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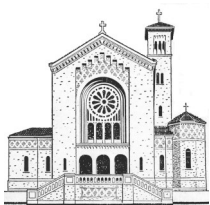
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Guidebook of Apostolates and Ministries



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Since 1909 Holy Rosary has been a vital part of the West Seattle community. Our mission now is the same as it has always been – to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and help others to do the same, as we grow in love of our God and one another. This guidebook provides you with a list of some of the ways that you can fulfill this mission in and through our parish ministries and apostolates, whether within our Sunday worship, through various communities of faith or in service to one another or our neighbors. It would not be possible to accomplish our mission without the participation of each and every member sharing their own God-given gifts and talents to build up our community. Like the Apostles themselves, we too have been sent forth into the world to share with one another the kindness and love of Jesus. I thank you for your generosity and faithfulness to the mission given to the Church by Jesus Christ, as we strive to grow in faith together.

In Christ,
Fr. Matthew Oakland

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Pastoral Council

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. As we embark upon Partners in the Gospel, and look to merging parish communities together to more fully live our mission, Fr. Oakland has formed a Pastoral Council to help advise him through this process.

Contact: froakland@holynosaryseattle.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

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. They provide their professional wisdom and skills. FAMCOM meets on the second Tuesday of most months.

Chair: Ken Tews, 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.

Chair: Tony Fragada tfragada@yahoo.com

Hospitality and Office Administration

Coffee and Donuts

After all Masses on Sunday mornings, there is an opportunity for parishioners to meet and get to know each other and share in one another's lives. This requires stocking supplies, picking up the weekly order or helping serve during after one of the Masses.

Contact: Francie Vandenberg, parishoffice@holynosaryseattle.org

Funeral Receptions

Supporting families during a time of grief is an act of mercy. Come and help setup, serve or cleanup.

Contact: Melissa Tuthill, 206-935-8353 x 200 or mtuthill@holynosaryseattle.org

Office Administration

The parish office is constantly buzzing as the staff oversee programs and assist parishioners. Volunteers are essential to their work on an as needed basis.

Bulletin Stuffers: Friday mornings (about 2 hrs as needed)

Collection Counters: Background check reqd. (about 2 hrs weekly on a rotating schedule)

Mailings: Several times a year (about 3-4 hrs)

Front Desk: Greet visitors and answer phones while the administrative assistant is away on leave

Contact: Melissa Tuthill, 206-937-1488 x 200 or mtuthill@holynosaryseattle.org

Liturgy and Prayer

**Contact: Paul Dolejsi 206-937-1488 x204
pdolejsi@holynosaryparish.org**

Sacristans

Sacristans are entrusted with the work preparing the Church and the Sanctuary for Mass for Sunday or daily Masses. They are the first to arrive, and set out everything that will be needed for the celebration of the Holy Mass. They assist in cleaning up afterwards, as well. Some also serve as Thurifers and Masters of Ceremony for Holy Days.

Hospitality

It is important that we welcome people to church. This is the primary role of Hospitality ministers, sometimes called ushers or greeters. They also provide for the good order of the Mass, assisting with taking up the collection and distributing bulletins after Mass.

Altar Servers

Altar servers assist the priest during the Mass. As St. John Paul II said to some young servers, "Your commitment to the altar is not only a duty but a great honor, a true holy service." Experienced servers also guide younger altar servers.

Lectors

Lectors proclaim the Word of God at Mass. They should have a love of the Sacred Scripture and an ability to speak in front of others. Given their role in the Liturgy, lectors must be fully initiated Catholics (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation).

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

EMHCs help the priest distribute Holy Communion to the faithful. This is the most sacred of all ministries, and requires a deep faith in and reverence for Jesus' presence in the Eucharist. Given their role in the Liturgy, EMHCs must be fully initiated Catholics (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation).

Candle and Pew Ministry

Our dedicated volunteers regularly prepare the church for public and private prayer by tending to all the votive and liturgical candles, cleaning the brass holders and tidying up the pews after mass.

Altar Linens

Wash and iron the linens used for the Body and Blood of Christ.

Music Ministry

Holy Rosary has many vibrant choirs: adult choirs for all Sunday Masses, plus children and junior high choirs, as well as a handbell choir which rings out regularly for Sunday Masses and Easter. There are also many talented and dedicated pianists, organists and instrumentalists. Our singers and musicians raise their voices in praise of God, assisting the assembly to do the same

Contact: Paul Dolejsi, pdolejsi@holyroaryseattle.org

Bus Ministry to Mass

Some of our senior citizens can't drive, and so we pick them up each Saturday evening for the 5:00pm Mass. No prior experience or special license is needed and it is a great way to meet some of our golden parishioners.

