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09 December 2018 (2nd Sunday of Advent- Year C)

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Tuesday-Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: Vigil Mass 5:30 pm
Sunday Masses: 8:30 and 10:30 am
Mass for Persons with Disabilities: 2nd Sunday of the
Month, 12:30 pm (**exceptions to schedule noted inside**)
Daily: Monday - Saturday Mass: 8:00 am
Holy Days: Masses at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS / ADORATION

Saturday 4:00 – 5:00 pm, Sunday at 7:30 am, in the
church, daily 7:30 am, or at other times by
appointment. **Adoration: M/F Daily 7 – 8 am**

ST. ROSE SCHOOL

5309 NE Alameda St.
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Phone: 503-281-1912 Fax: 503-281-0554
Grades Pre-K through 8
Principal: Mrs. Christine Penwell,
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SERVICES

St Vincent de Paul Society 503-235-8431

SACRAMENTS

Preparation for Baptism, first Reconciliation, first
Communion, and Confirmation. Contact the office for
personal or family needs for Anointing of the Sick.
Couples seeking information about Marriage please
contact the parish office well in advance of the
intended wedding date. Adults looking into the
Catholic faith prepare during Fall and Winter for
reception into the Church at Easter.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Home visitations may be scheduled by calling the
parish office. Communion ministers are available.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December 2018

Evangelization: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and
transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with
culture, a language suited to the conditions of the
present time.

The Second Sunday of Advent – Year C
St. Rose of Lima Parish

Pastor's Keyboard

By: Fr. Matt Libra

Mass Intentions / Parish Activities

Sunday, December 09, 2018

7:30 – 8 am Confessions

8:30 am Mass **For the Parish**

9:20 am – 1st Reconciliation

10:30 am Mass **+ Hoang Nguyen (Sonny Do)**

12:30 pm Disabilities Mass

6:30 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal

Monday, December 10, 2018

7:40 am Morning Prayer in church

8:00 Mass **+ Vincent Phan (Christine Nguyen)**

9:30 am Choir practice in ch – (8:30 am choir)

7:00 pm Rosary in Chapel

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

7:40 am Morning Prayer in church

8:00 Mass **Int. Marcella Kennedy (Rosemary Westby)**

10:30 am Rosary in chapel

7:00 pm Parish Penance Service

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

7:40 am Morning Prayer in church

8:00 Mass **+ John Astle (Julie McNicholas)**

8:00 am – 3 pm Santa's Workshop - basement cr

6:00 pm Advent Mass **Int. Healing for all victims of abuse**

6:00 pm Youth Mtg. – foyer

7:00 pm Scouts – CA & gym

Thursday, December 13, 2018

7:40 am Morning Prayer in church

8:00 Mass **Int. Tim Judge (Kelsey Belcher)**

8:00 am – 3 pm Santa's Workshop - basement cr

2 – 4 pm 4H in cr

Friday, December 14, 2018

7:40 am Morning Prayer in church

8:00 am Mass **+ Jan Rianda (David Rianda)**

8:00 am – 3 pm Santa's Workshop - basement cr

10:00 am – Funeral Mass

Saturday, December 15, 2018

7:40 am Morning Prayer in church

8:00 am Mass **+ Andrew Schommer (Steve Schommer)**

9 am – noon 1st Reconciliation students

1 pm Funeral Mass, followed by reception

4 pm Confessions

5:30 Pm Vigil Mass + Dominh & Maria Luu (Mary Luu)

Sunday, December 16, 2018

7:30 am – 8:00 am Confessions

8:30 am Mass **For the Parish**

9:00 am – Confirmation

10:30 am Mass **Int. Paul & Hanh Hansen (Suzanne Belatti)**

5:00 pm- 7:30 pm Youth Sunday

Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns this week for + Doug Feller

Sanctuary Lamp in Chapel burns this week for + Terry Taylor

Praying Like a Pirate

Fr. Cody actually gave me that catch-phrase. He's good; pirates say ARRR and a great way to grow in *affective* prayer is A.R.R.R.

Acknowledge, Relate, Receive, Respond.

Sit with God's word. Enter into the scene that you've just read. Now, once you feel God is saying something to you, *acknowledge* what stirs within you. Pay attention to your thoughts, feelings and desires. These are really, really important.

