

ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger"

Bulletin for Christmas

2020

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Merry Christmas

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth!

In the midst of a darkened world, the angels sing a song of hope. The Angel announces glad tiding of great joy. The Savior is born, God with us. This is what we celebrate and rejoice in every Christmas. God has taken on our flesh and become one of us and our relationship with God is forever changed by this gracious event.

Whatever drew you here today, I hope that you will feel the presence of the Lord in this Church and in this community of faith. I hope that the song of song of the angels will exult in your heart and grant you the peace which is the promise of Christmas.

If you have been away from the Church for a while, I hope you will see the humility, vulnerability and love of God in the manger as invitation to enter more fully into his life here on earth through this community of faith. If the experience of Christmas is completely new to you, I hope you will discover here that abiding love God which draws us closer to God and one another.

Our broken world is much in need of the peaceable kingdom heralded by Christ's birth. Especially this year, let us pray that Christ's peace may heal the divisions among us in our families, our nation and our world. May the Savior bring healing the we need. May Christ's peace reign in our own hearts and in our world.

On behalf of myself and all who share in the ministry here, I would like to wish you and your families a joyful and blessed Christmas. May God surround you with his joy, peace and love!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. James Johnson

WELCOME!

We invite you to get involved at St. Jude!

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED AT ST. JUDE?

The gifts God has given to you, God has given to no other, gifts to serve his people....

Do you ever ask yourself:

- What am I to do next?
- How can I make an impact?
- How can I reach out to those in need?
- Are you a passionate parishioner who wants to become even more involved?

There is a ministry for you at St. Jude! Please pick up a ministry brochure at the Welcome Desk in the narthex or **contact Lisa Brown at lisab@stjude-redmond.org**.

We will be happy to match you to a ministry where you can share your gifts.

HOW DO I BECOME A CATHOLIC?

*And Jesus said to them: Come, follow me!
Where do you stay? Come and see!*

Do you know someone who...

- Is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, what it teaches, believes and practices?
- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We invite you to explore the Catholic faith and the deeper relationship with Christ it offers.

Please contact sondra@stjude-redmond.org

HOW DO I BECOME A PARISHIONER AT ST. JUDE?

We have a wonderful faith community here at St. Jude. We would love to have you become a part of it. Help us get to know you and serve you better.

If you are not a registered parishioner—**We invite you to complete a parish registration form that can be found at www.stjude-redmond.org or at the Welcome Desk in the narthex.** Please return it to the office or place it in the collection basket.



Faith Formation

Thank you to all those who are participating in our Faith Formation Programs.

Remote sessions are being emailed to the homes on the following days.

Mondays—First Reconciliation/First Eucharist
Parent inspirational video!

Tuesdays— K thru 6

Wednesdays— Teen Group

Thursdays— Confirmation

Questions? Contact Rick Casolary,
425-883-7685 or rick@stjude-redmond.org

*May Christ enlighten
your life with the
fullness of his love this
Christmas.*

*Merry Christmas!
St. Jude
Parish Staff*

Fr. Johnson

Fr. Anh

Rick

Sr. Betty

Krista

Sondra

Mandy

Dave

Lisa

How Do I Become Catholic?

“Be doers of the word and not merely hearers.”
—James 1:22

God is calling. Now what?

Learning to Respond

God works in many different ways. Most of the time, God works through ordinary people and events—a parent, a friend, a beautiful sunset, a song, an inspiring story. Other times, we hear God’s call during crisis moments or major life-changes—a birth, an engagement, a sickness, a death. Sometimes, we just have a feeling that something is missing. No matter what your reason for thinking about becoming Catholic, the Church’s hope and prayer is that when God calls, you will respond. If you’re reading this, you’ve already begun to respond! One part of the Catholic Church’s mission is to help people respond to God’s call as best they can by helping them become more and more like Jesus. For Christians, initiation means falling in love with Jesus and living as Jesus’s disciples. This is how we respond best to God’s call. Through the process of becoming Catholic, we try to help people learn how to respond to God’s call not just for the moment of baptism but for everyday of their lives. The way we learn to do that is by hanging out with Catholics and actually doing what Catholics do. So the process of becoming Catholic is not so much about learning things as in a classroom but entering a way of life, as an apprentice learns from a master and that master’s community.

The love of God is not generic. God looks with love upon every man and woman, calling them by name.
—Pope Francis

What made you read this flyer? Has something happened in your life that has made you wonder about becoming Catholic? What questions would you ask a Catholic person?

Becoming an Apprentice

At a university art department, a “master potter” was the teacher for all the pottery students. But his students didn’t really have classes in a classroom. What they did have was a lifestyle, or a discipline, and they all agreed to live by that lifestyle. In their discipline, the master potter agreed to teach them everything he knew, and the students agreed to watch the potter and follow his example. In a way, they became his disciples. Every so often, the potter showed them a new skill, like making a tiny tea cup. Then he told them, “Now you try it. Practice making 100 tea cups like this every day for the next month. When you can do that, then you’re ready to go on to the next step.”

