December 5, 2021 **Second Sunday of Advent**

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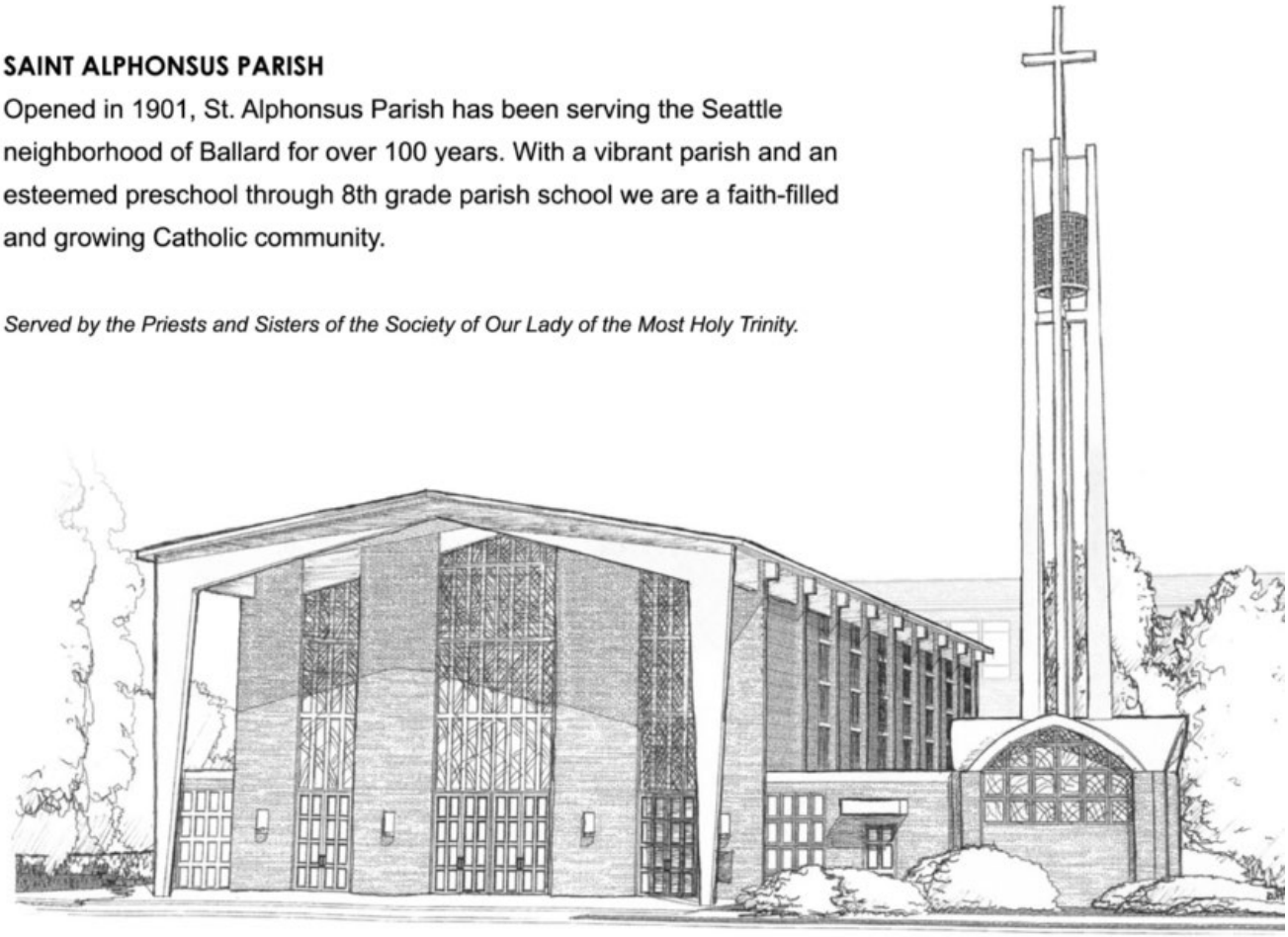

SUNDAY MASS
Saturday 5pm Vigil
Sunday 9am

DAILY MASS
Tuesday - Saturday: 8am

SCHOOL MASS
Wednesday 8:45am

CONFESSION
Saturday: 4-4:45pm

ADORATION
Friday Evenings in Church, 6-8pm

OFFICE HOURS
Wednesday: 9am - 11am,
Noon - 2pm
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REFLECTIONS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 5
2nd Sunday of Advent
9am RIP James Keough

