

Holy Rosary Catholic Church

Encounter Jesus. Become Disciples. Make Disciples.

Third Sunday of **ADVENT**



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DECEMBER 12, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

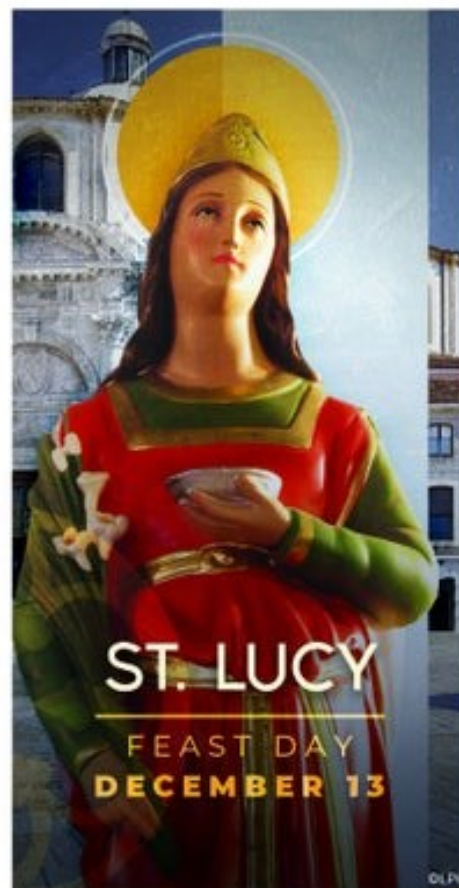
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Tuesday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent



ST. LUCY
FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 13

SAINT OF THE WEEK

A name that means "light," St. Lucy (283 – 304) is the patron saint of those blind or suffering with eye trouble. Not much is known about her life, except that she was determined to remain a virgin and thus refused marriage. History tells the story of a frustrated suitor who eventually accused St. Lucy of being a Christian (at crime at the time), and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304.

Today, we celebrate a number of traditions that incorporate symbolic meaning of St. Lucy as the "bearer" of light in the darkness of winter. This is particularly seen in Scandinavian countries, with their long dark winters. There, a young girl dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as the symbol of martyrdom) carries palms and wears a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden, girls dressed as Lucy carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung.

MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses

Saturday | 5:00 pm

Sunday | 8:30 am
10:30 am

Daily Masses

Tuesdays | 6:00 pm
Wed.* – Sat. | 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.

**Dec/Jan liturgy
schedule on pg. 4.**

CHURCH HOURS

Monday-Friday*

8:30 am-5:00pm

*The church is occupied by the school band on Mondays from 10a -11:30a and Wednesdays from 1:45p-3:15p.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays

3:30 pm-4:30 pm

Tuesdays

5:00-5:45

By appointment:

206-937-1488 ext. 200

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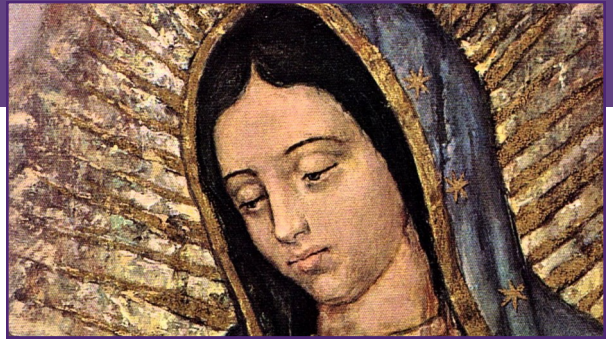
The Journey of Faith with The Blessed Virgin Mary

“Am I not here, I, who am your mother?

Are you not under my shadow and protection? Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, the crossing of my arms? Am I not the source of all your joy? What more do you need?

Let nothing else worry you, disturb you.”

The Maiden to Juan Diego



On December 9, 1531 Juan Diego was headed into town to attend Mass and receive religious. This new religion had been brought by missionaries who arrived shortly after the Spanish Conquistadors defeated the Aztecs. He was a member of one of the bordering tribes—those required to provide the Aztec human sacrifices. As he journeyed along, he was passing by a hill called Tepeyac, he heard some beautiful singing and went to investigate. As he drew nearer, a happiness and joy overcame him, and at the top of the hill he found a beautiful Maiden. She looked like one of the natives, and appeared to be but a teenager, wearing a beautiful mantle. She introduced herself as the ‘Ever Virgin Holy Mary, mother of the one great God.’ She made a request—that a church be built there. She instructed him to take this message to the Archbishop in the city.

The bishop was a bit suspicious of this farmer. He asked for proof. Good servant Juan took the archbishop’s message back to the hill and the Maiden. He suggested she send someone more worthy. Instead, she sent him off once more. He was rebuffed again, and this time followed by a couple of the archbishop’s servants who asked for a report on this man. They lost him through their own laziness, and reported back that he led a life of dissipation. Juan returned to the Maiden who instructed him to return on the following day, December 12. Juan’s uncle became very sick, however, and he went to get a priest. He tried to avoid the hill and the Maiden in his route, but she appeared to him along the way. She told him that her uncle had already been cured. And then she gave Juan Diego the sought after sign. He was instructed to climb Tepeyac once more. What he found astonished him—in the middle of winter were blooming beautiful Castilian roses—the kind that only grow in Spain, and never blossom in winter. He gathered them up into his tilma, his poncho, and presented them to the Maiden who arranged them just so. She then bade him not to open his tilma until he was in front of the archbishop. The servants of course made him wait, but he finally gained entrance. When he unfolded his tilma, imprinted upon it was a beautiful image of the Maiden as the roses fell.

