

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2016

TODAY (Sunday):

- ❖ POSADAS Y NOVENA, 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY:

- ❖ Our Lady's Prayer Group following 9:00 a.m. Mass.
- ❖ MISA, POSADAS Y NOVENA, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY:

- ❖ No RCIA.
- ❖ MISA, POSADAS Y NOVENA, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

- ❖ NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES.
- ❖ MISA, POSADAS Y NOVENA, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY:

- ❖ NO HABRA HORA SANTA
- ❖ No Habrá Catecismo.
- ❖ MISA, POSADAS Y NOVENA, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY:

- ❖ MISA, POSADAS Y NOVENA, 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ No Habrá CLASE DE CONFIRMACIÓN
- ❖ CLASE DE BAUTISMO, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY – CHRISTMAS EVE:

- ❖ MISA , POSADAS Y NOVENA, 4:30 P. M.
- ❖ NO Sacrament of Reconciliation
- ❖ CHRISTMAS EVE MASS: 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ MISA DE NAVIDAD: 10:00 p.m.

SUNDAY - CHRISTMAS DAY:

- ❖ Masses as usual at 9:00 a.m. (English); and 11:00 a.m. (Español)



Coffee Hour
today after the
9:00 a.m. Mass.

COME HELP CLEAN THE CHURCH AND PUT UP THE CHRISTMAS TREE today after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Bring your cleaning supplies!



CLASE DE BAUTISMO: La clase de preparación para el Bautismo, será el viernes 30 de diciembre a las 7:30 p.m. **NOTA:** los Bautismos serán solamente el día 1 de enero de 2017 a las 11:00 a.m.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: If you would like to donate a poinsettia for our Christmas decorations in memory of a loved one, pick up an envelope in the narthex and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the office by Thursday.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION: A generous gift to the 2016 Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities will Bring Hope to Life across the seven counties in the Diocese of Yakima. Serve those most in need by supporting Catholic Charities' network of Catholic Family & Child Service Agencies, Catholic Charities Housing Services and Saint Vincent Centers. Please give in the



spirit of the season on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. For more information about the Catholic Charities network of services, visit www.ccyakima.org. **ALL OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ON CHRISTMAS WILL GO TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES, regardless of whether you use your contribution envelope or Catholic Charities envelope.**

CARIDADES CATÓLICAS: Una donación generosa a la Colecta de Navidad 2016 de Caridades Católicas Dará Esperanza a la Vida en todos los siete condados de la Diócesis de Yakima. Sirva a los más necesitados apoyando la cadena de las Agencias de Servicios Católicos para Familias y Niños, Servicios de Vivienda de Caridades Católicas y los Centros St. Vincent. Por favor haga una donación con el espíritu de la temporada en la Víspera de Navidad y en el Día de Navidad. Para más información sobre la cadena de servicios de Caridades Católicas visite www.ccyakima.org.



RETROUVAILLE

4 Stages of Marriage – (1) Romance, (2)

Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages

experience the first 3 stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery please contact Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit www.Retrouvaille.org for emotional testimonials. For confidential information or to register for the February 10-12, 2017 Spokane weekend call (509) 520-4118 or (800) 470-2230 or visit the website.

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Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory. Psalm 24



CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES ARE IN THE NARTHEX FOR YOU TO PICK UP TODAY! If you have not been receiving envelopes, and would like to, contact Mary or write your name on the paper in the narthex. **PLEASE DO NOT START USING THEM UNTIL AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR AND AT THAT TIME DISCARD YOUR OLD ONES!!!** Your number is not necessarily the same, and your generous contribution might be credited to someone else ☺ Thanks.

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2017 CALENDARS ARE IN THE NARTHEX. Please take one calendar per family. Thank you to Leonard and Barbara Schorno, Patrick and Laura Escure, Tony and Glenys Stadelman, and Warren and Kathy Horning for providing them.



CHURCH CLEANING and COFFEE HOUR sign up sheets are in the narthex today.... You can sign up and mark your calendar before you leave!!!! How convenient is that? ☺



WALK FOR LIFE NORTHWEST: Please join us for the second annual Walk for Life Northwest at Riverfront Park in beautiful downtown Spokane, Washington January 28, 2017 at 11 am. Join people of the entire northwest region Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana Alberta, British Columbia, Alaska and more as we gather to give witness to the goodness and dignity of human life. All are welcome to attend! We encourage you to carry banners from your church or community. More information to follow.

