

# HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Seattle, Washington*

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## Welcome!

### COME WORSHIP WITH US!

MASS TIMES: PLEASE SEE PG 6 FOR 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).

December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

*Submit bulletin articles to [ParishOffice@holyrosaryseattle.org](mailto:ParishOffice@holyrosaryseattle.org) 10 days in advance; deadline noon Thursday*

### **Second Vatican Council**

#### **Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, 9-10**

“The laity carry out their manifold apostolate both in the Church and in the world. In both areas there are various opportunities for apostolic activity. We wish to list here the more important fields of action, namely, church communities, the family, youth, the social milieu, and national and international levels. Since in our times women have an ever more active share in the whole life of society, it is very important that they participate more widely also in the various fields of the Church's apostolate.

As sharers in the role of Christ as priest, prophet, and king, the laity have their work cut out for them in the life and activity of the Church. Their activity is so necessary within the Church communities that without it the apostolate of the pastors is often unable to achieve its full effectiveness. In the manner of the men and women who helped Paul in spreading the Gospel (cf. Acts 18:18, 26; Rom. 16:3) the laity with the right apostolic attitude supply what is lacking to their brethren and refresh the spirit of pastors and of the rest of the faithful (cf. 1 Cor. 16:17-18). Strengthened by active participation in the liturgical life of their community, they are eager to do their share of the apostolic works of that community. They bring to the Church people who perhaps are far removed from it, earnestly cooperate in presenting the word of God especially by means of catechetical instruction, and offer their special skills to make the care of souls and the administration of the temporalities of the Church more efficient and effective.

The parish offers an obvious example of the apostolate on the community level inasmuch as it brings together the many human differences within its boundaries and merges them into the universality of the Church. The laity should accustom themselves to working in the parish in union with their priests, bringing to the Church community their own and the world's problems as well as questions concerning human salvation, all of which they should examine and resolve by deliberating in common. As far as possible the laity ought to provide helpful collaboration for every apostolic and missionary undertaking sponsored by their local parish.”

The work of the Church is not just for the ‘professionals’ - bishops, priests, deacons, sisters, brothers, staff—but for all members of His Body. Christ entrusts His mission to us all!

### **Planning Commission**

During the coming year, Holy Rosary will be creating a plan for our future, as we listen to God's voice and seek how He is calling us to manifest His presence in the world. If our goal is Heaven, we need clear sight—a 20/20 vision of what that path to Heaven looks like for us as a community. Where do we need to grow most? What needs bolstering, what needs creating, and what would we like to focus on or emphasize? A Strategic Plan helps guide us on our way, grounded in prayer, in discernment, in listening to the community but even more listening to the voice of God as we continue His work in West Seattle.

If you are interested in assisting in this process, contact: [planning@holyroaryseattle.org](mailto:planning@holyroaryseattle.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. FAMCOM meets on the second 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.

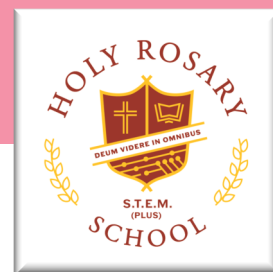
Chair: Tony Fragada, [tfragada@yahoo.com](mailto:tfragada@yahoo.com)

### **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)





Every year, during Catholic Schools' Week, we honor a champion of our school. Winners of this award are individuals who have been champions of Catholic Education and Holy Rosary School and may be alumni, community members, staff, parishioners, or parents. Last year's recipient was HRS alumnus, William McGaughey.

We are currently taking nominations for the 20/21 'Champion of Holy Rosary School' award. Do you know someone who is a true champion of our school? Or someone who has made their mark in part because of the Catholic education they received here? Send in your nominations to Jennifer Kokkonis by January 10th ([jkokkonis@holyroaryws.org](mailto:jkokkonis@holyroaryws.org)). With your nomination please send the individual's name, their affiliation with our school, and why you believe they are a "Champion" of Holy Rosary School.

Our Christmas tree lot is now open and selling garland, wreaths, and trees for the Christmas season. Parent volunteers staff the Tree Lot; proceeds from sales will benefit Holy Rosary School, West Seattle Foodbank, West Seattle Helpline, and the Salvation Army Hickman House. Cocoa and coffee available while shopping!

Parents/Grandparents: Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 19th for Holy Rosary School's Christmas Program. Event begins at 6:15pm, doors open at 5:15pm.

At Holy Rosary School, tradition and innovation converge to provide a leading-edge education that is grounded in the Catholic faith. Students are engaged by enthusiastic teachers who provide hands-on curricula designed to spark creativity and encourage critical thinking. Each child is given room to discover and develop their own unique gifts. At every grade level, faith meets action through service and the teaching of compassion and social justice. Holy Rosary's tight-knit community of passionate teachers and engaged parents creates a safe place where students become leaders from the inside out.

For more information, contact the School Office: 206-937-7255 or [admissions@holyroaryws.org](mailto:admissions@holyroaryws.org) --

*Parish & Community*

**The Word was made Flesh . . .  
Following Baby Jesus in the Womb**

*Weeks 39 and 40*

Ever since the Annunciation in March, the baby Jesus has been growing in His mother Mary's womb. Baby weighs slightly more than 7 pounds, on average, and baby's total length is about 21 inches. There is little room for baby to move yet he continues to gain weight even up to the last week or two. At this point, his organ systems are developed and in place. The lungs are the last organs to mature. The child triggers labor, and birth occurs an average of 264 – 270 days after conception.

