

**DECEMBER 5,
2021**

MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses

Saturday | 5:00 pm

Sunday | 8:30 am

10:30 am

Wednesday, Dec. 8

Feast of the
Immaculate
Conception | 7 pm

Daily Masses

Tuesdays | 6:00 pm

Wednesday* –

Saturday | 8:45 am

*Daily Mass on
Wednesday AMs is for
students/faculty only at
this time in order to
comply with covid
protocols unless noted.

CHURCH HOURS

Monday-Friday

8:30 am-5:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays

3:30 pm-4:30 pm

Tuesdays

5:00 pm -5:45 pm

By appointment:

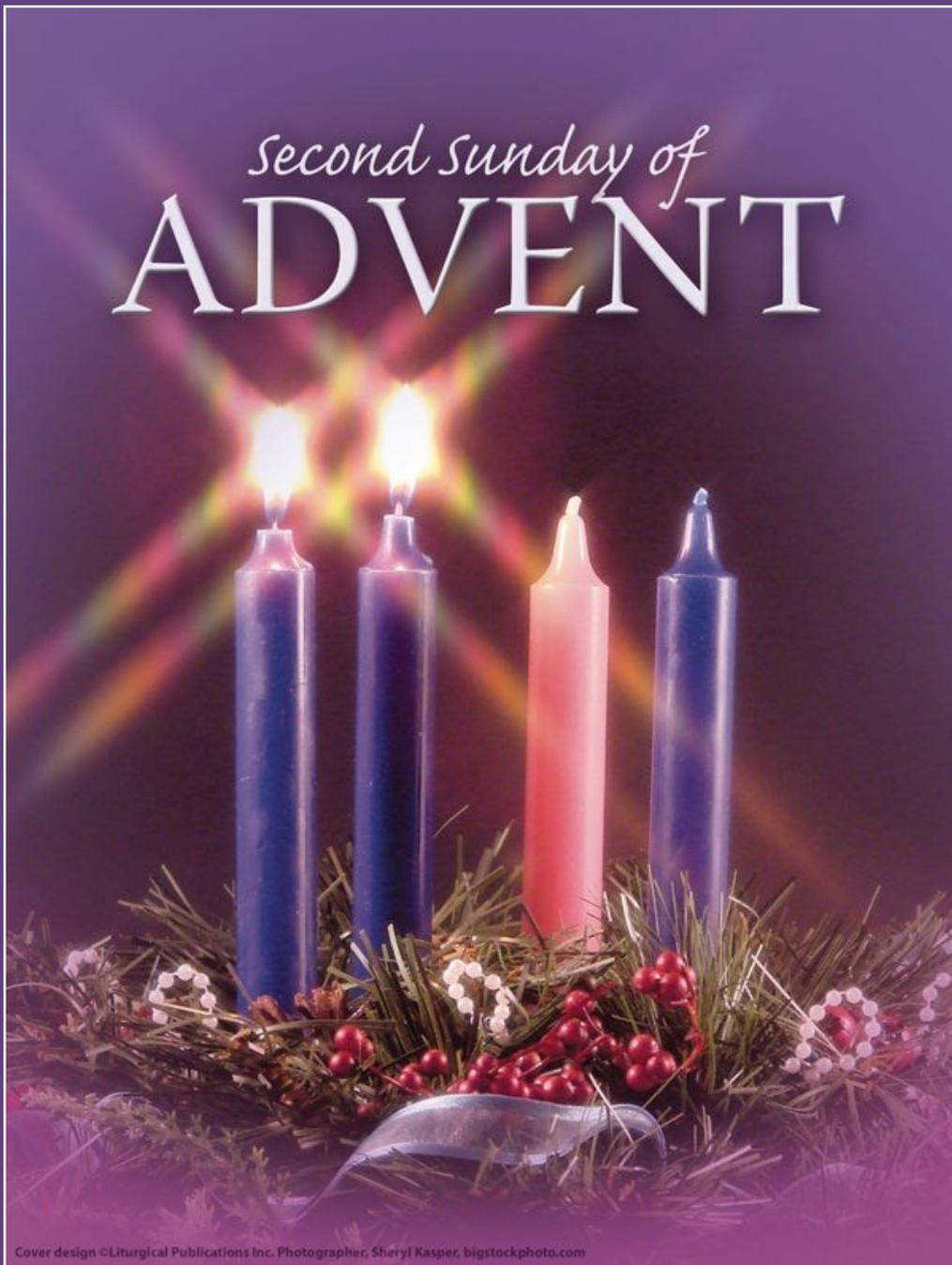
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Holy Rosary Catholic Church

Encounter Jesus. Become Disciples. Make Disciples.

second Sunday of
ADVENT



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HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

The Journey of Faith with Fr. Matthew Oakland



The Bambinos

As a young man, pre-conversion, St. Francis dreamed of glory, and was drawn to the romance of war with an impending battle with the neighboring Perugia. He spent a year in prison after being captured as they waited for a ransom to be paid.

