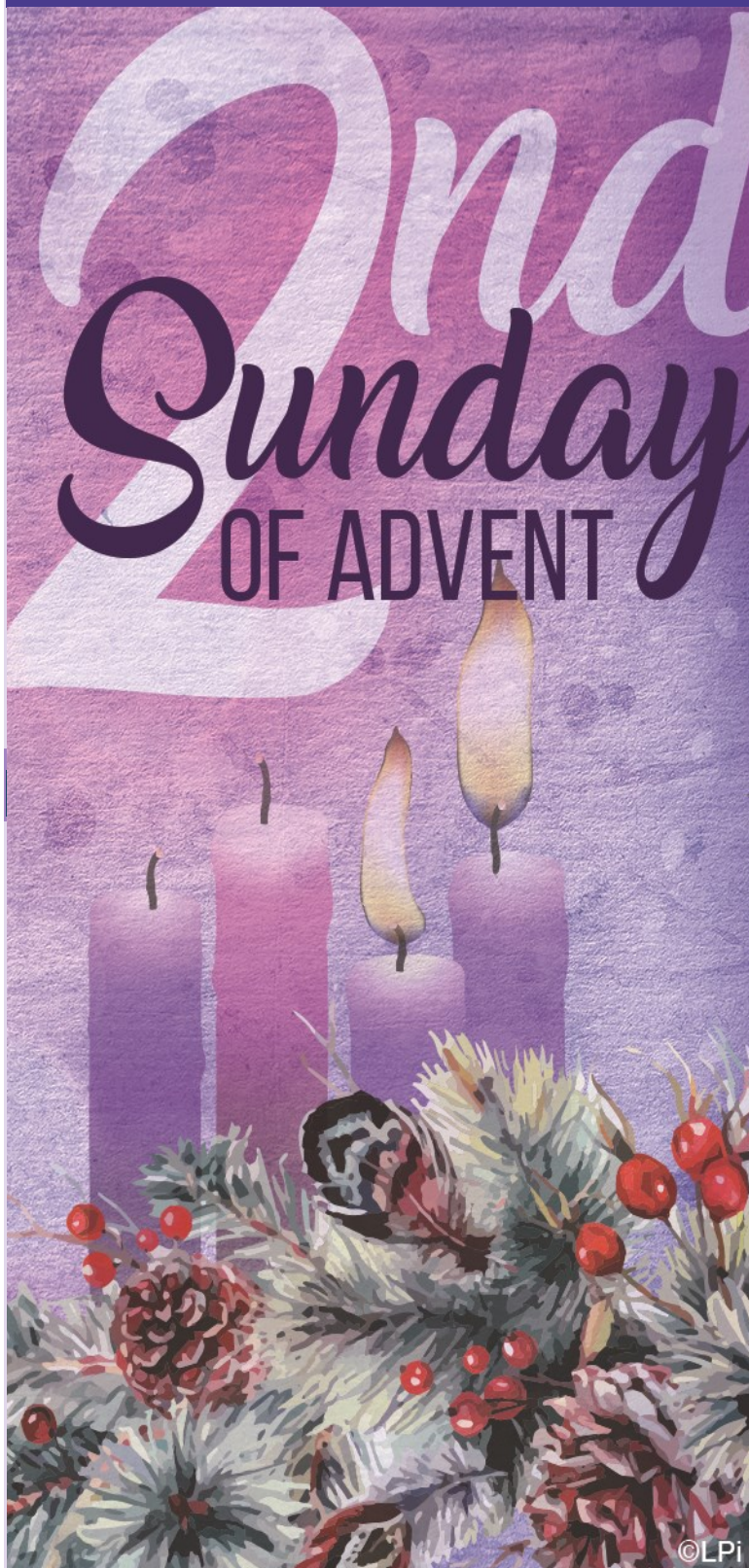


# HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Seattle, Washington



## MASS SCHEDULE

December 5 – 5:00 pm

December 6 – 8:30 am, 10:30 am

December 8 - 8:45 am (Drop ins welcome)

*Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

[Click here](#) to sign up or call 206-937-1488 ext. 200 for phone-in registration.