Once you've acknowledged what's going on inside your heart, *relate* that to God. Don't just think *about* your thoughts, feelings and desires. Don't just think *about* God. Don't just think *about* how God might react. Relate *to* God. Tell Him how you feel. Tell Him what you think. Tell Him what you want. Share *all* your thoughts, feelings, and desires with God. Share *everything* with Him.

Once you've shared everything with God, *receive*. Listen to what He's telling you. It could be a subtle voice you hear. It could be a memory that pops up. Maybe He invites you to re-read the Scripture passage. Perhaps you feel something in your body. Perhaps He invites you into a still, restful, silence. Trust that God is listening to you and *receive* what He wants to share with you.

Now *respond* however you want. It could be more conversation. It could be a resolution. It could be tears or laughter. *Respond* to what you're *receiving*.

Finally, *journal*. Keep a record this Advent of what your prayer was like. It doesn't have to be earth shattering, it could be a sentence or two about what God told you or how that day's reflection struck you. Regardless of how you do it—*journal*.

(Explanations above are from Fr. Mark Toups in Theotokos)

We heard from our Lord last week: "Be vigilant and pray...", seizing this time of Advent to deepen how we pray, permitting the Spirit to inflame our affect, will lead us to recognize Christ when He comes to us in power clothed in humility.

OFFERTORY: December 2, 2018 \$5,387. yielding \$113,598 YTD + WeShare YTD Fiscal = \$36,485 Combined Total \$150,083 YTD versus \$171,626 Fiscal YTD budgeted or (88 %). Thank you for your generous contributions!

Please Pray for Us the Sick of the Parish

Cynthia Eubanks, Terry Westom, Virginia Shipp, Floyd Higgins, Sandra Woodruff, Barbara Shipp, Peggy Johnson, Bill Mathias, Marge Fleskes, Peter Tran, Lucille Carich, Ann Johnson, Bridget Rowley, Bill Thompson, Annie Schmidt, Martha Daggett, Brian McNicholas, Hayden McGarvie, Sammy McLaughlin, Claudette Derricotte, Tim Judge, Rich Gold, Shirley Hill, Brian Brown, Joel Rivera, Brock Herriges, Pete Rowland, Dorothy Fleischmann, Luke Stager (Seminarian), and all others in need of prayers.

**Next Week: December 16, 2018
(3rd Sunday of Advent) - Year C**

During this week, please take time to pre-read the Readings for next Sunday's Mass from your Bible. This will aid in giving a deeper dimension and understanding to what we hear proclaimed in the readings.

Reading I: Zephaniah 3:14-18
(Salvation is near and God will protect his people.)

Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12: 2-6
(Cry out with joy and gladness, for in your midst is the Great and Holy One of Israel.)

Reading II: Philippians 4:4-7
(Rejoice in the Lord, set anxiety aside and live with prayer and thanksgiving.)

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18
(John the Baptist urges various groups of people to works of justice and charity.)

PLEASE NOTE: You can get the complete text of readings for any day of the year at www.usccb.org

**St. Vincent de Paul - St. Rose Conference
December 09, 2018 (2nd Sunday of Advent)**

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

Our pantry needs boxed dinners – tuna helper; canned meats (spam, chicken, salmon, deviled ham); pancake/waffle mixes; baked beans; all types canned vegetables.

Thank you for your continued support as we attempt to provide groceries for 400-699 people each month!

If you know of a neighbor or friend needing food assistance, please refer them to SVDP at 503.235.8431 for help!

Christmas Potluck: December 25, 2:30 pm in the school cafeteria. All are welcome! Joyfully join with St. Rose parish for a Christmas Day potluck dinner. Bring friends and family together to celebrate Jesus' birth. Please contribute a veggie dish or dessert for 8 to share. Call John Bayer for any questions, and or willingness to help out. 503.704.2560

The St. Rose of Lima Youth Choir will perform at the Grotto's Festival of Carols on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 5:15 pm. Please come and support our young singers. Tickets available at the performance.

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious. Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to

meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you all who have given so generously.

