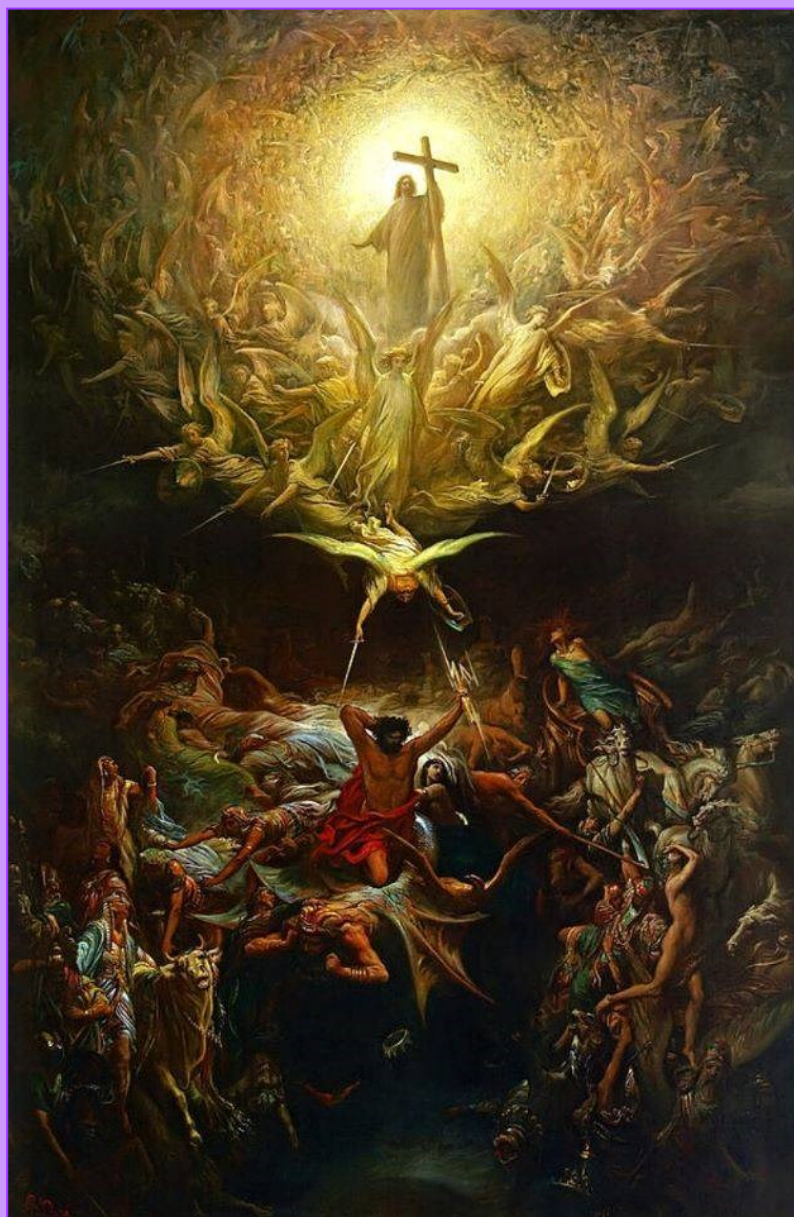


Tacoma
Catholic Parishes
of
Saint Patrick
and
Saint Rita of
Cascia

December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent



MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m. - St. Patrick

Sunday Masses:

7:30 a.m. - St. Rita

9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. - St. Patrick

Weekday Mass:

Monday, Communion Service - 7:45 a.m. - St. Patrick

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 7:45 a.m. - St. Patrick

Thursday - 8:45 a.m. - St. Patrick

(with the school children)

Tuesday - Noon - St. Rita

Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - St. Rita

ADORATION

Monday: 3:00 to 6:45 p.m.

St. Patrick

1st Friday of the month:

7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - St. Rita

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:30 a.m.

St. Rita

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

St. Patrick



Guest Writer: Laura Dougherty
Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy and Pastoral Care



Prepare the Way of the Lord!

Thanksgiving is over, Christmas music can be heard on the radio, people are decking their halls and hitting the malls. 'Tis the season for baking cookies, holiday parties, Santa Claus and shopping . . . and more shopping. The next few weeks are full of hectic days as we work hard to make everything perfect for our friends and family. It's a wonderful time of the year!

