yahoo.com](mailto:twotews2004@yahoo.com)

### **Social Justice Committee**

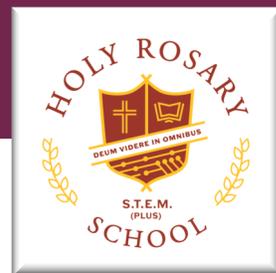
The Social Justice Committee assists the pastor by aiding our various service ministries as needed and looking at the bigger picture of fulfilling the commands of Jesus Christ to serve one another. The SJC meets on the first Tuesday of most months.

Chair: Tony Fragada [tfragada@yahoo.com](mailto:tfragada@yahoo.com)

### **Liturgy Commission**

The Liturgy Commission assists the pastor through the coordination of the Sacred Liturgies and training of ministers at Holy Rosary Parish. The Commission meets on the last Tuesday of most months.

Chair: Ruth Reiser, [reiserclan@hotmail.com](mailto:reiserclan@hotmail.com)



Dear Holy Rosary Families,

After the Thanksgiving Holiday, and as we begin the Advent Season, I want to take a moment to say thank you to you and your family for being a part of the Holy Rosary School community.

I know you make many sacrifices to send your child(ren) here, and we are truly grateful for all that you do. I am honored and blessed to work with you and your family and I thank God for the opportunity to know and serve you.

May God bless you and your family as the time of holidays begins. May we who have been given so much to be grateful for remember and pray for those who need it most: especially those without food, shelter, loved ones, and security. May they find comfort in Jesus Christ.

-In Christ,  
Anna Horton

Parish & Community

**Holy Rosary Tree Lot is Open!**  
**Come get your tree, Advent wreaths, door wreaths, & garlands!**  
**NOW-December 21st**  
**3:30-9pm weekdays, 9am-9ishpm weekends**

**Annual Catholic Appeal Year-End Payments and Donations**

Want to make your Annual Catholic Appeal payment or donation by year-end for tax purposes?

**Any payments credited** to the 2019 calendar year for tax purposes need to be into the Annual Catholic Appeal office by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

*(Please do not put ACA payments in the parish collection basket)*

Payments on existing pledges can be processed immediately at [www.seattlearchdiocese.org/pp](http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/pp).

Pay by phone at 1-800-809-4921

Send by mail to: Annual Catholic Appeal,  
710 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, Seattle, 98104

Holy Rosary Parishioners pledged: \$142,425 of which \$116,715 has been paid. Holy Rosary needs to fund another \$4,860 to the Diocese to begin receiving the rebates. We have the potential to receive \$20,848 if everyone offers what they pledged. **Thank you for your support!**

**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

This week, we look at St. Lucy. St. Lucy lived in Sicily when Diocletian was Emperor. Her mother betrothed her to a wealthy Roman pagan, but Lucy wanted to give her dowry to the poor. Her suitor reported her to the Roman authorities as a Christian, leading to her torture and execution. Because her eyes were gouged out as part of her torture, she is patron of the blind and anyone with eye ailments. We can also ask her prayers so that we might see clearly God's love for those in need around us, and how we can help with their needs. Her feast is on December 13.



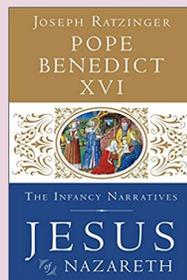
*We offer many ways to celebrate and grow closer to the risen Christ*

## Opportunities for Adults

**Inquiry** – Do family or friends ask you about Christianity or your Catholic faith at this time of year? Invite them to Inquiry: an open-ended discussion of life, the universe, and everything from a Catholic point of view! All are welcome and no topic is off limits! This is also the starting point for anyone interested in becoming Catholic. We meet twice a month in the Parish Office, and our next meeting will be **Tuesday, December 10**. Our topic will be “Where did Christmas come from?”

### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

– We’re reading Pope-Emeritus Benedict’s book on The Infancy Narratives of Jesus. If you have wanted to join us, this is a perfect time! Join us at 9:30am (or after Mass) on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Center! If you are interested in Bible Study, but can’t make it Wednesday mornings, please contact Robert King.



For more information, or if you have any suggestions, please contact Robert King at 206-937-1488 x203 or [evangelization@holyroaryseattle.org](mailto:evangelization@holyroaryseattle.org).

