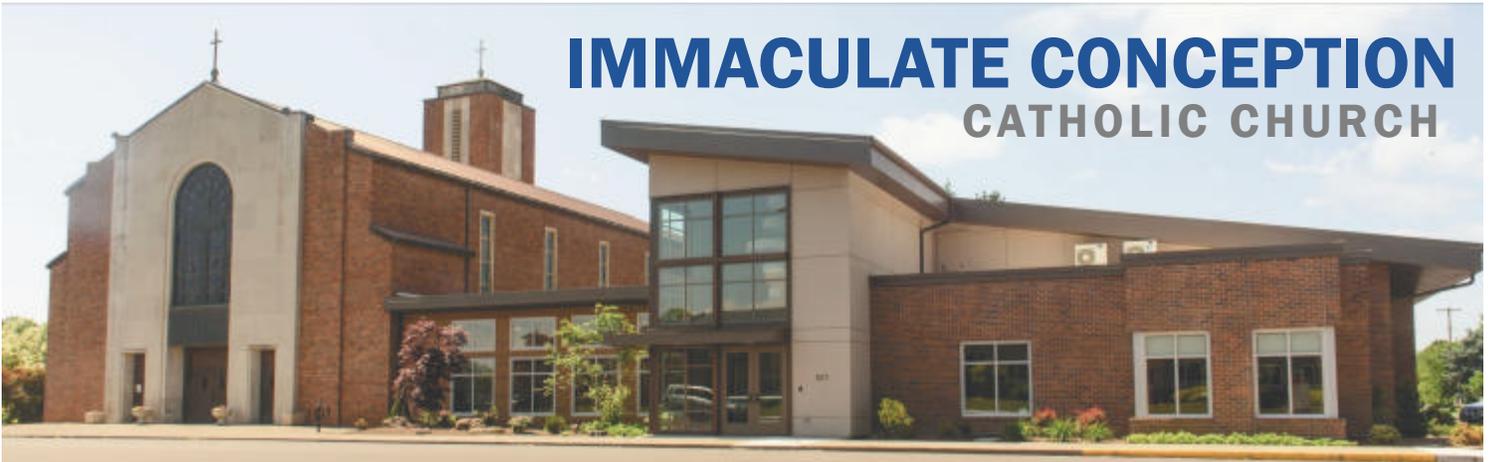


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JANUARY 3, 2021 • THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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### Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm  
(Spanish) and 6:30 pm

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Tuesday: 1:00-5:00 pm  
Thursday: 7:00-8:00 pm

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### Weekday Masses:

Tuesday: 12:00 pm

# RISING



“We saw his star at its  
rising and have come to  
do him homage.”

MATTHEW 2:2

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## A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear parishioners,



Happy New Year,

I pray that all of us will carry the Christmas spirit into the year 2021. More than ever, I see the New Year as new hope for a new beginning.

Looking back at 2020, I am grateful to the Holy Spirit, who bound us together throughout the many challenges and crises. I am grateful for our office staff who put up with their hard boss (smile), and I am grateful for all the lay ministers involved in keeping our parishes going during the health crisis and wildfire. It was tough, but we went through it together, and we still have our Catholic faith.

Looking forward to 2021, we will continue to deal with COVID-19 restrictions, but we hope the restrictions will loosen more because of the release of the vaccines. In 2021, I have two main goals for the two parishes under my supervision.

The first goal is to call and strengthen parishioners' discipleship by organizing the laity's involvement, especially young adults, in our parish life. We need to see our faith community's livelihood after COVID-19. After the COVID-19 pandemic, all ministries will come back, such as, the funeral luncheons, the hospital ministry, the homebound ministry, church cleaning, adult faith formation, etc. We need new blood for all of these ministries. Every one of us has a role in Jesus' mission of evangelization. So, we help each other to know and to accomplish each other's call on this earth.

