



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:21

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MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

Saturday Vigil-Vigilia en Ingles: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9 am and 5 pm

Misa del domingo: 11:15 am (Spanish)

Daily Mass: 8 am Monday-Friday

Misas en español: 7pm Martes

Confessions: Saturdays at 3:30 pm, also by appt.

Confesiones: Sábados a las 3:30 pm o por cita.

OFFICE HOURS / HORAS DE OFICINA

Monday-Friday 8 am - noon & 1-4:00 pm

Lunes -Viernes 8am-12pm y de 1-4:00 pm

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Youth Minister/Confirmation: Sarah Moore

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Preschool: Mari Gabriel

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

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FAITH, PRAYER & SOCIAL MINISTRIES

R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) meets Thursdays at 6:30 PM. For those who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith. Contact **Scott Zimmerman** at 509-929-3790 or email gitanesteel@yahoo.com

Centering Prayer Mondays at 5:15 PM in the cry room. Contact **Karen Gookin** at 962-9648

Tuesday Morning Study Group meets weekly on Tuesdays at 9 AM, in the library. Contact **Hugh Spall** at 925-2937

Wives In Prayer is seeking help to provide child care during Friday meetings. Contact **Emily Stickney** at 968-9195

Men's Fellowship Group Mondays at 6:30 PM. Contact **Mark Hayden** at 929-2035.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Tuesdays 8:30AM in church.

Pro-Life Prayer Join us outside of Planned Parenthood on Kelleher Ford property. Tuesdays 10:30 AM.

Compassion Corps 2nd & 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM in the couch/youth room. Contact: **Kelly Held** at 962-1250

Crafts Unlimited meet Tuesdays 10AM in the middle-west room. Contact **Carole Vondergeest** at 962-1551

SAYA (St. Andrew's Young Adults). Contact **Rachel Hochstein** at 360-325-6682

St. Vincent de Paul Ministries 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 10:15 AM. Seeking new members. Contact **Maryanne Witkowski** 509-859-3455

The Knights of Columbus meet 4th Thursday at 7 PM. Contact **Josh Mattson** at 509-856-4579

PREPARES A ministry to companion and aid young families. Next meeting is Sat, Nov 23, at 10 AM Contact **Sally Gililand** 206-854-2936

Catholic Radio: 100.3 FM/KXAA

Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM): 706 N Sprague Contact **Marcus Ayers** at 925-3043. Mass on Campus on Sunday at 7 pm in SURC 137 during school year.

**4th Sunday
of Advent
December 22, 2019**

**Welcome to
our visitors!**

<i>With gratitude and appreciation</i>	
Dec 14 & 15, 2019	
Regular Sunday	6,059.00
Building Fund	710.00
RE Program	470.00
Initial Offering	5.00
Total	7,244.00

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 23

- Mon—†Colleen Kelleher
- Tue—†Michael Weiss
- Thr —†Stan Gray, Sr.
- Fri—†Bill Seubert
- Sat—†Don Erickson
- Sun—†Mary Andreotti

Many thanks to the **Knights of Columbus** for helping with the Parish Christmas Breakfast last weekend.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to keep the parish office open when Barbara is gone. If you can assist for several hours or more, please contact the parish office at 962-9819. The parish office will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, December 25 & 26, in observance of Christmas, and Wednesday, January 1, in observance of New Year's Day. Have a blessed holiday season!

We are most grateful to our loyal donors and new donors to the **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA)**. We have received pledges from 126 households in the amount of \$36,430.50, a parish pledge goal of \$44,006. As always, 100% participation of our 1,100+ households is our main goal. Please visit www.yakimadiocese.org if you'd like to donate online. Please prayerfully consider your pledge this year.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND ELDERLY OF OUR PARISH especially Christina Keys, Sharon Rosell, Don Bacon, Dorothy Drotzmann, Msgr. Perron Auve, Fr. Mike Ibach, Fr. Reilly, Fr. Darell Mitchell, Fr. Murtaugh, TJ Johnson, and our priests and nuns who suffer from poor health, we pray to the Lord. *(Please call the parish office with updates; reviewed weekly.)*

DEC BIRTHDAYS 20— Robert Witkowski 23—Jack Wetzel, Maureen Woon 24—Martha Arias, Denise Dominguez, Javier Torres 25—Sonja Winklmaier, Jesus Zamora 26—Don Mays, Edward Sendelbach 27—Peter Eberle, Alan Erfle, Natalie Joyce, Thomas Megargle 28—Victoria Hernandez, Yohana Ochoa 29—Federico Espinoza, Lizbeth Villegas

HAPPY DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY 23—Ken & Vicky Garrett 27—Darrel & Jan Eason 31—William & Tamara Holmes

If you have an update to the Birthday or Anniversary lists, please contact the parish office.

Thank you to our many parishioners for supporting the St. Vincent Annual Giving Tree Program. Christmas was made brighter for 24 families and residents at Hearthstone (7), Prestige (16), Meadow Place (5). Merry Christmas to all!

It's time to **DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS LITURGIES**. Please join Diane Dier on Monday, December 23, at 6 PM, and/or Tuesday, December 24, at 9 AM. This makes for a wonderful family event!

