January 1, 2017

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Rejoice in Christ, the Prince of Peace!

Week of January 2 schedule

Monday, Communion Service, 8 AM

Tuesday through Friday, Mass, 8 AM

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Tuesday, Mary Schmitt †

Wednesday, Ella Almos †

Thursday, Fr. Dan Greene †

Friday, Fran Chmelewski

Saturday, Hazel Moulder †

Sunday 5 PM, Dan R. Siler †

Today's second reading reminds us that through Christ we have been delivered from the old law and have become sons and daughters of God. New Year's Day provides a perfect opportunity to ask ourselves the question: Does my life reflect my gratitude for all that my loving Father has given me?

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We welcome you to St. Andrew's. We are glad you have joined us. Please introduce yourself to the priest after Mass. We have a gift for you.

"SERMON ON THE AMOUNT"

Dec 3 & 4	5294.00
Dec 10 & 11	5591.00
Dec 17 & 18	4638.00
Regular Sunday	1433.00
Building Fund	317.00
Total Dec 24 & 25	1750.00
Religious Education	400.00
Christmas	2212.00
Solemnity of Mary	5.00
Catholic Charities	3961.50
Sacristy Flowers	10.00

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.

Wives In Prayer will start a new session on Friday, January 6, 9 to 11 AM. Childcare provided. Please contact Emily Stickney 968-9195, or Alison Mattson 962-36564.

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)**. **Selections in Spanish** are also now available. Visit www.formed.org and scroll down to submit our parish's code – 449536, create your username and password.

Join us on Tuesday, January 3, 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.

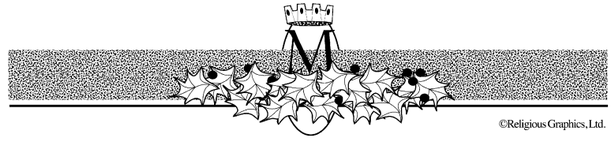
The **Wednesday Adult Education class** invites everyone to a **Movie Night** on January 4, at 6:30 p.m., in the 5th grade room, featuring *"The Miracle of Our lady of Fatima."* This much-loved movie thoughtfully recreates the 1917 events that brought hope and new religious fervor to a war-ravaged world. Please bring a snack to share.

Join us on Wednesday, January 11, 7:00-8:30 p.m., for a new program, ***CATHOLICISM – Journey around the world and deep into the Faith,*** with Bishop Robert Baron. The beauty, the goodness and truth of the Catholic Faith. Journey with acclaimed author, speaker and theologian Bishop Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries. From the sacred lands of Israel to the beating heart of Uganda....from the glorious shrines of Italy, France, and Spain, to the streets of Mexico, Kolkata, and New York City, the fullness of CATHOLICISM is revealed.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will resume on Monday, January 2, at 7:00 p.m., in the activity center. Br. Thomas Aquinas (Pickett) will join us and give a short talk about religious life. Everyone is welcome. We will also discuss our Blessed Mother, Mary. 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).

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**— 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, Darrel Eason 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.)

During inclement weather months the southeast activity center door will be unlocked for those who need a more sure-footed walk area to access the church for Mass. As a courtesy, please leave this parking area available for those who need close-to-building parking.



A huge thank you to Diane Dier and her wonderful decorating crew who have transformed our church to enhance the Christmas liturgies.

Welcome to the many visitors this Christmas holiday season. Blessings and safe travels!

Join us weekly on Tuesdays for Mass in Spanish at 6 PM, beginning on January 3.

Elementary and Youth

Elementary classes will resume next Sunday, January 8, at 10:05 to 11:05 a.m.

Parent & Child 2nd Year Preparation Class meeting will be Thursday, January 12, at 6:00 p.m. All parents and children are required to attend.

Altar Server Training Session will be Sunday, January 22, 12:15 to 3:00 p.m. For those who would like to join us immediately after religious education class is over, we will be available and have some fun activities. Lunch will be provided. This is mandatory for current altar servers, as we would like for all altar servers to be aware of some updates to duties. Those who have or will soon celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion are also invited to come and learn about this wonderful ministry.

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

EDGE Middle School classes resume next Monday, January 9, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

2nd Year CHOSEN Confirmation classes resume on Wednesday, January 11, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the social hall.

The next Parents Night Our Fund Raiser is next Friday, January 6, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Elementary age children and younger are welcome to attend. Middle school and High school age youth may volunteer as assistants. Please be sure to bring a well stocked diaper bag for your baby.

We have received 128 ACA pledges, totaling $ 42,942. 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. Additional pledges over our goal is rebated back to St. Andrew's to supplement our operating budget. For 2016, we received over $15,000 in rebates.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2017

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

St. Vincent de Paul Ministries will meet on Sunday, January 8, at 10:15 a.m.

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.

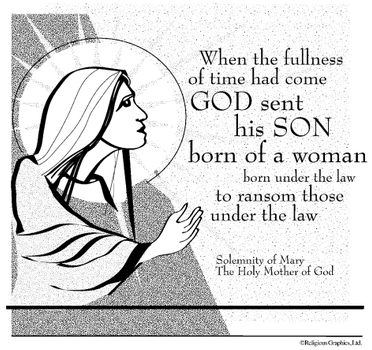
Parish offices will be closed on Sunday & Monday, January 1 & 2, in observance of New Year's Day.

First Friday Benediction on January 6, will be celebrated following the 8 AM Morning Mass.

Thank you for your generosity to the **2016 Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities**. Your gift will help spread the love of Christ through a network of Catholic Family & Child Service Agencies.

The next **Retrouvaille Weekend** is February 10-12, in Spokane. This is for marriages going through difficulties of any sort, or just needs a pick-me-up. Visit www.Retrouvaille.org for confidential information.

If you would like to have a veteran's name (living or deceased) engraved on the wall at Holy Cross Cemetery, please fill out a form in the parish office. A great gift for a veteran or a surviving family member. An engraving order will be placed in the Spring. Price is approximately $3.50/letter.

2017 Calendars are available on the bulletin tables.

MAGNIFICAT sessions will resume in February.