



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—DECEMBER 7/8, 2019

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

ALTAR SERVERS

SAT. 5:30 pm: To be assigned

SUN. 8:30 am: To be assigned

SUN. 11:00 am: To be assigned

GREETERS

SAT. 5:30 pm: Laurie Meyer and Sally Gooding

SUN. 8:30 am: Javier Castillo and Laura Simpson

SUN. 11:00 am: Linda Monroe and Jovy Russ

LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

SAT. 5:30 pm: Nancy Thornton / Carol Hurley and Karen Riel

SUN. 8:30 am: Rosario Mora / Blanca Sanchez and Lucero Figueroa

SUN. 11:00 am: Melanie Maibaum / Marlena Knill and Jean Nollette

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 5:30 PM: **For Father Peter in thanksgiving for his service to our Parish and his future happiness.**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 8:30 PM: **For the special intentions of all of the Parishioners of St. Mary Star of the Sea.**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 11:00 AM: **For the intentions of Callum, Walker and Linden,** as requested by their father Michael Grace.

At this time the availability of a priest for daily Masses has not been determined. This being the case no Mass intentions will be scheduled for any Masses other than for the weekends of December 14-15, 21-22, 28-29 and the three Christmas Masses.

Readings for the Week...

MONDAY Isaiah 4:2-6 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: Isaiah 29:17-24 Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 Matthew 9:27-31	SATURDAY: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Psalms 147:1-6 Matthew 9:35--10:1, 5-8	SUNDAY Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12
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First Sunday of Advent November 30 / December 1, 2019



OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE CAMPAIGN NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

To date \$150,347.00 has been received in stewardship pledges towards our Parish Stewardship of Treasure Campaign. This represents 33% participation for the parish towards our goal of \$358,912. So we still have a ways to go yet to meet this amount. All proceeds of this campaign remain in our Parish. These funds provide for our parish's ordinary income which specifically supports parish ministries, sacramental preparation, church and building maintenance and our staff and priest's needs. This campaign is different from the Annual Catholic Appeal in the spring which supports the needs of the broader Archdiocese. An introductory letter has already been sent along with a follow up letter including pledge cards. Please prayerfully consider how you might offer your support to our parish at this time.



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

A collection for Catholic Community Services of Western Washington will be taken at all Masses next weekend, December 7 and 8.

MASS SCHEDULE UPDATES

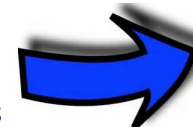
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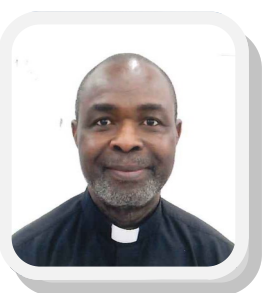
- **This weekend** Masses and Confessions will be as usual for the Vigil and Sunday Masses;
- There will be no daily Masses until further notice however Communion Services will be held at the same times as the regular daily Mass schedule (except Saturday 9:00 am Masses and December 2);
- We have no confirmed priest for the second weekend of December at this time;
- A priest will be available on December 9 and 12;
- Weekend Masses are confirmed for December 14-15, 21-22, for the three Christmas Masses and for December 28-29;
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Please be sure that the Parish Office has your current (new?) e-mail address so that we can provide updated information when available.

“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.”



**THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH****Confirmation in the Economy of Salvation**

1286 In the Old Testament the prophets announced that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the hoped-for Messiah for his saving mission. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism by John was the sign that this was he who was to come, the Messiah, the Son of God. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit; his whole life and his whole mission are carried out in total communion with the Holy Spirit whom the Father gives him "without measure."

1287 This fullness of the Spirit was not to remain uniquely the Messiah's, but was to be communicated to the whole messianic people. On several occasions Christ promised this outpouring of the Spirit, a promise which he fulfilled first on Easter Sunday and then more strikingly at Pentecost. Filled with the Holy Spirit the apostles began to proclaim "the mighty works of God," and Peter declared this outpouring of the Spirit to be the sign of the messianic age. Those who believed in the apostolic preaching and were baptized received the gift of the Holy Spirit in their turn.

CATECISMO DE LA IGLESIA CATOLICA**La Confirmación en la Economía de la salvación**

1286 En el Antiguo Testamento, los profetas anunciaron que el Espíritu del Señor reposaría sobre el Mesías esperado (cf. Is 11,2) para realizar su misión salvífica (cf. Lc 4,16-22; Is 61,1). El descenso del Espíritu Santo sobre Jesús en su Bautismo por Juan fue el signo de que Él era el que debía venir, el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios (Mt 3,13-17; Jn 1,33-34). Habiendo sido concedido por obra del Espíritu Santo, toda su vida y toda su misión se realizan en una comunión total con el Espíritu Santo que el Padre le da "sin medida" (Jn 3,34).

