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*Fourth Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



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**DECEMBER 19, 2021**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## FIRST READING:

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah  
too small to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Mi 5:1)

## PSALM:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we  
shall be saved. (Ps 80)

## SECOND READING:

"Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll,  
behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" (Heb 10:7)

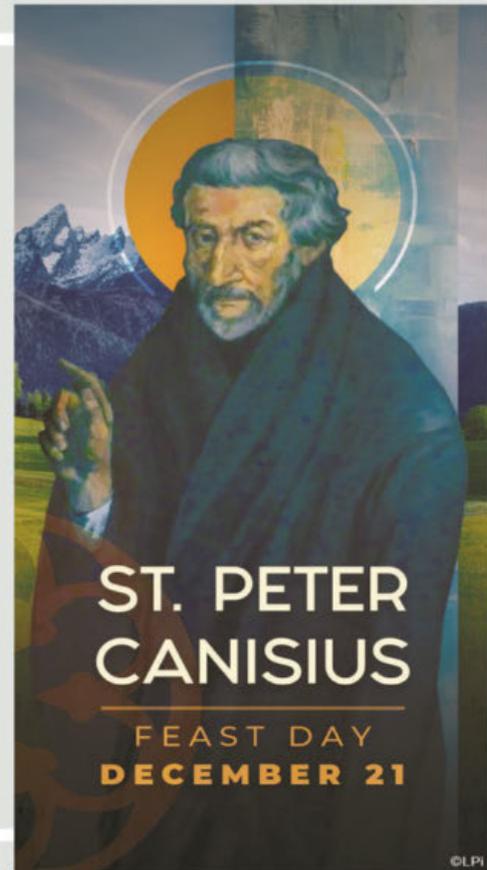
## GOSPEL:

"Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.  
And how does this happen to me,  
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Lk 1:42-43)

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent  
Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
Thursday: St. John of Kanty, Priest  
Friday: Christmas Eve  
Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord  
Next Sunday: The Holy Family



## Saint of the Week

Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521 – December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards, St. Peter met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus.

St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters — many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great.

A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth.

**Dec/Jan liturgy  
schedule on pg. 4.**

### **MASS TIMES**

#### **Sunday Masses**

Saturday | 5:00 pm

Sunday | 8:30 am  
10:30 am

#### **Daily Masses**

Tuesdays | 6:00 pm  
Wed.\* – Sat. | 8:45 am

\*Daily Mass on Wednesday  
AMs is for students/faculty only  
at this time in order to comply  
with covid protocols unless  
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**

5:00-5:45

#### **By appointment:**

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# The Journey of Faith with Fr. Matthew Oakland



As a child, did you ever sit in the window expecting someone's arrival—a parent to come home from work, a visit from your grandparents, the arrival of a new little brother or sister?

Do you remember the excitement and the joy and the anticipation?

For three weeks as we have celebrated the Advent Season we have been awaiting Jesus' arrival. And now He is almost here! Are you excited?

With wrapping up year-end work and holidays and vacation, celebrations that are to come with family and friends, trips, gifts to be purchased and wrapped, groceries to be bought and meals to be prepared, the next two weeks are often the very definition of busy.

And so before it reaches a fever pitch, I would encourage you to pause for a moment.

At this moment, Joseph and Mary are making their own preparations for the birth of their son and Savior. For nine months Mary has carried within her womb this miraculously conceived child. Mary and Joseph had to reconcile after an initial misunderstanding over the origin of the child, and she spent some time caring for her cousin and her own newborn. And now they are making their way to Bethlehem for the census—a very inconvenient timing. Traveling, even on a donkey, isn't exactly an ideal way to spend the weeks before your child's birth.

When they arrive things won't go as planned. There will be no place for them to stay—save for a manger, the home of animals. And it is there that they will welcome their son into the world. While all around them slept, save for the shepherds keeping watch in the fields, they welcomed Jesus Christ into their lives and into the world.

Amidst the many other good things that will be happening in the next two weeks, how will you welcome Jesus Christ into your life anew? And keep Him there as Christmas isn't just a holiday that comes and goes, but a new reality to be lived? It is easy to set aside the spiritual purpose of this day amidst the busyness of everything else. So it is important to reflect now about how you plan to celebrate the most important part of Christmas. What, besides Mass, is your plan to celebrate Christmas—on December 25th, and each of the days that follow, as our celebration continues? I myself plan on starting Fr. Mike Schmitz's podcast *The Bible in a Year*. I figure every priest should probably have read the whole bible, and this a great way to delve in, and to make Jesus Christ more real in my life—the entire point of Christmas.

I hope and pray that these holy days be grace filled for you as we prepare to celebrate the dawning of our salvation, the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ—God come to us. May we never fail to draw near to Him.



