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FRI., DECEMBER 24

# **CHRISTMAS EVE**

4:00 p.m. Children's Mass 6:30 p.m. Youth Mass 10:30 p.m. Solemn Mass of The Nativity of Our Lord

No 8:15 a.m. nor 12:15 p.m. Masses

SAT., DECEMBER 25

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

9:00 a.m. ONLY

No Confessions

No 8:15a.m. nor 5:00pm Masses **SUN., DECEMBER 26** 

7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Livestreamed

11:00 a.m. Bilingual

Livestreamed

6:00 p.m. Youth Mass

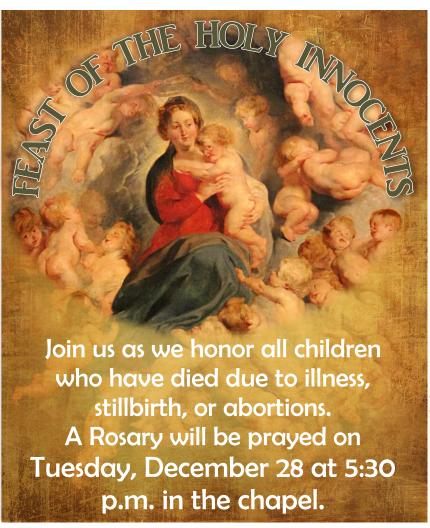
MON.-THURS., DEC. 27-30

# **CHRISTMAS WEEK**

12:15 p.m. ONLY

No 7:00 a.m. Mass

**No Evening Prayer nor Adoration** 



# MASS SCHEDULE

# WEEKDAY

Mon.- Thurs. 7:00 AM & 12:15 PM Fri. 8:15 AM (School Mass) & 12:15PM

Sat. 8:15 AM

## **SATURDAY**

# **WEEKEND**

# 3:30 PM CONFESSIONS

5:00 PM (Vigil Mass Livestreamed)

# **SUNDAY**

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM (Livestreamed), 11:00 AM (Bilingual Livestreamed), 6:00 PM (Youth)

Latin Mass 12:30 PM (2nd Sunday of the Month) Vietnamese Mass 12:30 PM (1st & 3rd Sundays of the Month)

# HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION MASSES

VIGIL 5:30 PM HOLY DAY 7:00 AM, 12:15 PM, & 7:00 PM









# LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST CONTROL YOUR HEARTS

### FIRST READING

1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28
Hannah dedicates her son, Samuel to the Lord.

### SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-2,21-24 We are God's children now.

# GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:41-52
The boy Jesus is found in the Temple.

# **FAMILY CONNECTION**

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Today's Gospel describes a time of anxiety in the life of Jesus' family. We can imagine their panic and worry as they discovered that Jesus was not with the caravan returning to Nazareth. The Holy Family journeyed with family members and friends because traveling alone was dangerous. When they found Jesus at the Temple, Jesus spoke like a typical adolescent, unsympathetic to his parents' concern. Yet his words teach an important lesson about reducing anxiety in our family life. In essence, Jesus says, "If you had remembered who I am, you would have known where to find me." In their panic, Mary and Joseph had forgotten what had been told to them before Jesus' birth, that their son was the Son of God. Knowing a person well helps reduce our anxieties for them because we can better predict how they will behave, and we know their capacity to handle the challenges life might present to them.

As you gather as a family, have fun playing the game "How well do you know me?" Take turns trying to stump one another by asking family members questions about yourself, such as "What is my favorite memory of a family vacation?" "Given a choice, what dinner menu would I pick?" "If I could travel anywhere in the world, where would I go?" One member of the family might prepare and read the questions aloud as each person writes down the answers. Family members then take turns guessing the answers, playing this game as a quiz show. Observe that one thing about families is that we learn to know each other well.

## **SEMINARIANS!**

Bishop Tyson has
encouraged us to pray
for vocations to the
priesthood and
religious life. Kinzzy
Dorcely is Studying at
Seminario Hispano de
Santa Maria de
Guadalupe in Mexico.
Please keep him and
those who

are considering vocations in your prayers.







THANK YOU FOR YOUR
WEEKLY GIVING!



2022 HOLY FAMILY CALENDARS

**AND SPANISH AND** 

ENGLISH BOOKS BY MATTHEW KELLY "LIFE IS MESSY"



CAN BE PICKED UP AT ALL EXITS OF THE CHURCH





# **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12





Just shy of four years ago, I became a mom to a spunky, blue-eyed, fairskinned redhead girl who has taught me a lot about myself, my life, and my relationship with God. Whether it's excitement over some free stickers at the dentist office, or a complete meltdown because I asked her to put the air wick plug in back into the wall, I've learned a ton. Most recently, though, she taught me about what it means to have the eyes of a child when it comes to my beautiful, awesome, and wonderful Catholic faith.

