ST. ANDREW’S PARISH
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MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO de MISA
Daily Mass/Misas Diarias: 8 am Monday-Friday
Tuesday: 7 pm (Spanish)
Wednesday: 5:30 pm
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9 am and 5 pm
Misa del domingo: 11:15 am (Spanish)
Confessions: Saturday 3:30 pm. Also by appointment or after Mass.
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OFFICE HOURS / HORAS de OFICINA
Monday – Tuesday: 8 am-11:30 a.m. and 1 - 4 p.m.
Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 8 am-5:30 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am-12:30 pm
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Office Assistance/ Adult Edu.: Alejandra Tejeda
Youth minister/ Confirmation: Sarah Moore
Elementary Religious Education: Alena Camarata
December 9-10, 2017
Welcome visitors!
Are you new to St. Andrew’s Parish? We welcome you. Please fill out a registration form.

“Sermon on the Amount”
Regular Sunday $ 6320.50
Building Fund: $ 827.50
Religious Edu. $ 474
TOTAL: $ 7,622.50
The parish budget calls for an average weekly income from Sunday & Building Fund donations, of $5,392.35 & $491.60 for Religious Education Programs. Thank you for your support.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Dec 10: Giving Tree gifts due back 10 am.
Dec 11 Young at heart 9 am
Dec 12: Giving Tree Gift Wrapping 8:45 am
Dec 14 Giving Trees baskets Distributed 9 am-12 pm
Dec 17: Christmas Breakfast by the KC
Dec 18 Middle School Christmas Caroling 6:30 pm
Dec 31 St. Vincent’s second collection

ELEMENTARY AND YOUTH
Religious Education classes for Elementary age children, Sundays at 10:15-11:05 a.m.
EDGE Middle School youth: Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
Life-Teen High School/youth: Sundays at 6:15 p.m.
These sessions are mandatory for First Year Confirmation.

CHOSEN First Year Confirmation Preparation every other Wednesday at 7 p.m. Next ones are on Dec 13.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES
Faith Formation Online in English or Spanish. Visit www.formed.org and type our code 449536 to create your username and password.

SAYA: St. Andrew’s Young Adults-For adults in their 20s and 30s. Contact Rachel Hochstein at 360-325-6682

CENTERING PRAYER Mondays at 5:15 pm in the meditation/cry room. Contact Karen at 962-9648.

Men’s Fellowship / Study Group: Mondays at 6:30 PM in the library. Contact Mark Hayden at 962-9005.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Tuesdays at 8:30 am

Pivotal Players in the History of Catholicism. Tuesday 9am -library. Call Hugh Spall 925-2937 for more information.

Pro-Life Prayer-Outside of Planned Parenthood on Kelleher property. Tuesdays-10:30 am – Larry & Bea Cates 857-2163

CRAFTS UNLIMITED -Tuesdays 11 AM in 2nd grade room. Contact Carole Vondergeest 962-1551.


COMPASSION CORPS Thursdays -7 PM at the couch/5th grade room. Contact Kelly Held (509) 304-4866

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS in 2nd grade room 7 PM -4th Thursday. For more info. Contact Matt Fromherz 962-8472.

WIVES IN PRAYER Fridays 9-11 AM at the parish library –Contact person: Emily Stickney 968-9195.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
English Mass 8 am. Spanish Mass at 7 pm., followed by Aztec dances and reception.

RECONCILIATION SERVICES
Weds, December 13: 4:00 pm St. Joseph
7:00 pm St. Paul Cathedral
Thurs, December 14: 4:00 pm Holy Redeemer
7:00 pm Holy Family
Monday December 18 at 6:30 pm ST ANDREWS’S
Tuesday December 19 at 6:30 pm Cle Elum
Take advantage of this great Sacrament of FORGIVENESS, a truly remarkable & important receiving of God’s forgiveness!!

