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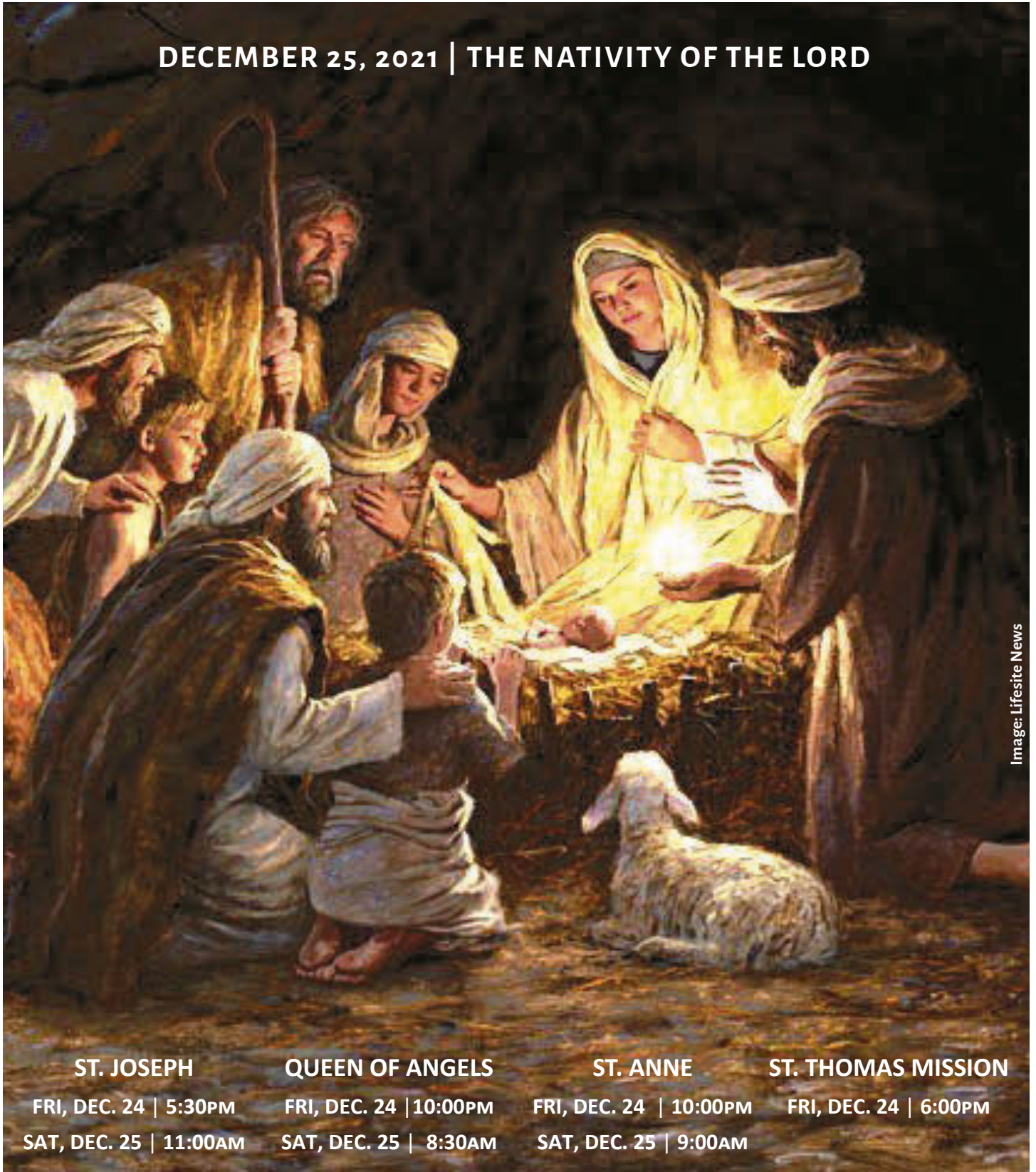


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ST. JOSEPH

FRI, DEC. 24 | 5:30PM

SAT, DEC. 25 | 11:00AM

QUEEN OF ANGELS

FRI, DEC. 24 | 10:00PM

SAT, DEC. 25 | 8:30AM

ST. ANNE

FRI, DEC. 24 | 10:00PM

SAT, DEC. 25 | 9:00AM

ST. THOMAS MISSION

FRI, DEC. 24 | 6:00PM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD | SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022—
(Not a holy day of obligation this year.)