MONDAY DECEMBER 6
ST. NICHOLAS, BISHOP

TUESDAY DECEMBER 7
ST. AMBROSE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
8am RIP Doug Tracey

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
8:45am RIP Elaine Isenbart

THURSDAY DECEMBER 9
ST. JUAN DIEGO CUAHTLATOATZIN
8am RIP Lou Complita

FRIDAY DECEMBER 10
8am RIP Mario & Jean Sequeira
6pm Church Open for Adoration and Private Prayer

SATURDAY DECEMBER 11
ST. DAMASUS I, POPE
8am INT Mary Abraham
4pm Confessions
5pm INT St. Alphonsus Parish

SUNDAY DECEMBER 12
3rd Sunday of Advent
9am INT Rita, Joan, Christian

"For The Forgiveness of Sins"

This Advent I would invite you to make this consent to be forgiven because this is a very unique gift to God. He, as God, can show mercy; he cannot receive it. As God, he is the Lord of forgiveness, but he cannot be forgiven. We can say, in our human way of expressing a real truth of God before which all our human language limps and falters, that we can contribute something to God, who cannot be forgiven. And so, let us bring to him, in everything that we strive to do this Advent, this consent to be forgiven, this gift of being forgiven. When he, with lordly mercy, promises to throw all our faults and our sins into the sea, let us not put on the diving equipment of pride and go right down and bring them up again.

There is something in all of us that would like to pretend that we do not need to be forgiven, and this is why we sometimes get so excited about our faults, why we cannot be simple, why we will not stop rocking that little spiritual monster-child that we cuddle so, that we do not want snatched from us, that we do not want laid to Christian burial. We want to keep looking at it and in the end we convince ourselves that it is beautiful. Or the other alternative is to say that this isn't my child; it is somebody else's. We are adept at choosing one of those two alternatives which save us from being forgiven….

Let this be our consolation, that God is truth and all truth honors him; therefore, the honest admission of our faults gives glory to God. And so, there is no reason to be discouraged because no matter how many faults the light of the coming King brings into focus in our hearts, everything honestly faced can give honor to him. Now isn't that wonderful? Isn't that something to be happy about? Isn't that why we continually rejoice in this season of penance? We laugh together and we are happy together, because this is the whole meaning of Advent, that we are the forgiven ones.

Mother Mary Francis of Our Lady, p.c.c.

Mother Mary Francis († 2006) was abbess of the Poor Clare Monastery of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Roswell, N.M.

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Marnie Ahern, Gail Altenhofen, Lillian Anderson, Linda Buchman, Famia Bryan, Susan Cifu, Emma Claire, Norma Curulla, Donna Day, Rosalia Dimaunahan, Bertha Eriksson, James Flynn, Espedito P. Galvão, Ann Hahn, Michael Hansen, Shirley Hegge, Anna Herdlein, Myrna Israkul, Dave Jebousek, Emily Jones, Joan Knebel, Josephine Lynch, Norma Macke, Anne Manfredi, Ginny Massett, Maureen McMyler, Barbara Day Miller, Annie Morrone, Patricia Mulka, Jennifer Nagel, Ray Naidu, Alice Nitteberg, Grace Norman, Gary Olsen, Roy Otness, Bob Pohlman, Lucy Rogers, Nolette Serra, Jack Serwold, Todd Selland, Abby Simpson, Fred Stull, Cheryl Taylor, Fr. Bob Van Kempen, Jude Vidal, Christopher Walsh, Lillian Yamamoto, Kaitlin Yoder

Giving Tree

Please take an ornament beginning the weekend of November 27/28 with a gift request from Next Step. Next Step is a pro life center serving needy moms and their families based in Lynnwood. Return your unwrapped gift with the tag and place it under the tree by: **December 11/12**. Almsgiving is a perfect way to prepare our hearts to receive Jesus in the Nativity.

Christmas Tree Lot

Scout & Crew 100 Ballard will be selling Christmas trees on our parking lot again this year for their annual fundraiser. The Scouts help customers find the perfect tree, give it a fresh cut and use their Scouting skills to make sure trees are tied onto cars with proper knots. Proceeds from sales help send the Scouts to summer camp and cover camping trips and activities expenses. The Scouts also donate trees along with a portion of the proceeds to support local churches and charities. For everyone's safety, the troop is again making modifications to the tree lot to be compliant with State & County Health Department guidelines. The lot will be open Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am - 9:00 pm, and Monday through Friday from 3 pm to 8 pm, from the day after Thanksgiving until trees run out.