**Monday Night Rosary** – Join us in the Parish Center Chapel on **Monday nights from 6:30-7:00pm** to pray the Rosary. This is a great way to celebrate Holy Rosary’s Patron Mary by praying the Rosary. Aids and rosaries provided.

## Caring for Our Common Home

When wrapping Christmas gifts, reuse leftover wrapping paper or use colorful newspaper. Better yet, rather than giving material gifts, make donations on their behalf to a shelter, food bank or organization such as Catholic Relief Services or Catholic Community Services.



## Opportunities for Youth

**RCIA Adapted for Children** -Holy Rosary Church welcomes children ages 7–18 years old who have never been baptized, along with their families, on a journey of preparation for initiation into the Catholic Church. If interested in **RCIA** and becoming Catholic, please contact Sr. Stella at [srstella@holyroaryseattle.org](mailto:srstella@holyroaryseattle.org) or 206-937-1488 x252.

### Children’s Faith Formation/

**Sunday School (“CFF”)** provides faith-based classroom education opportunities for children of the Parish. Classes are offered from preschool to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. School Year 2019-2020 registration is already open online. For more information contact Sr. Stella at [srstella@holyroaryseattle.org](mailto:srstella@holyroaryseattle.org) or 206-937-1488 x252.

### Sacramental II Preparation

Preparation has begun! This is part of the preparation for our children both in the school and parish who are preparing themselves to receive the sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion. If you wish for your child to receive the sacraments, please contact Sr. Stella at [srstella@holyroaryseattle.org](mailto:srstella@holyroaryseattle.org) or 206-937-1488x252.

### Youth Confirmation

We have our sixth Confirmation session this Sunday, December 8, and the topic of the night is “**Gifts that Bear the Fruit of the Spirit**”. The teens will learn if they stay close to Jesus they will witness the fruits of the Holy Spirit in their life.

### Follow Youth Confirmation on Social Media!

Instagram - [@HR Youth Confirmation](https://www.instagram.com/HR_Youth_Confirmation)  
Snap Chat – HR\_Youth

Contact Bridget Bicek at 206-937-1488 x 299 for email at [PAYOUTH@holyroaryseattle.org](mailto:PAYOUTH@holyroaryseattle.org) for more info!



Holy Rosary is delighted to host the following musical events this holiday season. Please visit the individual websites to purchase tickets and learn more about each event.

*Holy Rosary does not sell tickets to the listed events.*

**Sunday, December 8th @ 2pm**

***Cantaré Concert***

Cantaré Vocal Ensemble is a mixed-voice ensemble with singers drawn from all around the Seattle area. Cantaré offers singers the opportunity to learn and perform a variety of serious repertoire including 19th-century spirituals, psalms, and plainchant, as well as works by 20th and 21st Century composers.

Tickets at [www.cantarevocalensemble.org/](http://www.cantarevocalensemble.org/).

**Monday, December 9th @ 7pm**

***Christmas Festival Concert Seattle Christian High School***

—Seattle Christian School will present its annual Christmas choral concert, featuring the elementary Honor Choir, Won By One, and VISION. Doors open at 6:30pm to families and the public. Freewill offering.

**Saturday, December 14th @ 8pm**

***Esoterics Concert***

The Esoterics will articulate our common desire for emotional simplicity, or, **HUMILITY**. This performance will consider the origins and contexts in which we find ourselves humble; while tenderly in love, while patiently or hopefully in need, while meekly witnessing the majesty of nature. Tickets at [www.theesoterics.org/concerts/season-2019/humility](http://www.theesoterics.org/concerts/season-2019/humility)

**Sunday, December 15th & 22nd @ 7pm**

***NW Boys Choir Concert***

Patterned after the Christmas Eve observance at King's College in Cambridge, England, *A Festival of Lessons & Carols* is a holiday tradition. This classical performance consists of nine holiday readings, each followed by a traditional carol performed by the choir. For Tickets and more Information: 206-524-3234 or [www.nwboychoir.org](http://www.nwboychoir.org)

**Friday, December 20th @ 8pm**

***Seattle Girls Choir Carmina Angelorum***

Songs of the Angels

Prime Voci is joined by harpist Juliet Stratton for Benjamin Britten's incomparable *As Ceremony of Carols* for a beautiful, ethereal combination.

Tickets at [www.seattlegirlschoir.org](http://www.seattlegirlschoir.org).