"Mom, LOOK!"

Gianna (or GMG as we like to call her) and I were driving down our street when she shouted out as if there was a house on fire or a deer on the road. I slammed my breaks to see what the 3-year old was super surprised by that caused such a scream. As I looked out my left window, I saw a house, one that we drive past every day (twice a day), decorated with Christmas lights on.

"Yeah, Gianna, that's awesome," I said slightly confused (and a little sarcastic) as I continued to head toward home.

As I was unloading the car, it hit me. Something that is apparently so mundane and so "normal" for me at this time of the year, she saw with such wonder and awe. Daily I drive by homes decorated with Christmas lights, or a tree in the window, and a random blown up Mickey Mouse with a Santa hat on, and while it's cool, I

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fascination like GMG. As a small child. UNTIL THE WEEK OF almost **JANUARY 3RD** everything

don't see it

with

is new. What I've grown accustomed to, are the absolute coolest things for her to experience. She is discovering that "Why?" is not only a fun word, but also a challenge for me as a parent to reflect on "Why" things are the way they are ... instead of simply taking them for granted as part of the life I've always known.

My guess is that the next few weeks are very full for you. Let's be honest; we're very calendar and todo list driven people this time of year. And it's not all bad! But while I've worked on slowing my pace and being more prayerful each time Advent rolls around, I somehow find it's still easy to get caught in the rush of what has to get accomplished, instead of the wonder and awe that sits beside me daily.

So I ask you, what makes you stop in your tracks this Advent season? What makes your eyes light up? What takes you to a place where you sigh out of peace and joy and not exasperation or exhaustion? What can we see through child-like eyes of faith this season?

GMG excitedly told our pastor the other day that she liked how he had purple on just like she did. Do we see the purple in our Church as just another season of Advent, or as the most beautiful color ever around? (I can't wait until she gets to the third week of Advent for the sake of her obsession with the color pink!)

She also asked my husband a few weeks ago if he has a soul. (I'm sorry, WHAT?!) Do we still ask questions about our lives and our faith in deeper ways? I've heard a priest tell a story

about a five-year-old boy who asked him how he could take the nails out of Jesus' hands one day. Now, I honestly cannot look at a crucifix the same way without observing the nails. Kids see things that we sometimes take for granted because we've seen them too many times in our lives.

As we anticipate and prepare for the coming of our Savior again, I am grateful for the reminder that there is such an awesome world created by our God surrounding us. Gianna has helped me with that reminder. Even on the days where she is crabby and not so joyful, I still love seeing her eyes light up. And, believe it or not, on the days where we, too, are crabby and forget to see His beautiful creation, our Heavenly Father still adores us.

So this Advent and Christmas, I pray that if you're anything like me, you're able to find what is usually taken for granted and seek to view it as a child would. If you need to borrow a toddler, I happen to have a couple who don't like sleep as much as their parents!

And next time Gianna is singing the most tone deaf versions of "We Wish you a Merry Christmas" and "The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy", I'll be smiling at the beauty of her faith and praying for all of you.

Happy Advent & Merry Christmas!





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**LATIN MASS SUNDAY, JANUARY 9** AT 12:30 P.M.



**HOURS** 

SATURDAY | 4:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M. SUNDAY | 7:45 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

# ING PRAYER JOIN US ON

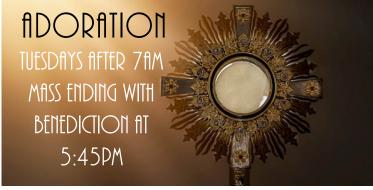
MONDAYS 6:00PM O 7:00PM IN THE CHAPEL



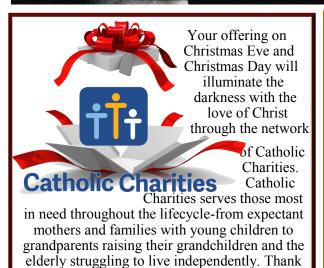
The group will attend the 8:15am Saturday Mass and then head to the Gathering Hall for coffee, conversation, and treats.

Our first meet up of 2022 is Jan 8 - hope to see you there!

For more info, contact Katie Grieb (509-869-9284).







you for prayerfully considering a gift to your

neighbors in need this holiday season. To learn

more about Catholic Charities' services

throughout Central Washington, visit

catholiccharitiescw.org

*Christmas* is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. It is the feast of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Because of this belief, God is not only Transcendent, but also wholly Immanent, Emmanuel (God-with-us). While remaining Transcendent (meaning we must rise above our present condition to reach Him), He is at the same time Immanent (meaning He is with us as we rise toward Him). Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into His flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar.

