

# DECEMBER 5, 2021 — THE Second Sunday of Advent

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

- Lk 3:5-6

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**Mass times ICC: Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Confessions 3:00—4:30 p.m.)**  
**ICC: Sunday: 9:00 a.m. SJV: 12 noon**  
**Daily Mass is Monday, Wednesday—Friday 8:30 a.m.**

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**Looking Ahead:**

Tues Dec 7 — 7 pm AA/Al-Anon  
 Wed Dec 8 — Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation  
 Sun Dec 12 Giving Tree Gifts back to church  
 Tue Dec 14 — 7pm Penance Service



**Observances for the week of Dec 5, 2021**

**Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent  
**Monday:** St. Nicholas, Bishop  
**Tuesday:** St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Wednesday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Thursday:** St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin  
**Friday:** Our Lady of Loreto  
**Saturday:** St. Damasus I, Pope  
**Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent

**Advent Penance Service — Dec 14, 7 p.m.**

Advent gives us time to prepare by repenting of our sins, by renewing our lives through prayer and penance, and by sharing our blessings with others. We will have a Penance service at Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, December 14th at 7 p.m. with individual confessions after.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2021  
 CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Friday, Dec. 24th, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. (ICC)  
 Friday, Dec. 24th, 8 p.m. (SJV)  
 Saturday, December 25th, 9 a.m. (ICC)  
 (no Saturday evening Mass)

**JANUARY 1 MASS SCHEDULE**

**The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
 Saturday, January 1, 10 a.m. (ICC)**

**Position Open**

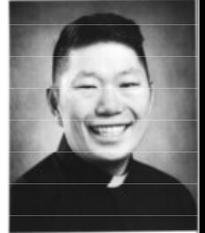
Immaculate Conception Parish is seeking a dynamic, Catholic, administrative assistant for our front office. Must be competent in Office 365 and data entry as well as answering the phone and greeting visitors to the office. This is a full-time position with benefits. Inquire at the parish office for more details or submit your resume with a cover letter.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

	<u>ICC Nov 20/21</u>	<u>SJV Nov 21</u>
Weekly Giving	\$ 2,818.00	\$ 138.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,741.00	
<b>Other Giving</b>		
St. Vincent de Paul	210.00	
Beautification /Maintenance	125.00	
Food Bank/Thanksgiving	155.00	
All Saints		100.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**Dear Parishioners of ICC and SJV,**

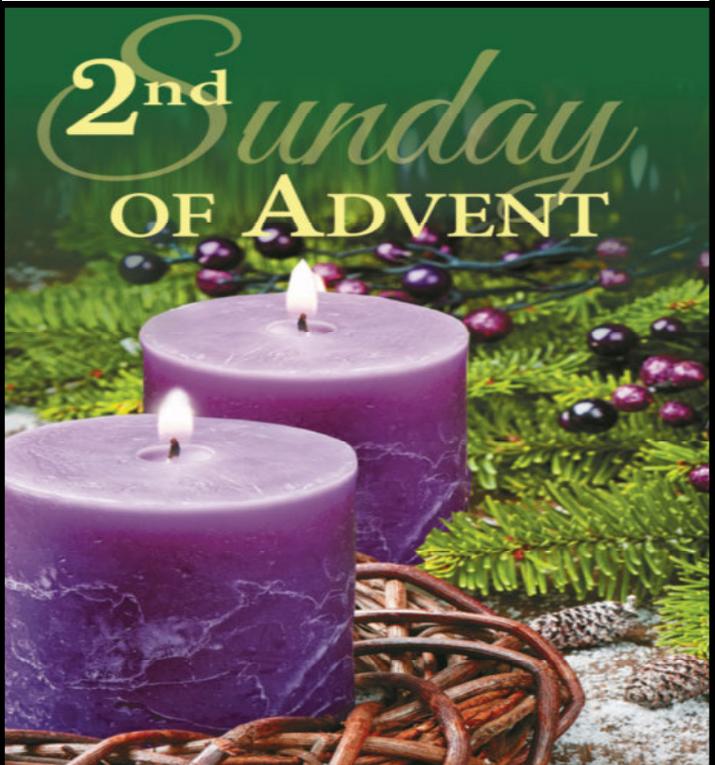


Last weekend for the first week of Advent, I talked about “making more space for Jesus” during this preparatory season. There are many ways in which God can call us to make extra space for Him during this time – more prayer, giving additional to those in need etc. Another profound way in which we can make space for Christ is through being forgiven of sin through the Sacrament of Confession. When our souls are filled with sin, even small sins, there is little room for Jesus to dwell! We can remedy this by going to Confession and experiencing God’s mercy which heals and restores us to grace.

Maybe you haven’t gone in a while, or maybe you’re nervous to go; all of this is okay. Know that when you go to Confession you’re not talking to the priest, but to God Himself who loves you and is eager to forgive. If we truly want Jesus to enter our lives this Advent and Christmas, then we need to go and remove the sin we have to make room for Him. So, I encourage you this Advent to take some time to examine your conscience and then encounter God’s mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God is there waiting to enter your life and help you have a spiritually fruitful Advent and Christmas!

Respectfully Yours in Christ,

Fr. Tyler Johnson



## FAITH FORMATION

November 28 No Faith Formation classes today  
 December 5 Family Advent Event  
 December 19 Christmas Pageant

### Family Advent Event

On December 5th at 11 a.m. we will have a family Advent Event. We have kits available to make mangers (like last year), Advent wreaths, and Advent calendars.



Come for cookies and hot chocolate. Who knows, perhaps, St. Nicholas whose feast is December 6th may make an early visit.

### Dispensation Ends December 8th

The general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation (including the Saturday/vigil Mass) is to be reinstated (CIC, can. 1247) during Advent on December 8, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

### Preparing the Manger

With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready. ©LPi

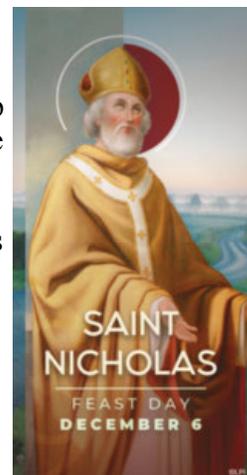


### Giving Tree

There are still a few tags available on the giving tree. We have more families this year and are relying on your generosity to take a tag. Please return the unwrapped gift with the tag in a gift bag or a gift box. We must be able to see the gift inside. Gift cards are also welcome. All gifts must be back by Dec. 12th Thank you so much for your kindness!

### St. Nicholas | Feast Day December 6

St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270 – December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution.



According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys. Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today. ©LPi

THANKS TO EVERYONE who returned your stewardship of Treasure commitment cards for 2022. If you have not returned your card yet, please put it in the collection basket at church or mail to the Parish/mission office at: 1200 E. 5th St., Arlington, WA 98223.

### ARLINGTON FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS

Our Christmas list for the food bank includes 500 cans of whole or jelled cranberry sauce. If you don't want to haul in a case of cans, you can donate money to the project. They would like them by Dec. 12th



### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, Dec. 8th, is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a holy day of obligation and all Catholics must attend Mass. Mass at ICC will be 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mass at SJV will be at 4 p.m.

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