ST. ANDREW’S

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PREPARE

“Prepare the way of the Lord.”
MARK 1:3

Welcome to our visitors!!
Welcome back!! We are happy to see you!!

Kittitas County is holding in Phase 3 and we can have ~126 people present inside and up to 50 people in the breezeway at Mass. Reservations at Mass are required, please contact the parish office during office hours at: 509-962-9819 or standrewparish@yahoo.com Please remember to arrive for Mass about 30 minutes early, so everyone has time to check in before the start of Mass.

Mass with Bishop Tyson on KAPP, Sundays at 6:30 AM (English) & 9 AM on Hispanivision. Can also be viewed on the Yakima Diocese website after airing. 
https://www.ewtn.com/ 
https://www.ewtn.com/tv/ 
http://www.catholictv.org/ 
https://www.catholicfaithnetwork.org/ 
https://www.saltandlighttv.org/
https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/

In regards to Sunday **collections and Second collections**, please feel free to:
1. mail in your donation.
2. donate online using the VANCO link on our web page https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?apver3=wWSk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKg0BDxsSG3VIWQCPJNnxD8upkiY7jiDavDs ozU7K40mFxxNso8LdUKGuGufF396vzbZ2Ojm61r5a_QF1HDokHauXHubq57Zap 5JvmPEF4ZeYHCKCZhraESIGNQmZ5B-6dxv_mF3FNXJL26tpC2i2h9A&~&ver=3
3. an electronic payment through your bank.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

St. Andrew’s Church and parish offices continue to be closed to the public during the week, but open by appointment, **if you need to see us in person**. If you have any questions or need further assistance please call: Barbara Johnson 509-962-9819. To request Anointing of the Sick Sacrament call: Fr. Jaime Chacón, 509-962-9819.

Please pick up your copy of **The Word Among Us for Advent** on the bulletin table. We also have copies of **2021 Calendars**. Thank you to our calendar sponsor, Johnston & Williams Funeral Home & Crematory.

If you were not previously prepared to make a pledge, we invite you to do so now. Your gift is essential to sustaining the many ministries of the Diocese of Yakima. Our Pledge Goal this year is $37,512.00 This is over $6,000.00 less than last year’s goal. Remember to bring your envelopes with you to Mass, mail them in, or donate online at www.yakimadiocese.org Extra envelopes are available on the bulletin table.

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**FOR THE WEEK OF NOV 30**

Tue—Gretchen Thatcher  
Wed—†Allen Davis  
Fri—†Guadalupe Tainaka, 1 yr anniv  
Sat—†Hubert & Mary Schmitt

Bulletins can be viewed online at https://st-andrewsparish.org/bulletins

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**FURTHER INTENTIONS**

Thank you to those who volunteered this last week to help with ushering. **We are still in need of parishioners to assist at Mass with cleaning of the church after Mass**. Without cleaners, we would be unable to conduct Mass. Thank you for your consideration. Please contact the parish office.

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Mary, Mother of God will be celebrated with Masses on Thursday, December 31, at 6 PM and Friday, January 1, at 9 AM and 11 AM (Spanish). Please contact the parish office for Mass reservations. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Cold Weather Shelter is now operational and is in need of volunteers to help out in various areas. Please contact Dan Arnold at dan.arnold@mercercreek.org

Our Valley View Weekend Meal Program has been helping 34 students. The need is great and we really need your help, St. Andrew’s. Please donate individual serving size of applesauce, mixed fruit, orange/apple juice, mac ‘n cheese, rice, soup, protein bars, oatmeal, fruit snacks and Chef Boyardee pasta cans. Please leave donations in foyer baskets for pick-up on Mondays.

Brookside is partnering with Naomi’s Hope to provide Grief Services to Kittitas County families. Two-hour sessions will be hosted at Brookside Chapel, focusing on “Surviving the Holidays.” Offered in person and streaming. Please call 509-925-2902 or email kelly@brooksidefuneral.com for more information.

We hope that you have been enjoying FORMED during this time of isolation. Use parish code # 449536 to create a personal account. See next page for an Advent offering.
Diocese of Yakima Presents

DRUG ADDICTION
~ESPECIALLY OPIOIDS~

Conferencia disponible en Español

FEATURED SPEAKER

Dr. Fernando A. Ortiz, Ph.D.
Dr. Fernando A. Ortiz, Ph.D., ABPP is currently the Director of Counseling Services at Gonzaga University and Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Washington, Department of Psychiatry. He earned his Ph.D. in psychology from Washington State University.

Please join us virtually to see how COVID-19 has impacted today’s world with Drug Addiction. This conference is open to the public and we encourage families with youth to attend.

Únase a nosotros virtualmente para ver cómo COVID-19 ha impactado el mundo actual con la adicción a las drogas. Esta conferencia está abierta al público y les sugerimos a las familias con jóvenes a asistir.

Date/Fecha:
December 10, 2020/ Diciembre 10, 2020

ZOOM Conference Meeting / Conferencia via Zoom
Registration Now Open – https://bit.ly/3mHZOVa
Registración actualmente abierta – https://bit.ly/3mHZOVa
Or: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqdc2tqTljHNZ2mKaciDH5XjliDPxch6D6

Time/Horario:
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm (English/Ingles)
8:00pm – 9:00 pm (Spanish/Español)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! ¡ABIERTO AL PÚBLICO!