But as a Christian people, we know just how glorious it really is - **Our Lord is coming!** Advent offers us the opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds during this busy time of the year as we wait to celebrate the birth of our Lord and anticipate the time when He will come again. It is the season of hope, joy, peace and love - a time to reflect on the great gift that we've been given - the gift of the Christ child who came to save us from our sins and who will come again in glory.

So, as we trim our trees and do our shopping this year, let us all keep focused on preparing our interior for the coming of Christ. Let us light our Advent candles each night and spend some time as a family in prayer, thanking God for the gift of his Son. Let us take advantage of the many opportunities throughout the month to visit the confessional or attend a reconciliation service. We might join a book study or set up a Jesse Tree to remind us of the Old Testament stories leading us to the birth of Jesus. We could help someone less fortunate, perhaps by picking a name off the Giving Tree in our St. Patrick's gathering space and purchasing some gifts for a child in need. An Advent calendar can provide us with daily scripture and activities to keep us focused on the reason for the season. There is no one way to prepare for the birth of Jesus. One option to get us started is Bishop Robert Barron's Advent Gospel Reflections book. We invite you to take one per family after Mass this weekend and use it to pave the way as we prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

However you and your family choose to celebrate this beautiful season of joyful anticipation, just remember - **Our Lord is coming!**

Wishing you a blessed and joyous Advent season,

Laura Dougherty

COMMUNITY LIFE

Calendar

Sunday, December 2: First Sunday of Advent

Mass at 7:30 a.m. - St. Rita

Mass at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. - St. Patrick

CLOW - During Morning Masses - St. Patrick

St. Vincent de Paul Collection - St. Patrick

St. Nicholas Celebration - After Masses - Hall - St. Patrick

Choir Practice - 9:15 a.m. - St. Rita

Nativity House - Noon - St. Rita

Youth Group - 5:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

Confirmation - 5:45 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

Monday, December 3:

Communion Service at 7:45 a.m. - St. Patrick

Euch. Adoration - 3:00 - 6:45 p.m. - Chapel - St. Patrick

Evening Prayer - 6:45 p.m. - Chapel - St. Patrick

Adult Bible Study - 7:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

Boy Scouts - 7:00 p.m. - Hall - St. Patrick

Tuesday, December 4:

Mass at 7:45 a.m. - St. Patrick

No Mass - Noon - St. Rita

Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10:00 a.m. - Center - St. Patrick

Stephen Ministry - 4:45 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

RCIA - 7:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

Wednesday, December 5:

Mass at 7:45 a.m. - St. Patrick

Office Hours - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - St. Rita

Mom's Group - 9:15 a.m. - Center - St. Patrick

Bible Study - 1:00 p.m. - Rectory - St. Rita

Religious Education - Center - 6:00 p.m. - St. Patrick

Cub Scouts - 6:30 p.m. - Hall - St. Patrick

Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m. - Church - St. Patrick

Thursday, December 6:

Mass with the school children at 8:45 a.m. - St. Patrick

Inclusion Ministry - 2:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

Women's Fireside Bible Study - 6:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

Friday, December 7:

Senior First Friday Mass - 11:00 a.m.

Men's Prayer - 6:45 a.m. - Hall - St. Patrick

Eucharistic Adoration - 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - St. Rita

Vigil Mass - 7:00 p.m.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 8:

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

No Mass at 9:00 a.m. - St. Rita

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. - St. Patrick

Italian Cookie Class - 10:00 a.m. - Social Hall - St. Rita

Reconciliation - 3:30 p.m. - Church - St. Patrick

Sunday, December 9: Second Sunday of Advent

Mass at 7:30 a.m. - St. Rita

Mass at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. - St. Patrick

CLOW - During Morning Masses - St. Patrick

Holy Names Breakfast - After Mass - Social Hall - St. Rita

Choir Practice - 9:15 - 10:45 a.m. - St. Rita

Pregnancy Assistance Weekend - St. Rita

South Sound Choir - 3:00 p.m. - Church - St. Patrick

Youth Group - 5:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 2 -

Mass for the People of the Parish

Monday, December 3 -

Communion Service - St. Patrick

Tuesday, December 4 -

RIP Harry Darby Trotter - St. Patrick

No Mass - St. Rita

Wednesday, December 5 -

Intentions of Susan Campbell - St. Patrick

Thursday, December 6 -

Intentions of the 75th Anniversary of Army specialized training program (ASTP) at University of Puget Sound - St. Patrick