Attention: All Readers/Lectors: *The New Workbook for Proclaimers is in the Sacristy on the Counter. Please pick up your copy, attached is a copy of the recent Reader training instructions, with helpful information.*

Parish Penance Service will be Tuesday, the 11th December at 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm



**MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS
FOR CHRISTMAS 2018**

The Saint Rose Altar Guild will be selling Memorial Poinsettias to grace the Sanctuary for Christmas for a suggested donation of \$12.50 each. Envelopes for placing your order will be available on a table at the back of church this weekend, until Sunday, December 16th. Please fill out the order form and put the envelope with donation into the offertory basket at Mass or leave at the parish office. You can also go online and order/pay for your poinsettias at: <https://strosepdx.weshareonline>.

EM, Lector, & Altar Server Schedule

**Thank you to all who faithfully serve our parish!
15/16 December 2018 (3rd Sunday of Advent)**

Next Week: 3rd Week of the Month – Sunday & Saturday before

5:30 PM (Vigil) Saturday (15 December 2018)

L: Julie Winczewski L: Rosemary Westby
C: **open** R: Sandra Ruff

Altar Servers:

8:30 AM Sunday (16 December 2018)

L: Jim Borquist L: Francie Borquist
C: Anne Nguyen C: Laura Altenhofen
C: Peggy Johnson R: Paul Westby

Altar Servers:

10:30 AM Sunday (16 December 2018) Youth Sunday

L: Pete & Karolin Lennon assist. L: Youth
C: Youth C: Youth
C: Youth R: Youth

Altar Servers:

****Note** We have several open slots for Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist, call the parish office if you are interested in serving. If you are not scheduled at a particular *Mass*, but see there is an "Open" slot, please feel free to come forward and serve.**

****Note** When a visiting Priest, Deacon, or Seminarian is on the altar, we will need fewer EMs. Thank you!**

St. Rose Nursery

Reminder Parents: St. Rose Nursery is for infants through children 3-years of age and is available starting at 10:15am in the Pre-Kindergarten classroom in the school. Follow stairs (leading to cafeteria) to double doors at the bottom and follow signs to Nursery.

Marriage Encounter Winter Dance Fundraiser, will be held at the Monarch Hotel on Saturday, January 19, 2019 from 6-11pm . \$50 per person, Live music, Complimentary photo and door prices. Three course meal choice of: salmon, roasted pork or vegetarian option, includes salad, dessert, coffee and tea. Cash bar; Silent action. See flyer in foyer

Marriage Help - Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the Jan 2019 program beginning with a weekend on Jan 18-20 call 503-225-9191 or 800-470-2230 or email: portland@retrouvaille.org or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Christmas Tree Recycle: Scout Troup 100 will be collecting trees at St. Rose on Saturday, 1/5/18, from 9:00-3:00.

MARRIED COUPLES "Conduct yourself to please God." Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on January 25th - 27th in Astoria, Oregon. For more information call 503-853-2758 or apply on-line at www.rediscoverthespark.org. Additional dates and locations are listed on-line.



CHOIR NOTES Music provides beauty, joy, comfort, inspiration and prayer for our St Rose liturgies and special celebrations. Singers and musicians commit to sharing their time and talent. Are you called to join them?

Looking for ways to connect with our parish community? To be involved? to develop friendships? to feel at home? Would you like to play a bigger part in our community? Take a look at the many volunteer opportunities & Contact the parish office at 503-281-5318 **Volunteers Needed**
We are looking for parishioners who would like to serve as **Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist, Lectors, Collection Counters and for St. Vincent de Paul.** If you would like help in any of these capacities, or others, please call the parish office, 503.281.5318. A background check, CTP training, as well as training for the Ministry will be completed.

And...



Coffee/Donut Volunteer Opportunities: **There are only 3 Sundays still available for the 2018/2019 year. Sign-Up is in the back of church, or go to our website and sign up online at sign up genius at:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUps&search&id=OCCBC9DBF4CAF966&cs=09BOBAAD8FC48B177BOB64765BCF9BC8&sortby=1.title> please check your calendars... All individuals or families are welcome to sign up. Many opportunities (for families with students at St. Rose School benefitting from Parish subsidized tuition rates), to say **yes** on your school subsidy form that you are involved in Parish activities.

Altar Guild sign-up sheets are also in back of Church.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Interested in being a Catholic? Want help in taking the next step? At St. Rose of Lima, those discerning whether to enter the Catholic Church are asked to commit to attend weekly, Sunday morning sessions began on September 16, 2018 and will continue through June 4, 2019.