1287 Ahora bien, esta plenitud del Espíritu no debía permanecer únicamente en el Mesías, sino que debía ser comunicada a todo el pueblo mesiánico (cf. Ez 36,25-27; Jl 3,1-2). En repetidas ocasiones Cristo prometió esta efusión del Espíritu (cf. Lc 12,12; Jn 3,5-8; 7,37-39; 16,7-15; Hch 1,8), promesa que realizó primero el día de Pascua (Jn 20,22) y luego, de manera más manifiesta el día de Pentecostés (cf. Hch 2,1-4). Llenos del Espíritu Santo, los Apóstoles comienzan a proclamar "las maravillas de Dios" (Hch 2,11) y Pedro declara que esta efusión del Espíritu es el signo de los tiempos mesiánicos (cf. Hch 2,17-18). Los que creyeron en la predicación apostólica y se hicieron a su vez el don del Espíritu Santo (cf. Hch 2,38).

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Pending the availability of priests to serve our parish our Mass schedule for the near future is as follows:

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**LIFETOUGH PICTURES CONTINUE**

The second round of Lifetouch pictures for our new Parish Directory will be Thursday, December 5, through Saturday, December 7. Please check your reservation times and SMILE!

**BLOOD DRIVE ON TUESDAY**

The Knights of Columbus will host a blood drive on Tuesday, December 3 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm in the Hall.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES**

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

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Week of 11/24/2019

Week #21

Week / Semana

Actual / Colecta Real	\$ 4,729.64
Budgeted / Presupuesto	\$ 6,902.15
	<\$ 2,172.51 >

Year-To-Date / Año Corrido	
Actual Collection / Colecta Real	\$139,359.01
Budgeted / Presupuesto	\$144,945.15
	<\$ 5,586.14 >

**ST. MARY'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RE-GIFTING AND COOKIE SALE**

Our Annual Christmas Re-Gifting and Cookie Sale sponsored by St. Mary's Ladies Guild is coming up Saturday, December 7, from 11:00

am-1:00 pm, and after the 5:30 pm Mass and then on Sunday, December 8, after both Masses in the church social hall.

Please bring your re-gifting items and cookies, baked goods and candy to the church hall (not the church office).

- Sunday, December 1, after the 8:30 am Mass and before the 11:00 am Mass;
- Thursday, December 5, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm;
- Friday, December 6, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Needed are gently used and new items appropriate for gifting. Suggested items are: jewelry, books, children's books, toys, glassware, decorator mirrors, pictures, Christmas decorations, DVD's, CD's and religious items.

No clothing, rummage or electrical items will be accepted.

For more information call Marlene at 360-301-3480.

**THE ANGEL TREE HAS ARRIVED**

The Angel Tree is now in the Narthex. Please stop by and select an Angel tag to help brighten the Christmas of someone whose Christmas may need a little "brightening". Please drop your gifts off

no later than December 16, either under the Angel Tree or at the Parish Office 9:00 am - 4:00 pm during the week.

**LADIES GUILD LUNCHEON December 2**

The Ladies Guild will hold their Holiday Luncheon on Monday, December 2, at the Road House Restaurant. For further information please contact Nancy Thornton at 360-774-2478 or at nanthornton@live.com.

**ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB**

The next meeting of St. Mary's Book Club will be on Friday, December 6, at 1:00 pm, in Room 6. The program will feature the Club's annual poetry sharing.

**ADVENT BEGINS SUNDAY**

Advent reminds us of the sacred meaning of Christmas as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas and the return of Jesus at the Second Coming. Advent means

'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. The same Jesus who wants to come into each of our lives now and every day.

**THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Monday, December 9**

This year the feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on Monday, December 9 and it will not be a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass that day at 12:05 pm will still be

celebrated in honor of the Immaculate Conception however. Please try and attend this special day in honor of the patroness of our parish.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Feast Day December 12**

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - Patroness of the Americas - will be celebrated with a day full of wonderful events. In addition to the beauty of the celebration of our Blessed Mother our Hispanic Community has planned a procession starting from La Isla Restaurant with a Mariachi band at

11:30. Upon arrival at church the rosary will be prayed at 12:15 pm followed by Mass. A fantastic party is planned in the Hall afterwards. Everyone is invited so plan not to miss it!

**PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS**

If you would like to be included on St. Mary's Prayer Chain please contact Pat White, 360-385-3063 or Carol Hurley at ptcabin2@msn.com.