

December 13, 2015

Third Sunday of Advent

My soul rejoices in my Lord!

Week of December 14 schedule

Monday, Wednesday, Communion Service, 8 AM

Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday, Mass, 8 AM

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

(the Sunday 9 a.m. Mass is offered for the people of the parish)

Tuesday, Intentions

Thursday, Barry Toomey †

Friday, Jeff Klindworth, Int.

Saturday 5PM, Colleen Kelleher †

Sunday, 5PM, Jerry Williams †



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The answer to the question, "what should we do?" is simple – **SHARE**. Sharing from the abundances we are given from God is the bottom line for all good stewards and is especially meaningful in this Holy Year of Mercy.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Are you new to St. Andrew's Parish? We welcome you. Please introduce yourself to the priest after Mass, and fill out a registration form. Ask for a parish directory.

"SERMON ON THE AMOUNT"

Regular Sunday (1 qtr \$ 57,020)	4956.50
Building Fund (1qtr \$ 10762)	965.00
Total Dec 5 & 6	5921.50
Religious Education (1qtr \$ 7,738)	512.00
Immaculate Conception	476.66

The Pastor and Finance Council have developed a parish budget which calls for an average weekly income, from Sunday and Building Fund donations, of \$5,392.35; and \$491.60 for Religious Education Programs. Thank you for your financial support.

Adult Education

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will continue on Monday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. This is an inquiry class for those interested in becoming Catholic, or for those Catholic adults seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Bible Study open to all parishioners will resume on Friday, December 11, at 9:00 a.m. If interested, please call Emily Stickney at 968-9195 or Alison Mattson at 962-3564.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will continue on December 15, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., in the library. Hugh Spall will lead a program on the *History of the Church*.

Clases de Catecismo Martes a las 6:30 p.m., para adultos. Todos están invitados a participar. También estaremos viendo otros temas de gran interés. Asiste con toda la familia.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study will offer *SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained* on Wednesday nights, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., resuming December 16, in the library. Every parishioner has access to the beauty of SYMBOLON, and other offerings, with our special parish online subscription. Visit www.formed.org and scroll down to submit our parish's code - 449536, create your username and password. Join us for discussion on Wednesdays.

Elementary and Youth

Elementary sessions continue this Sunday, December 13, 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

EDGE sessions continue Monday, December, 14, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., with a **Christmas Party**. Please bring a dish to share and a \$5 wrapped gift item for gift exchange.

CHOSEN Confirmation Preparation sessions continue Wednesday, December 16, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., with a **Christmas Party**. Fr. Tomas will be celebrating a special closing Mass for our Confirmation candidates, and we will follow it with a party and gift exchange. Please bring a dish to share and a \$5 wrapped gift item.

LifeTeen Christmas trip to Leavenworth will be Sunday, December 13, 10 AM to 7 PM. Cost is \$10 and will include dinner. Please dress warmly and bring a lunch. Will depart after 9 AM Mass. Space is limited, so sign up quickly! (No class this night.)

Seattle Homeless Service Trip for high school youth is scheduled for Monday, December 21, 9 AM to 10:30 PM. We will serve the homeless at two shelters near Pioneer Square. This will be exciting and will involve a significant amount of walking and time downtown. Cost is \$20 and will include lunch and dinner. Dress warmly and wear good shoes. There is space for 20 participants total, 18 spaces remaining. Sign up quickly.

Religious Education classes will break for the holidays and resume after the 1st of the year.

Childcare will be available for children ages 9 months (crawling) to 4 years old during the Sunday 9 AM Mass. Please bring children to the youth room. If you are interested in volunteering one or more Sundays, 8:50 to 9:50 a.m., please contact Stacey Bankston-Engel (425-283-8734) or Terri Sorenson (509-312-0207).

Holy Land Icon Raffle tickets are available after Mass and in the parish office. Cost \$5. **ONLY ONE MORE WEEK LEFT**. Proceeds will benefit St. Andrew's. Please contact Alejandra to help sell tickets. Drawing will be held at the annual Parish Christmas Breakfast on Sunday, December 20.

December 8, marked the opening of the **Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy** as proclaimed by Pope Francis. Please find a copy of the *Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy*, the official Apostolic Letter from Pope Francis on the bulletin table.

Parents & Catechists

Confirmation Core Team Christmas dinner will be Friday, December 18, at 6 PM.

LifeTeen Core Team Christmas dinner will be Tuesday, December 15, at 6 PM.

