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*"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."*

- Lk 3:4



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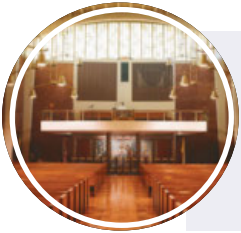
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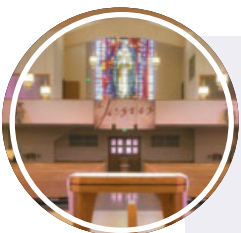
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What Marks the Start of Your Advent/ Christmas Season?

A note from Director of Pastoral Ministries, Debra Ricard

After our daughter, Sophie, was born, we started Christmas caroling at a nearby nursing home on the first Saturday in December. Our small group of five neighbor carolers soon grew to twenty plus families with multiple children in strollers singing down the corridors of the large nursing home. The Christmas caroling activity quickly expanded to caroling, chili, and games and of course great merriment. Over the years, our kids grew up with this annual tradition on the first Saturday in December that marked the beginning of Advent.

Look in the Advent Blue Book on page 18 to learn another holiday staple. This Advent, we will share stories of how we experience community and grow together over the short four weeks. Please share your story of what marks the start of Advent by emailing dricard@neseattlecatholic.org.

A REFLECTION BY FR. HERIC

Dear Friends in Christ,

In our Catholic Tradition, the most prominent character in the gospel of Jesus is his mother, Mary. She is the first disciple of the Lord who consents to the divine invitation to give her life completely to God's plan to save us from sin and death and show us what it means to be fully alive. Mary is an important link to our belief in the incarnation, that God in Christ became a human like us in all things but sin. This was a gift given to Mary at the moment of her conception when she was blessed with the grace to live a life free of self-centeredness. The church celebrates the **Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary** on December 8th, a Sunday, so our observance of the solemnity will be on Monday the 9th. As the Immaculate Conception is the patron of the Catholic Church in America, the U.S. Bishops have asked it to be a **holy day of obligation to attend Mass**. Please check the schedule of Masses in our family of parishes and plan to attend.



Mary and her beloved husband, Joseph, will become part of the **Holy Family** with the birth of Jesus. One of the things that fosters holiness in our family of parishes is the willingness to open our hearts and homes to families in need of special care. OLL has done this by supporting a family from Nicaragua, and recently Assumption Parish has opened their hearts in support of a family from Columbia. These remind us of the words of Jesus; we will hopefully hear on the day of our judgment. **"When I was a stranger, you welcomed me."** (Mt. 25:35). Mary's presence in our Christian lives reminds us that every day is judgment day. May she inspire us with her great Magnificat: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord...who has lifted up the lowly. (Lk. 1:46-55).

Mary's compassionate heart also inspires the mission of **Catholic Community Services** in Western Washington. We will have CCS speakers at our Masses for the next two weekends. Please open your hearts to their message, and their appeal to financially support the important work of CCS in our local church.

Advent blessings,

Fr. William Heric

Holy Mary Mother of God...pray for us!

St. Bridget of Kildare...pray for us!

St. Catherine of Siena...pray for us!

Live Jesus in our hearts...forever!

Mass Intentions

Our Mass celebrants will remember the following Intentions during the celebration of the Eucharist:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00am | For the Parish † - AP & STB

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00am | For the Parish † - STC

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00am | For the Parish † - AP & OLL

6:30pm | For the Parish † - STB

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00am | For the Parish † - OLL & STC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00am | For the Parish † - AP & STB

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

5:00pm | For the Parish † - OLL & STC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00am | For the Parish † - AP & STB

10:30am | For the parish † - OLL & STC



Readings for the week of December 8, 2024

Sunday:

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday:

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday:

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday:

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt
13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday:

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,
18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday:

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/
Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Prayer Corner

Please pray for those who are ill:

Molly Anton
(Cousin of Pat Lass)

Ryan Corr
(Son of Pat and Jean)

Lorene Davidson

Fr. Oliver Duggan

Robert Earhart

John Ernest

Linda Fredericks

Mary Gibson

Kay LaPorte

Lily LaPorte

Daisy Lu

Mary Moore

Patrick Mulvihill

Bryan Perez Ramos

Marianne Roulet

Fr. Tim Sauer

Catherine Scott

For those who have died:

Peter Breyse
(Brother of Mike and Thomas)

Mary Jo Dermody
ASB Class '72
(Sister of Neil '70, John '76, Jim Dermody '80)

Michael J. Hanson

Daron Hurbi
(Nephew of Irene Thompson)

Robert Ross
(Cousin of Tami Culver)

05 | COMMUNITY LIFE

NE Seattle Catholic Community

Get Involved in Our Ministries!