Friday, December 7 -

RIP Patricia Sankovich - St. Patrick

Saturday, December 8 -

RIP Carl Sr. & Frances Benson Family - St. Rita

Mass for the People of the Parish - St. Patrick



ST. PATRICK
CATHOLIC CHURCH



ST. RITA OF CASCIA
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Please pray for:

St. Patrick

Joanne Armour
Debbie Christnacht
Joan Christnacht
Joann Devlin
Dragica Dragovic
Jedd Feliciano
Pearl Fors
Joanne Girolami
John Grant
Geraldine Maniatis
Mark McDonough
Tom McDonough
Juli Norris
Joanie Pavlic
Courtney Rederick
Joe Savage
Dennis Seiler
John Tulare
Raquel Wheeler
Terry Yates
Trevor Yates

St. Rita

Colleen Batinovich
Delores Borda
Sr. Mary Buttmer
Teresa Gibbs
Sr. Marilyn Gooley
George Greco
Bruce Harris
Tina & Joe Isakson
Terri Jurich
Son Lee
Sally Lupino
Chuck Mazza
Sandy Mazzei
Donna Pate
Michael Pfannenstiel
Margaret Pinchak
Daisy Radloff
Jim Riconosciuto
Miriam Sanderson
Joy Viafore
Nelson Williams

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

*Rose Belshay (Mother of Richard Belshay)
Virginia Lawrence*

We offer our sympathy, love and prayers to their families and friends in this time of sorrow.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them.
May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.*

Daily Readings

- 12-2 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Jer 33:14-16/1
Thes 3:12 - 4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 (3) Pss I
- 12-3 Monday, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Memorial Is
2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11 (175)
- 12-4 Tuesday, [Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doc
tor of the Church] Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24 (176)
- 12-5 Wednesday, Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29- 37 (177)
- 12-6 Thursday, [Saint Nicholas, Bishop] Is 26:1-6/Mt
7:21, 24-27 (178)
- 12-7 Friday, Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the
Church Memorial Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31 (179)
- 12-8 Saturday, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Patronal Feast
day of the United States of America) Solemnity
[Holyday of Obligation] Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-
6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 (689) Pss Prop
- 12-9 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Bar 5:1-9/Phil
1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6 (6) Pss II

Rite of Acceptance and Welcome

Fourteen adults and children recently
celebrated the

Rite of Acceptance and Welcome.

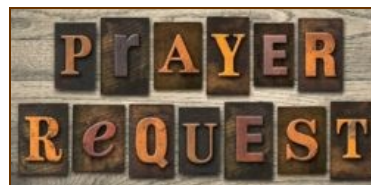
In the months to come,
the Catechumens and Candidates
will be preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Faith
through Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

"For all of these, we give thanks and praise to God who
has led them by various paths to oneness in faith".

From the Rite of Acceptance

*Erin C.
Adam L.
Roxanne L.
Graciela M.
Ethan M.
Jim P.
Paige P.
Courtne R.
Nick R.
Emily S*

*Luke L.
Connor R.
Carson R.
Caleb R.*



Do you need prayers for yourself or someone you love?

It is as simple as asking.

Send us your request and we'll add it to our prayers.

Contact us at:

parish@saintpats.org or 253-383-2783

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Mondays,
3:00 - 6:45 p.m.
in the St. Patrick Chapel.**
Please use the J street entrance
at the Parish Center.

**1st Friday of the month,
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
at St. Rita**



Congratulations to the children who made their First
Reconciliation on November 17th.

In the Gathering Space of the Church,
is our 'Sheep Banner' with photos of the children.

Thank you to our families and catechists
who prepared them for this beautiful sacrament of
God's mercy and love.

*"The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad."*

Psalms 126:3

For your Advent and Christmas planning purposes -

Advent Reconciliation Schedules

Individual Reconciliation Services

6:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 5th at Holy Cross Church
After Noon Mass, Tuesday, December 11th at St. Rita of Cascia Church

Communal Reconciliation Services

7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 20th at St. Patrick Church

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Vigil Mass, 7:00 p.m., Friday, December 7th at St. Patrick Church
9:00 a.m., Saturday, December 8th at Holy Cross

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - 5:00 & 9:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church 5:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church
Christmas Day - 8:30 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church 9:00 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church
10:30 a.m. at St. Rita of Cascia Catholic Church



JOY TO THE WORLD

HOW CHRIST'S COMING CHANGED EVERYTHING
(AND STILL DOES)

SCOTT HAHN

ladies advent book club

~thursdays~

11.29.18-12.20.18

saint patrick parish center

fireside room 7:00-9:00 pm

Social Justice Ministry

WINTER DRIVE

FOR THE HOMELESS

BLANKETS | COATS | SOCKS

Donation bin in the Church Gathering Space

ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE

Simbang Gabi

21st Annual
Commissioning Mass



Saturday, December 15th at 11:00 a.m.
St. James Cathedral. Reception to follow.