You must be registered to attend.

Registration closes at 5:00 pm on Thursdays.

**Please arrive 15 minutes early—at 5 minutes till we begin seating walk-ups and can no longer guarantee your seat.**

**Mass Livestreams on Facebook & Vimeo**

Sunday, December 6 (10:30 am)

Tuesday, December 8 (8:45 am)

Watch **posted videos** at anytime!

## CHURCH HOURS

**12-2pm Saturdays**

**2-4pm Mondays**

**12pm-2pm Wednesdays**

*Masks mandatory, no exceptions. Visitors must answer 'no' to all health screening questions & not be in the greater-risk categories. Maximum of 10 people.*

## PARISH OFFICE

Due to the current covid restrictions, the parish office will be closed to the public until further notice. Staff can be reached via phone at 206-935-8353 or email.

## RECONCILIATION

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Saturday or by appointment. -

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent



# The Journey of Faith

## with Fr. Oakland

### The Man, the Myth, the Legend

As I drive around these days, it is not uncommon to see a variety of decorations in peoples' yards, including Santa and his reindeer.

Santa Claus inspires in us many good things, in particular a sense of joy and a spirit of generosity. His story invokes childlike wonder and belief. But what of the man behind the legend?

On Sunday, December 6th, we celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas of Myra, Turkey. He was a bishop there in the 4th century. He was exiled and imprisoned for a time during the final persecution of the Church by Diocletian before the legalization of Christianity. He was also thrown in prison once by his fellow bishops. At the Council of Nicaea, he punched the heretic priest Arius who was causing great confusion throughout the Church with his teaching that Jesus only became divine at the end



of His life. For this Nicholas was stripped of his signs of office and thrown in prison by his brother bishops. That night Jesus and Mary appeared to him, and in the morning the bishops found him in his cell—with his signs of office returned to him by his overnight visitors. Good enough for Jesus and Mary meant good enough for them—so he was

set free and resumed his episcopal ministry.

However, none of this explains how St. Nicholas became the inspiration for Jolly Old St. Nick.

St. Nicholas of Myra was born to parents of some standing and wealth who had a special love of the poor. As they cared for the sick, they themselves got sick and died, leaving everything to their son. He dedicated this gift from them to continuing their work and helping others.



The most famous account of his generosity relates to a widower and his three daughters. Greatly impoverished, the girls were destined for a life of destitution, or worse. Nicholas appeared at the window late one night and threw in a bag of gold. Some say it even landed in stockings hanging by the fire. He returned on two other nights, thereby providing good dowries for each of the girls, protecting them for a bleak future, and enabling the widower to discover the identity of their savior.

There are other stories as well, which highlight his particular concern for children, the innocent and those in need, including sailors upon the dangerous waters, as seen in the painting. His kindness, generosity and love have inspired countless others throughout the ages, even indirectly. The Dutch who came to the US in the 17th century referred to him as Sinterklaas. The English speakers therefore styled him Santa Claus. His acts of generosity, in particular in secret at times, spawned the legend. Still to this day, children who leave their shoes out on Nicholas eve will find them filled with chocolate gold coins in the morning (with assistance from St. Nicholas' elves). I know some who also ask their children to leave a toy of their own for St. Nicholas to take and give to a child in greater need, as children learn the importance of acts of generosity and charity themselves.

While the generosity of Santa Claus and the dedication of the elves to bring joy to the world is incredible, it is important not to lose sight of the original Saint Nicholas, as we are reminded that we ourselves are called to be like him in imitation of Jesus Christ—the one whom we really celebrate at Christmas as He gives Himself to us in love.

## Building the Domestic Church

Theme of the Month: The Word Made Flesh

### What does the Eucharist Mean to You?

Sr. Stella asked the Faith Formation families and children to describe their relationship with the Holy Eucharist and this is what they said!