Book Club

@ASSUMPTION

Join us on Tuesday, January 21st at 7:00 PM in the Cabrini Room for a lively discussion on *How to Winter* by Kari Leibowitz. Explore practical insights and strategies to embrace the colder months with a positive mindset. All are welcome—bring a friend and your favorite winter-inspired beverage!

Bible Study

TUESDAY @9:30AM - OLL

TUESDAY @ 6:30PM - STC

Looking to grow in faith and connect with others? Join us for a welcoming time of reflection and discussion. Whether you're new to Scripture or experienced, there's always something to discover. Come as you are—we'd love to have you with us!

Coffee Hour Help Needed

SUNDAYS @9:00AM - AP & STB

SUNDAYS @10:30AM - OLL & STC

Help us foster community by volunteering for Coffee Hour after Mass. It's a fun way to connect, serve, and share hospitality with others. We need friendly faces to set up, serve, and clean up. If you're interested, please reach out to your parish office.

Communal Reconciliation

MONDAY@6:30PM -ASSUMPTION

Prepare Your Heart for Christmas. Join us for a Communal Reconciliation Service with General Absolution on Monday, December 16th, at 6:30 PM at Assumption Parish. This is a beautiful opportunity to reflect, seek forgiveness, and prepare spiritually for the coming of Christ. All are welcome!

Finding Peace During Advent & Lent

The season of Advent is filled with preparation and holiday busyness. It is easy to lose focus on the calm of Advent as we await the Prince of Peace. During December, we feature voices from our NE Parish Family that tell us how moments of peace come to them.

~ Through the practice of blessing and gratitude, I'm able to pray for others with love, healing, and peace. Linda F

~ I pray to God for the gift of peace during difficult times by separating myself from negative thoughts and situations and by breathing and reflecting on God's goodness. Anon.



~ I feel / experience peace when I'm reading by myself. Adela, age 9

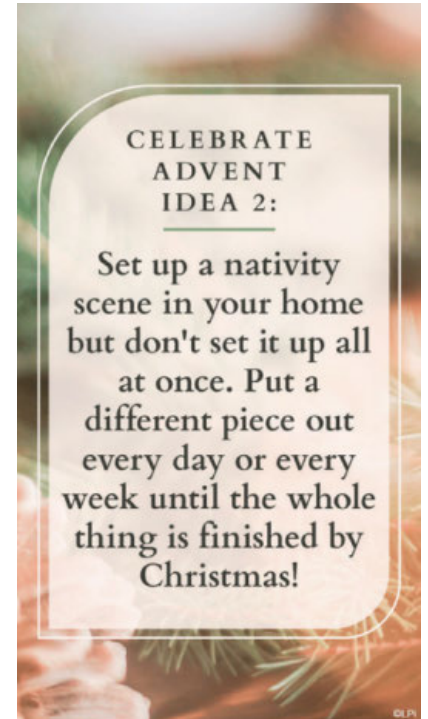
~ I find peace when I take a moment to let time stop and realize I am part of Creation. Anon.

~ It's peaceful to see a view of Mt Rainier on my way to class, if the clouds allow! Gabe

How do YOU feel or experience peace during Advent?

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. John 14:27

Offered by The Social Justice Ministry of the NE Catholic Community.



Phoebe Circle, Please Join

Are you interested in learning more about our Phoebe Circle? Our group plans to attend this Monday's Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass at OLL at 6:30 p.m. and then, after Mass, gather in Jubilee Hall for cookies and tea. Please join us!

Since May of 2023, our group has been meeting to lift up the voices of women in our church by providing reflections at Mass and highlighting women's roles in our church. St. Phoebe, a deacon in the early church, is our inspiration. We spend time in prayer, reflection, and fellowship and would love to have you join us. Our next regular meeting will be on January 7th at 7 pm in Jubilee Hall and will continue on the first Tuesday of the month after that. If you have questions or would like to join our group, please email Liz Jackman at elizabeth.ann.jackman@gmail.com.

The Assumption & St. Bridget Giving Tree

@ Assumption & St. Bridget

Our Giving Tree is up and ready! We invite our community to take an ornament from the tree, representing a gift for someone in need. Simply visit the church, select an ornament card, and return your unwrapped gift or contribution as indicated. Be sure to attach the ornament card to your gift.