Mindful of his own experience, in 1219 he set off for Egypt with some of his brothers to minister to the crusader army. After preaching his message of peace, he set himself to preach the same message to the Muslim army and sultan. He marched across the battle lines with another brother, singing Psalm 23, risking imprisonment or more likely, death.

When asked if they were there to convert, which sometimes happened on both sides, Francis quickly informed the sultan he was there to seek his conversion and proceeded to preach the Gospel to him—another very brave thing to do! St. Francis stayed there for a time, exchanging beliefs. He was unsuccessful but kept his life. Francis realized the truth of his childhood dream. It was not the conquering of another but a desire for their conversion, even at the cost of his own life. As a parting gift of respect, the sultan gave him a pass that would allow him to pass through the Holy Land unharmed, something not allowed at that time to Christians.

In 1223 St. Francis set up the first Nativity scene outside of Greccio, Italy, making Bethlehem real for the people, and more importantly, the Babe. He read the Gospel and preached on the impact that Christ can have in our lives if we truly embrace life in Him. A stone was then placed upon the creche, and Christmas Mass was celebrated by a priest.

On Sunday, December 12th, the children of the parish (and the not-as-young children of God) are invited to bring the baby Jesus from your own home nativity scenes to be blessed at Mass in a new tradition of Bambinelli Sunday and then on Christmas, enthrone him in the manger!

Holy Days (of Obligation)

God commanded us to love Him above all else and our neighbor before ourselves. It's sad that we must be commanded to do something good for us and our world, to live out our identity and who we were created to be. But that is the point of God's Laws—to show us how to live and to show us the way to Heaven because He loves us and wants us to be with Him here and now and forever.

Echoing the third commandment of keeping holy the Sabbath, the Church has always held that Holy Days must include the celebration of Mass unless we are precluded by sickness, caring for someone who is sick, or long distances. This includes the 52 Lord's Days of the year, plus a handful of others.

Yes, at minimum we should go because we should. That is sometimes how children behave in relation to their parents. Hopefully, though, we go because we long to be with our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ, Him whom our heart loves! Hopefully we go because we have a deep longing within us for the Eucharist, that food by which we are truly fed, which wells up in us unto eternal life, which according to Christ is necessary for eternal life.

On Wednesday, December 8th, as we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Archbishop is lifting the dispensation he put in place at the beginning of the pandemic from this obligation. That means that unless we meet one of the usual requirements, missing Mass on a Holy Day is now once again a mortal sin—a separation by our own free choice from God, as we choose to not be with God and His community of faithful in the celebration of the Mass on the Lord's Day, as we choose to put other things first instead.

Give yourself, and Jesus this gift—come to Mass!

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Archbishop Etienne is reinstating the general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation starting December 8, 2021, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. If you've been away from Mass during the pandemic, we invite you to come back to receive the Eucharist, rebuild community life and renew your commitment to Sunday Mass. More information can be found [here](#). If are unable to join us at Mass, there are exceptions to this such as:

- Having underlying conditions, pregnancy, or considered to be in a high-risk category.
- Exhibiting flu-like symptoms.
- Possibly being asymptomatic of a contagious illness (being in close contact with someone who tested positive for a contagious illness such as COVID or influenza, for example).
- Caring for the sick, homebound or infirmed.
- Being 65 years of age or older (per the Centers for Disease Control's recommendation for high-risk individuals).
- Being unable to attend Mass through no fault of your own (i.e. no Mass is offered; you are infirm; or, while wanting to go, you are prevented for some reason you cannot control, such as your ride did not show up).
- Receiving a dispensation from the pastor directly.

Liturgy Schedule for December 2021 and January 2022

December 8, Wednesday - Feast of Immaculate Conception of Mary

Parish Mass at 7pm

December 18, Saturday - 4th Sunday of Advent

Simbang Gabi Mass at 5pm

December 24, Friday - Christmas Eve

Masses at 4pm, 6:30pm, 11pm

December 25, Saturday - Christmas Day

Mass at 9am

(No Saturday Vigil Mass for Holy Family on Christmas Day. No Saturday confessions.)