NEW YEAR'S DAY SCHEDULE... Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:

- Saturday, New Year's Eve: Mass at 5:30 p.m. in English; and 10:00 p.m. en Español.
- Sunday, New Year's Day: Masses as usual at 9:00 a.m. (English); and 11:00 a.m. (Español)

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY – Lectors: Elena Ybarra and Bev McDonald; Eucharistic Ministers: Desirae Garcia, Rick Garces, Tina Gonzalez, Warren and Kathy Horning.

SUNDAY– Lectors: Chuck and Debbie Graaff; Eucharistic Ministers: Patrick and Laura Escure, Joan Schuler, Amy/Sam Krautscheid and Dena Ybarra

OFFERTORY COLLECTION, December 11: \$4044.00



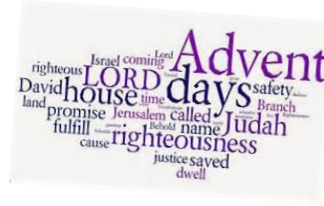
JOSEPH'S DIVORCE

There were severe laws against pre-marital sex and adultery in Biblical times. If a man discovered that his fiancée was pregnant by another man, he had right to denounce his wife. She could be sentenced to death by stoning. The husband-to-be would cast first rock. Joseph discover's Mary's pregnancy and is shamed. He is a righteous man--a strict observer of Jewish Law. He is also a compassionate person and decides to arrange a no-fault separation, without admitting or denying paternity of child. This will save Mary's life. God intervenes to state that there is no human father for Jesus. Joseph's faith leads him to accept.

A SHORT EXPLANATION OF ADVENT....

The Coming of the Lord

Happy New Year! While a month yet remains in the civil year, the Church is celebrating the beginning of a new Liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent on November 27, 2011. Advent — from the Latin *ad venio*, “to come” — is the liturgical season anticipating the *Adventus Domini*, the “coming of the Lord.” While the days grow shorter and colder, we prepare for the “Sun of Justice” who comes to kindle our hearts with his light and his love.



The Eternal Word, who is outside of time, became Incarnate in time, thereby making all time sacred. In the season of Advent, we await the coming of Christ on all the levels which we experience time: *in the past* — as a babe in the stable of Bethlehem; *in the present* — as grace in our souls; and *in the future* — as the Judge at the end of time.

The Advent season is filled with preparation and expectation. Everyone is getting ready for Christmas — shopping and decorating, baking and cleaning. Too often, however, we are so busy with the material preparations that we lose sight of the real reason for our activity: the Word made flesh coming to dwell among us. Christians are urged to preserve the spiritual focus of Christmas amidst the prevailingly secular and consumer-driven society.



In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the season, let us strive to keep Advent a season of waiting and longing, of conversion and hope, meditating often on the incredible love and humility of our God in taking on flesh of the Virgin Mary. In our shopping and baking, let us remember

to purchase and prepare something for the poor. When we clean our homes, let us distribute some of our possessions to those who lack many necessities. While we are decking the halls of our homes, let us not forget to prepare a peaceful place in our hearts wherein our Savior may come to dwell.

Focus on the Liturgy

There are always four Sundays in Advent, though not necessarily four full weeks. The liturgical color of the season is violet or purple, except on the Third Sunday of Advent, called *Gaudete* or Rejoice Sunday, when optional rose vestments may be worn. The Gloria is not recited during Advent liturgies, but the Alleluia is retained.

The prophecies of Isaiah are read often during the Advent season, but all of the readings of Advent focus on the key figures of the Old and New Testaments who were prepared and chosen by God to make the Incarnation possible: the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph, Sts. Elizabeth and Zechariah. The expectancy heightens from December 17 to December 24 when the Liturgy resounds with the seven magnificent Messianic titles of the O Antiphons.



The Advent season also has a Marian and pro-life focus. We meditate on this wonderful mystery of the Word Made Flesh with as much eagerness as his Mother, Mary prepared and awaited the birth of her son. In the USA we celebrate the special feasts of the Immaculate Conception, the patroness of the United States of America, on December 8, and Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, on December 12. Other saints’ days traditionally associated in with our preparation for Christmas include St. Nicholas, patron saint of children whose feast falls on December 6, and the saint of light, St. Lucy on December 13.