St. Michael Catholic Church
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First Sunday of Advent—December 1, 2019

PREPARE

“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”
MATTHEW 24:44


Mass Schedule:
Saturday Evening Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday Morning Spanish 8:00 am
Sunday Morning English 10:30 am
Sunday Evening English 5:00 pm

Weekday Mass:
Wednesday 6:00 pm Monday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 am.

Reconciliation:
Wednesday 5:00 pm
Saturday 3:30 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Monday 9:45 am to 6:00 pm
Friday 9:45 am to 9:00 pm

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Weddings:  Please call the office a minimum of six months prior to your request-
ed wedding date so that the Marriage Preparation planning can be completed.
Melissa Landowski our wedding coordinator will assist.
Annulment:  Lisa Tuckett and Carmen Flores  Please call the office.
Funerals:  Please call the office.
Ministry to Homebound —Please call the office.
Grupo de Oración:  Consuelo Gonzalez—Please call the office.
### Catholic Community Services Appeal

This weekend please pick up an envelope to help support Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services provide care for our poorest and most vulnerable neighbors. Thank you to those who have already so generously made donations to CCS. Your gifts are used locally to provide essential services and programs for people desperately in need. As good stewards of your gifts, 92 cents of every dollar CCS spends goes directly to serve those in need. Please visit their website at [www.ccsww.org](http://www.ccsww.org) for more information or if you have not yet made a gift of support. Please visit the CCS website at [www.ccsww.org/donate](http://www.ccsww.org/donate) to donate online.

### Annual Auction

Don’t be late! Save the Date! - Join us for the 13th Annual St. Michael School Auction. “Down the Rabbit Hole”.

**When:** March 7th, 2020  
**Tickets**—$75.00  
**Dinner & Signature Drink included**

### Auction Basket Raffle!

Auction raffle tickets are on sale now! It is in the narthex now for you to see. Worth over $1,000 this basket has something for everyone! What a great way to get some Christmas presents taken care of, or treat yourself! Tickets are $5 a piece, or 5 for $15 or our BEST deal - 20 tickets for $50! Proceeds benefit St. Michael Catholic School. Drawing is December 16th.

### Quarter Craze Success

Thank you to all of our vendors and participants who made the 4th annual quarter craze such a success! With your support we had a wonderful evening and raised over $1,400 for the school!

### Eagles Soar High

Congratulations to our middle school students who participated in the AMHS speech tournament! Special congratulations to Emily Anderson who placed 5th for the storybook category.

### Weekly Calendar

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### Building Project Update

There is a small check list of items that need to be completed before we can use the elevator. Hopefully by the time you are reading this bulletin, the elevator will be in working order. Thank you for your continued patience. It will be great to have a working elevator very soon.

### New Women’s Ministry

St Michael Martha and Mary’s (aka St. Mike’s M & M’s) invite the women of the parish to join us on December 3rd in the narthex at 6:30 pm for fellowship, planning our spring Ladies Tea, and discussion of advent traditions. Bring a few of your favorite scones or cookies to share with the group if you have time. Hope to see you all there!

### Cold Weather Shelter

The Cold Weather Season is upon us. The Snohomish Cold Weather Shelter opens its doors when the weather is forecasted to be 34 degrees or below. For five years now, the shelter has been saving lives, encouraging hearts and sharing the love of Jesus with those challenged by homelessness in and around Snohomish. It is both challenging and rewarding work. More participants lighten the load for everyone. Here’s how you can help:

1. Volunteer to serve the guests directly.
2. Volunteer to cover a week or two of "church support services." This means making sure the laundry from the shelter is done and returned (Snohomish Laundry has donated their machines for this purpose) and the garbage is dumped. Please contact Pat Jack, volunteer coordinator for our parish, [patjack13@gmail.com](mailto:patjack13@gmail.com)
3. It takes money to keep the shelter open. Giving can be done through Snohomish Evangelical Free Church - just earmark the gift to the Cold Weather Shelter.
Dear parishioners,

As we enter into Advent, I’d like to share with you the words Pope Francis has for us for these readings and this liturgical season. May we be open to whatever ways the Lord calls us to expand our hearts! A blessed Advent to all!