EACH YEAR, YOUR OFFERING AT CHRISTMAS MASSES GOES TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES (CC). Your generous gifts on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day help CC become the hands and feet of Jesus to 50,000 people throughout Central Washington. To learn more about CC network of services, visit www.catholiccharitiescw.org CC envelopes are provided on the bulletin table. *If you wish to make a Christmas donation to St. Andrew's Church, please use the MY CHRISTMAS GIFT TO MY CHURCH envelope, also on the bulletin table.*

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Eve
Children's Mass 4:30 PM
Vigil Mass 8 PM

Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day
Mass 9 AM & 11 AM (Spanish)

LAS POSADAS will be celebrated this Sunday, follow the 11:15 AM Mass.

ST. VINCENT 5TH SUNDAY will be the weekend of December 28 & 29. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

UPCOMING FEASTS/SOLEMNITIES

Dec 28— The Holy Innocents

Dec 29— The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Jan 1— Mary, Mother of God, a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 9 AM and 11 AM (Spanish).

Jan 1— Epiphany of the Lord

Jan 12— Baptism of the Lord

VALLEY VIEW WEEKEND MEALS appreciate donations of applesauce or mixed fruit cups, hot chocolate packets, Carnation Instant Breakfast, protein bars (10+gr), single OJ or apple juice cartons, Chef Boyardee cans. **FISH FOOD BANK** will appreciate cash or canned and boxed holiday meal ingredients. **FISH** new location is 804 Elmview Rd.

Many thanks to our generous parishioners who support St. Andrew's in every way possible with time, talent and treasure. Monetary donations received by 4 PM on Dec 31, will be credited to your 2019 donation statement which will be mailed out mid-January.

Our **2020 CALENDARS** are here! Please take one home. We would like to thank *Henry D. Johnston of Steward & Williams Funeral Home and Crematory* for his kind and generous support toward our parish calendars. It is a blessing for us to realize that there are those who are willing to make sacrifices in order to share in our mission. In a very real sense, he is among those who give life to our work for Christ.

...lifeline for troubled marriages: The next **RETRouvaille WEEKEND** is February 14-16 in Spokane. Call 8-00-470-2230 or visit www.retrouvaille.org confidential.

Did you know St. Andrew's is online? You can check us out for various things like bulletins, schedules and online donations at <https://st-andrewsparish.org/> We are also on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewEllensburg/> Check out photos from previous events, like Deacon Jim's Ordination.

Want to keep up with what's happening in Youth Ministry? We use the **REMI**ND App to notify parents of upcoming events, meetings and announcements. You can join by texting the class code to 81010 or in the app itself:



Middle School/Edge @EdgeParent
High School/ LifeTeen @LifeTeen Pa
Confirmation @Chosen Par

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP began a new Lectio Divina series Monday, December 16, 6:30 p.m. This study is on evangelization, looking at the Acts of the Apostles. Check it out on www.formed.org to preview. Our concurrent series, The Wild Goose, continues at the same time. Join either one at any time.

There will be a **CONFIRMATION RETREAT** Friday-Saturday, January 31-February 1. Please keep our students in your prayers as they grow closer to Christ.

Our next **CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING** is Wednesday, January 5, at 7 PM. At least 1 parent needs to attend with their youth.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In observance of the Christmas Holiday, no classes will be offered Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, December 22 – January 1. Classes resume the week of Sunday, January 5, 2020

Elementary— Sundays, 10:15—11:05 AM

High School Youth Group— Sundays, 6:15—7:30 PM

Middle School—Mondays, 6:30—8 PM

Confirmation Preparation—Wednesdays, 7—8:30 PM.

Stewardship Reflection

IS 7:10-14, 10; PS 24:1-6; ROM 1:1-7; MT 1:18-24



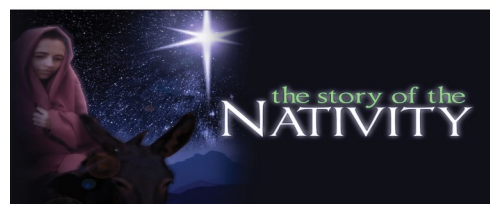
As our Advent preparations draw to a close and Christmas fast approaches, it is fitting that today's readings demonstrate the intensity of the Father's perfect and passionate love for each us, culminating in the gift of His own Son, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day. In response to such an overwhelming gift, what can we do except offer our lives as gift in return, embracing a stewardship way of life with all the love and strength we have to give?

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we find an unparalleled example of one who embraced this way of life in St. Joseph, as he obeys God's call to him through the message of an angel. We never hear St. Joseph speak, but the Scriptures tell us he was always listening, attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit for his family. It was Joseph who found the stable where the baby Jesus would be born. No doubt it was Joseph who cleaned it up and prepared it for Mary and Jesus since we know that Mary was about to give birth. Joseph protected the family, guarded them, tended to their safety, their comfort, and their well-being at the expense of his own plans and preferences. Though we do not hear any words from St. Joseph his actions clearly show that he offered himself, his whole life, as a gift to his family through his strong guidance, protection and service.

Let us imitate St. Joseph then as good stewards, giving our very lives to those around us in love and gratitude to God who has given us everything we have, especially His own Son, Jesus Christ.

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PICK OF THE WEEK



The Story of the Nativity

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