During these eight months, attendance at weekly 10:30 Mass Liturgy of the Word will be followed by prayer, discussion and study. We will follow Old and New testaments of *The Bible*, the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* and other articles and publications on this schedule:

- * Fall 2018 – Catholics Beliefs (The Creed)
- * Advent 2018 through the Christmas Season 2018 – Catholic Worship (The Sacraments)
- * Lent 2019 – Catholic Living (The Commandments)
- * Days of Reflection (a Saturday during Lent TBA)
- * Easter Vigil (April 20, 2019) Baptism (for those never baptized) or Full Reception into the Catholic Church (for baptized Christians), Confirmation, First Communion
- * Easter Season to Pentecost—Sharing the Easter Experience.

If you're interested, please contact the parish office by phone (503) 281-5318 or e-mail dcooper@strosepx.org.

Fall Religious Education – 2018

Confirmation: New Fall Calendar for 2018/2019 will be included in the Confirmation Packet, which can be found online at www.strosepx.org, Faith Formation, Sacramental Preparation. For more information please contact Laura Altenhofen: laura.altenhofen@gmail.com, 503.780.3537

Sacramental Prep: 1st Communion / 1st Reconciliation Class began on September 16, 2018. **First Reconciliation in December and First Communion in May. See schedule to include new "Youth Sunday" activities.** Registration forms are in the back of church on the counter, and online under "Faith Formation, Sacramental Preparation" at www.strosepx.org

St. Rose Nursery and Children's Liturgy: Looking for volunteers that can commit to 1 Sunday per month during 10:30am mass. For more information please contact: Marianne Hoonakker-Kelly at (503) 504-6576 or mariannehoonakkerkelly@gmail.com

CCD Religious Education/Youth Sunday CCD Religious Education classes in the Fall for grades 3 – 8, at the "Youth Sundays" Fellowship from 5-7:30pm. This is an opportunity for all youth of the parish to gather for a meal and activity, then break into individual classes to learn more about how to know and love our faith, our God & Neighbor. For more information please contact Jennifer Ratigan: jdratigan@gmail.com

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Tech Support: As a Knight of Columbus, I provide assistance to those in need. My parents Dave and Kathie are both active members of St. Rose, and I also wish to serve our parish by offering my technical services to the parish community. I am familiar with most windows operating systems, and mobile IOS and Android platforms. I will be able to assist with new program installations and modifications & troubleshooting; i.e. installing a new printer, or Bluetooth / keyboard connection to a tablet, as well as assistance with antivirus and malware protection. Michael Castricano, Knight of Columbus mjcp parish@gmail.com

Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese:

Gosnell Movie: The Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer. See the "Gosnell" (PG-13) TRAILER at [Gosnell Movie](http://GosnellMovie.com).

9/26-11/4 40 Days for Life: You're invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Lovejoy Surgicenter, 933 NW 25th Avenue, Portland. Hours to witness at Lovejoy Surgicenter are from 7 AM to 7 PM daily. If you would like to participate, please contact Therese Ruesink at [503-997-1884](tel:503-997-1884) or go to 40daysforlife.com/portland.

As faithful Christians, we have a responsibility to witness to the culture of life! Come out and see how God will use YOU to help mothers and save the lives of unborn children. The "no-show" rate for abortions is as high as 75% when people are present praying on abortion day. Please join us! **40 Days for Life Vigil**

hours at Lovejoy Surgicenter are from 7 AM to 7 PM daily. Lovejoy Surgicenter is located at [933 NW 25th Avenue, Portland](http://www.lovejoy.org). If you would like more information, and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Therese Ruesink at 503.997.1884 or ruesinktherese@comcast.net.

Are you single and over age 50? SOLO SENIORS is a catholic-based social organization, for single men and women over age 50 in the greater Portland area. It primarily provides social and recreational programs in a safe and friendly environment for its members. For more information, a Solo brochure or a copy of our monthly newsletter, call Ann Buchholz 503 235-9047.

St. Rose Repeat Announcements

Update: Thank you all for your contribution to the 2018 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. We have exceeded our goal, and are at 124% or 42,399 with 26.5% parishioner participation.