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule for all the Parishes & Mission
(No evening Vigil Masses on Saturday, December 25th)

PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
DECEMBER 24TH-27TH IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS
AND DECEMBER 31ST



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES—FR. RANDY ON VACATION

Please be aware, that beginning December 29th through January 28th, there will be no daily Mass or weekday confessions while Fr. Randy is away for an extended visit with his family in the Philippines. We have priest coverage for all the weekends that Fr. Randy will be away—so the weekend confession schedule will be as usual. Eucharistic Adoration will continue at Queen of Angels on Wednesdays and at St. Joseph on Fridays while Father is away. Please keep him in your prayers for safe journeys there and back again.

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P.O. Box 2359 | 511—5th Ave
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Tue. 10:30 AM-2:30 PM

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MASS INTENTIONS

Week of Dec. 26-Jan. 1

SUN. MASSES

SUN 8:30 AM

Ervin Ellinger † (S)

11:00 AM

Francis Thiemann † (QA)

3:00 PM

Clallam Catholic Parishes ^{INT} (QA)

Week of January 1-8

SAT. VIGIL & SUN. MASSES

SAT 5:00 PM

Riza Villa † (S)

SUN 8:30 AM

Ted Riese † (S)

11:00 AM

Jerry Horner † (QA)

3:00 PM

Clallam Catholic Parishes ^{INT} (QA)

Week of January 8-15

SAT. VIGIL & SUN. MASSES

SAT 5:00 PM

Ken & Anne Dye ^{INT} (S)

SUN 8:30 AM

Clallam Catholic Parishes ^{INT} (S)

11:00 AM

John Starceovich † (QA)

3:00 PM

Will & Marie Egan † (QA)

NO WEEKDAY MASSES WHILE FR. RANDY IS AWAY.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

St. Joseph Parish

January 1st & 2nd

for St. Vincent de Paul

If you would like to make a contribution in addition to your parish tithe, a SVDP collection box will be available in the narthex of the church.

Thank you for your generosity!

LITURGY SCHEDULES

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

RETURNING CATHOLICS For Catholics who have been away from the Church for some time and are considering return. Please contact the parish office for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK is a sacrament administered to any Catholic “who, having reached the age of reason, begins to be in danger due to sickness or old age.” Please call the parish office.

BAPTISM Required preparation classes offered quarterly. Please call the parish office.

FUNERAL / CHRISTIAN BURIAL Please call parish office before setting date.

MARRIAGE Six months’ notice and preparation classes provided. Please contact the parish office before setting any firm dates.

Per CCHD mandate, face coverings are required for anyone attending Mass.

MASS SCHEDULE | For the Week of Dec. 26– Dec. 31

SUN Mass | 8:30 AM AT **SJ & SA**

WED Mass | 5:30 PM AT **SA**

SUN Mass | 11:00 AM AT **QA & ST**

THU Mass | 12:05 PM AT **SA**

SUN Mass | 3:00 PM AT **QA**

FRI Mass | 12:05 PM AT **SA**

CONFESSION SCHEDULE | For the Week of Dec. 27– Jan. 2

SAT Confession | 3:30-4:30 PM AT **SJ**

SUN Confession | 1:45-2:45 PM AT **QA**

SAT Confession | 4:30-5:45 PM AT **SA**

SUN Confession | 10:30-10:50 AM AT **ST**

THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY CONFESSIONS AT QA/SJ WHILE FR. RANDY IS AWAY

CHURCH HOURS | For the Week of Dec. 27– Dec. 31

The churches will be open for private prayer:

TUE 10:30AM-2:30PM AT **SA**

THU 9:00AM-3:30PM AT **QA**

WED 9:00AM-3:30PM AT **QA**

FRI 9:00AM-3:30PM AT **SJ**

(QA Church closed)

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY CHURCHES CLOSED EXCEPT FOR MASS



DID YOU KNOW?

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

ST. JOSEPH | For the month of January 2022 the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 9:00am on **Fridays** and end with Benediction at 3:30 pm.

QUEEN OF ANGELS | For the month of January 2022 the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 12:30pm on **Wednesdays** and end with Benediction at 3:30pm.

ST. ANNE | The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at approximately 12:45PM on **Fridays** and ends at 2:30PM.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION — The **New Year** is a great way to look back over the past year and reflect on it with the Lord. Why not **make a visit with Jesus** and just review the past year with Him at **SJ** or **SA** on **Friday, December 31st**? What were the biggest blessings or struggles? Where have you grown the most? Thank the Lord for the past year with all its challenges and blessings, and offer Him all that will come in 2022.

