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First Sunday of
ADVENT



NOVEMBER 28, 2021

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Sunday	Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday	Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Sunday:	1 st Sunday of Advent
Tuesday:	St. Andrew, Apostle
Friday:	St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Saturday:	St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	2 nd Sunday of Advent

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Any human success requires vigilance. Opportunities and powerful moments of encounter can easily be missed when we are not attentive. It is all too easy today to live distracted and preoccupied lives. There is so much vying for our attention that it can be hard to be selective and really focus. Caught up in this whirlwind of busyness and anxiety, we become tired and almost sleepwalk through life. Advent is a time to selectively focus. These beautiful four short weeks are a time to look backward and forward and be attentive to the human journey and God's revelation. From the beginning of time, God has been seeking our attention. He constantly reminds us of the justice he desires to bring and the promise of his abiding unconditional love. Understanding and growing in these truths requires alertness so that we can be strengthened in our faith and prepared for whatever will come.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021 | 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses

Saturday | 5:00 pm

Sunday | 8:30 am
10:30 am

Daily Masses

Tuesdays | 6:00 pm

Wednesday* –Saturday |
8:45 am

**Wednesday Mass Open to
All on The Following Dates:**

12/22, 12/29

*Wednesday daily Mass is for students/faculty only at this time in order to comply with covid protocols unless otherwise noted.

CHURCH HOURS

Monday-Friday

8:30 am-5:00pm

*The church is occupied by the school band on Mondays from 10a-11:30a and Wednesdays from 1:45p-3:15p.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays

3:30 pm-4:30 pm

Tuesdays

5:30-5:50

By appointment:

206-937-1488 ext. 200

**Livestreams/videos can be
viewed at:**

vimeo.com/holyrosary

The Journey of Faith with

Fr. Matthew Oakland



Thanksgiving Gratitude

It is a busy time of year, which much to be thankful for. As we pause to give thanks, we realize that God's gifts are for us, but also through us for others, as we journey together towards Heaven. If you have not yet returned your Stewardship of Treasure renewal pledge card, I would encourage you to do so. Our giving in support of the work of the parish is one of the ways we live as disciples, in thankfulness and praise to God for what he has done for us. Please take some time to pray about the gifts you have received and what your offering to the Lord will be in return this coming year. Thank you for your generous support, but even more so, for responding to the call of Christ.

Holy Days of Obligation Once Again

On Wednesday, December 8th, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mary was prepared from the moment of her conception by a singular grace, kept free from sin, to be the Mother of God. It would be a grace that she would have to cooperate with in her own life, by her own love, living in God's goodness.

When the pandemic started, the Archbishop gave a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and the other Holy Days. As God's children, we place him first in our lives, and gather as a community of faith each Lord's Day, and on those other days of importance to our Lord. It is what defines us as Christians, that we are always with the Christ, in particular as He gives Himself to us in the Eucharist to help us on our pilgrimage toward Heaven. On December 8th the dispensation is being lifted by the Archbishop.

We have distanced seating areas for those who are still concerned about transmission. Everyone is wearing masks. So not only is it pretty safe to come, but it is also good and necessary for our souls. Livestreaming is nice, but it isn't meant to replace real participation as a member of the Church, and nothing can replace receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. Livestreaming is meant for those who are homebound, who are sick or caring for the sick, who must stay home from everything because of a severe risk of COVID, for those

who have no Catholic Church anywhere nearby, etc., who are granted a dispensation by the law itself. So, come join us for Sunday Mass as we celebrate together God's goodness. Anywhere you are, there is likely a Catholic Church nearby, meaning even when traveling you can celebrate and live your faith with the wider Church, and with the Lord on His Day. It's such an important part of who we are – it is the Third Commandment God gave us. If we want to be with Him in Heaven, how can we really be anywhere else than with Him here and now in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass which is a foreshadowing of Heaven itself? To sin is to literally separate ourselves from Christ. That is why not attending Sunday Mass is considered sinful without one of the just causes listed above—it is a literal separating of ourselves from the Lord on His Day. But come not because you are obliged to but because you want to be near your Bridegroom!

Blessing of the Bambinelli—December 12th

We are starting a new tradition this year, first begun by Pope John Paul II in Rome. On December 12th, as we celebrate Gaudete Sunday and rejoice that God draws near and is almost with us, I invite the children of the parish (or lacking any littler ones in the home, all the children of God in the parish) to bring the Christ child from your mangers at home to Mass where I will bless them on Bambinelli Sunday. It is a great way to connect our celebrations at church with those at your home and to remember the purpose of this holy season—the focus on the coming Christ and the blessing He is to our lives. So put it on your calendar, and plan to come to Sunday Mass with your bambino!



OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Holy Rosary Tree Lot November 26-December 18



Come out and enjoy some holiday cheer and take home a tree, wreath or garland. Proceeds from the tree lot benefit the school as well as three local charities: Salvation Army Hickman House, West Seattle Food Bank & Clothesline.

MASS INTENTIONS

November 30

Paralumen Fragada | RIP

December 2

John Sivak | RIP

December 3

Matteo Picinich | RIP

HOLY ROSARY ENROLLMENT

If you have a new student for our Holy Rosary Preschool or new to our K-8 school program, please complete our online application at: <https://holyrosaryws.org/applynow/>. All prospective Kindergarten students are required to submit an application. For students currently enrolled in Kindergarten-7th grade, Preschool 2s & Preschool 3s, re-enrollment for next school year will occur in mid-January. Schedule a tour by contacting: admissions@holyrosaryws.org

Financial Aid 2022/2023

Applying for tuition assistance for the Sep. 2022-June 2023 is now open. Please complete your financial aid application by January 7, 2022. Info about financial aid and the link to the application can be found at holyrosaryws.org. Questions? Please contact bmartin@holyrosaryws.org.

