



For the One who carved the islands / has come to live among us,
And this is the house He has chosen, / St. Mary Star of the Sea. — Anne Porter

**GREETERS AND SERVERS—NEXT WEEK
DEC. 9/10, 2017**

REMINDER: Servers and Greeters, not Parish staff, are responsible for finding a substitute once a schedule is disseminated. Thanks.

ALTAR SERVERS

SAT 9:00 AM: Spanish Assigned
SAT. 5:30 PM: Edward Carder
SUN. 8:15 AM: Isaac and Elias Johnson
SUN. 11:00 AM: Tiburcio Brennan

GREETERS

SAT. 8:45 am: Carmen Boling
SAT. 5:30 pm: TBD
SUN. 8:15 am: The Sanok Family, Chris and Mabs
SUN. 11:00 am: Jovie Russ and Linda Monroe

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 9:00 AM: (HISPANIC): **For the special intentions of the Hispanic Community of St. Mary Star of the Sea.**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 5:30 PM: **For special intentions for the parishioners of St. Mary Star of the Sea.**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 8:15 AM: **For the repose of the soul of Richard Unrue and Jun Bautista**, as requested by the Filipino American Community.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 11:00 AM: **For the repose of the soul Daniel Boyle**, as requested by the Roden Family.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 12:05 PM: **For the repose of the soul of Jim Minish and comfort for his family**, as requested by the Bereavement Support Ministry.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 6:30 PM: **For Hartley Moore on what would have been his 49th birthday**, as requested by Marlena Knill.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 12:05 PM: **For those who are lonely this holiday season that the joy of Christmas may brighten their lives and spirits.**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 12:05 PM: **For repose of the soul of Jay Barickman and the consolation of his family.**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

11:30 am: CONFESSIONS
12:05 pm: MASS
1:00 pm: Ladies Guild Luncheon--Roadhouse Restaurant
3:00 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet--Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

12:05 pm: COMMUNION SERVICE
3:00 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet--Church
6:00 pm: Choir Practice--Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

3:00 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet--Church
6:00 pm: CONFESSIONS
6:30 pm: MASS
7:00 pm: RCIA--Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

11:30 am: CONFESSIONS
12:05 pm: MASS
6:00 pm: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting--Hall

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

11:30 am: CONFESSIONS
12:05 pm: MASS
1:00 pm: Adoration--Church
3:00 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet--Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

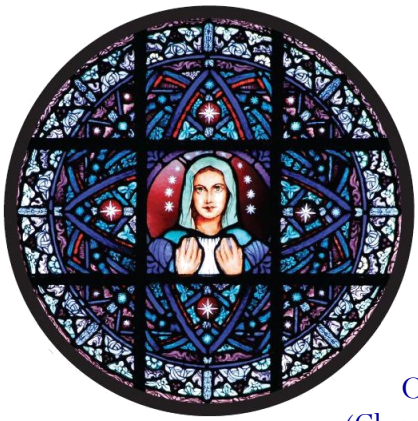
**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
CCS COLLECTION**

9:00 am: Spanish Mass
10:00 am: Spanish--Hall
4:00 pm: Procession from La Isla
4:30 pm: Rosary
4:30 pm: CONFESSIONS
5:30 pm: MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

CCS COLLECTION

8:15 am: MASS (CONFESSION 30 MIN. PRIOR)
9:30 am: Religious Education--Classrooms
11:00 am: YOUTH MASS (CONFESSION 30 MIN. PRIOR)
12:00 pm: Healing Prayer Team
12:30 pm: Theology Kettle--Hall
5:00 pm: Rosary



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First Sunday of Advent December 2/3, 2017

AROUND THE PARISH



COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

There **will be** a coffee hour after the
8:15 and 11:00 am Masses on Sunday.



**REMEMBER! YOUTH MASS
NEXT SUNDAY**

The regular monthly Youth Mass will be celebrated next Sunday, December 10, at 11:00 am. Parents are encouraged to check with their RE teachers to coordinate. Parents and families are most welcome to participate too.