CCS Giving Tree

Please join the Ushers & Greeters in our partnership with Catholic Community Services as we present our 3rd Annual Giving Tree.

CCS has connected us with children who need our help this Holiday Season.

Each brightly colored-tag on the tree inside the Gathering Space, includes the child's name, age, gender and Christmas wish list.

We're asking interested Parishioners to take a tag, purchase a suitable gift for the child named on the tag and then to return the wrapped gift with the child's name tag to any usher by Sunday, December 16th.

All gifts will be taken to CCS in time to be delivered by Christmas.
Please contact Fred Morley at: 253-394-2120 for more details.



2018 Winter Concert

Sunday, December 9th at 3:00 p.m.
St. Patrick Catholic Church

Featuring the works of
Hayden, Mendelssohn, Handel, Rachmaninov, Elgar,
Bach, Faure, Ticheli, Lauridsen, Gjeilo
and several traditional works.



After Masses on December 8th and 9th
Parishioner, Isabelle Cooke
will be selling her
knitted and crocheted handiwork...
washcloths, ornaments, potholders.

All donations will benefit Saint Vincent de Paul

Recitation of the Rosary

During Advent,
Sunday, December 2nd through December 23rd
at 10:20 a.m. (between the Sunday Masses),
and, Friday, December 7th at 6:20 p.m.,
prior to the Mass of the Immaculate Conception
we will be having a Recitation of the Rosary.

Join us on the left side of the Church facing Our Lady,
We have rosaries and booklets for anyone who needs them.



RUMMAGE SALE

DEC 8

10 AM - 4 PM

5510 North 44th St | Tacoma

Christmas Casting Call

At the Christmas Vigil Mass on Monday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m., children will present the Gospel story, serve as lectors, carry up the Gifts, and help greet at the door.

We are looking for children ages 5-12 to bring the celebration to life. Children must attend two practices:

To sign up, email Regina Keller at: reginamkeller@gmail.com.

We also need parents to assist.
Be rewarded with school volunteer hours, early Mass seating, and priceless Christmas memories.

Join us in this beautiful tradition!



Lectio Divina for the First Week of Advent

We begin our prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Stir up your power, O Lord,
and come to our help with mighty strength,
that what our sins impede
the grace of your mercy may hasten.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

(Collect, Thursday of the First Week of Advent)

Reading (Lectio)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

Meditation (Meditatio)

After the reading, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

If practicing lectio divina as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share their responses.

Prayer (Oratio)

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Contemplation (Contemplatio)

Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming up on the world. What events and situations in the world create fear and concern in my heart?
How can I be a force for peace and justice?

Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life.
What anxieties or circumstances in my daily life make my heart drowsy? How can I wake my heart to love of God and neighbor? Be vigilant at all times and pray. When am I least attentive to God and neighbor?

How can I increase my vigilance in prayer and action?

After a period of silent reflection and/or discussion, all recite the Lord's Prayer and the following:

Closing Prayer:

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior,
and for you I wait all the day.

Good and upright is the LORD;
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice,
and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees.
The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him, and his covenant, for their instruction.
(From Psalm 25)

Living the Word This Week

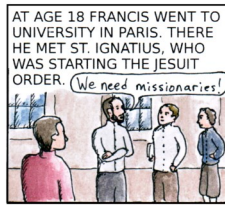
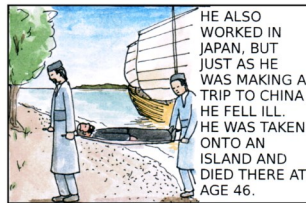
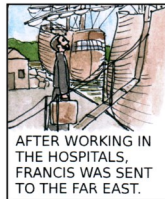
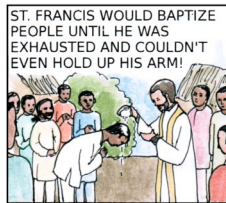
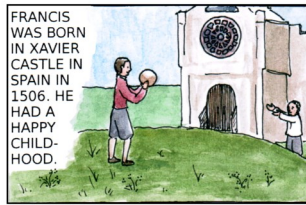
How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

Every day this week, pray for some event or need that you see in the headlines.