*"As a family, the Holy Eucharist is our most treasured Sacrament. It is the embodiment of the visible form of our Lord Jesus Christ. What could be more perfect than to be able to actively commune with the presence of Jesus in every Mass? We think it is the greatest master plan Jesus passed down to His apostles before his death so we would always remember and experience that He is with us here on earth, as well."*

- The Yu Family

*"I want to receive Jesus in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist so that I will be nice, kind and respect others."*

Keria Eytzen (First Holy Communicant)

[Click here to learn more about the Holy Eucharist!](#)



*Faith Formation siblings Annika and Soren at home with their Advent wreath.*



## SPECIAL MASSES SCHEDULE

**December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception**  
(Holy Day—not an obligation this year)

8:45 AM Mass in Church; Livestream available.

Drop ins at Mass welcome; no registration required

**December 19– Simbang Gabi**

5:00 PM Mass in Church; Livestream available.

### CHRISTMAS

**December 24**

4:00 PM Vigil Mass in Church  
and School Hall via Livestream

6:30 PM Vigil Mass in Church

11:00 PM Mass in the Night in Church

(We will add another 9PM Vigil Mass if needed)

**December 25**

9:00 AM Mass in Church  
and School Hall via Livestream  
12:00 PM Mass in the Church

**- REGISTRATION IS OPEN -**

[Registration required here](#) with Sign Up Genius for all Christmas Masses. To register by phone, call Melissa at 206-937-1488 ext. 200. Masks required in church at all times, no exceptions.



The Season of Advent is filled with the feast days of saints who help us prepare for the coming of Christ. That is especially true this week!

## **December 7—[St. Ambrose](#)**

Planning on adding a white Christ candle to the center of your Advent Wreath at Christmas? Decorate it on the feast of St. Ambrose, the patron saint of candle makers.

## **December 8—Immaculate Conception**

St. Jerome and St. Anne had been unable to have a child for a long time. On this day, we commemorate the miraculous conception of Mary in her mother's womb. This is our national feast day. Take [a virtual tour](#) of the Immaculate Conception Basilica in Washington, DC.

## **December 9—St. Juan Diego**

Juan Diego was an early Christian convert in Mexico to whom Mary appeared in 1531. He was given the grace of becoming her messenger, and she helped lead people to her Son Jesus through the church she requested be built. The proof she gave him for the bishop consisted of roses which she arranged in his poncho. When he unveiled it for the bishop, [a miraculous image](#) of Mary was imprinted upon it.

What is the message that God has entrusted to you? What proof has He given you in your own life of His love, goodness and presence, to bolster your faith as a witness to others?

## **December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe**

One day, when Juan Diego was supposed to be carrying out the task she entrusted to him, he tried his best to avoid Mary—going away from where he had seen her before, because his uncle was sick and he was going to get a priest. Mary still found him, however, and her response was classic: “Am I not here, I who am your mother?” The image is [indicative of the Aztec culture](#), a reminder that God's grace enters into every culture and time, with an invitation to transform. Where have you seen God's grace in our own culture and history, and where are we being invited to be transformed?

## **Youth Confirmation & Evangelization**

### **Important Update!**

#### **2020 - 2021 Youth Confirmation**

The requirements and dates for the Confirmation Program are now available for review on our website. [Click here to read through the tentative plan for the 2020 - 2021 Youth Confirmation Program.](#)

All families who are or will be registered for the program are invited to [click here](#) and complete our Youth Confirmation survey.

All baptized 7th - 12th graders are welcome to [click here to register](#) for the program on our website.

#### **West Seattle Catholic Youth Ministry**

Holy Rosary and Our Lady of Guadalupe are excited to collaborate and offer faith events, service opportunities, and bonding experiences for our middle school and high school students and their families during Winter of 2021! Join us for any and all events below and meet other Catholic teens in the West Seattle area!

[Click here for a list of events](#)

[Click here to sign-up for any and all events!](#)

#### **Peer Ministry: Allowing Your Light to Shine!**

The Holy Rosary Peer Ministry program is a leadership and service opportunity for all high school students who have received their sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. A Peer Minister will use their unique gifts and talents to serve and lead with the Youth Confirmation students, alongside the Youth Minister and Adult Volunteers.