Contact: Russell White, paa@holyroaryseattle.org

Homebound Ministry

Each week we gather to celebrate the Holy Mass. But some members of our community aren't able to come because of illness, infirmity or age. These individuals arrange a time each week to visit one or two people and to take them Holy Communion. This is a ministry of presence as well and you will be trained as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and must meet the same requirements, even if they do not assist at Masses.

Contact:

Flowers and Decorations

Every Friday morning rotating volunteers prepare our beautiful flowers adorning the sanctuary and the church. They are assisted for the seasons of the year by the Special Decorations group.

Flower Contact: Diane Lorella, herrbackyardgarden@yahoo.com

Decorations Contact: Judi Qualy-White, qualywhite@comcast.net

Church Resource Room

Restock children's coloring sheets and crayons weekly as well as straighten books, pamphlets and resources for all ages.

Contact: Deyette Swegle, dswegle@holyroaryseattle.org

Livestream Ministry

Our Livestream Ministry team uses their technical and creative skills to livestream our Masses. Livestreaming allows those who are unable to attend in person or out of town, to still be involved in the life of their church. We also now livestream weddings, funerals, and special events on demand.

Contact: Paul Dolejsi, pdolejsi@holyroaryseattle.org

water storage and tuition fees for kids.

Contact: Tim Law, (206) 412-0165 or timalaw@aol.com

Care for Creation

Care for creation is a joint ministry between Holy Rosary and Our Lady of Guadalupe focused on protecting the natural environment. This includes tips to reduce our carbon footprint, educational programs to encourage environmental protection, and prayerful contemplation on how we can protect all of God's creation. Evening meetings are held the second Monday of each month, alternating between parishes.

Contact: Vince Stricherz, vinces99@comcast.net

Welcome Circle Tribunal Advocates

A Welcome Circle is a caring group of 5-20 people who accompany a family into housing, employment, transportation, ESL classes and translation support, but mostly serve as friends and navigators on the journey into integration.

Contact: Francie Vandenberg, parishoffice@holyroaryseattle.org

Tribunal Advocates

In accordance with the laws of the Catholic Church, the Seattle Metropolitan Tribunal provides pastoral care to Catholics, and to non-Catholics who approach the Church, by hearing and responding to their petitions and questions. It does so by examining and adjudicating questions involving the status of persons and the protection of rights. The Tribunal primarily addresses the marital status of persons and their freedom to marry in the Catholic Church.

Service to YouthCare Homeless Teens

On the first Thursdays of every month, we cook and deliver a meal to homeless teens at the Jackson Street Youth Shelter, a program under the umbrella of YouthCare. This ministry serves a specific youth population: teens who have committed to continuing in school or working a job. The staff provides semi-permanent living space, stability and support to help these young people pursue and achieve their goals, away from street life. We are proud to support them, and often include items like toiletries, socks, razors, second-hand clothing and backpacks with our meal deliveries. **Contact: Pamela Leptich, pmleptich@outlook.com**

Soup Kitchen

The first two Thursday mornings every month volunteers gather for a couple of hours after morning mass to prepare homemade soup for the Lazarus Day Center. Some assist with preparation of the ingredients (that the first graders donate), others are cooking and still others deliver the soup to its destination. A very rewarding opportunity to feed the hungry. Volunteers are always needed and welcome.

Contact: Chris Dormaier, chrisdormaier@aol.com

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity has a variety of volunteer opportunities, from working on a construction site to helping in a Habitat Store or providing office support.

Contact: Vince Stricherz, 206-935-7430
or vances99@comcast.net

International Missions

Our Missions program, consisting of funding projects and traveling to the sites to continue the personal relationships, helps efforts in the Philippines through our relationship with the Carmelite Sisters of Our Lady of the Philippines; in Kenya through our relationship with Fr. Dunstan Epaalat and to Uganda through our relationships with the Daughters of Mary and Fr. Charles Ssentenza. Projects have included building schools, medical clinics,

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Flower Contact: Diane Lorella,
herrbackyardgarden@yahoo.com
Decorations Contact: Judi Qualy-White,
qualywhite@comcast.net

Eucharistic Adoration

Every first Friday of the month Eucharistic Adoration happens in the church from 9am-4pm. This is a special time for prayer and worship in front of the Blessed Sacrament where Jesus' body is truly present. It is important that Jesus in the monstrance is never left alone in the church. Sign ups to take a time slot during adoration are always available and welcome.

Contact: Connie King, mc42king@comcast.net

Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation

Successful completion of a background check and the Safe Environment Program are required for all ministries with children and vulnerable adults.