# LITURGY SCHEDULE

Archbishop Etienne has reinstated the general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of as of December 8, 2021, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. If you've been away from Mass during the pandemic, we invite you to come back to receive the Eucharist, rebuild community life and renew your commitment to Sunday Mass. More information can be found at [archseattle.org](http://archseattle.org). If are unable to join us at Mass, there are exceptions to this such as:

- Having underlying conditions, pregnancy, or considered to be in a high-risk category.
- Exhibiting flu-like symptoms.
- Possibly being asymptomatic of a contagious illness (being in close contact with someone who tested positive for a contagious illness such as COVID or influenza, for example).
- Caring for the sick, homebound or infirmed.
- Being 65 years of age or older (per the Centers for Disease Control's recommendation for high-risk individuals).
- Being unable to attend Mass through no fault of your own (i.e. no Mass is offered; you are infirm; or, while wanting to go, you are prevented for some reason you cannot control, such as your ride did not show up).
- Receiving a dispensation from the pastor directly.



## Liturgy Schedule for December 2021 and January 2022



### December 24, Friday - Christmas Eve

Masses at 4pm, 6:30pm, 11pm

### December 25, Saturday - Christmas Day

Mass at 9am

*(No Saturday Vigil Mass for Holy Family on Christmas Day. No Saturday confessions.)*

### December 26, Sunday - Feast of Holy Family

Masses at 8:30, 10:30am

### December 27-30 - Church closed.

No daily Masses. No Tuesday confessions.

### December 31, Friday - Vigil of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Vigil Mass at 5pm

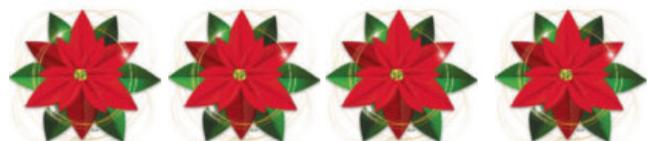
### January 1, Saturday - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass at 9am

*(No Saturday Vigil Mass for Epiphany on New Year's Day. No Saturday confessions.)*

### January 2, Sunday, - Feast of Epiphany

Masses at 8:30, 10:30am



## BABY JESUS' WISH LIST

Odds are you've got a Christmas list going by now — gift ideas for everyone from your nephew to your goddaughter to your mailman. But what about the birthday boy? What's the gift Jesus gets from you this Christmas?

If you've ever read the Book of Leviticus, you know all about the sacrifices God asks of the Israelites, referred to in the reading from Hebrews today. Leviticus can be a chore to read — a little repetitive, a little intimidating. There's a lot of very specific actions that God asks His Chosen People to complete to make up for whatever they have done wrong. In essence, it's a bit of a wish list for gifts.

But it's a wish list that can really confuse you. What's God going to do with a cereal offering? The kidneys of an animal? If you look closely,

what God is doing here is beautiful. He's customized his wish list to only those things He knows the Israelites can give. It's God saying, in what amounts to theological baby-talk for folks who barely know of Him and His ways, exactly how they could be stewards. "Do this, but don't do that. If you do that, do this and you will find My mercy."

Our guide to stewardship — the Gospels of Christ — is less precise because by the time of Christ, God's people have grown in understanding of love and mercy and relationship with the divine. Through Christ, we find out that God's real wish list didn't really consist of cereal offerings and the kidneys of various animals. It's far simpler, but luckily, it's something we still have on-hand. All He wants is our whole heart.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## BESIDES THE WISE MEN, WHAT IS SIGNIFICANT ABOUT THE EPIPHANY?

Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus

not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?



# OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

## HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL

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/applnow/>. 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](mailto: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 [www.holyrosaryws.org](http://www.holyrosaryws.org). Questions? Please contact [bmartin@holyrosaryws.org](mailto:bmartin@holyrosaryws.org).

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### December 18

Pro Populo

### December 19

8:30 am | Anthony Charles Boren | RIP

10:30 am | Joseph Warner | RIP

### December 22

8:45 am | Giovanni Tarabochia | RIP

### December 24

4:00 pm | Robert Formea | RIP

6:30 pm | Helen Neudorfer | RIP

11:00 pm | Pro Populo

To request a Mass intention, please stop by the parish office or call Melissa at 206-937-1488 ext. 200. To ensure your intention is published, dates must be chosen at least 14 days in advance.

## January is Blood Donor Awareness Month

To create awareness and to help ensure an ample blood supply for our community, Holy Rosary School is running a two week blood donation campaign with Bloodworks Northwest.



**About the campaign:** Give blood by visiting any Bloodworks Northwest Donor Center or temporary pop-up Donor Center located near you **between Mon, Jan 3 and Mon, Jan 17.**

Upon arrival, register to give blood under donor code **"HRS"**. Please provide this code so the blood center can track our impact! Help us reach a goal of at least 30 donations over the two-week time frame!

**Appointments are required.** Make your appointment between **Jan 3 – 17** by scanning the QR codes below with your phone. For help booking an appointment, email [schedule@bloodworksnw.org](mailto:schedule@bloodworksnw.org) or call 1-800-398-7888. For more info, visit [www.Bloodworksnw.org](http://www.Bloodworksnw.org).

To scan this QR code for an appointment anywhere, open your phone's camera app and hover over the code. A link should appear on your phone in a few seconds!



←—To make an appointment at a WS Pop-Up site, scan here!

## 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  
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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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