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him, including the fact that he was born to die for us.

The Christmas tree and the Nativity scene are popular symbols of the season and a tradition in many Christian homes. It is also traditional to exchange Christmas gifts with family and friends to honor God the Father's gift of his only son to the world. Having received the gift of Christ, we naturally want to pass that gift along to our loved ones.

Find links to blessings and other content to help you celebrate this season of joy and hope for salvation by visiting https://www.usccb.org/prayerworship/liturgical-year/christmas

# ELIZABETH MINISTRY



is a wonderful ministry in our parish that congratulates new parents and welcomes our new 'lil' one into our faith community. Welcome

bags are available in the church fover or the parish office filled with goodies and helpful information. We are looking for new team members to help welcome new families into our community.

**Elizabeth Ministry Bereavement** offers support for women who have suffered the loss of a baby to miscarriage. In this time of grief and questions, please call Christine Levitan at 901-4995 to receive helpful information and resources, and, if you wish, the opportunity to talk with someone who has been through this difficult experience.

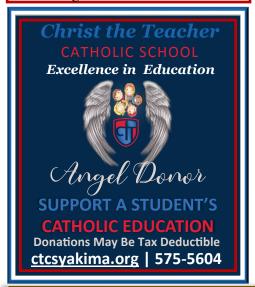
If you are interested in volunteering with one of the Elizabeth Ministry teams, please contact the Parish Office at 509-966-0830 for more information.

# PRAYER HOTLINE

For any prayer requests, call Barb McKinney at 945-0477 or email: rbmckinney84@gmail.com If you'd like to become a member of the prayer hotline, please call Barb.

# PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sister Janet Strong -Tel: 576-0931; email: annunciation@beitmery.org, our Diocesan religious Hermit, would like us to know that she is very happy to pray, before the Blessed Sacrament, for any intentions that might be referred to her.



# **BAPTISMS**

Baptisms are being scheduled on select Saturdays or during any of our weekend Masses. For further information and to schedule your child's baptism please call the parish office.

# UPCOMING BAPTISM DATES

Every weekend during our regular Mass Schedule



### WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS:

# FOR THE INTENTIONS OF:

**PAUL PERKO** 

### FOR THE REPOSE SOUL OF:

**TED WOLF** SONIA BENAVIDEZ MATA STEVE YEDINAK

God calls us to be a good steward of our money. Applying your money to things you've entrusted with to take care of your loved ones and spread love into the world. Right now you give money to the church, school and other important programs. What about end of life planning? Do you have these important programs in your will? Make a difference for future generations, leave a legacy.

# FLOWER REMEMBRANCE



Linda Menard & family: In loving memory of my precious mom and best friend "Gertie Urlacher" on the anniversary of her death, December 22nd.



In honor of Mary Ann (Schuck) Johnson-12/23/92 & Virginia (Schuck) McGovern-12/27/97. God's enduring Christmas love and graces to you both. We love and miss you dearly. Laura &



Mike & Rose Meyer: In loving memory of Rose's brother, Dale Leadon on the anniversary of his death. December 24th.



Cheryl Roberts & Frank: In loving memory of Cheryl's mom, Gloria Gellert on the anniversary of her death, Christmas Eve Day, December 24, 2010 Christmas Blessings, we love you & miss



Debbie Kennedy: In loving memory of Mark Kennedy on the anniversary of his birth to Eternal Life. December 25.



Maria Miller & family: In loving memory of Albert Miller.



Ruth Selzler and Family: In loving memory of Joel Weber, born 11.20.1961 and the first anniversary of his death 12.27.2017.



Joan Fritz: In loving memory of Joan's mother on the anniversary of her death, Dec. 30th, 2012.



Bob Gorger: In loving memory of Nancy Gorger on the anniversary of her death, January 4th, 2010.

# Hotline

# SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE

If you have been abused or victimized by a member of the Catholic clergy, please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. The Yakima Diocese has a sexual abuse hotline for those who wish to report some incident concerning that issue as regards to a bishop, priest, deacon or diocesan employee or volunteer. Our diocese provides a private/confidential phone line for those wishing to report incidents of sexual abuse regarding clergy, diocesan or church employees or volunteers 1-888-276-4490.

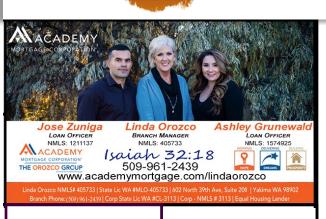
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