

ST. CHARLES PARISH

4515 N. Alberta St., Spokane, WA 99205

December 19, 2021 - 4th Sunday of Advent



Parish Office

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Mass Times

Listed Inside

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Listed Inside

Or by appointment

Baptism

Contact the parish office.

Parental preparation is required.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married to contact the parish office at least six months in advance of desired date.

Religious Education

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, call Father Soler.

School

Office Hours: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Phone: 509-327-9575 Fax: 509-325-9353

Principal: Heather Schlaich

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St. Charles Parish welcomes all our visitors who are joining us for worship. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord Jesus Christ bless you and your loved ones today and always.

PARISH CALENDAR

School Christmas Break Dec. 18 - Jan. 2			
Mon, Dec. 20	10:00 AM	P.P.	St. Gianna Respect Life Group
	After Daily Mass	Church	Rosary to combat abortion- All are welcome
Tue, Dec. 21			
Wed, Dec. 22	5:00 PM	Church	Adoration and Reconciliation
Fri, Dec. 24	Parish Office Closed		
	4:00 PM	Church	Christmas Vigil Mass
	8:00 PM	Church	Christmas Vigil Mass
Sat, Dec. 25	10:00 AM	Church	Christmas Mass
Sun, Dec. 26	8:30 AM	Church	Mass
	10:00 AM	Church	Mass

P.P. = Planned Parenthood 123 E. Indiana, St. Gianna Group meets to pray the rosary in front of P.P.

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Weekend	Total
Dec. 12	\$4,285

Janitor Fund.
Collected Last
Week: \$20



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Weekly Adoration
Wednesday
5:00 — 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Masses

December 24th, 4:00 pm & 8:00 pm

December 25th, 10:00 am
(No 4:00 pm Mass)

St. Charles Borromeo Parish—Spokane, WA

LITURGICAL SERVICES

Sat, Dec. 18	4:00 PM	Richard & Sharon Fantazier
Sun, Dec. 19	10:00 AM	Pro Populo
Mon, Dec. 20	No Mass	
Tue, Dec. 21	12:30 PM	Margaret Mary Krall†
Wed, Dec. 22	12:30 PM	Deceased Members of St. Charles Parish
Thu, Dec. 23	12:30 PM	Marie Torrance†
Fri, Dec. 24	4:00 PM	Margaret Mary Krall†
	8:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sat, Dec. 25	10:00 AM	Peter Barranco
Sun, Dec. 26	8:30 AM	
	10:00 AM	Pro Populo

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Christmas is almost here. As the final touches are being given to the Nativity scene and the Christmas tree - in St Peter's Square as well - it is necessary to prepare the soul to live intensely this great mystery of faith.

During the final days of Advent, the Liturgy puts particular emphasis on the figure of Mary. The beginning of the Incarnation of the Redeemer took place *in her heart*, from her "*Here I am*" full of faith, in reply to the divine call. If we wish to understand the genuine meaning of Christmas, *we must look at her*, call upon her.

Mary, Mother *par excellence*, helps us to understand the key words of the mystery of the birth of her divine Son: *humility, silence, wonder, joy*.

She exhorts us, first of all, to humility, so that God can find space in our heart, not darkened by pride and arrogance. She points out to us the value of *silence*, which knows how to listen to the song of the Angels and the crying of the Child, not stifling them by noise and confusion. Together with her, we stop before the Nativity scene with intimate *wonder*, savouring the simple and pure *joy* that this Child gives to humanity.

In the Holy Night the rising Star, "splendour of eternal light, sun of justice" (cf. *Antiphon of the Magnificat*, 21 December), comes to enlighten whoever dwells in darkness and in the shadow of death. Guided by today's Liturgy, we make the sentiments of the Virgin our own, remaining in anxious expectation for the Birth of Christ.

Pope St. John Paul II, 21 Dec. 2003

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Items Needed: canned fruit, chili, soup of all kinds, kidney beans, grape jelly, deodorant, Kleenex, bar soap, rubber bands, plastic bags—like grocery bags.

You can drop off items in the baskets in the foyer.

Dollar Tree is a great place to get can openers, pancake mix, and syrup.

FRANCISCAN CORNER

During Advent we journey with Mary who went to visit and help her cousin, Elizabeth. We journey with her as she travels to Bethlehem. At the end of this week, we will once again celebrate Christmas. Both journeys bring new life into the world. Francis of Assisi was on a journey, a journey of conversion. We are on a journey too, that same journey of conversion. Will our journey bring forth new life? Pope Francis has called us to a path on this journey. He is calling us to renew the face of the earth, to be protectors of God's handiwork. In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis says, "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience." (LS, 217) What will you do this week to bring forth new life on this path, this new way of being?

Sr. Joanne Clavel

Please Remember in Your Prayers

For all those we hold deeply
in our hearts, may they be remembered.

St. Charles, pray for us!



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