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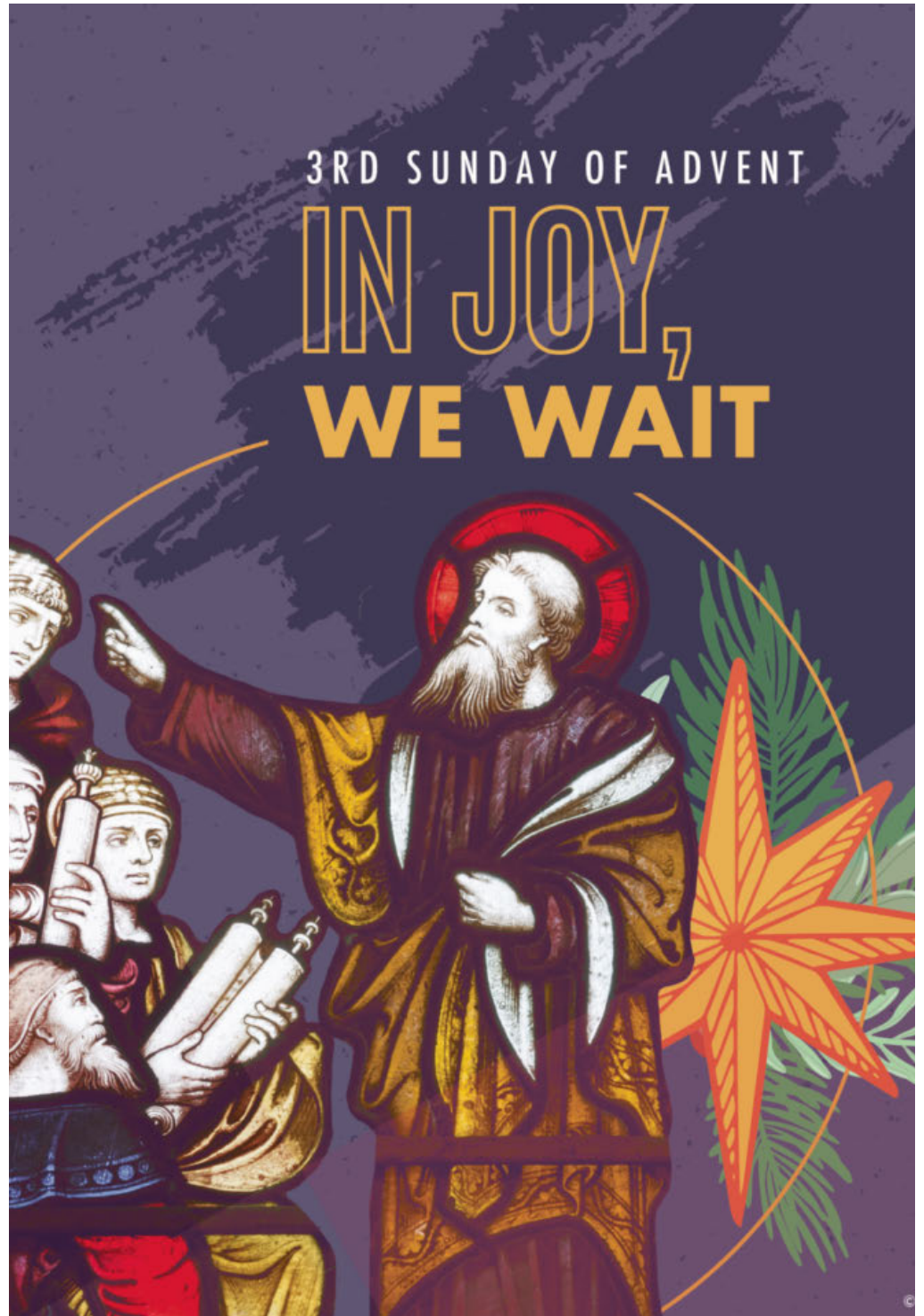
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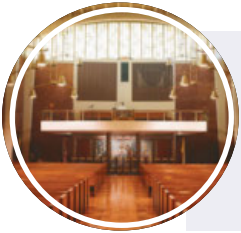
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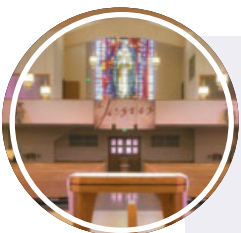
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A REFLECTION BY FR. HERIC

Dear Friends in Christ,

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as **"Gaudete Sunday,"** which means "Rejoice" the Lord is near. As the winter darkness and cold increase, making many people feel sad and listless, this Sunday pulls us into the light and warmth of the coming celebration of the birth of our savior. My family needs that encouragement this year as we celebrate our first Christmas without our Mom. We talk about her often, and when we do, we always break into smiles and laughter at our many memories of past Christmas with her. The love we shared with her lives on in those memories reminds us that God sent Jesus into the world to deliver us from the bonds of death and show us the fullness of new life. Those who have lost loved ones this past year, please hold on to that promise.



One source of joy for me at this time of year is the opportunity to join hearts in supporting the important work of **Catholic Community Services**. Speakers from CCS have been at our parishes these past two weekends, inviting us to make our first gift to Christ in the face of the poor and vulnerable in our communities. Please join me in making a gift to support this critical work of the church.

Another source of joy for me is looking forward to the many people joining us for Christmas Mass. Please extend that welcome to your family and friends. One of the priests helping us with Christmas Masses has a last name that may sound familiar. Please welcome my brother, **Fr. Paul Heric**, the Director of the Catholic Newman Center at Washington State University in Pullman. He is looking forward to celebrating the birth of the savior with the many of us who belong to the "Husky Nation."