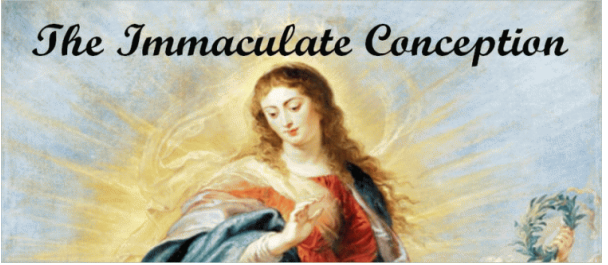
CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

Envelopes for donations towards the floral decoration of our church at Christmas are now in the pews.



**ST. MARY'S SIMBANG GABI
CELEBRATION!**

Hosted by our Filipino Community again this year is the wonderful Simbang Gabi Celebration which is a special prelude to the Christmas season on Sunday, December 17, at the 11:00 am Mass followed by a potluck in the Parish Hall... All are welcome!!!



The Immaculate Conception

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
- HOLY DATE OF OBLIGATION -**

Friday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception -- an especially joyous one for our Parish. Two Masses will be celebrated in honor of this Feast Day on Friday: **12:05 pm and 6:30 pm.** Adoration will be held as usual from 1:00-6:00 pm.

**Catholic
Community
Services**

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
SERVICES' CCS
COLLECTION**

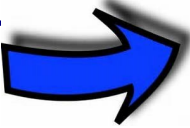
A collection for Catholic Community Services will be taken up at all Masses next Sunday. CCS is the official outreach of the Catholic Church in Western Washington. Every day CCS serves over 111,000 poor and vulnerable people through more than 175 programs. Please make checks payable to **Catholic Community Services.**

Readings for the Week...

MONDAY Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalms 122:1-9 Matthew 8:5-11	TUESDAY Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalms 72:1, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Luke 10:21-24	WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 25:6-10 Psalms 23:1-6 Matthew 15:29-37	THURSDAY: Isaiah 26:1-6 Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27 Matthew 7:21, 24-27	FRIDAY: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Psalm 98:1-4 Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38	SATURDAY: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Psalms 147:1-6 Matthew 9:35--10:1, 5-8	SUNDAY: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Psalms 85:9-14 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8
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“OUR MISSION IS TO...

**CELEBRATE GOD’S PRESENCE IN OUR MIDST BY MASS, SACRAMENTS, AND PRAYER;
LIVE CHRIST’S LOVE BY SERVING OTHERS, ESPECIALLY THE POOR, NEGLECTED, AND SUFFERING;
GROW IN THE TRUTHS AND VALUES OF OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION, TEACH THEM TO OUR CHILDREN, AND
PROCLAIM THEM TO THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW THEM.”**





First Sunday of Advent December 2 / 3, 2017



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER PETER ADOKO-ENCHILL...

HOW THE BEREAVED ARE SUPPORTED

In Ghana grief is experienced in so many ways--due to the loss of loved ones, destruction of properties or loss of job and wealth, rejection by the family or society, and in some ways, serious incapacitation due to accident.

I will center my reflection mostly on loss of a loved one, and the support experienced in Ghana. Before one can understand how the bereaved is or are supported, one has to understand a little bit about the cultural set up of the society. The culture is communitarian in nature. Whatever happens affects each and everyone in the society.

In Ghana, we have clans which are made up of families who trace their ancestry from one family tree. There are different clans and one becomes a member by birth. It is made up of extended families and nucleus families, or immediate family.

When a family member is sick immediate family members are notified. They are expected to pay a visit, and offer something if there is the need of it. One or two immediate members would be around to offer support in an way possible.

When one family member dies, each member of the clan is supposed to contribute for the funeral from the day he or she died to the time of final funeral rites. The very day one dies, immediate family members and some extended family members come to the house to console the husband or wife or parents or children left behind. Other people from the village or town would also be there to console the family.

From the time till the dead is buried, some very close family members would stay in the house to support the bereaved family. The widow or widower is not allowed to do certain family chores.

