

Holy Innocents Catholic Parish

December 13 2020

Holy Innocents Church
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Glen Uhlenkott and Janice Asmus make space in the hall by loading up their trucks with donations to be delivered to Lazarus House just in time for Gary Price to pick up a food donation from Family Grocer and deliver it back here to our hall. ***God is Good!***

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/Holyinnocents Duvall](https://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,

There is a wonderful Advent hymn which begins:

Comfort, comfort, O my people, Speak of peace, now says our God; Comfort those who sit in darkness, Mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.

This hymn echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah, which we hear as the first reading this weekend. Isaiah speaks words of hope and comfort to the Israelites who had been exiled and taken captive from their promised land and uprooted to Babylon. They had forgotten God and the commandments. They honored foreign Gods alongside the true God. They had ignored the plight of the widow and the orphan, and those in need in their midst. God sent the prophets, and they ignored them or worse. So God allowed foreign powers to invade them, destroy the temple and carry them off. For 70 years they were exiled, separated from the familiar and were unable to conduct their worship. To them, Isaiah, speaks now a word of comfort and hope.

Perhaps we are not in such dire straits as the Israelites, but there are certain parallels. In so many ways as individuals, and a society, we have forgotten God and neighbor. False Gods of materialism and consumerism hold sway. We, too often, have forgotten what is truly important, family, community, Church, prayer, and living our faith. We live in the richest nation on earth, yet so many are in poverty. So, we find ourselves exiled from our usual routines and unable to fully worship as we desire, with COVID threatening us, sitting in darkness.

So, I believe that the words of Isaiah are for us, today, too!

A voice cries out: in the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

My friends, the Lord loves each one of us deeply. Through Isaiah, we are offered a word of hope, to help us get ready for Christ's coming. The darkness will not last forever. God still is passionate about his people. God will bring his light into the dark places of our lives. Let us prepare for him, not just with Christmas trees, with lights, with cookies, but will the spiritual renewal of hearts, minds, and our lives. Then we will truly be ready when he comes.

Come Lord Jesus! Come quickly and not delay!

Fr. Johnson

Holy Innocents Calendar

December 13

3rd 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

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.

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 the website www.holyinn.org to find:

- Fr. Anh's video presentation
- 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.
- Stop by the Narthex Nook to pick up this month's momentum— a Christmas Ornament with a Stewardship message.





How to follow through with your Stewardship Pledge?

Set up an Online Giving Account

Thank you to everyone who turned in a Stewardship Pledge!

Did you know? About 30% of our households give to the church operations or building fund through on line giving.? Interested? Go to our webpage (www.holyinn.org), scroll down to “on line giving” and set up your own account. . Please contact the office if you have questions or difficulties. 425-788-1400

Next Sunday December 20th



To learn more about how Catholic Community Services serves the most vulnerable in Western Washington, check out this beautiful video at their website.

To donate, you can go to our webpage: www.holyinn.org and click on the Hope and Light graphic .

Thank you

Jonathan Beaudoin for repairing the security camera system throughout the building.

Mike Beard & Eamon Essex for assembling the new donated shed



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.

Christmas Outreach Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated to this year’s Christmas Outreach. Because of your generosity, we will be giving out to 100 plus families, a grocery voucher, gas voucher and each member of their family a \$25 gift card to purchase items they want or need for Christmas.

Thank you also to the following local community organizations, merchants and groups who also donated food, cash and gifts as well: Family Grocer, City of Duvall and Chamber of Commerce Business, Duvall Fire Department, LWPFC Soccer teams—the Orcas and the Sharks, Cherry Valley Winery, Caldwell Banker, and the Snoqualmie Valley Community Network Youth Council teens who helped pickup donations through Duvall.



Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

December 13, 2020 — Third Sunday of Advent

IS 61:1-2A, 10-11; LK 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 THES 5:16-24; JN 1:6-8, 19-28

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. “Gaudete” is a Latin word, meaning “rejoice.” The Christian steward should be characterized by a spirit of rejoicing.



Our First Reading, from Isaiah, expresses a fitting motto for us. “I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul.” It is God Who is the source of our joy and contentment — not things or achievements or comfort, but our relationship with God.

This is why stewards can share so freely of their time, talents and material possessions — because ultimately, we are not attached to these things. We recognize them as good gifts from our loving Father, but we are attached to the Giver of the gifts, not the gifts themselves. This allows for great freedom in life and the capacity for great joy in the Lord.

We can become like John the Baptist, in today’s Gospel passage from the Book of John. We read this description of the prophet: “He came for testimony, to testify to the light... He was not the light but came to testify to the light.” This is our calling too — to testify to the Light, our wonderful Savior — by the way we make use of the time, talent and treasure He has entrusted to our care.

When God Himself is the source of our joy, it cannot be taken away from us. There is still time, this Advent season, to clear away any “clutter” in our lives that may take our focus away from Him. Let us strive to detach from any of these things so that we can be free to truly rejoice in God on Christmas Day.

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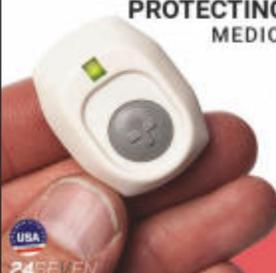
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