Rejoice the Lord is near! I say it again: rejoice!

Fr. William Heric, Pastor

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!

A Gospel Reflection: Third Sunday in Advent

Luke 3:10-18

In this Gospel, the crowds ask John the Baptist a simple yet profound question: "What should we do?" John's response calls for concrete actions of generosity, honesty, and justice. Share with those in need. Be fair in your dealings. Avoid harm and be content with what you have. His message is a challenge to live lives of integrity and compassion as a response to God's presence.

John also points beyond himself to Christ, the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. His words remind us that preparing for the Lord involves transformation—not just of our actions but of our hearts.

This Advent, let us ask, "What should we do?" and listen for God's call in our lives. May we respond with open hearts, living out our faith in tangible ways as we prepare for the coming of Jesus.

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00am | For the Parish † - AP & STB

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00am | For the Parish † - STC

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:00am | For the Parish † - AP & OLL

6:30pm | For the Parish † - STB

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00am | For the Parish † - OLL & STC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:00am | For the Parish † - AP & STB

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

5:00pm | For the Parish † - OLL & STC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:00am | For the Parish † - AP & STB

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



Readings for the week of December 15, 2024

Sunday:

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 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/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday:

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/
Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday:

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/
Mt 1:18-25

Thursday:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Friday:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,
20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Next Sunday:

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/
Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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

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, DEC. 16 @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

Offered by The Social Justice Ministry of the NECC

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.

~ I feel / experience peace when I am in nature and when I am with animals. Emma, age 13

~ Peace breaks through when kindness is exchanged to bring the glow of grace, when I meditate with Jesus as my mantra, when theologians like Fr. John Dear and Fr. Richard Rohr helped me



understand Jesus and Christ better, and when courageous people speak truth to power and act on their convictions. Lorraine

~ Being outside always gives me peace - whether walking my dog, puttering in my garden, or rowing. There's always something beautiful to settle my mind. Lynn

Brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace, & the God of love & peace will be with you. 2 Cor 13

How do YOU feel or experience peace during Advent?



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.

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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Celebrate the Joy of Christmas with Us!

The NE Seattle Catholic Community warmly invites you and your loved ones to join us this Christmas! Whether you prefer the lively energy of our family-friendly 4:00 and 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Masses or the peaceful reflection at the 8:00 pm Christmas Eve and Christmas Day celebrations, there's a time and place for everyone. Come share in the joy and love of the season with your parish family.

Christmas Eve Mass – December 24th

4:00 PM at St. Bridget

4:00 PM at Our Lady of the Lake (OLL)

5:00 PM at Assumption

5:00 PM at St. Catherine

8:00 PM at Our Lady of the Lake (OLL)

8:00 PM at Assumption

(Note: There will be no 9:00 AM Tuesday Daily Mass at St. Catherine.)



Christmas Day Mass – December 25th

10:00 AM at St. Bridget

10:00 AM at St. Catherine

(Note: There will be no 6:30 PM Wednesday Daily Mass at St. Bridget.)

This Christmas, let's come together in faith to celebrate the birth of Christ! Whether surrounded by the joy of children or the serene stillness of a quieter service, we look forward to welcoming you to worship with us.

Merry Christmas to all!

The OLL Giving Tree - Last Chance!

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? Scan this code to learn more.



07 | COMMUNITY LIFE

NE Seattle Catholic Community

Tent City 4 Support Needed

Jan., Feb., March, 2025

All Parish

The NE Seattle Catholic churches provide dinner for 70 homeless adults at Tent City 4 in Lake City on the first Sunday of each month. Join us in supporting the first meals of 2025 on **Sun., Jan. 5, Feb. 2, and Mar. 2.**

Sign up by scanning the QR code or going to the link: <https://tinyurl.com/TentCity4-Meal-Signup> to bring a dish (meat, side, salad, or dessert) and deliver it to Tent City near Seattle Mennonite Church by 6 PM. Families can also sponsor a full meal by emailing tc4@sharewheel.org and selecting a date <https://www.sharewheel.org/tent-city-4>.

TENT CITY 4 IN LAKE CITY
How you can help

Approximately
70
ADULTS & FAMILIES



SIGN UP TO HELP PREPARE AND DELIVER MEALS
JAN. 5, FEB. 2, MARCH 2, 2025!

<https://tinyurl.com/TentCity4-Meal-Signup>
OR CALL THE OLL PARISH OFFICE AT (206) 523-5776 OR SCAN THE QR CODE

JOIN US IN SUPPORTING TENT CITY 4
Monthly Supper for Homeless Families

The four NE Seattle Catholic parishes in our parish family have committed to providing dinner to 70 homeless adults and children at Tent City 4 in Lake City on the first Sunday of the month in 2025. The next date is Sun., Jan. 5, followed by Feb. 2, and March 2. Simply deliver a disposable container of meat, side dish, salad, or dessert to Tent City near the Seattle Mennonite Church at 6 PM. To donate cash or other needed supplies, go to the Tent City 4 website: [ShareWheel.org/tent-city-4](https://www.sharewheel.org/tent-city-4). Let's be super generous and fill up all the slots quickly!

About Tent City 4
Tent City 4, managed by SHARE/WHEEL, offers temporary housing for up to 100 homeless individuals and families. It is a self-managed, sober, and nonviolent community with 24/7 security, daily litter patrols, and trash removal.

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