CYO NEEDS YOUR HELP!

CYO recently announced that CYO basketball will begin in January, **but we must fill the following two critical positions before November 29th** for Holy Rosary to participate. Please contact Don Porth at PAA@holyrosaryseattle.org if you are interested in applying for either or both jobs.



Gymnasium Supervisor (paid position)

The Gymnasium Supervisor coordinates Holy Rosary Parish CYO activities on game days, normally Saturdays and Sundays, during the basketball and volleyball seasons (January through April). The Gymnasium Supervisor is responsible for opening and closing the gym, ensuring all attendees are in compliance with all behavior and COVID protocols, assisting the referees and coaches as needed with supplies or information, and when allowed in the future, operating the Snack Shack and coordinating supplies and volunteers. The full description is available at holyrosaryseattle.org.

CYO Healthcare Coordinator (volunteer position)

The CYO Healthcare Coordinator is responsible for ensuring all CYO basketball participants and coaches adhere to all Washington State Department of Health and CYO Covid protocols. This person must attend CYO online training and coordinate with coaches to check the vaccination status of all coaches, volunteer parents, and players. **All coaches and volunteer parents must be vaccinated.** The CYO Healthcare Coordinator must also ensure that unvaccinated players provide proof of a negative Covid test twice each week and submit a monthly tracking matrix to the CYO Director.

Holy Rosary School is Hiring!

HRS is hiring for a long term substitute for fourth grade beginning in late December and continuing through the remainder of the 2021-22 school year. Candidates must hold or be eligible for Washington State Teaching Certification. We are also hiring for an instructional aid in the grade school (25 hours/week). For more info, reach out to Principal Anna Horton at ahorton@holyrosaryws.org.

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WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY

You're Invited! The Women's Spirituality Ministry invites you to join us in preparing for Christmas with a weekly study of The Little Blue Book, available for free at the church for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons. There will be questions and personal reflections to help in our spiritual journeys. We will start December 1 with wreath-making and conclude the second week of January.

When: Wednesdays, starting

Dec. 1- Jan. 12

Time: 6:00 pm– 7:30 pm

Where: Holy Rosary Chapel

For info and to RSVP, call Diane at 206-937-5886

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Q3 REPORT JUL-SEP

We are writing to share an update on the impact your support for SVDP has on our local community. Holy Rosary donations (from the SVDP collections after mass, individual donations and from our members) totaled \$9,570. These donations along with some reserves allowed us to provide financial assistance to 86 families/neighbors totaling \$14,250 with the largest categories being rent (\$8,975), beds (\$1,740) and utilities (\$1,535). Additionally, we received food donations from our parishioners that we then distributed to needy families (we valued the food distributed at \$915). Our members also volunteered 258 hours of their time.

Here is the story of one of the neighbors in need whom your donations helped: A couple of SVDP members recently had a home visit with Paul (not his real name). This single father of 2 boys has been clean and sober for 3.5 years and is determined to provide his boys with a loving and stable home. Despite working full-time he often only has \$100 left over after paying his rent/utilities each month. He just needed some groceries and gift cards to help feed his boys and put gas in his car so he can get to work. He was extremely grateful for this help and it truly was inspiring to meet with him and hear the progress he has made.

We want to thank each and every donor at Holy Rosary Parish for your continued generosity which makes it possible to serve our neighbors in need!

Aaron Merz (Vice President) and Steve Buty (Treasurer)



Holy Rosary Parish 2021 Advent Giving Tree Nov. 21–Dec. 15

We are once again collecting \$25 Target gift cards for children and families this season. All of the Target gift cards received will directly support the children and families of St. Vincent de Paul and Catholic Immigration Legal Services (CILS). St. Vincent's has over 35 families needing assistance this season, and CILS is helping 13 Afghan refugee families resettle in the South Sound area. Physical gift cards are preferred (no e-cards, please).

Gift cards can be placed in the collection baskets or returned to the parish office during business hours. Use the mail slot on the southside door of the parish office if office is closed. Please do not leave gifts under the trees in the church.



Catholic Immigration Legal Services is collecting NEW socks for refugee families. Donations of warm socks for men, women, and children can be dropped off at the collection boxes at either church entrance or the parish office. Thank you!

**Thank you for returning items
by December 15. We are
grateful for your generosity!**

**“Arise! Shine,
for your light has come.”**

~Isaiah 60:1

Holy Rosary Celebrate Advent

Sunday, December 5

9:30am to 12:30pm, School Hall
Come after Mass or stop by anytime!



FOR ALL AGES!

**Pick up Advent crafts to do at home*

**Buy Advent wreaths and candles*

**Drop off non-perishable food for St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive*

Online Giving

Thank you to those who already give online. If you wish to support our ongoing labors, please visit <http://www.osvhub.com/holyrosaryseattle>

By Mail

You can use the business envelope included in your monthly envelope packets, or mail to:

Holy Rosary Church
4139 42nd Ave SW
Seattle, WA 98116

Drop Off

Please use the south parish door mail slot when dropping off checks and/or envelopes.

Thank you for continuing to support us in carrying out the mission of Christ.

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