PLEASE REMEMBER QUEEN OF ANGELS, ST. JOSEPH, ST. ANNE PARISHES OR ST. THOMAS MISSION IN YOUR WILL.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. RANDY GUARINO

Dearly Beloved Parishioners of St. Joseph (Sequim), Queen of Angels (Port Angeles),
St. Anne (Forks) and St. Thomas (Clallam Bay),

Greetings of Love and Peace!

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, I would like to begin this Christmas message by asking a question, "Is there anything good in this Pandemic? Faced with the social and economic challenges posed by COVID-19, we take a moment of silence to reflect on the meaning of our situation - a crisis, which I believe is a necessary moment in the history of individuals and society."

I remember my professor in one of our classes in Biblical Studies when he talked about crisis. And this could either be socio-economic, socio-political, psycho-spiritual or health-crisis. Crisis is from the Greek word "*krino*" which means to pick out, choose or decide. In our situation, we are in a crucial stage or turning point in our lives where we have to make a decision or choose something or offer solution to correct our way of life regardless of the crisis we're going through.

Those of us who fail to view a crisis in the light of the Gospel simply perform an autopsy on a cadaver as the Holy Father said. If we can recover the courage and humility to admit that a time of crisis is a time of the Spirit, whenever we are faced with the experience of darkness, weakness, vulnerability, contradiction and loss, we will no longer feel overwhelmed. He added that when a crisis arises, the fresh perspective it brings is never opposed to what came before, but it is a newness "that springs from the old and makes it continually fruitful."

Behold, I am making all things new. But are we able to recognize that? We are, if we only listen and see the signs of hope that He is bringing. And we have to understand that newness, for it cannot be like the old normal. It cannot be as it was in the beginning. God is certainly recreating something new and just as the people who are alive when Jesus was born, they had just expected what scriptures were telling them. And the scriptures were talking about the coming of the Messiah but when the time came not everyone recognized Him that He was the fulfilment of what had been promised because the way He chose to reveal Himself did not match their expectation; it was very different from what they had hoped.

So, the same thing with us. We have our own expectations on how we want God to come, how we want Him to set us free, but God is already doing something new. Our job is to recognize it. But we won't recognize it if we listen with already our own agenda at the back of our minds. We will miss the point and so we need that openness of heart like Mary. She did not expect what happened to her but because she had no other agenda except God's will, her faith enabled her to say "*let it be done unto me according to your word.*" So, the idea of in the minds of the seeming chaos, of seeming disorder, God is already doing something. Can we see it? Can you recognize that something new? And it will always be to further promote the Kingdom, what God understands by the kingdom, how God wants to invite us to this Kingdom. Just as a seed dies in order to grow, in a crisis we see an end, while at the same time, in that end a new beginning is taking shape.

In this sense, our unwillingness to enter into crisis and to let ourselves be led by the Spirit in times of trial condemns us to remaining miserable and fruitless. "In the witness of our faith, we should not fear nor should we deny everything in ourselves and in our communities that is evidently tainted by sin and death and calls for conversion."

Everything evil, wrong, weak and unhealthy that comes to light in this time of crisis serves as a forceful reminder of our need to die to our false selves as way of living, thinking and acting that does not reflect the Gospel for it is only by dying "to a certain mentality" that we as a Church will be able to "make room for that newness that the Spirit constantly awakens in the heart of the Church."

Let no one willfully hinder the work that the Lord is accomplishing at this moment for He is bringing us goodness and light and let us ask for the gift to serve Him in humility, so we can say out loud with John the Baptist "that He may increase, and I may decrease."

So, from me, to you and your entire family, may you have a prayerful holy day celebration. Merry Christmas and a Blessed Happy New Year!

Ad Iesum per Mariam,

Fr. Randy

PS: I will be home for a month to visit my family in the Philippines please pray for my safe travel. Thank you!



Make a Joyful Noise

Unto the Lord

At this special time of the year we would like to take the opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for all volunteers, present and past, who have blessed our Clallam Catholic Parishes with their time, talents and treasure through the following ministries, guilds and organizations:

LITURGY & WORSHIP

*Eucharistic Adoration
Altar Servers
Altar Linen Care
Extraordinary Ministers
Flowers and Church Decorating
Rosary Leaders
Lectors
Music/Choirs
Ushers*

SHARING THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

*Ladies Bible Study
Adult Scripture Study
Elementary Religious Education
Confirmation Sponsors
RCIA Sponsors
Youth Group Assistance
Summer Camp & VBS Helpers*

REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

*Communion to the Homebound
St. Vincent de Paul
Respect Life Group
Prayer Shawls
Healing Ministry Team
Funeral Receptions
College Scholarship Committee
F.I.A.T. (Faith in Action Team)
A.A.T. (Apostolic Action Team)*