Children's Ministries-Administrative help

Volunteers are needed for administrative and behind the scenes preparation work for Children's Faith Formation, and our Parish wide Faith events such as Faith Family Nights, Advent and Lent events. **Contact: Sr. Stella, srstella@holynosaryseattle.org or Deyette Swegle, dswegle@holynosaryseattle.org**

Faith Formation—Preschool

Class for Preschool 3 and 4 year olds are held on Sunday mornings (10:30am-11:30a.m.) from September to June. Parish Adults/High School aged volunteers teach the sessions. The skills needed for this ministry are a desire for and love of working with young children in the area of faith formation. A user-friendly program is in place, along with a variety of other materials.

Contact: Sr. Stella Abellon, srstella@holynosaryseattle.org or call 206-937-1488 x252

Faith Formation—Elementary and Junior High

Classes are held for children grades K through 6th on Sunday mornings (9:30am-10:30a.m.) from September to June. A desire to work with young children to teach and share the faith is a definite requirement in this ministry. User friendly program materials are used to assist the volunteer teachers who lead each class. **Contact: Sr. Stella Abellon, srstella@holyroaryseattle.org or call 206-937-1488 x252**

Baptism for Children (Birth to Age 6)

Volunteers are needed to help as Baptism Greeters to assist the families during their child's Baptism either at Mass or during Communal Baptisms held Saturday mornings. They help with set-up and walk families through the rite. The time commitment is typically once a month at certain Masses or Saturday mornings. **Contact: Deyette Swegle, dsweGLE@holyroaryseattle.org or call 206-937-1488 x251**

First Reconciliation/Eucharist

Each year Holy Rosary prepares young parishioners (usually in the second grade) to receive these great Sacraments. Volunteers assist with Family Learning Classes, helping parents as they teach their children. We also need volunteers for the Banner Social. There are also administrative and hospitality opportunities. **Contact: Sr. Stella Abellon, 206-937-1488 x252 or srstella@holyroaryseattle.org**

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation strengthens us with the Gift of the Holy Spirit so that we have the power and authority to do Christ's work in the world. It is essential to our lives as Catholics, is required for sponsors and godparents, and is ideal for those getting married. Each year, we offer two programs, one for youth (7th-high school) and another for adults, to prepare parishioners for this Sacrament. There are opportunities to assist with these programs, in particular with hospitality or as a small group leader if so qualified.

**Youth Confirmation: Brian and Jessica Kulwik
or payouth@holyroaryseattle.org**

Outreach

St. Vincent de Paul

Offering person-to-person service to the poor in our area regardless of race, religion, age or gender, SVDP also hosts larger initiatives to collect and/or distribute goods and food to those in need through food drives and Lunches of Love. SVDP meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Parish Center.

**Contact: Vince Robel (206) 937-1488 x300
or holyroarysvdp@gmail.com**

Shoulder to Shoulder

We are parishioners of Holy Rosary who help one another. When one of us is ill, grieving, homebound, facing an unexpected crisis, struggling to get by, or advanced in years and living independently --we work together, shoulder to shoulder. This is the gift of our community.

Contact: shoulder@holyroaryseattle.org

Voices for Life

Meeting the second Tuesday of every month this group focuses on educating themselves and teaching others about the inherent dignity of all human life from natural conception to natural death.

**Contact: Karen Robel, 206-999-5027
VFL@holyroaryseattle.org or kmrobel65@gmail.com**

Clothesline

The Parish Office accepts donations for West Seattle Clothesline to help those in need, including through a collection basket in the church.

**Contact: Melissa Tuthill, 206-937-1488 x 200 or
mtuthill@holyroaryseattle.org**

Rosary School, providing a fun, convenient and safe space for families to come together. Join the Cub Scouting community to discover the boundless opportunities that await your child.

Contact: www.Pack793.com

Cubmaster: Michael Grueter, mgrueter@mac.com or 206-938-356

Holy Rosary School: Spirit and Mind Ignited

Founded just four years after the start of the parish, since 1913 the school has been one of the primary ways that the parish lives out its mission each and every day. The mission of Holy Rosary School is to help each child discover and understand that they are a beloved child of God, who calls them to be with Him forever. Helping them to follow Jesus Christ, our program aims not merely at academic excellence but seeks the intellectual, human, spiritual and apostolic development of the whole child. As they learn to be good citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven, the children also learn to love and serve one another and their community—locally, nationally and beyond.

Served by a dedicated staff, the school relies upon countless volunteers to undertake this herculean task for the 500+ children entrusted to our care.

General Information/Volunteering: Principal Anna Horton
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Admissions and Engagement: Jennifer Kokkonis
admissions@holyrosaryws.org

Development/Endowment: Beth Martin
bmartin@holyrosaryws.org



Adult Confirmation: Francie Vandenberg
or parishoffice@holyrosaryseattle.org

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

OCIA is the formal process of becoming a Catholic for anyone over the age of reason (age 7). OCIA leads to receiving the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) at or around Easter. Holy Rosary offers two programs, one for adults over 18, and another for children between age 7 and 18, to prepare for these sacraments. Volunteer opportunities include sponsoring catechumens, facilitating scripture reflections during Dismissal, and even becoming a catechist (teacher) after a period of training.