Upcoming Meetings

Join us in Centering Prayer, a form of silent or contemplative prayer that has been part of Catholic history for centuries, on Mondays at 5:15 p.m., in the meditation/cry room. You'll be home by 6:00 p.m. For more information, please call Karen at 962-9648.

Crafts Unlimited will resume meeting in the activity center on Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., after the first of the year. Bring a sack lunch and join us in the fun which benefits St. Andrew's by helping to make various items for sale during October Festival and our Christmas Gifts & Goodies Sale in December. For more information, please feel free to call Carole Vondergeest at 962-1551.

Young at Heart will meet on Monday, December 14, at 9 a.m., at The Palace Cafe.

Compassion Corps, a new ministry reaching out to those who have lost loved ones recently, will resume Thursday, January 14, at noon in the library. Bring a lunch, if you wish.



To better facilitate this list, it will be purged at the beginning of every other month, ie: Jan., March, May etc.

Please pray for the sick of our parish— Betty Nolls, Gerald Gunn, Rob Snyder, Lori Boykiw Smith, Pat Carney, Peter Conti, Don Bacon, Carlos Huitron, Dale Knudson, Ray Fletcher, Jamie Winterer Carney, Reid O'Donnell-Herbers, Joe Jacobs, Bernice Orcutt, Ken Lafferty, Fr. Richard House, Fr William Vogel, Randy Brunson, Jeff Klindworth, Bob Riggins and our priests and nuns who suffer from poor health, and those who are sick but wish to remain anonymous, we pray to the Lord. (Please call the office with updates.)

We are most grateful to our loyal donors and the new donors who have pledged to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). If you have not done so, please take a moment to review the information you received in the mail. Please prayerfully consider making a gift. Your gift is essential to sustaining the many ministries of the Diocese of Yakima. Our parish pledge goal is \$38,722.00. We have met \$26,858.00 of our goal with 98 donors.

The Giving Tree Gifts are due back 10:00 a.m., this Sunday, December 13, UNWRAPPED with TAGS attached, for ease of sorting.

Gift Wrapping party will be Tuesday, December 15, at 9:00 a.m., everyone invited. All supplies provided. You may be partial to your own personal scissors. Refreshments provided.

Baskets will be distributed on Thursday, December 17, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please come to the southwest entrance of the Activity Center with your identification and current address listed. You may only pick up your family's basket.

Thank you to our many parishioners for your generosity to this wonderful annual program.

Our **Advent Communal Reconciliation Service** with visiting priests will be Monday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. Other locations/dates include: In Yakima at St. Joseph at 4 PM, St. Paul Cathedral at 7 PM, on Tuesday, December 15. In Yakima at Holy Redeemer at 4 PM, at Holy Family at 7 PM, at Our Lady of Lourdes in Selah, on Wednesday, December 16.

Parish Christmas Breakfast will be Sunday, December 20, following the 9 AM Mass. Everyone invited. Knights of Columbus will be hosting. Raffle drawing will be at 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Masses

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve, Children's Mass, 4:30 p.m., & Vigil Mass at 10 p.m.

Friday, December 25, Christmas Day, Masses at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.(Español)

Usual weekend Mass schedule for December 26 & 27, the Feast of the Holy Family, will be observed.

It has come to our attention that the donation envelopes sent to your home incorrectly labeled the Christmas envelopes as "My Offering for Catholic Charities & Gift To My Parish." Please note, this envelope should rightfully be labeled "My Gift To My Parish." Catholic Charities provides their own envelopes, located on the bulletin table, for Christmas donations to them, and are labeled as such.

Your gift to the **2015 Annual Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities** reaches out to countless people in need throughout our diocese. Please help us **Bring Hope to Life** through our Catholic Charities network of Catholic Family & Child Service Agencies, Catholic Charities Housing Services and Saint Vincent Centers to those who have nowhere else to turn. Please visit www.ccyakima.org for more information.

As the year comes to a close once again, we are thankful for the many contributions in time, talent and treasure that St. Andrew's receives. Thank you for your generous sharing. Monetary donations received before 4 p.m., Thursday, December 31, will be credited to your 2015 statement. Statements will be mailed mid-January. ACA payments are recorded by the Diocese of Yakima and you will receive a statement from them.

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God will be celebrated with a Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 31, at 5 p.m., and on Friday, January 1, at 9 a.m. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

World Wide Marriage Encounter (WWME) Weekend – Scheduled at Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise, ID or Gig Harbor, WA February 12-14, 2016; or Spokane, WA March 4-6, 2016. For more information call 208-853-2801 Boise, 253-582-0239 Gig Harbor or 509-922-0668 Spokane, or apply online at www.wwme.org (Other dates/locations)