If you have a high school student who needs to complete service hours and wants to develop and grow in faith and leadership skills, visit our website to learn more about the Peer Ministry program: <https://holyroaryseattle.org/peer-ministry>.



**Bridget Bicek - Youth Minister**

[PAYouth@Holyrosaryseattle.org](mailto:PAYouth@Holyrosaryseattle.org)

206-937-1488 ext. 299

#### **Office Hours**

Wednesday 12:00 - 6:00 pm

Thursday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

## OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

### CTSAC Update

Holy Rosary participated in the Archdiocesan Called to Serve as



**CALLED TO  
SERVE *as* CHRIST**  
*A campaign for our*  
PRIESTS, SISTERS & FAMILY OF FAITH

Christ Capital Campaign in 2018, whose primary purpose is to create a permanently funded priest retirement pension fund that will utilize market gains for current needs. We currently have a pay-as-you-go model where parishes and parishioners cover the annual cost through parish assessments, the Annual Catholic Appeal, and an annual collection. This campaign will minimize or eliminate the ongoing financial burden. 55% of the campaign proceeds go to this purpose. In recognition of their long service and important contribution in the Archdiocese of Seattle, 24% is going toward the retirement funds of the womens' religious orders who have served here. And 15% is returned to parishes to continue our important work and ministry. To take advantage of corporate giving that won't match for religious organizations, we accepted some direct donations to our school projects. Here is an update on our parish participation:

**Total Pledges: \$1,257,304** (89% of parish goal)

**Total Payments as of September 30: \$899,871**  
(64% of total pledges)

### Received to Date by Holy Rosary

15% Parish Rebate: **\$134,981**

Direct Donations to Parish Projects: **\$5,000**

Direct Donations to School Projects: **\$71,791**

### Expenses to Date

Church Stained Glass Windows Repair: **\$46,458**

Church Bell Tower Tuckpointing: **\$56,331**

School Big Toy/Playground Renovation: **\$71,791**

The remaining unspent funds on hand and the approximately \$75,000 in future rebates and direct gifts on wider pledge fulfillments will be used to help fund tuckpointing our beautiful brick campus, in particular the church and the school.

Your donations are doing a lot of good work—in our parish community and for our archdiocese. For more information about this campaign, to make a pledge on your existing pledge, or to make a pledge or contribution if you were unable to in 2018 or simply want to make an extra contribution, visit <https://calledtoserveaschrist.org/>. Thank you again!

## WEST SEATTLE CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

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any and all events!](#)**

**December 22- 6:30 pm Online Game Night**  
(Zoom)

**January 18- 3:00 - 4:30 pm MLK Racial Justice  
Discussion** (Zoom)

**January 30- High School Youth Convention**  
(More details to come...)

**February 13- Mardi Gras Family Scavenger Hunt**  
(Time TBD)

**February 25- 6:30 pm Lenten Event of Reflection**  
(Zoom)

**March 13- Middle School Encounter Day**  
(More details to come...)

**March 20- 11:00 am Welcome Table Service  
Project** (In-person)

**April 18- 6:30 pm Earth Day Environmental  
Justice Discussion** (Zoom)

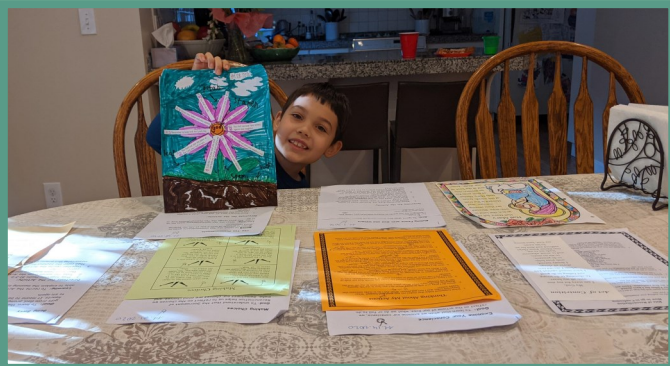
**April 24- Day of Service** (In-person)



## OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

### Sacramental II Preparation (1st Communion & Reconciliation)

Marco and his parents work together on the Sacramental 2/ First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Preparation classes at home.