December 26, Sunday - Feast of Holy Family

Masses at 8:30, 10:30am

December 27-30 - Church closed. No daily Masses. No Tuesday confessions.

December 31, Friday - Vigil of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Vigil Mass at 5pm

January 1, Saturday - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass at 9am

(No Saturday Vigil Mass for Epiphany on New Year's Day. No Saturday confessions.)

January 2, Sunday, - Feast of Epiphany

Masses at 8:30, 10:30am

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

BAPTISM

Congratulations to William Paul McDonough baptized on November 27, 2021! We welcome you to a life with Christ.



If you are interested in having your child baptized, email Deyette at dswegle@holyroaryseattle.org. You may also complete our baptism registration form at holyroaryseattle.org/infant-baptismregistration.

MASS INTENTIONS

December 5
Pro Populo

December 8
Pro Populo

December 9
Edward C. Brozovick | RIP
Asenath E. Brozovich | RIP
Carolyn Brozovich Butts | RIP

To request a Mass intention, please stop by the parish office or call Melissa at 206-937-1488 ext. 200. To ensure your intention is published, dates must be chosen at least 14 days in advance.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteers needed to decorate our beautiful church for the Christmas season! We will be decorating on Sunday, 19 December, starting at noon. Depending on the number of volunteers, installing the decorations can take 2-4 hours. Come for as long or short a time as your schedule allows at this very busy time of year. Children are welcome too, with adult supervision. It really is a fun time, and will bring your heart an extra bit of joy to share the transformation with other members of the parish. If you have any questions, reach out to Judi or Russell at qualywhite@comcast.net.



CALLED TO SERVE AS CHRIST

Called to Serve as Christ Campaign Update

Despite the impacts of the covid pandemic, the people of the Archdiocese of Seattle continue to contribute.



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

Thank you for all you have done, and continue to do, to support this important campaign for our current and future priests and women religious.

Total Goal:	\$1,411,000.00
Total Cash Received:	\$1,094,861.78
Total Pledges:	\$1,257,798.33
Total Parish Share Payment*:	\$164,229.27

*This represents a percentage of the cash donations made by donors associated with Holy Rosary to the Called to Serve campaign for the period of 7/1/21-9/30/21.

If you would like to donate on your pledge, click [HERE](#) or visit calledtoserveaschrist.org for more information.

OLG IS HIRING!

OLG is hiring for a full-time Custodian. Duties will include cleaning and light handyman work. 80% of time spent cleaning the school. Training provided. \$18-\$20 an hour with benefits (medical, dental, vision, 403b, vacation and sick). Previous experience in a custodial service-based position desired. If interested or need more information, please contact Sal Pagan at 206-935-0358 or salp@olgseattle.org.



Men's AA meets every Friday night in the HR gym from 8p-9:30p. This is an open meeting. **Newcomers welcome.** To find more meetings in the Seattle area, visit SEATTLE.AA.ORG.

SEASON OF GIVING



Holy Rosary Parish 2021 Advent Giving Tree Nov. 21–Dec. 15

We are once again collecting \$25 Target gift cards for children and families this season. All of the Target gift cards received will directly support the children and families of St. Vincent de Paul and Catholic Immigration Legal Services (CILS). St. Vincent's has over 35 families needing assistance this season, and CILS is helping 13 Afghan refugee families resettle in the South Sound area. Physical gift cards are preferred (no e-cards, please).

Gift cards can be placed in the collection baskets or returned to the parish office during business hours. Use the mail slot on the southside door of the parish office if office is closed. Please do not leave gifts under the trees in the church.

Catholic Immigration Legal Services is collecting NEW socks for refugee families. Donations of warm socks for men, women, and children can be dropped off at the collection boxes at either church entrance or the parish office. Thank you!

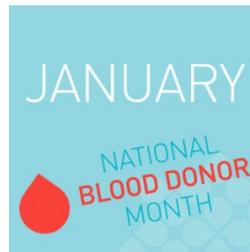
Thank you for returning items by December 15. We are grateful for your generosity!

Holy Rosary Tree Lot OPEN NOW through December 18



Come out and enjoy some holiday cheer and take home a tree, wreath or garland. Proceeds from the tree lot benefit the school as well as three local charities: Salvation Army Hickman House, West Seattle Food Bank & Clothesline.

January Is National Blood Donor Month



To create awareness and to help ensure an ample blood supply for our community, **Holy Rosary School** is running a two week blood donation campaign with Bloodworks Northwest.