FELLOWSHIP

*Knights of Columbus
Lay Carmelites
Cursillo (Men's)
Secular Franciscans
Women of St. Joseph
Queen of Angels Catholic Guilds
Legion of Mary
Marriage Encounter
Mix-sups Supper Socials
Scouts
Welcoming Committee*

PARISH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

*Receptionists
Data Entry
Sunday Collection Counters
Garden Care
Handy Man Projects*

COUNCILS & COMMISSIONS

*Pastoral Council
Finance Council
Evangelization Commission
School Commission*

May the gift of God's love light your Christmas Season
with abiding peace, great joy, and new hope.
Fr. Randy Guarino & Staff



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



UPCOMING PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITY | WITH FR. RANDY GUARINO

ADVENT IN THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN PILGRIMAGE

November 28—December 9, 2022 (12 days)

\$4,999 from Seattle— *Pilgrimage includes round trip airfare on British Airways, breakfast and dinner per itinerary, specially selected hotel accommodations, air-conditioned motor coach, full-time tour manager, departure tax and current fuel charge.*

Brochures are available in the churches or parish offices with a complete itinerary—there only 50 spots available and they are going fast. Make plans today!

LEARNING

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CATECHISM CORNER — From the desk of Mike Acheson

We are drawn to Christ. It is no wonder that those of a holy nature draw people.

John the Baptist, “*the Lord’s immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare His way . . . a prophet of the Most High . . . who inaugurates the Gospel from his mother’s womb, welcoming the coming of Christ,*” (CCC 523) was arrested and bound by King Herod and as we know, ultimately killed by him. Herod “feared” John, but he knew him to be a “righteous” man. When John spoke Herod was “*perplexed, yet he liked to listen to him.*” (Mark 6:20)

Truth, as we see in all of Jesus’s teachings and words, is the pinnacle of holiness, and yet it often leads to the ultimate sacrifice of life, 2000 years ago, but today as well. We are drawn to truth. When we were raising our kids we always told them to tell the truth, among the multitude of reasons was because “there is less to remember.”

“*The truth is simple,*” President Ronald Reagan once said. “*But that doesn’t make it easy.*”

The birth of Jesus is a call to **truth, simplicity, and holiness**; this perplexes many people who are unfamiliar with the story of Christ, those who have purposefully stayed away, or like Herod intrigued but in the end, have a “higher” master.

In the same way we are drawn to the childlike as they most resemble the attributes that Christ possessed, and it is no wonder Jesus spoke of children often in the Gospels.

“*To become a child in relation to God is the condition for entering the kingdom. For this, we must humble ourselves and become little. Even more: to become “children of God” we must be “born from above” or “born of God” . . . and only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us.*” (CCC 526)

Let us never forget that Jesus was “*born in a humble stable, into a poor family, and simple shepherds were the first witnesses to this event. In this poverty heaven’s glory was made manifest.*” (CCC 525)

Simple, truthful, holy; attributes that our culture mostly finds perplexing. Just as God used the child of Lourdes, St. Bernadette, and the children of Fatima, Lucia, Jacinta, and Francesco, to call us back to God while facing wholesale persecution, we must find the strength that Jesus offers us. A strength ladled **with truth** that is so simple we become childlike and hence, **true children of God.**

WEEKLY EVENT CALENDAR

CONFESSIONS? SEE FRONT OF BULLETIN | LAST-MINUTE CHANGES? SEE CLALLAMCATHOLIC.ORG

QUEEN OF ANGELS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27
PARISH OFFICE & CHURCH CLOSED

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

LEGION OF MARY Mtg. | *Mary Rm.* 9:15AM

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER VIGIL | *at Planned Parenthood* 10:00AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION | *Church* 12:45PM-3:30PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31—**NEW YEAR'S EVE**.....
PARISH OFFICE & CHURCH CLOSED

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1—**HAPPY NEW YEAR**.....

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

ST. JOSEPH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27
PARISH OFFICE & CHURCH CLOSED

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER VIGIL | *at Planned Parenthood in PA*.....10:00AM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31—**NEW YEAR'S EVE**.....
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION | *Church* 9:15AM-3:30PM

ROSARY | *Church* 2:30PM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET | *Church* 3:00PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1—**HAPPY NEW YEAR**.....

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

ST. ANNE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

PARISH OFFICE & CHURCH OPEN 10:30AM-2:30PM

ROSARY 11:30AM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31—**NEW YEAR'S EVE**.....

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION | *Church* approx. 12:45PM-2:30PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1—**HAPPY NEW YEAR**.....

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

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