Sacramental 2 Preparation student Daniel hugs his sister Lillian after asking for her forgiveness. Daniel completed the Learning Class on Making Peace with God and Others.



If you wish for your child to receive the sacraments, please contact Sr. Stella at [rstella@holynosaryseattle.org](mailto:rstella@holynosaryseattle.org) or call 206-937-1488 ext. 252.



Please visit this link and enjoy a special Advent calendar created by the Care of Creation ministry. You can find the calendar here- [Advent Cal. 2020.pdf](#)

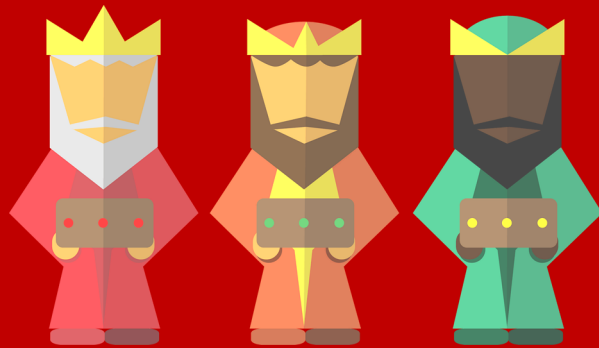
The daily suggestions are perfect for individuals or families to do together. Some are as simple as appreciating the gifts that the Pacific Northwest has to offer.

Would you like to learn how to start helping right here in West Seattle? The next Care for Creation ministry meeting is January 11th via Zoom @ 6:30. You are invited to join! We need more good ideas to share!

Considerations for Hosting or Attending a Gathering  
This Holiday Season

Steps To Take If You Have Been Exposed to Covid At A Holiday Gathering

# HOLY ROSARY'S 2020 Advent Giving Tree IS ONLINE!



November 14 - December 14

Due to the covid crisis, Holy Rosary's Giving Tree is now digital. \$25 gift cards can be purchased at [www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/holyrosaryadventgivingtree](http://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/holyrosaryadventgivingtree) and sent directly to the church without leaving home. All gift cards directly benefit our local St. Vincent de Paul, Lazarus Center, and St. Martin de Porres shelter.

Thank you for your generosity. *Gift cards must be received by December 14.*

## How Do I Start?

- 1) Visit [www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/holyrosaryadventgivingtree](http://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/holyrosaryadventgivingtree)
- 2) Click 'Buy Gift' under the Target gift card image, next to the '1 Gift Needed' box.
- 3) Select and click the dollar value of your choice. Next, choose 'Mail or E-mail'. (E-mail is preferred). Click "Add to Cart". The number of gift cards purchased can be changed in later steps.
- 4) Click "View Cart & Checkout".
- 5) To purchase more than one gift card, choose the quantity from the drop down box.
- 6) Click "Ready to Check Out".
- 7) The option to select "Home Address" will appear. Choose this box for all orders.
- 8) Complete check out instructions for payment, then click "Place Your Order".
- 9) The gift cards are on their way and will reach Holy Rosary soon! E-mailed gift cards should arrive within minutes unless a later arrival date is selected. Mailed gift cards will arrive at the parish within 5-7 business days.

**Need help or have questions?** Please contact Libby at [ParishOffice@HolyRosarySeattle.org](mailto:ParishOffice@HolyRosarySeattle.org).

## More About Gift Cards

**Why Target gift cards for St. Vincent families instead of gifts?** Because families know best. It is meaningful when a parent is able to personally choose the perfect gift for his or her child. With a Target nearby, families can shop for gifts and clothing at a conveniently located store.

