

Holy Innocents Catholic Parish

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Welcome

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Baptized Last Sunday

Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Livestream from St. Jude-www.holyinn.org)

Sunday : 8 am & 10:30 am — inside— Reservations Only at www.holyinn.org

Livestream 8am at www.holyinn.org 10:30 am www.facebook.com/HolyinnocentsDuvall

Daily Mass: Tue, Thur & Fri 9 am, **Wed** 6pm-Livestream www.holyinn.org

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Mission Statement

The Catholic Community of Holy Innocents Church is called to continue the mission of Jesus Christ by:

- Enhancing Spiritual Growth;
- Reaching out and serving those in need;
- Educating our community in Christ's teaching
- Creating and maintaining a warm and welcoming atmosphere.



Dear friends in Christ,

Last Sunday, we enter the holy season of Advent, a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. As we prepare to recall his birth in time, we prepare our hearts for that unknown time when he will come again in glory. In these darker days, we especially long for Christ, his coming, and the hope and light he brings. As we begin the season of Advent, I offer to you this reflection, given by Pope Benedict in 2008, which I think, helps us to understand some of the deeper meaning of this holy season of waiting for the coming of the Lord:

Today on the First Sunday of Advent, we enter that four-week Season with which a new liturgical year begins and that immediately prepares us for the Feast of Christmas, the memorial of the Incarnation of Christ in history. Yet, the spiritual message of Advent is more profound and already orients us to the glorious return of the Lord at the end of our history. Adventus is the Latin word that could be translated by "arrival", "coming" or "presence". In the language of the ancient world it was a technical term that indicated the arrival of an official, and especially the visit of kings or emperors to the provinces, but it could also be used for the appearance of a divinity, which emerged from its hidden dwelling-place and thus manifested its divine power; its presence was solemnly celebrated with worship.

By using this term, "Advent", Christians wanted to express the special relationship that bound them to the Crucified and Risen Christ. He is a King who, having entered this poor province called earth, made us the gift of his visit and after his Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven desired in any case to stay with us; we perceive his mysterious presence in the liturgical assembly. Indeed, in celebrating the Eucharist, we proclaim that he did not withdraw from the world, that he did not leave us alone and, even though we cannot see and touch him as with material and tangible realities, he is in any case with us and among us. Indeed, he is in us, because he can attract to himself and communicate his life to every believer who opens his/her heart to him. (emphasis added) Thus, Advent means commemorating the first coming of the Lord in the flesh, with his definitive return already in mind, and, at the same time, it means recognizing that Christ present in our midst makes himself our travelling companion in the life of the Church who celebrates his mystery.

This knowledge, dear brothers and sisters, nourished by listening to the Word of God, must help us to see the world with different eyes, to interpret the individual events of life and history as words that God addresses to us, as signs of his love that assure us of his closeness in every situation; (emphasis added) this awareness, in particular, should prepare us to welcome him when "he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end", as in a little while we shall repeat in the Creed. In this perspective, Advent becomes for all Christians a time of expectation and hope, a privileged time for listening and reflection, as long as we let ourselves be guided by the liturgy, which invites us to advance to meet the Lord who comes. POPE BENEDICT (2008)

Come Lord Jesus, come quickly and do not delay! My prayer for us all is that this time of watching and waiting may help us open our hearts to the Lord.

Blessings on your week!

Fr. Johnson



Holy Innocents Calendar

December 6

2nd Sunday of Advent

Mass—indoors 8 am

Mass—indoors 10:30 am

Tues Set up for Pantry 11 am

Pantry—3-7 pm By appointment

Wed Pantry—9 am —12 noon By appointment

December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration 8am

Prayer Requests:

Call the Office (425)788-1400

At the celebration of the Eucharist this week and in your prayers, please remember those from our parish family for whom we have been asked to pray.: For all who are sick, and for all those have died. Mary Lou Kittridge, Thomas Murphy, Linda McCormick, James Magill, Shirley Bushy, Teresa Swedman, Michael Gordan, BethAnn Willits, Leila Edwin, Helen Sexton, Paul Beard, Audrey Lawton, Alfred Harke, Rex Harke, Tess Buchthal, Michael Barroga-Hulett, Cyndi Uhlenkott, Kristi Douglas, Jo Ann Douglas, Tom Dabov, Michelle Kendrick, Kimberly Smith, Harry Oestreich, Marcia Evans, Gina Howell.