In Christ, Fr. Michael

Today in the Church a new liturgical year begins, which is a new journey of faith for the People of God. And as always, we begin with Advent. The passage of the Gospel (cf. (Mt 24:37-44) introduces us to one of the most evocative themes of Advent: *the visit of the Lord to humanity*. The first visit — we all know — occurred with the Incarnation, Jesus’ birth in the cave of Bethlehem; the second takes place in the present: the Lord visits us constantly, each day, walking alongside us and being a consoling presence; in the end, there will be the third, the last visit, which we proclaim each time that we recite the *Creed*: “He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead”. Today, the Lord speaks to us about this final visit, which will take place at the end of time, and he tells us where we will arrive on our journey.

The Word of God emphasizes the contrast between the normal unfolding of events, the everyday *routine*, and the unexpected coming of the Lord. Jesus says: “For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they did not know until the flood came and swept them all away” (vv. 38-39): so says Jesus. It always strikes a cord when we think about the hours which precede a great disaster: everyone is calm, and they go about their usual business without realizing that their lives are about to be turned upside down. Of course, the Gospel does not want to scare us, but to open our horizons to another, greater dimension, one which, on the one hand puts into perspective everyday things, while at the same time making them precious, crucial. The relationship with the God-who-comes-to-visit-us gives every gesture, every thing a different light, a substance, a symbolic value.

From this perspective there also comes an invitation to *sobriety*, to not be controlled by the things of this world, by material reality, but rather to govern them. If, by contrast, we allow ourselves to be influenced and overpowered by these things, we cannot perceive that there is something very important: our final encounter with the Lord: this is important. That encounter. And everyday matters must have the horizon, and must be directed to that horizon. This encounter with the Lord who comes for us. In that moment, as the Gospel says, “Then two men will be in the field; one is taken and one is left” (v. 40). It is an invitation to be vigilant, because in not knowing when he will come, we need to be ever ready to leave.

In this season of Advent, we are called to expand the horizons of our hearts, to be amazed by the life which presents itself each day with newness. In order to do this, we must learn to not depend on our own certainties, on our own established strategies, because the Lord comes at a time that we do not imagine. He comes to bring us into a more beautiful and grand dimension.

May Our Lady, the Virgin of Advent, help us not to consider ourselves proprietors of our life, not to resist when the Lord comes to change it, but to be ready to let ourselves be visited by him, the awaited and welcome guest, even if it disturbs our plans.

**Electronic Giving**

WELCOME TO PUSHPAY! This is a simplified way to give electronically. This program will keep donors up to date on their giving throughout the year. Use this link to get to our giving page: https://pushpay.com/g/stmichaelsnohomish?src=hpp or just text stmichaelsnohomish to 77977 and you will be sent the link to the new platform or go to the parish web site stmichaelsnohomish.org and follow the links to set up new donations and cancel previously scheduled gifts. Once you set up the initial information, donors can give electronically in less than 15 seconds!

If you are a current electronic donor, you will also need to cancel your previously scheduled gift. In the coming weeks, we will be transitioning all of our electronic donors over to the new PushPay platform before deleting the old way of giving electronically through the website.

Giving cards for the new electronic giving platform are in the pews. Information for donating is on the card. You may also place the card in the collection basket as a token of your donation.

**Protecting God’s Children for Adults**

This three-hour training is designed to teach participants how to recognize the signs of abuse, how to respond to suspected abuse, and how to keep our ministries, programs, and schools safe. This training is required for clergy, employees, and volunteers with contact to minors and vulnerable adults. This training is facilitated by a certified facilitator of the Archdiocese of Seattle. Please register online at Virtus.org

Upcoming class: December 7th at 1:00 pm in the large hall at St. Michael.