**Why Target gift cards for Lazarus Center and St. Martin's?** On Christmas morning, the homeless men and women served by these agencies will wake up to brand new hoodie sweatshirts in addition to the usual socks and gloves. The Target gift cards will provide staff with the budget to shop for the various sizes and colors needed by the community.

**How does an e-mailed gift card reach the charities?** Target will convert all emailed gift cards into physical gift cards by scanning the emailed gift card barcodes. It's an easy process that the parish staff oversees.

**Can I drop off a traditional a \$25 Target gift card rather than purchase it online?** Sure! Gift cards can be dropped off in the collection basket located at the Mass registration table or left in the parish mail slot located in the south side parish office door.

# SEEING JESUS IN OUR MIDST



## Holiday Foods Needed at St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Although SVDP is not having a major food drive this year, they continue to need pantry staples especially as we go into winter.

Food donations can be dropped off in the marked boxes inside of the church. Please note the limited church hours: **Mondays 2-4pm, Wednesdays 12-2pm, and Saturdays 12-2 (unless otherwise noted).**

As always, only shelf-stable items in **original, unopened packaging** can be accepted. **Please, no restaurant-sized containers.** Thank you!

- ♦ Hearty Soups/Chili
- ♦ Cranberry Sauce
- ♦ Canned Pumpkin
- ♦ Stovetop Dressing
- ♦ Peanut Butter (16oz)
- ♦ Canned Chicken
- ♦ Canned Fruit
- ♦ Cereal, Crackers

### HOLIDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please contact Paul at [pdolejsi@holyrosaryseattle.org](mailto:pdolejsi@holyrosaryseattle.org) if you are able to volunteer at any of our upcoming Masses.

### Learn to Livestream Mass

Holy Rosary needs a few volunteers to help livestream Mass, both now and after we install our permanent livestreaming system. **This is a very important need.** If you are comfortable with technology and want to help, please contact Bridget at [payouth@holyrosaryseattle.org](mailto:payouth@holyrosaryseattle.org).

### Can you help keep Holy Rosary Church open?

We need volunteers at each Mass and when the church is open in order to comply with current Washington state Covid-19 guidelines. Volunteers, like visitors themselves, need to be healthy, under 65 and have no preexisting medical conditions. Please contact Paul at 206-937-1488 ext. 204 or [pdolejsi@holyrosaryseattle.org](mailto:pdolejsi@holyrosaryseattle.org).

## Holy Rosary Tree Lot is Open! Delivery Available!



Christmas trees make visible in our homes the light of God. Holy Rosary School will once again host the annual tree lot opening Friday, November 27 through mid-December. Specialty trees up to 11' may be requested.

Multiple purchase options will be available:

1. Pre-purchase on the school web site <https://holyrosaryws.org/tree-lot-pre-sale-form/>
2. Shop from your car
3. Shop the lot. Masks and social distancing required.

Delivery will be available for an additional \$25 fee which goes towards the 8th grade class fundraiser.

In addition to proceeds benefiting Holy Rosary School, two local charities will also receive a portion of the proceeds: Salvation Army Hickman House and West Seattle Food Bank.

Lot hours, directions and additional information may be found at <https://holyrosaryws.org/give/tree-lot/>. **Thank you for your support!**

## Holy Rosary is Hiring!

- Pastoral Assistant for Adult Evangelization
- Pastoral Assistant for Communications and Technology
- Weekend Janitor-Custodian

Please visit our jobs page for full job description, job ad and application.  
For questions or further information please contact Jill Carr.



## Additional Resources for Prayer and Growth



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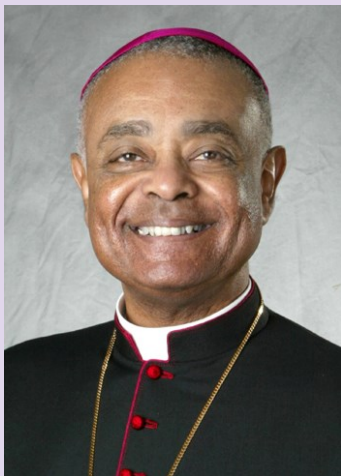
Explore the following articles about race, Catholicism and the call for justice for all.