Thank you for generously sharing with our neighbors in need. This year, we support SVdP, Prepares, and St. Francis House.

Important: All gifts must be returned by December 12.

Join us for a Wrap Party on December 15 at Assumption Parish, following the 9:00 am Mass.

Advent Book Study

with Deacon Denny Duffell

Our parish family Pax Christi group invites you to join our Advent book study during the first three weeks of Advent. Sessions will be held in the Our Lady of the Lake parish office center immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

We will be reading ***Jesus and Nonviolence: A Third Way***, a concise 103-page book. Copies are available on Amazon, and we also have a few spare copies available.

Each week, we'll discuss two chapters. If you don't have a chance to read beforehand, don't worry—week one's readings will be summarized at the start of the session. We welcome you to join the conversation and explore this important topic with us!



St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Drive

@ ST. CATHERINE

The Saint Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Catherine's aims to assist 33 neighborhood families this Christmas, many of which are led by deaf, abuse-surviving mothers. With a goal of raising \$4,000, we plan to provide food vouchers worth \$30 per family member and \$30 gift cards for each child under 18 to allow parents to shop for gifts and meals. Your generosity throughout the year has been remarkable, and we ask for your help once more. Please contribute by writing a check labeled for the SVDP Holiday Program or donating online via the parish website or link in the Weekly Word. Thank you for your continued support!



THE GIVING TREE IS HERE!

Mother Teresa Guild has hosted the Christmas "Giving Tree" for over 20 years. We are collecting items for our selected charities to distribute as holiday gifts. This year, we are accepting the following donations:

- Gift Cards: \$25 (Kroger/Fred Meyer/QFC stores, Safeway/Albertsons stores, & Target)
- Tangible Items: Many of our charities need clothing and toys.

Donation Drop-off Location

Mother Teresa Guild will accept your donations in Jubilee Hall before and after Mass.

Deadline: December 15, 2024

For a list of items each organization requests, please see the link below or check the Giving Tree in Jubilee Hall.

Last Year's Generosity

Last year, you generously donated over 160 gift cards and hundreds of toys and clothing items that our charities rely on for holiday handouts. Please find the charities we support this year on the back.

Thank You!

Thank you in advance for your generous support and compassion. Your gifts will bring warmth and cheer to our neighbors in need at a time when our community's needs are especially great.

QUESTIONS?
SHAVAN: (206) 276-6500
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The OLL Giving Tree is Here!

NOW THROUGH DEC. 15

@ Our Lady of the Lake

Join the Mother Teresa Guild in spreading holiday joy! For over 20 years, we've collected donations to benefit local charities. This year, we're accepting \$25 gift cards (Target, Fred Meyer, Safeway) and tangible items like clothing and toys.

Donation Drop-off: Jubilee Hall, before and after Mass.

Deadline: December 15, 2024.

Your generous support brings warmth and cheer to neighbors in need. Last year, you donated over 160 gift cards and countless toys and clothing. Let's make this year's holiday season just as impactful!

Visit the Giving Tree in Jubilee Hall for a full list of needed items and supported charities. Thank you!

Have a bulletin story or pictures to share? Contact Director of Communications, **Susie Lane** - susie@stbridgetchurch.org

07 | COMMUNITY LIFE

NE Seattle Catholic Community

Social Seniors Cookie Exchange

December 11, 2024

All Parish @ St. Bridget Church

Attention Social Seniors in our NE Catholic Community! Are you ready to mix and mingle? This event is for you! Join us at St. Bridget Church on **Wednesday, December 11, at 11:00 AM at St. Bridget Church** for a fun-filled cookie exchange.

Please bring two dozen cookies to share—whether homemade or store-bought, all are welcome! To-go containers will be provided. We can't wait to celebrate and share this festive occasion with you!



SVDP Needs

ALL PARISH

Support our community!
Donate non-perishable food for SVDP at any church location. Check The Weekly Word for specific items needed. Thank you for your generosity!

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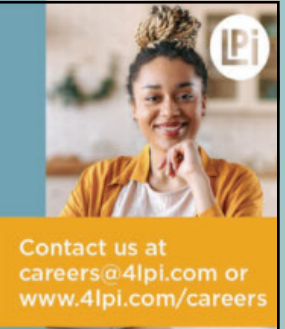
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