For questions please contact the Diocese of Yakima Pastoral Center at (509) 965-7117
The Road to Bethlehem

Reflections and Enrichment for Advent

We are excited to announce a brand-new project underway at FORMED! This Advent you can join *The Road to Bethlehem*—an opt-in digital discipleship program designed to lead you into an encounter with Christ and his love throughout Advent.

Here's the other great news—*The Road to Bethlehem* is completely free for all FORMED parishes and users.

Please consider joining us this Advent on *The Road to Bethlehem*, to encounter the love of God made flesh in the Person of Jesus Christ!

Sign up at [FORMED.org/advent](http://FORMED.org/advent)

This exciting new project from FORMED will allow you to grow in your faith from anywhere you can access FORMED—from your home, in the car, on a run, or taking a walk.

*The Road to Bethlehem* includes

- daily Advent reflections by Dr. Tim Gray;
- weekly videos, audio talks, and book excerpts on FORMED related to the theme of the week;
- Brother Francis Advent reflections for kids; and
- finally, a weekly action item to help you put the Advent message into practice.

Thank you for journeying with us this Advent! We hope that *The Road to Bethlehem* leads you further into communion with God’s greatest gift to us: Jesus Christ.

Happy Advent!
The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Tuesday, December 8th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

An essential part of God’s plan for the mother of his Son was that she be conceived free from Original Sin. “Through the centuries the Church became ever more aware that Mary, ‘full of grace’ through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception” (CCC, no. 491).

In anticipation that she was to bear the Son of God, Mary was preserved from the time of her conception from Original Sin.

We call this the Immaculate Conception. No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and birth of Christ, but rather to Mary’s being conceived without inheriting Original Sin.

In the course of time, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception became more precisely enunciated, as its truth—long supported by the universal popular devotion of the faithful—was better understood by deepening theological inquiry.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed this dogma infallibly: that is, in his role as supreme teacher of the Church, he declared that this doctrine is divinely revealed and must be accepted with faith by the entire Church.

MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, our Mother. To you we come. Before you we kneel, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your clemency, hear and answer them. Amen.—St. Bernard of Clairvaux
FIRST READING:
A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! (Is 40:3)

PSALM:
Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

SECOND READING:
The day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. (2 Pt 3:10)

GOSPEL:
“One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” (Mk 1:7b-8)


PREPARE
THE WAY OF
THE LORD!

GOSPEL MEDITATION
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision are all necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a “good seat” in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the “best seat” in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?
SHARING THE GOSPEL
John the Baptist had an important message. When you make sinful mistakes, and when you turn away from God, stop. Learn from your mistakes, and do things God’s way. Were you bossy or rude? Be thoughtful and kind. Did you tell a lie? Be honest instead. God wants you to share his love with other people.

PRAYER
Jesus, help me to learn from my mistakes. Thank you for forgiving me.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK
Ask your family if you have hurt their feelings. Ask them to forgive you.
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**MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS**

- **Saturday Vigil—Vigilia en Ingles:** 5:00 pm
- **Sunday:** 9 am, 5 pm & 7 pm (CCM)
- **Misa del domingo:** 11:15 am (Spanish)
- **Daily Mass:** 8 am Tuesday — Friday
  
  8 am Monday, Liturgy of the Word

- **Misas en español:** 7pm Martes

- **Confessions:** Saturdays at 3:30 pm, also by appt.
- **Confesiones:** Sábados a las 3:30 pm o por cita.

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**DUE TO COVID-19, ACTIVITIES ARE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED**

**PARISH 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 via Zoom. **Contact** Mark Hayden at 929-2035.
- **Crafts Unlimited** meet Tuesdays 11 AM in the middle-west room. **Contact** Carole Vondergeest at 962-1551
- **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.
- **The Knights of Columbus** Thursdays at 7 PM. **Contact** Josh Mattson at 509-856-4579
- **Compassion Corps** 2nd & 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM (in the couch/youth room. **Contact:** Kelly Held at 962-1250
- **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** Mar- yanne Witkowski 509-859-3455

**PREPARES** is a Catholic pro-life ministry which supports and accompanies young families. Donations can be left in the activity center lobby at the PREPARES donation crib. Your prayers are most appreciated.

- **Catholic Radio: 100.3 FM/KXAA**
- **Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM):** 706 N Sprague **Contact** Marcus Ayers at 925-3043 marcus.ayers@yakimadiocese.org
  
  Mass offered on Sundays at 7PM at St. Andrew’s.

**FORMED.org parish code:** 449536 Catholic resources free to all parishioners of all ages, in English & Spanish.
Pray the Rosary!

The Great Weapon of the 21st Century

Sister Lucia, the eldest seer of Fatima, said that in these times the Blessed Mother has granted even greater power to the Rosary. She said, “there is no problem, however difficult, whether temporal or spiritual; no problem in the life of families, religious communities, or the life of nations, that cannot be solved by the Rosary.”

“The Rosary is the weapon for these times.”

St. Padre Pio

Find more information at www.2holyrosary.org