“Last fall in the month of All Saints, I rode the Amtrak from Providence, Rhode Island to Baltimore, Maryland. I was heading to a celebration of the life of Mother Mary Lange. Who’s that, you ask? She’s one of the Six. And if you have to ask, “Who are the other five?” then you have to hear the story.”

**Black Saints Matter: It’s time to include people of color in the U.S. church’s models of holiness.**—Alice Camille, *US Catholic Magazine*

### Wilton Gregory Makes History



Pope Francis has made Wilton Gregory the first African-American cardinal | America Magazine

Who Is Wilton Gregory, the First African-American Catholic Cardinal? - (nytimes.com)

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### Online Resources for Prayer & Reflection

#### At Home with Faith

Each week the Archdiocese of Seattle publishes a new guide for ways to grow in faith at home and as a family.

#### Thy Kingdom Come

This book contains an large collection of prayers rooted in our Catholic faith tradition.

#### Magnificat

Magnificat is offering its website with excellent daily readings, prayers, and reflections free of charge. Also! Magnifikid! Check out the latest! Nov. Issue– for children

#### The Word Among Us

Another prayer resource being offered free of charge, similar to Magnificat.

#### Sacred Heart Radio Pray the Rosary

#### Resources for Families of Children with Disabilities

Offered by the Archdiocese of Seattle Library Media Center, a list of books, DVDs, and materials.

### General Resources

Find resources about prayer, mental health, and more from the Archdiocese of Seattle.

St. Vincent de Paul is available help with food, rent, bills and other immediate needs. Call them at 206-937-1488 ext. 300.

### Crisis Lines

National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-7233

**Teen Line:** 1-888-375-8336 **Text :** 273TALK to 839863

**Mental Health Hotline** (for ages 18+) (800) 710-7083

National Suicide Hotlines 800-273-TALK/800-273-8255

**800-SUICIDE**/800-784-2433

Crisis Clinic 24-Hour Crisis Line 866-427-4747

National Runaway Switchboard 800-RUNAWAY/800-786-2929

National Child Abuse Hotline 800-422-4453

### STRESS, ANXIETY, & DEPRESSION

Managing Stress Guide – Best Colleges

Understanding Children and Teens with Anxiety and Depression – resources from the Anxiety and Depression Association of America

Methods for Discerning Anxiety and Depression in

Teens – a short blog post from Roy Petitfils, a counselor and author, and an internationally recognized expert in understanding and raising teenagers.

Anxiety and Depression – a series of blog articles from Life Teen on anxiety and depression.



## **Online Giving**

Thank you to those who already give online. If you wish to support our ongoing labors, please select the green 'Create an Account' button at [www.osvonlinegiving.com/4255](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4255).

## **By Mail**

You can use the business envelope included in your monthly envelope packets, or mail to

**Holy Rosary Church**  
**4139 42nd Ave SW**  
**Seattle, WA 98116**

Thank you for continuing to support us in carrying out the mission of Christ.

**Request:** When mailing or dropping off your parish tithes, you do not need to send in multiple weekly or monthly envelopes with cash or a check in each. One parish envelope with one check or total cash is sufficient. Please continue to send separate envelopes/money for SVDP, Shoulder to Shoulder, the Endowment, etc. as separate funds. Thank you.

## **Drop Off**

Please use the south parish door mail slot when dropping off checks and/or envelopes.

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

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Please visit the Archdiocese of Seattle's **[comprehensive resource page](#)** for information related to Covid-19 including guidelines for public Mass and other sacraments.

## **Holy Rosary Parish Staff**

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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** ext. 300

**Fr. Oakland is available for indoor or outdoor meetings, homebound visits, and the Sacraments by appointment.**

Please call 206-937-1488 ext 200 or email Melissa at [MTuthill@holyrosaryseattle.org](mailto:MTuthill@holyrosaryseattle.org) to schedule.





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