

# Holy Innocents Catholic Parish

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***Celebrating  
Our Lady of Guadalupe  
COVID19 Style  
December 12 2020***

## Mass Times:

**Saturday: 5:00 pm** (Livestream from St. Jude-[www.holyinn.org](http://www.holyinn.org))

**Sunday : 8 am & 10:30 am** — inside— Reservations Only at [www.holyinn.org](http://www.holyinn.org)  
Livestream 8am at [www.holyinn.org](http://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](http://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.

## My Dear Friends in Christ,

Last Sunday we were invited by St Paul to "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." Rejoice always? In all circumstances give thanks? In times of difficulty, in times of darkness or struggle this may seem difficult or impossible. How do we then rejoice in challenging circumstances? How can we give thanks when the world seems to be crashing down? Isn't it because God is near to us? Isn't it because we have come to know of the love God has for us? Isn't it because we know that Christ has won the victory over sin and death and he wants us to share in that? Isn't it because even today, we can see the light of Christ shining in the darkness? For these realities and so many other blessings, we can be defiantly joyful amidst a fallen world. Therefore, let us pray in hope, especially for all those who are suffering from the pandemic, for all those who are ill, for all our health care workers, for all those working for a cure for the disease, for all those suffering from lack of work, food or shelter, and for all those isolated or shut in. May we reflect the light of Christ by our prayers, our encouragement and our material help of our neighbors.

Christmas is coming and preparations are well underway. We can rejoice that it looks like we will be able to have "in-person" Masses for Christmas. However, it will be very different and the seating will be limited. Because of COVID social distancing and capacity restrictions seating for each Mass will be limited to a little over a hundred persons. Pre-registration will be required, as well as masks and social distancing and we will not be able to have congregational singing. None the less, we will be having beautiful Christmas music, but we will be asked to sing with our hearts and not our voices this year. We will also be livestreaming to accommodate people from home. Please register at the links provided on this web page.

Blessings on your week,

Fr. Johnson



## Feast of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

### December 24th — Christmas Eve:

**5 pm , 7pm & 10 pm** — Reservations Required. Go to the website to reserve your space: [www.holyinn.org](http://www.holyinn.org)

### December 25th —Christmas Day —9 am

(No Reservations Required)

## Holy Innocents Calendar

**December 20**

**4th Sunday of Advent**

	Mass—indoors	8 am	
	Mass— indoors		10:30 am
<b>Tues</b>	Set up for Pantry		11 am
	Pantry—3-7 pm		By appointment
<b>Wed</b>	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

**Remember: December Virtue of the month: Stewardship —"Returning to God the first fruits of your time, talent and treasure."**



Next Sunday December 27th is Celebration Sunday for the month of December. In honor of all the learning about Stewardship that we did in the month of December, Families are invited to bring a photo of themselves celebrating the season of giving. We will to be put up on our Faith Formation Bulletin Board!

Stay tuned to continue to focus on giving in our lives as we learn about January's Virtue of the Month: Generosity

*F.U.T.U.R.E's Sunday Morning "Table Talk" will return on Sunday January 10th, 2021 at 9:15am.*



## Donations for Christmas Flowers

### IN MEMORY OF:

- Isaie Cyr
- Emily Cyr
- Jo Ann Pelletier
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- Francisco Ortiz, Sr.
- Frank Ortiz, Jr.

### DONATION:

Colleen Flajole



Today December 20th



To learn more about how Catholic Community Services serves the most vulnerable in Western Washington, check out their beautiful video at their website. You can also make your donation from our website.

[www.holyinn.org](http://www.holyinn.org) and click on the Hope and Light graphic .

### 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!

The generosity of our parish community and the community at large has been overwhelming and beautiful. As a result all who have asked will receive and a little more help was needed to support our holiday giving. A heartfelt thanks to the following people for coming in to lend a hand last week at the last minute:

### Food Drive sorters:

#### The DeBroeck/Scholl Family & the Federico Family

### Gift Card Shoppers:

- Terri Schell
- Glen Uhlenkott
- Gail Dimock
- Aimee Andrade
- Janice Asmus
- Jeff Scholl
- Kathy Briscoe
- Julie Beard
- Connie Dunn

### Drivers to Organizations

- \*Glen Uhlenkott
- \*Kristian Federico
- \*Janice Asmus
- \* Gary Price



## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

December 20, 2020 — Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16; PS 89:2-5, 27, 29; ROM 16:25-27; LK 1:26-38

There are just five days left until the celebration of Christmas begins. Let's live these last days of Advent well.

We read in today's Gospel passage from Luke the wonderful words of the Blessed Mother's "fiat," her "yes" to God's plan. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." These are among the most beloved words in the Gospel. But the next sentence is also important for the Christian steward.

After Mary's fiat, we read, "Then the angel departed from her." Our Blessed Mother was left with a lot of unexplained details about God's plan for her! Yet, she followed God's will perfectly. She gave herself and her life fully to God as a gift. She was the first disciple. We are called to follow her example today.

This Christmas let us resolve to make our whole life a gift to the One Who has given us everything. He will give us all the help and strength we need.

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