Adult Contact: Francie Vandenberg
or parishoffice@holyrosaryseattle.org

Children Contact: Sr. Stella Abellon, 206-937-1488 x252
or srstella@holyrosaryseattle.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word

During 10:30a.m. Sunday Mass, elementary school age children are dismissed after the opening prayer to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word appropriate for their age level and return to Mass following the homily. Children are divided into two groups according to their school grade and each group is assigned a leader:

- Group 1 – Preschool and Kindergarten
- Group 2 – 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grade

No Liturgical experience or training is necessary, only a commitment to serve as a CLOW leader or assistant at the 10:30 a.m. Mass once or twice a month. Prepared materials are used each week for the Sunday's readings and guided discussion. Safety persons are also needed to insure a safe crossing of the street. Leaders, assistants and safety persons are needed to allow this ministry to flourish.

Contact: **Sr. Stella Abellon, 206-937-1488 x252**
or srstella@holyrosaryseattle.org

Bible Study for Adults

St. Jerome reminds us that ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ. Holy Rosary has a group of people that meet Monday

evenings to discover the riches of the Bible (and other aspects of our faith), usually guided by a book- or video-based program. Volunteers can help with hospitality and facilitating the study group.

Women with Purpose (WWP)

Women with Purpose is a weekly fellowship and study group that helps women connect with their faith and prayer life while finding hope and encouragement from other women in their Parish.

Through personal study and small group discussions, the women learn to link everyday challenges and struggles to solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Church. WWP is offered *Thursdays, 6:00pm-7:30pm* and *Friday mornings, 9:00am-11:00am*.

We rely upon volunteer small group leaders to help lead discussions, and individuals to help with hospitality. **Contact: Deyette Swegle, dswegle@holynosaryseattle.org or 206-937-1488 x251**

Women's Spirituality Group

The Women's Spirituality Group is a group of women who come together Wednesdays at 5:45pm-8:00pm to share our spirituality, faith and our relationship with Jesus. Join us for prayer, study and friendly discussion. Women of all ages are welcome.

Contact: Diane Lorella, herrbackyardgarden@yahoo.com or 206-937-5886

Wednesday Night Rosary

Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm we pray the Rosary in the St. Dominic's Chapel in the Parish Center. All are welcome to join. No experience necessary. Pray the Rosary as a community and draw closer to Mary and Jesus. If you are interested in joining our Wednesday Night Rosary and/or would like to periodically lead the Rosary. **Contact: Diane Lorella, 206-937-5886 or herrbackyardgarden@yahoo.com or**

Men's Group-Online

A group of men gathers online every Saturday morning at 8:00a.m.-9:00am. We come from many backgrounds, but what we all have in common is a desire to deepen our relationship with God through

Jesus Christ and the Church. At a typical meeting we pray for each other's intentions and discuss a few chapters from a book we have chosen to help us on our spiritual journeys. Newcomers are always welcome! **Contact: Gerry Michael, gerrymichael47@gmail.com or 206-937-0449**

League of the Sacred Heart

Prayer is the primary aim of the League. On the first Friday of each month, as the Church honors the Sacred Heart of Jesus filled with love for us, members attend Mass and gather in the afternoon for a short meeting and prayer. Membership is open to all. **Contact: Ann Smith Ward, annsmithward@gmail.com**

Young Adult Group

This group is dedicated to growing friendships and deepening their faith together by connecting parish members in their 20s and 30s. They do activities ranging from a summer softball team to attending Mass together and to simply gathering over food and drinks. They are always looking to have new people join and welcome any ideas to help bring us closer as a parish community.

Contact:

Brian and Jessica Kulwik, youngadults@holynosaryseattle.org

Senior Ministry

Seniors and "Seniors In Training" host a weekly Breakfast / Coffee Hour after Mass on Thursday mornings in the Parish Center enjoying each other company, and friendship, as well as, news about local happenings and the Parish Community. In addition Monthly Trips and Meals are planned for those who wish to participate. There are plenty of opportunities to just join in. Check us out! **Contact: Alan Hardwick, hardboll@quidnunc.net**

Scouts

Cub Scouting is an inclusive program that welcomes boys and girls from grades one to five. Our year-round program centers on building character, fostering good citizenship, developing outdoor skills and awareness, promoting fitness, nurturing leadership, and imparting life skills through various engaging events and activities. Pack 793 has proudly served our community since 1955, and we continue to thrive. Our den and pack meetings are held at Holy