



November 28, 2021 | 1st Sunday of Advent

## WELCOME!

### Mass Times

Tuesday-Friday..... 8:30 am  
Saturday Vigil..... 5:00 pm  
Sunday Mass.....8:30 & 11 am

Immaculate Conception  
of Mary  
(Holy Day of Obligation)  
Wed., Dec. 8th  
Mass @ 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

### Reconciliation

Saturday..... 3:15 to 4:30 pm  
or by appointment

### Morning Prayers

The Divine Mercy Chaplet,  
followed by the Holy  
Rosary, are prayed in the  
Chapel every weekday at  
8:00 am.

### Adoration

Tuesdays 9:00 am until  
6:00 pm in the Chapel

### Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer  
request or would like to  
become a part of our  
prayer chain, email us at:  
[PrayerChain@qpsalem.org](mailto:PrayerChain@qpsalem.org)

### Stay Connected

Do we have your email?  
Weekly messages are sent  
out by email.

### Parish Office Hours

Mon - Fri: 9:00 am-4:00 pm  
Closed for the lunch hour.



**"THEN THEY WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A  
CLOUD WITH POWER AND GREAT GLORY." - LK 21:27**

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Queen of Peace is a Eucharist-centered faith community in the Roman Catholic tradition that strives to live the gospel of Jesus Christ and share the gifts of the Holy Spirit by welcoming all to faith formation, ministry, sacraments, and evangelization.

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## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Nov 27 (Sat)	5:00 pm	+ Peggy Dick
Nov 28 (Sun)	8:30 am 11:00 am	+ Ellen Doyle Queen of Peace Parishioners
Nov 29 (Mon)	No Mass	
Nov 30 (Tue)	8:30 am	+ Alan Shields
Dec 1 (Wed)	8:30 am	+ Greg DuRette
Dec 2 (Thur)	8:30 am	+ Sr. Rita Carey
Dec 3 (Fri)	8:30 am	+ Donald Reitan
Dec 4 (Sat)	5:00 pm	Queen of Peace Parishioners
Dec 5 (Sun)	8:30 am 11:00 am	+ Harry Sbragia + Alice Burgess-Sears

## GIVING TREE TAGS



Tags for the Giving Tree are available. Please return the wrapped gift no later than **Sunday, Dec. 12**. Gifts will be distributed to families on Dec. 15. Thank you in advance for making a difference in a child's life.



## 24-HOUR ROSARY FOR LIFE

Thursday, December 9, 9:00 am  
to  
Friday, December 10, 8:00 am  
Queen of Peace Chapel

sign up for a prayer hour at :

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## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, November 28, 2021

9:30 am-2:00 pm Craft Faire, Gym  
6:30 pm Julie Hoy Concert, Church

### Monday, November 29, 2021

6:00-8:00 pm Wild Goose Men's Gathering, GA  
7:00-9:00 pm Couples for Christ, Faith Room

### Tuesday, November 30, 2021

7:00-8:30 pm RCIA, Charity Room

### Wednesday, December 1, 2021

6:30-8:00 pm Women's PM Bible Study, Faith Room  
6:30-8:00 pm Men's Bible Study, Charity Room

### Thursday, December 2, 2021

11:30 am Queens Christmas Card Meeting, GA  
4:30-7:00 pm Table of Plenty  
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting, GA

### Friday, December 3, 2021

6:00-8:00 pm Catholic Young Adults, Charity Room  
6:30-9:00 pm Mid-High Movie Night, The Convent

### Saturday, December 4, 2021

1:00-5:00 pm Couples for Christ, Gym  
2:00-4:45 pm High School Theology of the Body, The Convent  
7:00-9:30 pm High School Movie Night, The Convent

### Sunday, December 5, 2021

9:45-10:45 am WCFF #10  
1:00-3:00 pm Confirmation DP#4, The Convent

# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## FIRST READING:

I will raise up for David a just shoot;  
he shall do what is right and just in the land. (Jer 33:15)