"Save Time and Donate Online!" Online Giving is available for parishioners with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure. Visit the website below and make your payment. If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit <http://strosepx.weshareonline.org>, or go online to our website at www.strosepx.org, and click on the We Share link. If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please call the Parish office.

A Message from the St. Rose Parish Library: Please take a look around your home for any library books that you have read and not yet returned. In addition, consider donating a relevant Catholic book that you have read and want to share with others. The library has accepted dozens of donated books from parishioners and the collection is becoming quite impressive. For questions about donating new or used titles to the library, please contact the parish library volunteer; Todd Rosenquist (503) 869-5077

Check out the St. Rose Library! Through a generous donation, we have new children's books and DVD's. Great way for the whole family to be entertained and learn about our beautiful Catholic Faith and treasured saints.

The Holy Spirit Sisters would like to thank you for your continued support by donating your redeemable cans & bottles. Please continue dropping them off at the back of the Convent across from the parish. **Looking for someone to help with processing and redemption of the donations.** Please contact Fred Stovel at 503.799.3225.

The St. Rose Youth Choir always welcomes new members, and is open to boys and girls 4th grade through high school for 5:30 pm Vigil Mass. If interested, please contact the director, John Vergin at 503.334.9575 or the parish office 503.281.5318

St. Rose Nursery and Children's Liturgy of the Word



* Nursery opens at 10:10. Please drop your child off at the nursery between 10:10 and 10:25.

* Nursery is located in the Pre-Kindergarten classroom at St. Rose School. Follow stairs (leading to cafeteria) to double doors at the bottom and follow signs to Nursery.

* There will be an information & registration sheet for you to fill out and sign. There is No Fee.

* If you are needed during mass, we will come and get you.

* Immediately after mass please come and retrieve your child.

Children's Liturgy of the Word - What to expect:

- * After opening prayer, Fr Matt will invite all school age children from ages 4-11 to the front of church.
- * There will be leaders waiting with the Children's Liturgy banner. Children will line up in two groups, 4-7 & 8-11.
- * Fr Matt will give a special blessing
- * Leaders will lead them to the 2nd & kindergarten classrooms in St. Rose School to learn the liturgy of the Word at their level.
- * After Homily, Creed and Intercessions, approximately 20-25 minutes, the children will quietly return to the church and back with you.

Music Opportunities at St. Rose

5:30 pm Vigil Mass: St. Rose Youth Choir: The Youth Choir sings once a month at the 5:30 pm Vigil. **We are looking for new singers to join us!** If your child (age 9 and up) enjoys singing, loves music, and would like to learn more about both, while serving our parish through the ministry of music, please call Choir Director, John Vergin at [503-334-9575](tel:503-334-9575), or the parish office.

8:30 am Sunday Mass: "Sing praise to God, sing praise." – Psalm 47. If you enjoy singing at Mass, why not join the **8:30 Mass Choir?** All voices are needed and it only requires about two hours of your time weekly—during one of which, you're already here. **Contact Chris Alver, at alver6403@comcast.net**

10:30 am Sunday Mass: FOLK GROUP YOUTH CHOIR If you are in second grade or above and enjoy liturgical singing; we hope you'll consider participating! Contact Jean Czuba (iczuba@q.com) for additional details.

The St. Rose Folk Group is actively looking for new musicians to join us. We need a pianist for the 10:30 am Mass on Sundays in addition to singers, guitarists or any other instrumentalists. If interested or if you have further questions, please contact Mary Johnson at 503-288-7851 or come up to the piano after 10:30 Mass.

10:30 am Sunday Mass: FOLK GROUP YOUTH CHOIR If you are in second grade or above and enjoy liturgical singing, we hope you'll consider participating! Contact Jean Czuba (iczuba@q.com) for additional details.

St. Rose Stork Club is the welcoming committee for new babies. If you know of someone with a new addition to their family, spread the word about this fun ministry. The stork club is a wonderful way to meet parishioners and help with the transition of a new little one in your family. We also extend our cooking skills to those experiencing medical problems or other limitations & some prepared meals and a brief visit would be helpful. To join the Stork club or receive meals, please contact Joyce Boyce at joyeboy@yahoo.com, or the parish office 503-281-5318.

St. Rose Book Club next meeting on _____ at 6:30 pm, at Connie Manning's house. Call Connie at 503.288.3618 for questions and details.