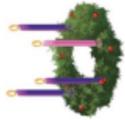
About the campaign: Give blood by visiting any Bloodworks Northwest Donor Center or temporary pop-up Donor Center located near you **between Mon, Jan 3 and Mon, Jan 17**.

Upon arrival, register to give blood under donor code "HRS". Please provide this code so the blood center can track our impact! Help us reach a goal of at least 30 donations over the two-week time frame!

Appointments are required. Make your appointment between **Jan 3 - 17** [HERE](#) at Bloodworks center, or if you prefer a West Seattle pop-up, save your spot [HERE](#). For help booking an appointment, email schedule@bloodworksnw.org or call 1-800-398-7888. For more info, please visit www.Bloodworksnw.org

Care For Creation 2021 Advent Calendar

Prepared by OLG & Holy Rosary Care For Creation Ministry

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
November 28 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT 	29 Pope Francis calls us toward sustainability. This Advent, register your family to join the LaudatoSiActionPlatform.org	30 Some Big Box stores recycle tool batteries. Or take to the South Transit Station Hazardous Waste Center	December 1 Instead of cutting your own Christmas tree, consider buying from the Holy Rosary tree lot, operating through Dec. 18 in school playground	2  Collect some Fall colors in a nearby park. Try to learn the names of the trees.	3 LIGHT UP THE NIGHT at OLG, 7:00 pm 	4 God's creation reveals itself often in silence. As Christmas approaches, use this time to behold God's glory in nature.
5 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT Decorate a Tree for Birds Place suet, pinecones with peanut butter, and seed trays on a tree in your yard.	6  Today is St. Nicholas, Day, the 4th c. bishop known for his support of the poor.	7 We remember those who died in 1941 in Pearl Harbor. Pray for the victims of all wars, and for the fullness of God's peace to come into our world.	8  FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	9 Watch how the birds are preparing for winter 	10 Support local businesses AND reduce your carbon footprint by buying Christmas gifts in West Seattle and White Center	11 Debunk climate myths. https://blessedtomorrow.org/8-climate-myths-debunked-by-catholic-coalition/
12 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT & Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	13 God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth. They will be yours for food." Make today a Meatless Monday.	14 Learn more about Solidarity with Climate refugees: http://www.unrefugees.org	15 When Christmas shopping, consider supporting the native Seattle people by buying at the Duwamish Longhouse Gift Shop	16 Use heat mindfully. Turn your thermostat to 65 F or lower at night, and to 63 F when away from home. Invest in space heaters.	17  HAPPY BIRTHDAY POPE FRANCIS!	18 Celebrate Simbang Gabi @ Holy Rosary @ 5pm. Gaze into the night sky & celebrate the coming light of Christ 
19 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT Follow Pope Francis suggestion to bring joy to someone who has been displaced.	20 Stop relying on single-use plastic water bottles. Invest in a reusable water bottle. While you're at it, give reusable water bottles as gifts!	21 Today is the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year. Turn off lights when you leave a room. Start using LED light bulbs.	22 Make a nature inspired ornament using natural materials.  	23 Mary is troubled when the angel Gabriel tells her she will conceive. She is instructed, "Be not afraid." Like Mary, may we be open to God, as we face the climate crisis.	24 	25 
26	27	28	29	30	* Next meeting is Jan. 10th via zoom @ 7 pm. You are invited to join! We need more good ideas to share! 	

These are some ideas to be environmentally aware as you celebrate the Christmas season of 2021
 ** https://vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20200103_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html

You make a difference.
As members of the one Body of Christ, thank you for the ways in which you help give life to our community as we live our faith together, as we support and strengthen one another along the Way.



Our sincerest THANKS to all our wonderful parishioners for your generosity and good stewardship in helping one another and others encounter Jesus as we advance the mission of Holy Rosary Parish. We hope your own spiritual journey has increased as well. We appreciate YOU!

Providing food to our neighbors

- Forming our children and those seeking the Sacraments
- Assisting in varied ways with our celebration of Mass
- Our parish school

Thanks to all of our parishioners for your Time in prayer, your Talents serving our parish, and your Treasure shared throughout another challenging year. May God continue to bless you in this New Year!

Holy Rosary Year-End Reminders

Please consider an end of year donation to your parish by visiting our website at www.osvhub.com/holyrosaryseattle/funds or click on donate button at right

[DONATE NOW](#)

The starting point of stewardship is recognizing that everything we have, everything that we are is by God's initiative—by God's grace . *Archbishop Etienne*

Year End Giving Tax Strategies

All gifts [including online gifts] made on, before, or postmarked by Dec. 31st are tax deductible and will be recorded on your 2021 parish giving report for this tax year.