CATHOLIC.BIBLE

Saint Francis Xavier December 3



FRANCIS WAS BORN IN XAVIER CASTLE IN SPAIN IN 1506. HE HAD A HAPPY CHILDHOOD.

AT AGE 18 FRANCIS WENT TO UNIVERSITY IN PARIS. THERE HE MET ST. IGNATIUS, WHO WAS STARTING THE JESUIT ORDER. (We need missionaries!)

IGNATIUS PERSUADED HIM TO JOIN THE ORDER.

IN INDIA HE TAUGHT THE FAITH, ESPECIALLY TO THE CHILDREN. (God loved us so much...)

AFTER WORKING IN THE HOSPITALS, FRANCIS WAS SENT TO THE FAR EAST.

ST. FRANCIS WOULD BAPTIZE PEOPLE UNTIL HE WAS EXHAUSTED AND COULDN'T EVEN HOLD UP HIS ARM!

HE ALSO WORKED IN JAPAN, BUT JUST AS HE WAS MAKING A TRIP TO CHINA HE FELL ILL. HE WAS TAKEN ONTO AN ISLAND AND DIED THERE AT AGE 46.

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER ONLY WORKED AS A MISSIONARY FOR TEN YEARS, BUT HE BROUGHT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO THE FAITH! HE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF MISSIONARIES. YOU CAN PRAY TO SAINT FRANCIS THAT GOD WILL HELP BRING MANY PEOPLE TO THE CHURCH WITH YOUR HELP TOO!

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Immaculate Conception Word-Find

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CONCEPTIONS
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See if you can find the words that are written in CAPITALS.

The leftover letters spell the name of a special prayer we can say to Mary on her feast day.

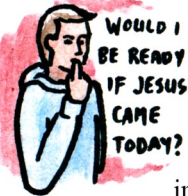
December 8th is the feast day of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. That is a name for MARY that means that GOD made her WITHOUT SIN because he had CHOSEN her to be the MOTHER of HIS SON. Her SOUL was FREE from ORIGINAL sin even before she was BORN. All her life she KEPT her HEART PURE and without the STAIN of sin. Mary NEVER OFFENDED God, and with his GRACE, she spent her whole life LOVING JESUS.

Advent is Here!

Today is the beginning of Advent, the time when we prepare for Christmas.



The word "advent" comes from the Latin word that means "coming". In Advent we are preparing for Jesus' coming. We look forward to Christmas, which is the celebration of His first coming and we also look forward to His second coming.



Did you know that the most important thing to have ready for Christmas is a clean soul?

During Advent you can try extra hard to be good. It is also a very good idea to go to confession before Christmas so that your soul will be good and clean when Jesus comes!

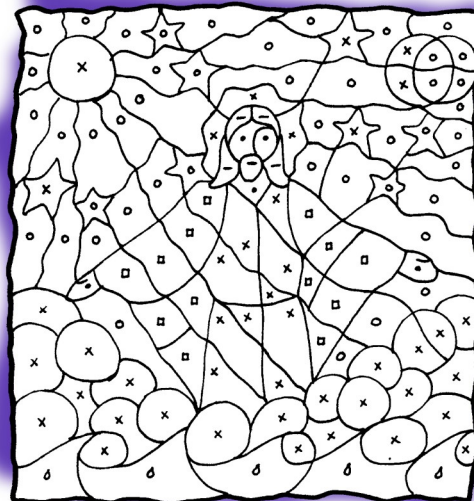


Answer to Immaculate Conception Word Find: HAIL MARY

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The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018



Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

In today's Gospel reading Jesus talks about what is going to happen when He comes back at the end of the world.

Use the code to colour in the picture!

- white
- blue
- skin colour
- black
- red
- brown

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**Our mission is to embrace
all who join us,
to nourish ourselves with
the Word,
the Eucharist,
and the Community
in alliance with the Jesuit charism,
and to go forth to proclaim and witness
to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

*"Whatever you did
for one of the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine,
You did for me,"*

Matthew 25:40

COMMUNITY LIFE

**As Christians we are called to help
the least of our brethren.**

Please consider contributing warm clothing for our
brothers and sisters who are struggling with staying
warm in these cold winter months.