If you would like to change your donations from envelope use to online donations, this is a simple process. Go to our website www.strosepx.org and click on WeShare on the right side of home page. Or, go directly to www.strosepx.weshareonline.org

Repeat Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese:

Mother & Child Education Center provides pregnancy testing, classes, clothing and supplies for new mothers. Their goal is to provide a place where new mothers can go for support, so children can be welcomed and nurtured. Go to www.momchildpdx.org for more information.

Looking to start a family? Attempting to conceive? Natural Family Planning has been used successfully by couples to achieve

pregnancy. Most think about preventing pregnancy when considering NFP. However, the knowledge learned in NFP can be very useful in understanding a couple's fertility and in helping to improve the chances of becoming pregnant.

www.StandUpGirl.com – Maybe you're pregnant, or worried that you might be pregnant. You feel scared, overwhelmed, alone. Need someone to talk to...someone you can be real with? We're here for you. Women who get what you're going through, because they've lived through it. Women who care and can help. Confidential.

Tired of living paycheck to paycheck? Attend a Save First Financial Wellness half-day workshop to learn about money management. You will learn about saving money, debt reduction, budgeting and building credit. The cost is \$25 for individuals and \$40 for couples. The cost covers registration fee and class materials (scholarships are available). Sign up for an upcoming workshop from 9 AM to 12:30 PM on Sat., Nov. 3 or Sat., Dec. 1st. Workshops take place at Catholic Charities' Clark Family Center at 2740 SE Powell Blvd., Portland, OR 97202. To register, call 503.688.2596 or email Emily@SaveFirstFinancial.org.

ADVENT PREPARATION AT ST.THERESE CHURCH – NOVENA MASS (SIMBANG GABI)

ALL are welcome to come and prepare your hearts and minds for the coming of our Lord at Christmas! Christmas Novena Masses will be celebrated each evening at 7:00pm from December 16th (Sunday) through December 23rd (Sunday) at St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church at 1260 NE 132nd in Portland. You are welcome to attend a Commissioning Mass for all participating parishes at St. Mary's Cathedral on December 15th (Saturday) at 11:00am with Archbishop Alexander Sample as the main celebrant. Mass is celebrated in English, presided each night by a pastor or vicar from our parishes. We have Confession and Recitation of the Rosary each evening at 6:30pm. Kindly call Mary Kay Moore at 503-804-3557, if you have any questions. Please join us as we gather together from our parishes in awaiting the birth of the Baby Jesus, our Savior!



MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS 2018

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Christmas Masses:

**Monday, December 24th (Christmas Eve):
5:00 pm Family Mass and 10:00 pm Mass at Night**
**Tuesday, December 25th (Christmas Day):
9:00 am Mass**

Molly Burtchael for more information. 503 780-5187 or molly.b.4036@gmail.com

The Life, Justice, and Peace committee will host a **Christmas Giving Tree** again this year. The gifts will go to families in need in the area and beyond. The paper "ornaments" on the tree will have gift suggestions, with the gender, age, size, and preferences of the recipients listed. This tree will be stationed in the Foyer, near the Office. Please have your **wrapped gift** under the tree no later than the late afternoon of Dec 19th. Thanks in advance for your generosity! Your gifts will truly help those in need. Questions? Want to help further? Contact Sarah Falcon at sarahfalcon10@gmail.com or thereseruesink@comcast.net for more information.

Regina Caeli Academy 2019 Upcoming Admissions Events

Join our exciting mission to form the next generation of Catholics! Regina Caeli Academy provides a classical, hybrid education in the Catholic tradition. Pre K3-12th grade students attend Socratic, hands-on classes two days a week and homeschool on the remaining days. Mark your calendar for our upcoming events: **January Open House: Mon, Jan 21 at 10:30 am** Event includes a tour, classroom observation, and Q&A; children welcome!

High School Information Session: Mon, Jan 21 at 12pm You CAN homeschool high school! Event includes a short presentation and Q&A; children welcome!

RSVP to raldrich.por@rcahybrid.org or call (971) 238-9249
2710 N.E. 65th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98661 (Located inside First Friends Church) www.rcahybrid.org

Progressive Dinner Save the Date: Saturday May 11th 2019 after the 5:30pm Vigil Mass. If you are willing to consider hosting appetizers or dinner in your home, please contact