

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2019

MONDAY:

- ❖ Our Lady's Prayer Group after the 9:00 a.m. Mass
- ❖ **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**, 5:00 p.m.
- ❖ CATECISMO, 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ **CLASE DE BIBLIA DESPUÉS LA MISA DE 7:00 P.M.**

TUESDAY:

- ❖ **LADIE'S CHRISTMAS DINNER**, 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Spanish Children's Choir, 6:30 p.m. in the Classrooms
- ❖ No habrá Ultreya



WEDNESDAY:

- ❖ **NOVENA y MISA, 6:30 p.m.**
- ❖ **BIBLE STUDY** after the 9:00 a.m. Communion Service and 6:50 p.m.
- ❖ FAITH FORMATION CLASSES, 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ RCIA/CONFIRMATION, 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY:

- ❖ **NOVENA y MISA, 6:30 p.m.**
- ❖ HORA SANTA, 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ RICA, (Spanish RCIA) 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Dance practice (Lupe's), 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY:

- ❖ **FIRST FRIDAY.** Adoration following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please sign up.
- ❖ **PRIMER VIERNES.** Adoración después la misa de las 9:00 a.m. hasta el sábado a las 7:00 a.m.
- ❖ **ROSARY FOR DAN NEUMANN, 4:30 p.m.**
- ❖ **NOVENA y MISA, 6:30 p.m.**
- ❖ CLASE DE CONFIRMACIÓN, 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY:

- ❖ FUNERAL FOR DAN NEUMANN, 10:00 a.m.
- ❖ SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION, 4:00-4:30 p.m.
- ❖ **NOVENA y MISA, 4:30 p.m.**
- ❖ Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m. en español; 7:00 p.m. (English).

A **THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL:** Everyone's donation counts, no matter how large or small. If you would like to donate online, please visit www.yakimadiocese.org. Our goal this year is \$31,451.00. Keep in mind we get a rebate for any amount collected over our goal, which can be put towards a new roof!

A **CAMPAÑA ANUAL DE COOPERACIÓN DIOCESANA:** De nuevo, estamos muy agradecidos a nuestros leales donadores y a los nuevos que han hecho una promesa a la Campaña Anual de Cooperación Diocesana. Si usted no estuvo presente o preparado para hacer una promesa previamente, le pedimos que la haga hoy. Su donación es esencial para apoyar los muchos ministerios de la Diócesis de Yakima.



THE GIVING TREE is up! Thank you in advance for your support, our parish has always been generous to this community project.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS can be placed under our Giving Tree. Or take your donations of non-perishable food and household items during food bank open hours on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Donations are always needed, especially this time of year.

FUNERAL DINNERS: Thank you again for all your help with the recent funeral dinners. **Food is needed for the family of Dan Neumann on Saturday. This will be a large funeral and extra help would be appreciated.**



RETROUVAILLE: You Can Help Your Marriage -

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue . . . or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi

with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. 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 14-16, 2020 Spokane weekend call (509) 520-4118 or (800) 470-2230 or visit the web site at www.Retrouvaille.org.



CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES, BUT WOULD LIKE TO FOR 2020, PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY OR SIGN

THE SHEET IN THE NARTHEX. Envelopes will be out soon!

Saint Nicholas.... The Spirit of Christmas



Ladies, tickets are on sale for our Christmas Dinner happening THIS Tuesday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00. Contact Debbie Graaff or Mary Keller.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.
Psalm 122:1



CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Each year, your offering at Christmas goes to support the work of Catholic Charities. Motivated by Christ's love, Catholic Charities works to bring hope to life by embracing people, strengthening families, and empowering to thrive. Catholic Charities serves those most in need throughout the lifecycle – from expectant mothers and families with young children to grandparents raising their grandchildren and the elderly struggling to live independently. Please give generously to help your neighbors in need. To learn more about the Catholic Charities network of services, visit www.catholiccharitiescw.org.

CARIDADES CATÓLICAS: Todos los años, su ofrenda en Navidad es utilizada para apoyar el trabajo de Caridades Católicas. Motivada por el amor de Cristo, Caridades Católicas trabaja para dar esperanza a la vida ayudando a las personas, fortaleciendo a las familias, y capacitándolos para prosperar. Caridades Católicas sirve a los más necesitados por todo el ciclo de sus vidas – desde las madres embarazadas y las familias con niños pequeños hasta los abuelos que están criando a sus nietos y los ancianos que luchan por vivir independientes. Por favor haga una donación generosa para ayudar a sus vecinos necesitados. Para saber más sobre la red de servicios de Caridades Católicas, visite www.catholiccharitiescw.org.

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday: Lectors: Chuck and Debbie Graaff; Eucharistic Ministers: Warren and Kathy Horning

Sunday - Lectors: Elena Ybarra and Kaleb Krautscheid; Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Krautscheid, Baldemar and Gloria Garces, Rita Keene, Desirae Garcia

OFFERTORY COLLECTION, November 24: 3474.00

COMING UP...

- **December 15** – A Christmas Concert (Spanish)
- **December 22** – The Cambridge Prayer Service
- **December 17** - A Celtic Christmas Featuring Affiniti and Howard Crosby at St. Paul Cathedral. **Benefitting faith education in Central Washington through the Celebration of Faith Fund.** Admission by Donation
- **CURSO DE PREPARACIÓN PARA EL MATRIMONIO**, 29 de febrero y 7 de marzo del 2020.



SCOTT HAHN'S REFLECTION... Jesus exaggerates in today's Gospel when He claims not to know the day or the hour when He will come again. He occasionally makes such overstatements to drive home a point we might otherwise miss (see [Matthew 5:34; 23:9](#); [Luke 14:26](#)). His point here is that the exact "hour" is not important. What is crucial is that we not postpone our repentance, that we be ready for Him—spiritually and morally—when He comes. For He will surely come, He tells us—like a thief in the night, like the flood in the time of Noah.

The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber,



because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.
Romans 13:11

In today's Epistle, Paul too compares the present age to a time of advancing darkness and night. Though we sit in the darkness, overshadowed by death, we have seen arise the great light of our Lord who has come into our midst (see [Matthew 4:16](#); [John 1:9](#); [8:12](#)). He is the true light, the life of the world. And His light continues to shine in His Church, the new Jerusalem promised by Isaiah in today's First Reading.

In the Church, all nations stream to the God of Jacob, to worship and seek wisdom in the House of David. From the Church goes forth His word of instruction, the light of the Lord—that all might walk in His paths toward that eternal day when night will be no more (see [Revelation 22:5](#)). By our Baptism we have been made children of the light and day (see [Ephesians 5:8](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:5–7](#)). It is time we start living like it—throwing off the fruitless works of darkness, the desires of the flesh, and walking by the light of His grace.

The hour is late as we begin a new Advent. Let us begin again in this Eucharist. As we sing in today's Psalm, let us go rejoicing to the House of the Lord. Let us give thanks to His name, keeping watch for His coming, knowing that our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

ADVENT

- The Church begins a new Liturgical year
- Advent lasts for four weeks, from the first Sunday of Advent until Christmas
- "Advent" means "coming"
- Advent is a time of prayer and preparation for the feast of Christmas.
- Customs of the season include the Advent Wreath and the Jesse Tree
- Liturgical color is violet

