

December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

Our God will come to save us.

Week of December 5 schedule

Monday, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Las Mañanitas 5 AM, Misa en Español 7AM

Tuesday, Communion Service, 8 AM

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Mass, 8 AM

Saturday, Marice Dufault Memorial Mass, 11 AM

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

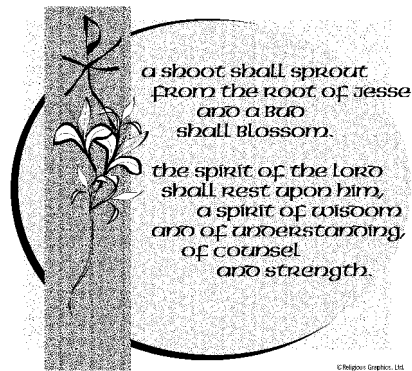
(the Sunday 9 a.m. Mass is offered for the people of the parish)

Wednesday, Joseph Cates †

Thursday, Mary Schmitt †

Friday, Rich Hoctor

Saturday, Adeline Terrebonne †



We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that doesn't bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

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"SERMON ON THE AMOUNT"

Table with 2 columns: Date/Category and Amount. Includes Nov 5 & 6 (7054.40), Nov 12 & 13 (3762.00), Nov 19 & 20 (4356.00), Regular Sunday (3912.00), Building Fund (809.00), Total Nov 26 & 27 (4721.00), Religious Education (248.00), All Saints (100.00).

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

St. Andrew's Young Adults (SAYA): A group for adults in their 20s and 30s (single/married) is now meeting regularly. Contact Rachel Hochstein at 360-325-6682 for details and any questions or find us on facebook.

Every parishioner has access to the beauty of SYMBOLON, and other offerings, with our special parish online subscription. Children's content is now available (programs, ebooks, movies and talks). Visit www.formed.org and scroll down to submit our parish's code - 449536, create your username and password.

Join us on Tuesday, December 6, 9:00-10:00 a.m., for The Church's Social Teaching from Pentecost to Pope Francis. This course traces the development of the Church's social justice teaching from the Pentecost to the present day.

Join us on Wednesday, December 7, 7:00-8:30 p.m., for Divine Mercy: In the second greatest story ever told. This is a dramatic 10-session journey featuring best-selling author and popular speaker Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. Fr. Gaitley weaves a tapestry of wonder and beauty from the threads of the dramatic history of Poland, the transformative message of St. Faustina Kowalska, the prophetic apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, the powerful witness of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of St. Pope John Paul II.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will meet on Monday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m., in the activity center. This is an inquiry class for those interested in becoming Catholic, or for those Catholic adults seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation. For more information, please contact Scott Zimmerman (962-9661).

The Sunday Mass in Spanish has been rescheduled for 11:15 AM, permanently, instead of 11 AM. We hope this will help in the transition from elementary religious education classes to Mass.

Beginning Tuesday, December 6, Mass will be offered weekly in Spanish at 6 PM.

To better facilitate this list, it will be purged at the beginning of every other month, ie: Nov, Jan, March, etc. Please pray for the sick of our parish - Lori Boykiw Smith, Pat Carney, Peter Conti, Don Bacon, Carlos Huitron, Ray Fletcher, Jamie Winterer Carney, Reid O'Donnell-Herbers, Joe Jacobs, Bernice Orcutt, Ken Lafferty, Randy Brunson, Ken Riddle, Bob Riggins, Fred Schaan, Raechele Lunde, Wally Dillon, Mac Brotherton, Tom Emerson, Leo and Linda Brennan, Shawn Lopez, Hubert Schmitt, Jean Larmore, Jaci Erickson, Jodi Huschka, Dorothy Drotzmann, Rich Hoctor 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.)



The Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA envelopes are on the bulletin tables. The proceeds from this every-three-years collection will support pastoral service and ministry to Catholic families in the U.S. Military and patients in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Centers throughout the country. Thank you for your generosity.

The 2017 Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word is available for pickup in the sacristy.

Please join us for Christmas Gifts & Goodies this weekend after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses in the social hall. Great for early Christmas shopping.

Many thanks to those who made an Advent Wreath with us last weekend, helped clean up, the Mattson family for cutting the boughs and the Johnson family for organizing. More candles have been ordered; please stop by the office if you need some.