The church was soon built, and Juan Diego became a caretaker there. 10 million baptisms would be recorded in the succeeding decade, whereas the previous decade had seen less than 100,000. And the tilma remains there to this day, surprising since cactus fiber garments don’t normally last 450 years. In fact, it has proved strikingly resilient—emerging unscathed from both a bombing in 1921 (29 sticks of dynamite which disfigured the brass altar cross and candlesticks and shattered the windows) as well as a nitric acid spill in 1785. A worker was cleaning the glass covering. The acid should have eaten away the material entirely, but instead it was only damaged—that is until it self-restored in the month ahead.

An ophthalmologist magnified the eyes 2,500 times. In the pupils are visible an image of the people in the room that day before Juan Diego as he unveiled the tilma. If the tilma were flattened and lifted into sky, looking up at it the stars would have provided a perfect map of the constellations in the night sky above Juan Diego and Archbishop Zumarraga. The fibers are very rough—though where the image is it feels like silk. Using infrared technology, scientists are astonished to find no brush strokes. This isn’t surprising to a people of faith since we know that no human painted the image. Interestingly, the same infrared technology showed the image keeps a continue 98.6 degree temperature—the same as that of a human being. The coloring is also astonishing, as it changed depending on how close you are—something unrepeatable by human hands, but something found often in God’s Creation. Every copy made, using the best techniques of the time, on the same material, always deteriorate. In 1789, a specially encased copy lasted only eight years residing next to the original because of the hot, humid climate. Human endeavors fail. But not those of Heaven. All of this occurred weeks before the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us, and give to us the gift of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, whom you carried in your womb.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Archbishop Etienne has reinstated the general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of as of 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 at archseattle.org. 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 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



FIRST READING

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a mighty savior;
he will rejoice over you with gladness.
(Zep 3:17)



PSALM

Cry out with joy and gladness: for
among you is the great and Holy One
of Israel. (Is 12:6)



SECOND READING

The Lord is near.
Have no anxiety at all, but in
everything,
by prayer and petition, with
thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.
(Phil 4:6)



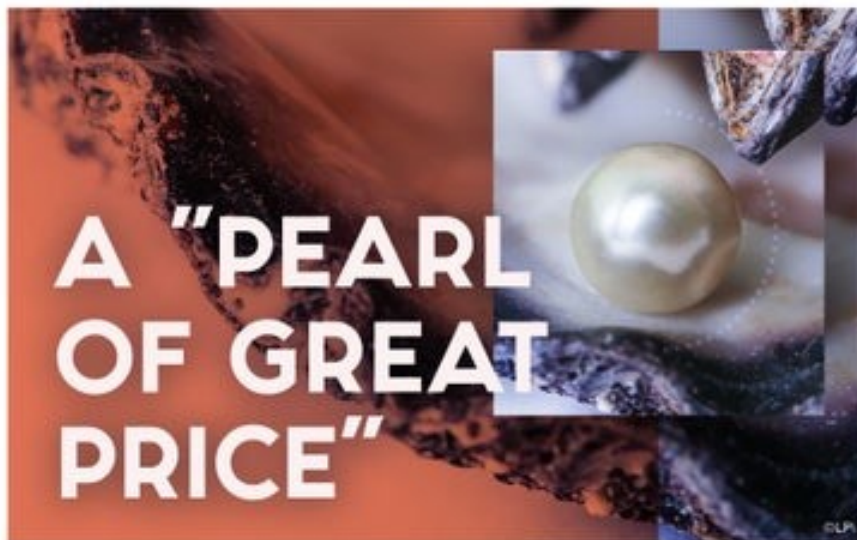
GOSPEL

The crowds asked John the Baptist,
"What should we do?" (Lk 3:10)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



A "PEARL OF GREAT PRICE"

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" St. Teresa of Avila

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 11

5:00 PM | Sepriana QuialQuial | RIP

Sunday, December 12

8:30 AM | Joshua Canaan Ross | RIP

10:30 AM | Pro Populo

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.

**FINAL WEEK!!
PLS. DROP OFF
GIFT CARDS/
SOCKS NO
LATER THAN
DEC. 15!**



**Holy Rosary Parish
2021 Advent Giving
Tree**

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.

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.

*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.



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

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

January is Blood Donor Awareness 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** by scanning the QR codes below with your phone. For help booking an appointment, email schedule@bloodworksnw.org or call 1-800-398-7888. For more info, visit www.Bloodworksnw.org.

To scan this QR code for an appointment anywhere, open your phone's camera app and hover over the code. A link should appear on your phone in a few seconds!



<—To make an appointment at a WS Pop-Up site, scan here!

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 quallywhite@comcast.net.



Online Giving

Thank you to those who already give online. If you wish to support our ongoing labors, please visit <http://www.osvhub.com/holyrosaryseattle>

By Mail

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

Holy Rosary Church
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Drop Off

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

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

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