## PSALM:

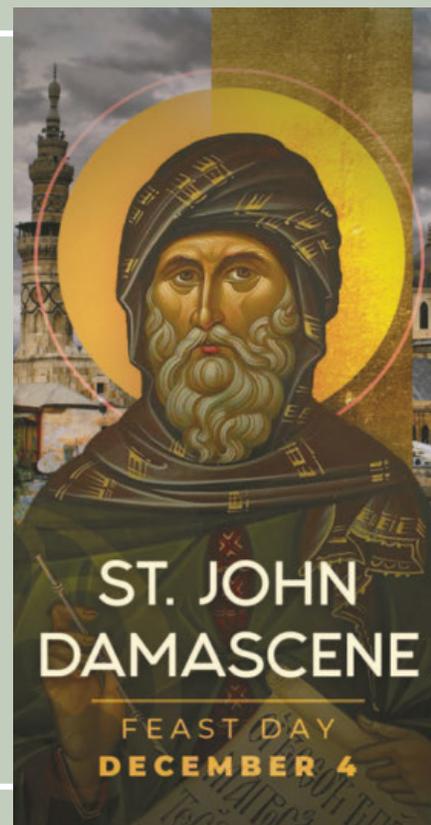
To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. (Ps 25)

## SECOND READING:

Strengthen your hearts,  
to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.  
(1 Thes 3:13)

## GOSPEL:

Stand erect and raise your heads  
because your redemption is at hand. (Lk 21:28)

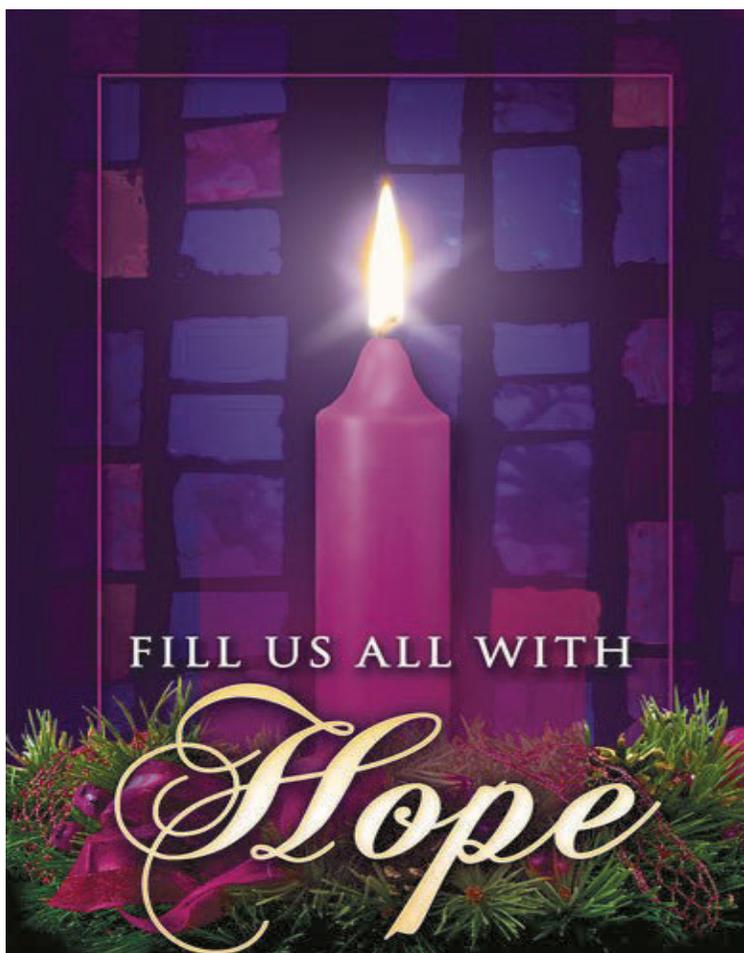


## SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. John Damascene | Feast Day Dec. 4

St. John Damascene (676 -749) was the son of the chief of the revenue department in the city of Damascus. Through his father, he received a classical and theological education and attempted to follow in his footsteps by serving in a government position. However, the Lord was calling him to a different life, and a few years later he resigned from his position and went to the Monastery of St. Sabas, where he wrote books and composed hymns along with his adopted brother, Cosmas.

St. John Damascene is best known for his writings against the iconoclasts, who opposed the veneration of images; his treatise, *Exposition of the Orthodox Faith*, a summary of the Greek Fathers; and his work as a poet, one of the two greatest of the Eastern Church. His devotion to the Blessed Mother and his sermons on her feasts are well known.



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## LIFE ISSUES

Give us ears to hear, O God, and eyes to watch, that we may know your presence in our midst during this holy season of joy as we anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ. Amen.

-Notre Dame Sisters



The Queens are looking for volunteers to help write Christmas cards to our homebound parishioners and to those who have recently lost loved ones.

Join them in the Gathering Area on **Thurs., Dec.2 @ 11:30am.** Lunch will be served.

## \$300/\$600 TAX DEDUCTION IS AVAILABLE FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

There is an “above-the-line” tax deduction available for donations made up through December 31, 2021. (Prior to 2020, no donation tax break was available for those who took the standard deduction).