*Approximate due date: December 25*

**We have  
followed baby's  
development  
from conception  
to birth!**

**Happy  
Birthday,  
Baby Jesus!!!**



**SAINT OF THE WEEK**



Every week, we highlight a particular saint. This week, we celebrate St. John of the Cross (or Juan de la Cruz). St. John was a Carmelite friar and priest in Spain who, inspired by St. Teresa of Avila, worked to focus his brother Carmelites on prayer and penance. Together with St. Teresa, he founded the Discalced branch of the Carmelites in 1581. His poetry and essays describe the journey of the soul to its home in God, and is recognized as some of the most beautiful Spanish poetry. Can we set aside some time each day, maybe fifteen minutes, to read the Bible or to sit in silence with God? We celebrated St. John's feast on December 14.



*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 will be starting a new study in the new year! If you are interested in Bible Study, please sign up on our website or 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 at 206-937-1488 x203 or [evangelization@holynosaryseattle.org](mailto:evangelization@holynosaryseattle.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.

## 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@holynosaryseattle.org](mailto:srstella@holynosaryseattle.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@holynosaryseattle.org](mailto:srstella@holynosaryseattle.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@holynosaryseattle.org](mailto:srstella@holynosaryseattle.org) or 206-937-1488x252.

### Youth Confirmation

We wish all families and teens Happy Advent and Merry Christmas! Confirmation sessions will resume in January.

### Follow Youth Confirmation on Social Media!

Instagram - [@HR\\_YouthConfirmation](https://www.instagram.com/HR_YouthConfirmation)  
Snap Chat – [HR\\_Youth](https://www.snapchat.com/add/HR_Youth)

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



Youth Confirmation class, listening and learning about “Heroes Who Help Us Become Heroes”.





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 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.

## Year-End Donations

**Any gifts you want credited to the 2019 calendar year for tax purposes need to be received by December 31, 2019.**

1. Online Donations: Transaction must be completed on December 31<sup>st</sup> or earlier (not immediate).
2. Donations in Person: Must be turned into the office or placed in the collection on December 31<sup>st</sup> or earlier.
3. Mail: The postmark must read December 31<sup>st</sup> or earlier.

Even if your credit card isn't charged, the mail doesn't arrive or your check isn't cashed until after January 1<sup>st</sup>, the above qualify as tax year 2019 donations under IRS guidelines.

Please visit the links below for the appropriate online giving portals:

**Holy Rosary Parish or School -**  
[osvonlinegiving.com/4255](https://osvonlinegiving.com/4255)

**Annual Catholic Appeal -**  
[seattlearchdiocese.org/donate](https://seattlearchdiocese.org/donate)

**Called to Serve as Christ Capital Campaign -**  
[donate.seattlearchdiocese.org/called-to-serve-payment](https://donate.seattlearchdiocese.org/called-to-serve-payment)

**Called to Serve as Christ Capital Campaign – Direct to School Major Projects for Corporate Matching Only –**  
[osvonlinegiving.com/4255](https://osvonlinegiving.com/4255)

**Donations to the Annual Catholic Appeal or Called to Serve as Christ Campaign can be mailed to:**  
Archdiocese of Seattle  
710<sup>th</sup> Ave, Seattle 98104

### **Donating by Other Means?**

Donating stock to a non-profit can save you from paying capital gains tax on the appreciated value if you've held the stock for at least year. Call 206-382-4845 for further instructions/details on donating stock to the parish or an archdiocesan campaign.

If you are 70½ or older, there are potential tax benefits when you transfer funds from your IRA directly to a charity – contact your IRA plan administrator for information.

**Thank you for your support of the work and ministry of Jesus Christ! We couldn't do it without you!**

In Christ,  
Fr. Oakland

# Weekly Calendar

## Monday, December 16

8:35 AM	Word and Communion   Chapel
6:30 PM	Pray the Rosary   Chapel
7:15 PM	Adult Choir Practice   Chapel

## Tuesday, December 17

7:45 AM	Mass   Church
after Mass	Christmas Breakfast Potluck   Reception Room
5:30 PM	Confession   Church
6:00 PM	Adult Confirmation   Music Room
6:00 PM	RCIA Teens   Reception Room
7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Practice   Church

## Wednesday, December 18

8:35 AM	School Mass   Church
9:30 AM	Bible Study   Reception Room
7:15 PM	Adult Choir Practice   Chapel
7:15 PM	Women With Purpose   Reception Room

## Thursday, December 19

7:45 AM	Mass   Church
6:30 PM	Holy Rosary School Christmas Program

## Friday, December 20

7:45 AM	Mass   Church
6:30 PM	Friday Night Men's AA   <b>School Hall</b>
8:00 PM	Seattle Girls Choir Concert   Church

## Saturday, December 21

7:00 AM	Men's Group   Reception Room
10:00 AM	Funeral Mass for Jake Rebar   Church
3:30 PM	Confession   Church
5:00 PM	Vigil Mass   Church
6:00 PM	Simbang Gabi   Lanigan Gym



The Parish Office is always collecting new men's socks, gloves, scarves and hats as well as gently used men's black backpacks. If you have any of these to drop off, please stop by the office so that we may hand them out with our Lunches of Love. Thank you!

## Upcoming EVENTS

### December

16 SunDance Performance  
19 Holy Rosary School Christmas Concert  
20 Seattle Girls Choir Concert  
21 Simbang Gabi  
22 NW BoyChoir  
23-27 Parish Office Closed  
25 Christmas  
26,27,28 No AM Mass  
31/Jan 1 Mary Mother of God

### January



December 15 Judy Fitterer  
December 17 Joseph Barreca †  
December 18 Jake Rebar †  
December 19 MaryLou Moser †  
December 20 Giovanni Tarabochia †  
December 21 Jake Rebar † (10:00 am)  
Holy Rosary Community (5:00 pm)  
December 22 Giovanni Tarabochia † (8:30 am)  
Alex Escandar † (10:30 am)



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:

December 1st collection: \$26,191  
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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