Yet the potter wasn’t only teaching skills; he was also introducing them to the life of a potter. So he had them eat together using the plates and cups they made, talk about their struggles and joys with one another, take walks in nature together for inspiration, and chop wood together for the kiln to fire their pottery. Little by little, day by day, the students were *becoming* potters, learning by watching, doing, and living as the master did.

Our master potter is Jesus, and becoming Catholic is a lot like being his apprentices. We follow stages, watch for benchmarks, help each other, and learn and practice disciplines before moving on the next step. The process for this apprenticeship into the Christian way of life is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (often called RCIA).

If you’re ready to respond to God’s call, contact your local Catholic parish and ask them to help you learn to follow Jesus.



Words to know

Baptism: the ritual that makes a person a full member of a Christian religion; in the Catholic Church, the ritual involves immersing the person in water and calling upon God using the traditional names of “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”

Catholic: a person who lives out the Christian faith that follows the disciplines established by the Catholic Church

Christ: the Greek title given to Jesus meaning “anointed one”; in Hebrew, the title is translated as “messiah”; title that acknowledges that the person is specially chosen by God to lead and protect God’s people

Christian: a person who believes that Jesus was the Son of God, the Christ, who follows the teachings of Christ, and is baptized into the Christian faith through the ritual of baptism

discipline: habits of a group that make up a way of life based on the teachings of a person considered the group’s leader

RCIA: stands for “Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults;” process for adults for becoming Catholic

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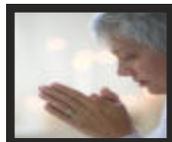


Parish Stewardship

Did you know that you can support St. Jude by giving online?

Psalms 116:12

What return shall I make to the Lord, for all the good He has done for me?



For more information or to sign up, visit our website at
www.stjude-redmond.org



Christmas and Year End Thankfulness

Thanks to all of our generous St. Jude parishioners for your financial support of the parish throughout 2020! *And if God has especially blessed you financially in 2020, please consider a special year-end gift to your parish.*

Blessings...Fr. Johnson

Please remember that any remaining donations to the parish must be received in the parish office or postmarked by or before December 31 in order to qualify as a 2020 contribution.

To All Microsoft Employees:

Did you know that you can double your donations? You can find us under St. Vincent de Paul via St. Jude Catholic Church (840-911052558),

Microsoft's system.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions. Krista Schafer
kristas@stjude-redmond.org,
425-883-7685 ext 128.

Thank you for your generously matched donations that helps St Jude serve the needy in our community.

Finance Council Report ...Stewardship of Treasure...



Parish Financial Giving/Sunday Offertory

July 1 thru December 13, 2020

Goal	\$18,610	\$463,747
Actual.....	\$43,750	\$500,500
Gain (loss)		(\$36,753)

Our Parish Finance Council Thanks You and Asks for Your Continued Generosity!

Jose Barreto,
Vinod Nazareth, John Reilly,
Ron Fechtner, Carol Michael,
Fr. James Johnson

WEEKLY CALENDAR

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

SATURDAY - December 26

Mass at 5:00pm

SUNDAY - December 27

Masses at 9am and 11am

MONDAY - December 28

No Daily Mass

TUESDAY - December 29

No Daily Mass

WEDNESDAY, December 30

9 AM Daily Mass

THURSDAY, December 31

9 AM Daily Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, Dec. 31st - 5pm, Vigil Mass
New Year's Eve

Friday, Jan.1st, - 9am Holy Day Mass
New Year's Day

On-line registration required

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPANY

SATURDAY - January 2

Mass at 5:00pm

SUNDAY - January 3

Masses at 9am and 11am

MONDAY - January 4

No Daily Mass

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
DECEMBER 28 -FRIDAY JANUARY 1



A CHRISTMAS PRAYER



Emmanuel, God-with-us,
you chose to come for
each person,
the destitute and the wealthy,
The unfortunate and the privileged,
the troubled and the peaceful,
the healthy and the ill.

You came in human form
with a message of extravagant love,
showing us how to be with those
who have much less than we do.
You came offering a gesture
of respect and reverence
instead of indifference and disdain;
giving courteous kindness
in place of thoughtless disregard;
contributing ongoing support
rather than a mere holiday handout.

Change my heart.
Turn it inside out,
toward the larger world.
Remind me daily of those who struggle
with their basic existence.
Lead me to help change social systems
that contribute to this ongoing struggle.
Enlarge my awareness.
Increase my generosity.
Guide my choices of how I live,
what I purchase,
and how I use my material wealth.

Boundless Love,
thank you for cherishing each person
on this planet.

Joyce Rupp