The second goal is to build a solid catechist team for the sacramental preparation program, religious education, RCIA, and the Vicariate confirmation and youth ministry at Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Lourdes. Our director of religious education (DRE) and youth minister need more stewards to organize and lead classes for our young children and youth throughout this year and years to come. There is online training courses available from the Franciscan Catechetical Institute for those who have a calling for this ministry. Please contact our DRE to receive more details.

Lastly, I encourage each parishioner to set a personal spiritual goal for this year. What do you want to do in your relationship with Jesus and with His church? Do you read the Bible enough at home? Do you pray enough every day? Do you care for your family, for the poor, and for the hungry in our community? Do you care for your children as you should? These questions will help us to set our personal spiritual goals for this year. Remember: our ultimate goal is to be with God and His Blessed Mother in heaven.

May you all have a blessed 2021!

*Fr. Luan Nguyen*

## YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Thank you for all the gracious gifts that you have provided to our parish so far this year. Your prayers, support, and monetary gifts allow Immaculate Conception to continue its mission of spreading the Gospel and sharing God's message of love and peace with others. **We prayerfully ask that you consider using our secure and easy-to-use electronic giving program, WeShare.** WeShare will automatically process the offertory or second collections donation of your choosing. To enroll in online giving, visit [www.immacstayton.org/give](http://www.immacstayton.org/give).

## FOSTERING A CULTURE OF VOCATIONS

*"The voice of the Lord invites his disciples to leave the safety of their homeland and to begin the 'holy journey' towards the promised land of encounter with him and with our brothers and sisters. Vocation is an invitation to go forth from ourselves, to rejoice in our relationship with the Lord, and to journey along the ways that he opens up before us."*

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
FOR THE 54TH WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

### Question:

What does it mean to discern a vocation?

### Answer:

The word vocation comes from the Latin word vocare, meaning "to call." A vocation is a calling or invitation from God to serve in a particular way. For Catholics, that calling might be as a priest, sister, or married person. Vocation is the way we respond to the invitation to share in God's grace and witness to God's love in the world.

Discerning a vocation is the process in which we pray for God's guidance. We listen for God's message that is often quiet and unassuming in a world filled with noise and distractions. We look at our gifts and talents, seek the advice of others, examine our motives, and listen to see what God is asking of us. The goal of discernment is to follow what the Lord wills, not what we think is the best idea. Many men enter a seminary to discern if that is their vocation, only to discover that their calling is to marriage. Others have resisted the idea for long periods of time, until finally they could resist no more. Some great saints have described that dilemma. Vocation is a human process of divine origin, and each of us must strive constantly to hear the call of God in our lives.

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."*

MATTHEW 2:2

"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!



## LITURGY & PRAYER CORNER

### SUNDAY READING HIGHLIGHTS

#### First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

#### Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

#### Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations  
as it has now been revealed  
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:  
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body,  
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 2:5-6)

#### Gospel:

They were overjoyed at seeing the star,  
and on entering the house  
they saw the child with Mary his mother.  
They prostrated themselves and did him homage. (Mt 2:10-11)

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22–4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19–5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

**Next Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11

### PRAYER LIST

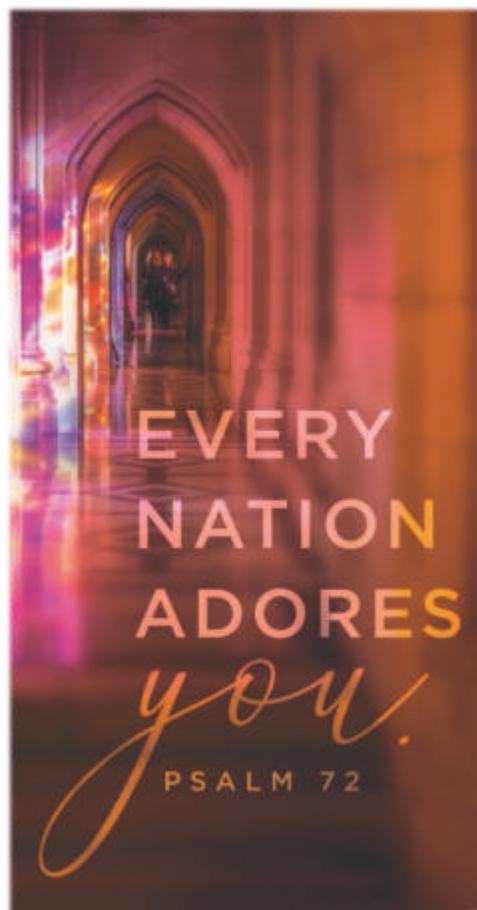
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To make additions or updates to the prayer list, please call the church office at 503.769.2656 or send an email to [bulletin@immacstayton.org](mailto:bulletin@immacstayton.org)