On the day of the burial, most people in the society would be present to support and mourn with the family. There will be donations in cash and in kind. After the burial, some immediate family members would stay for some time before going back to their various places. Those in the same town would come every morning to greet the bereaved and ask about their health. In olden days, some members of the family would stay for forty days before going to their homes finally. By then the one in grief might have overcome the shock. *(To be continued next week.)*

Fr. Peter

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

SÁBADO MISA EN ESPAÑOL	9:00 am
SATURDAY VIGIL	5:30 pm
SUNDAY	8:15 am & 11:00 am
MONDAY	12:05 pm
TUESDAY ** COMMUNION SERVICE	12:05 pm
WEDNESDAY	6:30 pm
THURSDAY	12:05 pm
FRIDAY	12:05 pm

(CONFESSIONS 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO EACH MASS)

**Mass times are subject to change during the year. Please consult the Weekly Calendar on the last page of this bulletin for the specific schedule of Masses for the week.



MASS SCHEDULES

The times for all Masses will remain the same for the time being. Thanks to all who provided their input.

THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Sacraments of Healing

Through the sacraments of Christian initiation, man receives the new life of Christ. Now we carry this life "in earthen vessels," and it remains "hidden with Christ in God." We are still in our "earthly tent," subject to suffering, illness, and death. This new life as a child of God can be weakened and even lost by sin.

The Lord Jesus Christ, physician of our souls and bodies, who forgave the sins of the paralytic and restored him to bodily health, has willed that his Church continue, in the power of the Holy Spirit, his work of healing and salvation even among her own members. This is the purpose of the two sacraments of healing: The sacrament of Penance and the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Week of 11/26/2017

Week #22

Week / Semana

Actual / Colecta Real	\$ 4,882.48
Budgeted / Presupuesto	\$ 7,382.49
	< \$ 2,500.01>
Year to Date / Año Corrido	
Actual / Colecta Real	\$ 154,791.83
Budgeted / Presupuesto	\$ 162,414.78
	< \$ 7,622.95>



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REGIFTING AND COOKIE SALE!

St. Mary's Ladies Guild
Annual Re-Gifting and
Cookie Sale will be held
on Saturday, December 2
from 4:30 to 7:00 pm; and

Dec. 3, after both Masses in the Parish Hall.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE AVAILABLE

The Knights of Columbus will be selling "Keep Christ In Christmas" Christmas Cards as part of the Ladies Guild Holiday Regifting Sale on

Saturday, December 2 from 4:30 to 7:00 pm; and Dec. 3, after both Masses in the Parish Hall.



MEETINGS TO REMEMBER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16,
6:45 pm: Charismatic Renewal
(Note date change)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10,
12:00 noon: Healing Prayer Team.



LADIES GUILD NO-HOST LUNCHEON

All Ladies of the Parish are invited to attend the Ladies Guild No-Host Luncheon at the Highway 20 Roadhouse Restaurant on Monday December 4, at 1:00 pm. To make reservations please contact Germaine Arthur 360-385-2233.



GOD BLESS THE CHEFS

It's St. Mary's time to serve at our local homeless shelter December 17 through 23. There are still time slots to fill in if you would like to do so. Please give some thought to this wonderful Advent opportunity. Please contact Kim Hammers for more information or to sign up at 360-385-7774.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

December 9th, 2017

Schedule as follows:

4:00 pm Procession from
La Isla to Church
4:30 pm Rosary
6:30 pm Mass, Dinner and
Celebration in
Parish Hall.
All Are Welcome!!



TWO WONDERFUL FEASTS

We are very fortunate to have two great Marian Feasts to celebrate this week. The Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe and the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Both are significant to those of us here in the Americas. Our Lady of Guadalupe has been designated the patroness of

Mexico and indeed all of the Americas. In the United States The Immaculate Conception is the patroness of our nation. The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception—our nation's patronal church—in Washington, DC is one of the most popular pilgrimage sites in the United States. Many other countries including the Philippines claim her as their patroness. Significantly Our Lady of Lourdes introduced herself saying, "I am the Immaculate Conception". Our Lady as well confirmed her gracious and motherly concerns for us in her revelations to St. Catherine Laboure when she gave her the Miraculous medal bearing the words Ô Marie, conçue sans péché, priez pour nous qui avons recours à vous ("O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee").



FEEL GOOD...DO GOOD

Yoga benefits YOU and through the generosity of Madrona MindBody at Fort Warden their "by donation" yoga classes benefit non-profits in our community. On December 11, proceeds will go towards our local homeless shelter--5:30-6:30 pm. Stop by, breath, stretch, feel good--for all levels, *flexibility not required...*and donate what you can.