We will donate them to Nativity House
and the I.C.E. Detention Center.

There is a box in the church vestibule
where we are collecting
jackets, hats, scarves, gloves, sweaters and warm
socks until December 16th.

Thank you for your caring and generosity.



ONLINE GIVING

**If you haven't tried Online Giving....
Maybe the time is NOW?!**

To set up an online giving account, visit:

<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1149>
and follow instructions to create an online profile.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Immigrants and Refugees

Many of the people trying to enter the U.S. today
are fleeing abject poverty, violence, persecution or
a combination of reasons.

They are looking for a better, safer life for their families.

Approximately 2018 years ago another family
fled Bethlehem, fearing for the life of their child.
What would our world be like today if the Egyptians had
put up a wall, not allowing the Holy Family to enter
Egypt?

Many of us are first or second generation Americans,
our forefathers came here looking for a better life
for themselves and their families.

How is that any different from those
trying to enter today?

The plaque on the Statue of Liberty in part says

"Give me your tired, your poor.

Your huddled masses

yearning to breathe free.

The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.

Send these, the homeless,

tempest-tossed to me.

I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

(New Colossus by Emma Lazarus)

As Catholics and Christians we need to ask ourselves

"What would Jesus do?"
and act accordingly.

Parish Stewardship 2018 / 2019

Last week's collection - \$3,026.

Year to date - \$55,857.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVE THE GIFT OF MASS

Several of our seniors are unable to drive and therefore can't attend Mass.

Would you be willing to provide a ride to Mass for one of our fellow parishioners?

**Give a ride or need a ride?
253-627-4851**



Do you want to learn how to make traditional Italian Christmas cookies? We will be offering a class on December 8th at 10:00 a.m. in the kitchen. The cookies will be **Scalili** - ring-shaped cookies that are deep fried then coated with honey; **Crustili** - braided cookies that are deep fried then coated with honey or powdered sugar. Very light and crunchy; **Ginili** - cookies filled with nuts and raisins that are baked then coated with honey; **Turdili** - small bits of dough that are deep fried or baked then coated with honey. The cost is \$10.00. For more information call the office at: 253-627-4851 or see Pam Smith.

Thermostat: The thermostat in the church has been programed for the heating season, please do not change it as you could delete the program and cause the system to not provide heat when it is needed. Thank you.

Devotional Candles: To cover the cost of the candle the suggested price is \$5 for the large candles and \$1 for the smaller candles.

TRIVA

The legend of Santa Clause is based on a bearded Catholic Bishop from what modern-day country?
A.) Turkey B.) Greece C.) Lebanon D.) Italy E.) Israel

Answer to last week's question:

What Saint is believed to have put together the first Nativity scene?

E.) St. Francis of Assisi. In the book St. Bonaventure wrote that St. Francis, with the permission of the Pope, "prepared a manger, and brought in hay, and an ox and an ass," then stood before the scene "bathed in tears and radiant joy" and began preaching the Gospel.

Church of St. Rita of Cascia - Like our Facebook Page!

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Do we have your updated information?

New Directory

We are updating our directory and need your help. Wendi Pfannenstiel will be calling everyone to verify their information, or you can email the office at:

office@stritastacoma.org

and in the subject line put new directory.

We would like to have the new directory out the first of the year, please respond as soon as possible.

HELP HOST DINNER AT NATIVITY HOUSE

sponsored by
Holy Names Society of Saint Rita of Cascia Catholic Church

FIRST SUNDAY
OF EACH MONTH
12 PM

Nativity House
702 South 14 Street
Tacoma, WA 98405

Poinsettias

Last two weeks to get your order in for poinsettias, either for your home or to decorate our Altar. Forms are in the bulletin and on the back table.



ADVERTISER OF THE MONTH:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ABUSE AWARENESS

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the fullness of
humanity should
be the defining
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-Pope Francis

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action today!*

WELCOME WEDNESDAYS

Nov 14 | Nov 28 | Dec 12

Email school@saintpats.org
to schedule a tour.

REACH Auction



You're Invited!