CCS Appeal

This weekend we are accepting donations for Catholic Community Services & Catholic Housing Services. With more than 170 programs serving nearly 100,000 Western Washingtonians every year, CCS and CHS are Christ's hands at work in our community. While we all feel strained by economic uncertainty and fear of keeping loved ones safe, your support as a volunteer, advocate, or donor of CCS and CHS offers blessings of compassion and care to those who need it most. Please use an envelope from the vestibule or mailed to you or visit: https://ccsww.org/ways-to-give/ to make your donation. Thank you!

SACRAMENTAL PREP

To register for any of these programs, or if you have questions about these, or other sacraments (such as infant baptism or marriage), contact Lizzy at lscholz@stalseattle.org.

1st Reconciliation & Communion

If your child attends our parish school, you should will receive paperwork through your teacher in September.

If your child does not attend our parish school and would like to begin preparation for receiving the sacraments of 1st Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion they need to enroll in our CCD program. Children need 2 years of preparation to receive these sacraments, typically in the 1st and 2nd grade, although older grades are welcome. Classes will begin in October.

Teen Confirmation

This year confirmation is open to students in grade 7 and up. Classes will begin in January, with confirmation occurring in the spring.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA is for adults (unbaptized or baptized in another Christian denomination) who would like to enter the Catholic Church. Sacraments will be received in April or May depending on baptism status. Baptized Catholics who missed Confirmation as a teen will take the same class series as those in RCIA and receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the spring.

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear families and friends,

Most of us know this already, but **scientific research** confirms that gratitude is good for your brain. Let me exercise that fact here briefly.

I'm thankful for…

a parent body that's committed to raising children in virtue and faith,

the positivity and welcome that's been extended to me as a "newbie" to this community,

fellow colleagues and teachers who are truly passionate about being here,

a beautiful and supportive wife who is my anchor,

the hope to see things through and to entrust this endeavor to Christ, and

Gonzaga basketball. Go Zags, baby!

But gratitude is also good for your soul. We give thanks for who's around us. We are chiefly grateful for people, not things. Quite beautifully, the word Eucharist means thanksgiving. (Just brush up on your Greek.) As Catholics, we believe it's not *just* bread and wine, but also a Who. The Eucharistic meal is a celebration of all that is True and Good and Beautiful, and it takes the form of a real person who gives it all away so we can be made full.

Nick Padrnos
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KINDERGARTEN PREVIEW

On Monday, December 13 at 8:45am, St. Alphonsus School is hosting a Kindergarten Preview in the school library. Preschool families can meet the kindergarten teacher, see the classroom, and hear perspectives from other kindergarten parents. In-person and on-campus.
RSVP to admissions@stalseattle.org.

Please extend this invitation to families outside of the St. Al's community as well!

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Submit them to the Rosary Group that meets via zoom on Friday mornings. Contact christine.cavanaugh@outlook.com to join or to ask us to pray for you or someone else.

AMAZON SMILE

Don't forget that when you buy from Amazon you can use Amazon Smile to help give back to St. Alphonsus. Visit smile.amazon.com and select St. Alphonsus Parish School! If you have any questions contact development@stalseattle.org.

CALENDAR.

Monday, December 13
Kindergarten Preview
Library
8:45am

Friday, Dec. 17
Noon Dismissal
No Extended Care

SCRIP NEWS

Going out for lunch?
Need a new hairdo?
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THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE

Rachel's Corner

Hope and Healing After Abortion

"I plead with you--never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid."
Pope John Paul II

Have a lack of hope and discouragement become part of who you are? Ever since the day of your loss due to abortion, have you wondered how you can keep facing each day? What would it be like to live free of that burden of shame? Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation, and find out how it has worked for others, and how it can be true for you as well.

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Sunday Dispensation

The general dispensation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will be lifted on December 8, 2021 for the Archdiocese of Seattle. Please see the excerpt below from Archbishop Etienne.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have celebrated tens of thousands of Masses with only a handful of cases of coronavirus spread, which have been traced to people not following our safety guidance. In general, this indicates that our protocols are effectively protecting our people and providing a safe environment for worship. This is something for which we can be very grateful!

As such, the general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (including the Saturday/Vigil Mass) is to be reinstated during Advent on December 8th – the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. As has always been the case, those who have a serious reason are exempt from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2181). This includes those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immuno-compromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety of contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons.

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