## MASS INTENTIONS

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Due to the publication deadline for this bulletin, the Mass Intention schedule was not readily available at the time of printing. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.





## THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

*“Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble.*

*Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”*

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
IN HIS APOSTOLIC LETTER “PATRIS CORDE”

On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis declared that the church would be celebrating the Year of St. Joseph from December 8, 2020 through December 8, 2021, in honor of the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church.

A plenary indulgence will be granted to those who commit to mark this year in a special way.

What is a plenary indulgence? A plenary indulgence is a remission of the entire temporal punishment due to sin which can be applied to oneself or to a soul in Purgatory. To receive the plenary indulgence, one must commit to performing a specific act, defined by the Church, going to confession, receiving Holy Communion, praying for the Pope's intentions, and full detachment from sin.

Let St. Joseph, who utters not a word in Scripture, inspire you by his actions to be more loving, tender, obedient, accepting and courageous in the new year.

Stay tuned... a possible 33-day consecration to St. Joseph may be coming to the parish in February in celebration of this year of St. Joseph. Stay informed by reading the parish bulletin for more information!

## OFFICE CLOSURE

The office continues to be **closed to the public** during this extraordinary time; however, your parish staff continues to be available to you via email and phone. Please visit [www.immacstayton.org/contact](http://www.immacstayton.org/contact) to contact any staff member via email.

## SACRAMENTAL PREP UPDATE

A parent's meeting for First Communion classes is scheduled for **January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm**. At least one parent **MUST** be present at the meeting, even if you are planning to do the program at home. We will be going over the schedule, expectations, and any COVID-related adjustments that may need to be made to the program. We hope that it will be in person, but Trish will send out a link before the meeting if it is happening on Zoom. **Classes for First Communion will be held WEEKLY and will begin on January 11<sup>th</sup>.**

## SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING 2020

Thank you all who helped in making six days of bell ringing to successful this year. Starting the Friday after Thanksgiving and ending December 23, people from various churches and organizations made it all possible. Thank you all again. -George Gerspacher

## 2021 CALENDARS

In Case You Missed It: The 2021 parish calendar courtesy of North Santiam Funeral Service is now available in the parish vestibule. Pick up your copy today!

## COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

The Stayton Community Food Bank is always looking for your help in their mission of helping those in need. This holiday season we kindly ask you to consider a donation to our local food bank. Frequently requested items include: peanut butter, tuna, canned soups, chili or stew, spaghetti, mac and cheese, pasta meals, pasta sauces, and canned fruits and vegetables. Please make sure any donations are commercially packaged and within applicable expiration dates. Donations may be dropped off into the basket provided in the parish vestibule. Thank you!

## WHEN IS THE LAST TIME YOU UPDATED YOUR INFORMATION WITH THE PARISH?

Are you a registered member of our faith community? Or have you recently moved or changed your phone number or email address? Help us keep you updated on everything going on within your parish community. Visit [www.immacstayton.org/welcome](http://www.immacstayton.org/welcome), fill out a registration form and email it or mail it to the parish office.

## MEN OF OUR PARISH

Have you ever thought about becoming a Knight? In this year of St. Joseph, now is the perfect time to join the incredible ministry of our local Knights.... To learn more about the mission of the Knights of Columbus, including their causes, legacy, membership information, visit [kofc2439.org](http://kofc2439.org).

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