**Saturday, the Sixteenth of March
Two Thousand Nineteen**

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Skip Butler Gymnasium
1112 North G Street
Tacoma, WA

REACH@SAINTPATS.ORG



NOVEMBER
**FOOD
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when shopping for
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shop Scrip first!

SCRIP will be available at
Sunday Social Hour
after the 9:00 a.m. Mass
every Sunday until Christmas.



Join us for Mass with the school Children.
Thursday mornings
at 8:45 a.m.
in the Church.

GIVE OUR SCHOOL A RAVING REVIEW

GreatSchools is a leading national nonprofit providing school information to help millions of American families choose the right school, support learning at home, and guide their children to great futures.

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ST. PATRICK

Saint Patrick Parish invites all to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through Eucharist, Prayer and Education, to become Disciples for a World Church.
Revised Mission Statement established March 2017

Welcome Visitors

*Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope,
where everyone is welcomed...* Pope Francis

Whether you came from across the country or a neighboring parish, with joyful hearts we welcome you and thank you for visiting St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Our parish is a community of believers and a spiritual family that is supportive and loving.

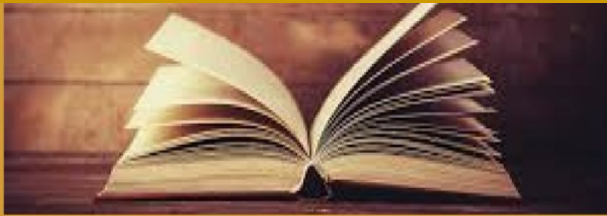
It can be a place to grow spiritually, put your faith in action and to use your gifts of time and talent as disciples of Christ.

For more information about our parish, to register or to ask a question - visit our Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space before and after Mass.

You can also visit our website at: www.saintpats.org or call us at: 253-383-2783

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Mondays - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
St. Patrick Parish Center



Men's Prayer Group

*Join us Friday mornings,
6:45-7:30 a.m. in the Church Hall*

This Prayer Group is for men of all ages who want to deepen their relationship with God within the context of family life, work and our faith community.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join our next gathering on
December 4th at 10:00 a.m., in the Parish Center.
If you do not know how to knit or crochet we would be happy to teach you.

Inclusion Ministry

Widening our welcome.
Advocating for people with disabilities.

**Join us at our next meeting,
Thursday, December 6th
at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.**



Questions? Contact Laura Dougherty at:
253-274-4109 or ldougherty@saintpats.org

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

Catholic Moms Group

The Moms Group at Saint Patrick Church is where Catholic mothers can come together and support each other in the aspects of life we have in common - our faith and motherhood.

Moms (and caregivers) of all ages and stages of life are welcome. Join us!
Catholic or Catholic curious? Practicing or not.

**Our play group meets Wednesdays,
9:15 - 10:45 a.m.
in the St. Patrick Parish Center Youth Room.**

**Check our facebook page -
Catholic Moms Group for details.**

Bring your kids, and a cup of coffee or tea!

PrimeTimers Holiday Luncheon

Our December Holiday Luncheon will be held at the Parish Center on Tuesday, December 4th at Noon.

Lasagna will be provided,
please bring a salad or dessert.

Questions? Call the Parish Center at: 274-4100.

Please note the location has been changed.

ST. PATRICK

SENIOR FIRST FRIDAY

MASS
11 AM

Let's pray together!

*Mass is followed by lunch in the
Church Hall*

*Need a ride? Call 253-383-2783
before the first Wednesday of
the month.*

*Donations of desserts are
welcome!*

*First Friday Gatherings are held
on the first Friday of the month
September through May.*

ALL ARE WELCOME



SAINT PATRICK
CATHOLIC
CHURCH & SCHOOL



Stephen Ministry

*Going through a tough time -
emotionally or spiritually?
Struggling with a crisis
or just feeling down?*



Consider letting a Stephen Minister help.
A Stephen Minister is a member of our parish who is
trained to listen, care, encourage, pray and walk along
side you during difficult times. It's confidential and free.
Contact Stephen Ministry at: 274 - 4110 or
stephenministry@saintpats.org You'll receive a
response within 48 hours. Please call 911 if it is an
emergency.

Our Knights of Columbus Council
is actively recruiting new members.
If you are a Catholic man 18 years or older please
consider a vocation serving others as Jesus did.

Those interested please email,
Mike Prichard at: mprich56@gmail.com or
Joe Devlin at: Joe.Devlin@kofc809.org



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