BEYOND CASH

A charitable contribution may just be the right decision to enable you to itemize your taxes (if you don't already).

- For those of you who are 72 years old, you may wish to consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA. Please contact the parish office for more details.
- Gifts of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) are some of the best gifts to make whether they have appreciated or not. Check with your broker about avoiding last minute rush for year end gifts of securities.
- Potential tax law changes may make a gift this year even better than next year.

And Finally Please remember us:

- For any matching gifts (especially our school)
- In your will & trusts
- As one of the beneficiaries of your retirement fund/life insurance
- As a memorial/remembrance gift
- From your Donor Advised Fund

Before making any financial decisions, we strongly recommend that you to consult a tax and/or financial advisor as tax laws are continually changing. As you look at being a good steward with the resources God gave you, being a good steward means doing so with wisdom and righteousness.

Donate stock or mutual funds held for at least one year and realize special tax advantages, receiving a tax deduction for the full market value of the gift while avoiding capital gains tax on the

Apply for a **MATCHING GIFT** if your company has no religious restrictions on matching donations. If they do, sometimes you can still match your giving to the parish as long as the matched funds go to an Outreach Ministry or School, for example. It can't hurt to ask and inquire.

A **DONOR ADVISED FUND** is an irrevocable charity fund that you can set up with certain banks or financial firms to facilitate and provide flexibility in your charitable giving. Generally you fund the charity account with a lump sum that will be donations paid over years. You get the tax deduction the year that you fund the charitable account, again increasing the likelihood of exceeding the standard deduction in that year and potentially providing additional tax savings. The flexibility is that you can invest the funds while in the charity account, and distribute the funds for donations at your discretion over any length of time and to multiple charities.

Individuals over 72 years old must take a minimum distribution every year from their IRA. If it is a traditional IRA (not a Roth IRA), the distribution is taxed as income. However, if you direct your traditional IRA to make a distribution directly to a non-profit (such as the church, the Annual Catholic Appeal, Called to Serve, etc.), that amount counts towards your minimum distribution and is not taxed as personal income. However, it can't be itemized, either.

BEYOND CASH

One of the recent changes of the tax law was that 529 college savings plans can also now be used for private elementary and high school expenses, as well as homeschooling. Instead of paying Catholic school tuition directly, funds can be put into a qualified tuition plan for the benefit of a particular person, reducing your taxable income. The funds are invested at your discretion depending upon your personal risk preference, with an allowable distribution of up to \$10,000 per year for education expenses.

How does the CARES Act help charitable giving in 2021?

Donors who itemize their deductions can now give more cash to charity before reaching their adjusted gross income (AGI) limitation. Formerly set at 60%, it has now been raised to 100% of an individual's AGI. Any giving beyond this 100% limitation may be carried over and used in the next five years. For those who do not itemize their deductions; the \$300 (\$600 for married couples filing jointly) has been extended. Qualifying donations must be made in cash not stock, for example.

The new IRS tax law established new, higher standard deductions—\$12,550 for single filers, \$25,100 for married couples, and \$18,800 for heads of household. There are some other variations, such as for children, etc. If you plan on making some sizable donations over the next two years, you could consider doing so in a lump sum, or "bundling" them into one year if this will exceed the standard deduction and thus potentially providing tax savings. If you do so, it is helpful to the various groups to keep donation year in mind if possible for consistency. For example:

If you are bundling in 2021, making any 2022 donations before December 31, 2021 would allow you to deduct them in your 2021 taxes (although donation is credited in 2021 for tax purposes, your parish can post all or part of donation as a gift in 2021 or 2022 and to the specific parish entity of your choosing). While normally individuals may only deduct up to 60% of their Adjusted Gross Income, the CARES Act changed it to 100% of AGI for 2021, excluding Donor Advised funds, stock and mutual fund gifts.

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This flyer is designed to provide general information regarding end of year giving strategies. It is not intended to serve as legal, tax, or other financial advice related to individual situations. Because each individual's legal, tax, and financial situation is different, specific advice should be tailored to the particular circumstances. For this reason, you are advised to consult with your own attorney, CPA, and/or other advisor regarding your specific situation. The information and all accompanying material are for your use and convenience only. We have taken reasonable precautions in the preparation

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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.

Drop Off

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

*Thank you for continuing to support us
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