CHRISTMAS MASSES
SUNDAY DECEMBER 24
Children’s Mass: 4:30 PM
Vigil Mass: 10 PM

MONDAY DECEMBER 25
Christmas Mass at 9 English
Christmas Mass at 12 Spanish.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 31: Feast of the Holy Family: Regular Sunday Mass

MONDAY JANUARY 1st: MARY MOTHER OF GOD (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)
Masses at 9 AM English and 11 AM Spanish.

THE GIVING TREE Gifts are due back on or before 10 a.m. Sunday, December 10, UNWRAPPED with the Gift Tag attached, for ease of sorting. Please join us for a Gift Wrapping Party on Tuesday, December 12, at 9 a.m. Please bring a pair of scissors. Refreshments provided. Gift Baskets will be distributed on Thursday, December 14, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please come to the Southwest entrance of the Activity Center with your identification with current address listed. You may only pick up your family’s basket.
Dear Parishioners:

Please join me in thanking the Crafts Unlimited teams and the Wives in Prayer for their wonderful baked goodies and craft they sold this past weekend. They work year around to make the beautiful creations they sell on our October Fest and before Christmas.

This Tuesday we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of America. There is a tradition to sing her songs early in the morning on December 12 commemorating her apparitions to Saint Juan Diego in 1531. We will have our Mañanitas (songs for Our Lady of Guadalupe) from 5am-7am, Mass in Spanish at 7 pm followed by a performance of some traditional Aztecs dances done by a group of parishioners. If you are curious to see this dances, please feel free to join us in the celebration. There will be a reception at the parish hall afterwards.

Next Sunday we will have our annual December breakfast cook by the Knights of Columbus. Please plan to attend.

We are asking for some help decorating our church before Christmas. The bulk work will be done by volunteers on the morning of December 23, please plan to help us.

Mark on your calendars our reconciliation service on December 18 at 6:30 pm. That is a good gift you can offer to Jesus, a clean heart ready to receive him on Christmas.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. David Jimenez

Annual Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities
Each year, your offering at Christmas goes to support the work of Catholic Charities. What is Catholic Charities and who does your generosity help? As the social service arm of the church, 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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
It’s still not too late to assist our parish in reaching our goal of $39,417.00 assisting our Bishop & Diocese in the ministry of the “greater Church”, the Diocese of Yakima. Envelopes & pledge cards are in the vestibule pamphlet racks. THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE ALREADY CLAIMED A SHARE IN THIS SPECIAL MINISTRY!

STEWARSHIP REFLECTION Dec. 10, 2017

There is a well-worn phrase that seems to come into play at this time of year: “Shop until you drop.” However, Advent is really a time when we need to become more pensive and thoughtful in our approach. We receive several appropriate reminders in our readings today. Isaiah’s remarkable foresight states, “A voice cries out: in the desert prepare the way of the Lord.” For us at this time the real preparation must occur in our hearts. Isaiah goes on to indicate that when the way is prepared: “Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.” The true glory of the Lord is revealed to every prepared heart. This is a time to prepare our hearts for the way of the Lord. There are two letters from Peter included in the New Testament. Both are considered to have been written in Rome and addressed more to Gentiles than to Jews. When Peter says that “with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day,” he is stating that God sees time with a perspective we lack. Peter prompts us to realize that our role in this life is to seek holiness. That is what preparing the way of the Lord entails.

St. Mark’s Gospel begins with the simple statement, “The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Son of God.” It then reiterates what we hear in the First Reading from Isaiah: that John the Baptist was sent to “prepare the way of the Lord” and we are to do the same. Advent is all about discovering how we can do that and making whatever changes we must make in our lives to accomplish that.

At Heartstone-EDGE students, family, and friends are invited to go caroling at Heartstone on Monday Dec. 18 at 3:45. We will meet and leave from Heartstone. Music books will be provided.

Children's Hospital Service Project-High school students are invited to help tie blankets and cards that will be donated to Seattle's Children Hospital. We are meeting Dec. 19 at 5 PM. If members of the community would like to help fleece fabric donations and card making supplies are appreciated! Sarah