## Simbang Gabi A Filipino Advent Tradition

One way that Holy Rosary celebrates Advent is by hosting a tradition from the Philippines: Simbang Gabi (which means *Night Mass*). This year, it will be on **Saturday, December 21** starting at 5pm. There will be a procession with traditional Filipino star-shaped lanterns called *parols* to remind us of the star that guided the Magi to Jesus. After Mass, all are welcome to join us for the reception in Lanigan Gym. Please come and join us as we share with you our tradition including some of the Filipino food.



## 2019 Holy Rosary Parish

# Advent Giving Tree

This year we will be collecting gift cards, warm socks, gloves, hats, underwear, and new baby items for the Holy Rosary Women's Shelter, St. Vincent de Paul, and Prepares.

To learn more about the groups served this year, please stop by the Giving Tree and read about each agency's dynamic mission. We hope that by serving a more focused group of recipients, our goodwill goes further.

Please leave gift cards in the collection baskets or take to the parish office. Warm items can be left in the donation boxes or Traveling Crib. Final day for gift donations: December 15th.

# Weekly Calendar

| Monday, December 9     |   |
|------------------------|---|
| 8:35 AM                | Immaculate Conception School Mass   Church      |
| 8:30 AM                | Social Justice Mtg.   Parish Office             |
| 6:30 PM                | Pray the Rosary   Chapel                        |
| 7:00 PM                | Seattle Christian HS Christmas Concert   Church |
| 7:00 PM                | Adult Choir Practice   Chapel                   |
| Tuesday, December 10   |   |
| 7:45 AM                | Mass   Church                                   |
| after Mass             | Tue AM Breakfast   Reception Room               |
| 5:30 PM                | Confession   Church                             |
| 6:00 PM                | RCIA Teens   Reception Room                     |
| 6:30 PM                | Voices for Life   Room 203                      |
| 7:15 PM                | Adult Choir Practice   Chapel                   |
| Wednesday, December 11 |   |
| 8:35 AM                | Mass   Church                                   |
| 9:30 AM                | Bible Study   Reception Room                    |
| 7:00 PM                | Penance Service   Church                        |
| 7:15 PM                | Adult Choir Practice   Chapel                   |
| 7:15 PM                | Women With Purpose   Reception Room             |
| Thursday, December 12  |   |
| 7:45 AM                | Mass   Church                                   |
| 6:00 PM                | RCIA   Music Room                               |
| 7:30 PM                | Sanctuary Choir Practice   Church               |
| Friday, December 13    |   |
| 7:45 AM                | Mass   Church                                   |
| 9:15 AM                | Women With Purpose   Reception Room             |
| 6:30 PM                | Friday Night Men's AA   Reception Room          |
| Saturday, December 14  |   |
| 7:00 AM                | Men's Group   Reception Room                    |
| 8:35 AM                | Mass   Church                                   |
| 3:30 PM                | Confession   Church                             |
| 5:00 PM                | Vigil Mass   Church                             |
| 8:00 PM                | Esoterics Concert   Church                      |

## Upcoming EVENTS

### December

- 8 Cantere Concert  
Family Advent Gathering
- 9 Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Seattle Christian HS Christmas Concert
- 14 Esoterics Concert
- 15 NW Boys Choir
- 16 SunDance Performance
- 19 Holy Rosary School Christmas Concert
- 20 Seattle Girls Choir Concert
- 21 Simbang Gabi
- 22 NW Boys Choir



- December 9– Holy Rosary Community
- December 12 Catherine Tarabochia†
- December 14 Dan Dennehy (5:00 pm)
- December 15 Holy Rosary Community (10:30 am)



### MARCH for LIFE

Holy Rosary parishioners are welcome to join us in Olympia for the Washington State March for Life on January 21, 2020. We have reserved a bus to pick up parishioners. Pick up points are at St. Bernadette, St. Francis, and St. Philomena. Please call Rose Rangel at 206-475-9333 for more information and to reserve your seat.

### Collection:

- November 18th collection: \$28,998
- Weekly budgeted collection: \$23,534

Please contact us if we can be of service to you. Call 206-937-1488 and enter the extension

**Baptism:** Contact Deyette Swegle at least two months in advance of your requested baptism date.

**Marriage:** Contact the Parish Office six months in advance of your requested wedding date.

**Funerals:** Contact the Parish Office

**Becoming Catholic:** Adults (over 18) contact Robert King; Children (age 7-18) contact Sr. Stella

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