HI TIP: Together in Prayer

Each month we focus on a local community concern and ask parishioners to commit to prayer for 2 minutes each day specifically for that concern as well as for our church community. You can pray whenever and want, "Ask and you will receive," said Jesus. Together we can do great things:

December For the abused, lonely, abandoned, and homeless, and for those who work to serve them and advocate for them: Catholic Community Services, Lazarus Day Center, our St. Vincent de Paul Conference, and HopeLink. In this time when traditionally families gather together for celebrations, let us remember those who are rejected, alienated, or depressed.

St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary



Holy Day Mass at 7pm

No RSVP needed but sign-in will be required. The mass will also be livestreamed on the website.

All Parish Faith Formation

December Virtue of the month:



Stewardship —“Returning to God the first fruits of your time, talent and treasure.”

As we enter this season of giving, we are invited to reflect on our blessings from God and discern how we give back in gratitude. Be sure to check out Fr. Anh's video presentation and the December Faith Formation learning page that can be found at our website. There you will find ideas and activities that you and your family can enjoy to learn about and grow in Stewardship this Advent Season.

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

December 6, 2020 — Second Sunday of Advent

IS 40:1-5, 9-11; PS 85:9-14; 2 PT 3:8-14; MK 1:1-8

We serve a merciful and patient God. In His kindness, He warns us that we will be called to make an account one day for the way in which we made use of the gifts He has given us.



The most precious gift He has given us is His own Son, Whose birth we are preparing to celebrate. St. Peter describes the loving kindness of the Father in our Second Reading today, saying God "is patient with you, not wishing that anyone should perish but that all should come to repentance." Yet, in the same passage we receive this warning: "The Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar... and the earth and everything on it will be found out."

How are we to assimilate these two truths — the merciful love of God and the responsibility that comes with the privilege of living as His disciple? St. Peter tells us we should conduct ourselves "in holiness and devotion." Indeed, this is the goal of our Advent "reset" — to return to living lives focused on Christ, in gratitude for all He has done for us.

In our Gospel passage from Mark, John the Baptist instructs us to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." We must make good use of the gift of time we have been given this Advent season. Let's be sure to get to Confession, prioritize a daily reading of Scriptures, and reach out to someone in need with a word of comfort or an act of service.

In this way, we will honor both the mercy and justice of our God, and we will be prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ and give account for all His gifts to us.

From: www.thecatholicsteward.com

Baptism

The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism for infants is scheduled after the baptismal preparation for the parents is completed. Baptisms are normally celebrated at a Sunday mass in the parish where the parents live. Adults (7 years or older) seeking baptism or confirmation are invited to inquire at the parish office for information about adult preparation.

Marriage

Couples seeking marriage in the church are asked to contact the parish at least four months in advance of their proposed wedding date. For those with prior marriages, additional time may be required. Marriages are celebrated in the parish in which one of the Catholic parties lives.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Private confession is available every Friday evening 6:00 pm — 7:00 pm.

Pastoral Care for the Sick and Dying

In the case of serious illness or failing health due to old age, parishioners should ask the church for the Sacrament of Anointing. This sacrament is administered by a priest and is celebrated by appointment as necessary. When a parishioner is near death, they should receive Holy Communion, called the Sacrament of Viaticum (food for the journey). This sacrament can be administered by a priest or deacon or Eucharistic minister.

Stewardship Renewal

Thank you to those of you who have turned in your Stewardship pledge. If you haven't turned in your pledge, it is not too late. Please prayerfully reflect on what portion of your financial blessings, you can commit to helping Holy Innocents meet its financial obligations. Please return your pledge card as soon as possible to the parish or go to the website to make your pledge! .



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SO MANY WAYS but Time is Short!



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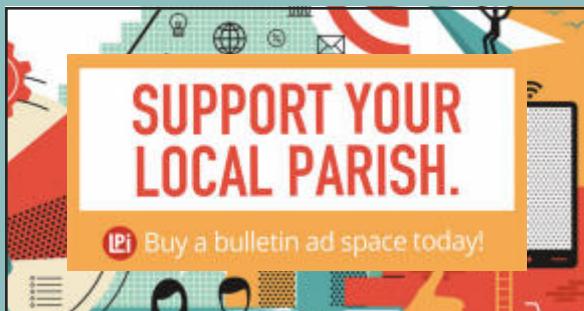
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