Tax payers who take the standard deduction (instead of itemizing), can still receive a \$300 tax deduction (\$600 for married filing jointly) for cash donations to eligible non-profit organizations.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life’s demands have a way of zapping every bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic, apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary “shot in the arm” to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. In short, when we run out of gas— the engine stops.

Our Lord’s directive is clear, “Be vigilant at all times.” Even Jesus knew what “the anxieties of daily life” can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Each of us can take a moment to reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much “stuff” to do and so little time to do it. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of “must and have to dos” and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there’ll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. We may like to believe that we have an “eternity” of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, but we don’t. We’re on a limited ride and time is short.



Jesus is also clear on another point. “That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap.” If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, “We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another.” Getting to this place doesn’t “just happen.” It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don’t miss another opportunity to love.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Preparing the Manger

Where do you fall in the “Christmas-songs-in-November” debate — do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There’s no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it’s not everyone’s cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season — the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way — that you forget to prepare the manger.

Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It’s hard to miss that point — Lent doesn’t even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It’s harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God — and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season — “advent” — encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, “so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap.”

So let us not forget — our master’s advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### HOW ARE THE FEASTS OF THE BAPTISM OF JESUS AND THE ACCOUNT OF THE WEDDING FEAST AT CANA RELATED TO THE EPIPHANY CELEBRATION?

The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C.



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## ▼ WHAT'S NEW?

A DAY AT THE PARK!



Mrs. Yant and Ms. McHugh's classes had lovely weather for their field trips last month to a local park. Students were divided into group rotations throughout the day and had the opportunity to explore various trees, bark types, and compare leaf structures and colors. Our scientists also explored the river bank and identified living creatures in the water and even gathered treasure boxes of fall colors to observe and share with their classmates.



# Fall Raffle



**RACE TO THE PLAYGROUND**

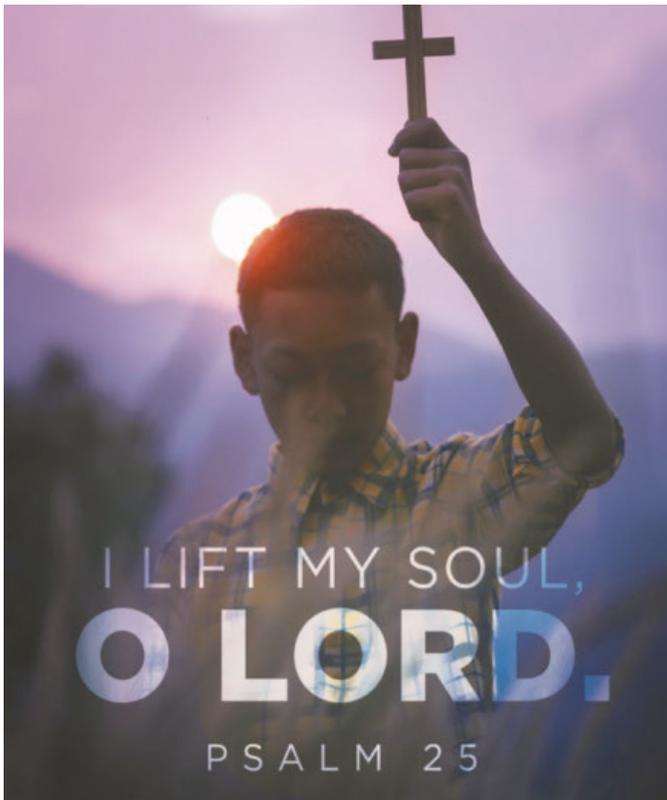
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or call 503-362-3443.

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## Annual Christmas Craft Faire

Sat., Nov. 27, 9:30 am– 5:00 pm  
 Sun., Nov. 28, 9:30 am-2:00 pm

45 + Creative vendors

- \* Homemade & handcrafted items
  - \* Great Christmas gifts
  - \* Scones, cookies & candy
- \* Raffle prizes (Proceeds benefit the Joan Jett Scholarship Fund)

Julie Hoy Concert Sun., Nov.28 @ 6:30 pm

### CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

What term refers to a weekday on which no feast or vigil is observed?

- a. Ferial
- b. No specific term since every weekday has a feast or vigil assigned to it
- c. Solemnity
- d. Ordinary Day in Time

Answer: a

### November 2021 Offertory Receipts

November 1	\$ 9,199
November 7	\$ 21,916
November 14	\$ 9,059

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### October 2021 Results

Total Income	\$ 80,994
Total Expenses	\$ 91,445
Net loss	\$ 10,451

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