Great fun was had by all who attended the St. Andrew Family Pizza Feast day celebration. A big thank you to all those who helped, and especially to the Camarata Family.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Thursday, December 8, with Masses at 8 AM and 6 PM. This is a holy day of obligation.

In view of the great devotion many of our people have for Our Lady Guadalupe, bishop Joseph Tyson is dispensing the obligation to attend Mass on December 8, for those who attend Mass on Monday, December 12, the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe. As is already the case, Catholic who are unable to attend Mass on a holy day of obligation may seek a dispensation from a priest or deacon of the Diocese, who can either excuse the person from the obligation completely, or commute it to another pious work, such as praying the Rosary.

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated on Monday, December 12, with Las Mañanitas at 5:00 AM, followed by Aztec dancing in honor to our Blessed Lady of Guadalupe at 6:30 AM. Misa en Español will be celebrated at 7:00 AM. Please join us for a light refreshment reception afterwards of Mexican hot chocolate and breads. No 8 AM Mass/Communion Service.

Elementary and Youth

Elementary classes will resume on Sunday, December 4, at 10:05 to 11:05 a.m.

LIFETEEN High School classes resume Sunday, December 4, 6:15 to 8:00 p.m.

EDGE Middle School classes continue Monday, December 5, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

2nd Year CHOSEN Confirmation classes continue on Wednesday, December 7, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the social hall.

We have received 116 ACA pledges, totaling \$ 39,122. Our parish goal is \$40,747. The programs, services, and ministries supported by the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal are intended to meet the needs of Catholics here in the Diocese of Yakima. The Church serves each of us, and our financial support is needed to continue God's work here in Central Washington.



Thank you for participating in the ACA. If you haven't participated in the past, please prayerfully consider participating this year. Those who have participated in the past have received a personalized pledge card in the mail to use. Thank you for your continued support.

Upcoming Meetings

Join us in Centering Prayer on Mondays at 5:15 p.m., in the meditation/cry room. 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 new year. For more information, please call Carole Vondergeest at 962-1551.

Elementary Catechists Christmas Dinner and Party will be Saturday, December 17.

F.I.S.H. Food Bank programs and projects are at full speed as the holiday season and cold weather approach. This past week, with incredible help from the local business community, F.I.S.H. distributed about 200 turkeys for needy families. Dedicated St. Andrew's parishioners continue to donate food items in the church foyer basket every week. F.I.S.H. has two immediate needs: meat and back pack funds/food. A side of beef from a benevolent donor or packaged meat of any size may be taken to the F.I.S.H. warehouse, any time, M-F, 8:30 AM to 5 PM. Funds for the backpack program (now sending weekend meals/snacks home to 108 school children) may be mailed to F.I.S.H., at PO Box 85, Ellensburg. Thank you.

Parish Office hours are 8:00 to 11:30 AM & 1:00 to 4:00 PM (5:30 PM W, TH, F) and Sundays 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Our Parish Christmas Breakfast will be Sunday, December 18, at 10 AM. The Knights of Columbus will once again prepare the meal. Please join us.

There will be a Nativity Presentation "Pastorela" in Spanish on Sunday, December 18, at 1 PM, in the church. Everyone is invited.

Thank you to all those who shared names and mementoes during the month of November. Please remember to pick up any items in the sacristy.

The Giving Tree is on display. Please consider taking a cash tag or gift item tag or 2, purchase the item(s) and return. Gifts are due back quickly within 1 week on or before Sunday, December 11, at 10 AM, UNWRAPPED, with GIFT TAG attached for ease of sorting. Thank you to those who have already returned gift items.

Please join us Tuesday, December 13, at 9:00 a.m., for a Gift Wrapping Party. All materials provided, but feel free to bring your own scissors. Light refreshments provided.

If you or a group would like to Adopt-A-Family, please contact the parish office. The Community Christmas Basket Program through DSHS will have registration soon.

Baskets will be distributed on Thursday, December 15, 9 AM to noon. Must provide identification. You may only pick up your family's basket.

2nd Harvest Mobile Food Bank will be at Kittitas County Cattlemen's Association on Thursday, December 8, noon to 2 PM. Free produce, nutritious perishable products and other groceries for all families in need of food assistance. Please bring a box. For more information, call 252-6270.

Christmas Masses

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve, Children's Mass, 4:30 PM, & Vigil Mass at 10 PM.

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day, Masses at 9 AM and 11:15 AM (Español). No 5 PM Mass.