



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

602 S. 34th St., Tacoma, WA 98418

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St. Joseph Catholic Church was established on October 1, 2015 as a personal parish of the Archdiocese of Seattle for the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass.

Mass Times

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Low Mass 10:30 a.m. Sung Mass
9:00 a.m. Low Mass 1:00 p.m. Low Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

8:00 a.m. Low Mass

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Low Mass, Exposition & Benediction

Friday

8:00 a.m. Low Mass
6:30 p.m. Low Mass, Exposition & Benediction

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Low Mass

First Friday

8:00 a.m. Low Mass, Exposition & Benediction
6:30 p.m. Sung Mass

First Saturday

7:00 a.m. Low Mass
9:00 a.m. Low Mass, Exposition & Benediction

Feast Days

8:00 a.m. Low Mass
6:30 p.m. Sung Mass if Monday - Friday



Confession

30 minutes prior to each Mass

Baptism & Wedding Preparation

Call the parish office
(at least 6 months in advance for weddings)

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Saint Joseph, foster-father of our Lord Jesus Christ and the spouse of Mary the Virgin, pray for us.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2023

If we want to prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming, we, like St. John the Baptist, must detach ourselves from all the goods of earth. John had left everything and gone into the desert to lead a life of penance. His example invites us to retire into the interior desert of our heart, far from creatures, to await the coming of Jesus in deep recollection, silence, and solitude, insofar as the duties of our state in life permit. We must persevere in this waiting, in spite of aridity and discouragement. "The Lord shall appear and shall not deceive us: if He make any delay, wait for Him, for He will come and will not tarry."

INTROIT *Isaias 30:30*

People of Sion, behold the Lord shall come to save the nations: and the Lord shall make the glory of His voice to be heard, in the joy of your heart. Psalm. Give ear, O Thou that rules Israel: Thou that leads Joseph like a sheep. *V̄*. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.—People of Sion, behold . . .

COLLECT

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son; that through His coming we may deserve to serve Thee with purified minds. Who with Thee lives and reigns, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

EPISTLE *Romans 15:4-13*

Brethren, What things soever were written, were written for our learning: that, through patience and the comfort of the Scriptures, we might have hope. Now the God of patience and of comfort grant you to be of one mind one towards another, according to Jesus Christ; that with one mind and with one mouth you may glorify God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive one another, as Christ also hath received you unto the honor of God. For I say that Christ Jesus was minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers: but that the Gentiles are to glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: Therefore will I confess to Thee, O Lord, among the Gentiles, and will sing to Thy Name. And again He saith: Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with His people. And again: Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles, and magnify Him, all ye people. And again, *Isaias* saith: There shall be a root of Jesse; and He that shall rise up to rule the Gentiles, in Him the Gentiles shall hope. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing: that you may abound in hope, and in the power of the Holy Ghost.

GRADUAL *Psalm 49:2, 3, 5*

Out of Sion the loveliness of His beauty: God shall come manifestly. Gather ye together His saints to Him, who have set His covenant before sacrifices. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Ps. 121:1. I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go unto the house of the Lord. Alleluia.

GOSPEL *Matthew 11:2-10*

At that time, when John had heard in prison the works of Christ, sending two of his disciples, he said to Him: Art thou He that art to come, or look we for another? And Jesus making answer, said to them: Go and relate to John what you have heard and seen. The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead rise again, the poor have the gospel preached to them: and blessed is he that shall not be scandalized in Me. And when they went their way, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: What went you out into the desert to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went you out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Behold they that are clothed in soft garments are in the houses of kings. But what went you out to see? A prophet? Yea I tell you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written: Behold I send My angel before Thy face, who shall prepare Thy way before Thee.—Creed

OFFERTORY *Psalm 84:7, 8*

Thou wilt turn, O God, and bring us to life, and Thy people shall rejoice in Thee: show us, O Lord, Thy mercy, and grant us Thy salvation.

SECRET

Be appeased, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the prayers and sacrifices of our humility: and where merits of ours to plead for us are lacking, do Thou by Thine aid assist us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ . . .

COMMUNION *Baruch 5:5; 4:36*

Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high, and behold the joy that cometh to thee from thy God.

POST COMMUNION

Filled with the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly entreat Thee, O Lord, that by our partaking of this Mystery, Thou wouldst teach us to despise the things of earth, and to love those of Heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son: Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end . . .

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

		Father O'Brien	Father Loftus
Sun.	December 10 Second Sunday of Advent	Pro Populo	Priest's Intention
Mon.	December 11 St. Damasus I	Priest's Intention	Mr. & Mrs. Rein Franke
Tues.	December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe	Patrick Boyle	Priest's Intention
Wed.	December 13 St. Lucy	Bailey Ghigleri	Vyka Pair
Thur.	December 14 Feria of Advent	Brian Osgood	Confraternity of St. Peter
Fri.	December 15 Feria of Advent	JW Special Intention	Mr. & Mrs. John McGlynn
Sat.	December 16 St. Eusebius	+John Schaut	+Roger J. Dubois

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

DECEMBER FEASTS & DECORATING

Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta, Mananitas, & Mass

December 11

On Monday, everyone is invited to a celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The schedule for the evening is:

5:00 p.m. Vespers in cope

5:30 p.m. Pinatas

6:00 p.m. Dinner & Mariachi Band

8:00 p.m. Rosary & Mananitas to Our Lady

December 12

8:00 a.m. Sung Mass

6:30 p.m. Low Mass

Christmas Decorating

December 23

Christmas decorating will take place on Saturday, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The poinsettias will be set up after the 1:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, **December 24**.

Christmas — The Nativity of Our Lord

December 24

9:30 p.m. Christmas Matins

11:00 p.m. Rosary

11:20 p.m. Carols

December 25 — Holy Day of Obligation

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass (Sung)

8:00 a.m. Mass at Dawn (Low)

10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (Sung)

1:00 p.m. Christmas Day Mass (Low)

Please pray for the repose of MaryAnn Coble's soul.

COLLECTION

Sunday, December 3: unavailable at time of printing

SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE

All adults at our parish are invited to participate in the spiritual conference and mini potluck on Wednesday, **December 13**, at 6:30 p.m. Micah Nims will give a presentation on *The Writings of the Early Church & the Formation of the Christian Bible*.

ST. JOHN BOSCO BOYS' GROUP

The St. John Bosco Boys' Group will NOT meet on the 16th of December. All boys are encouraged to participate in the ice skating party instead. Watch for details in next week's bulletin.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

If you or anyone you know in the parish is in need of a Christmas food basket, please contact the parish office by **December 15**.

LITTLE SODALITY OF MARY

The Little Sodality of Mary will meet in St. Joseph Hall this Saturday, **December 16**, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE



Calling all bakers! The altar society will hold a bake sale next Sunday, **December 17**, in St. Joseph Hall, following all Masses. Bakers are asked to bring a favorite, pre-priced Christmas goodie—snowballs, sugar cookies, honey cakes, marzipan, pies, Christmas cakes, and more— to contribute to the sale. Bake sale goods can be dropped off prior to or after the Mass at which you assist.

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS


Once again, we are filling Christmas stockings (bags) for Nativity House (the Men's Shelter). You may pick up a bag with filler suggestions at the exit tables. Please fill the bags and return them to the basket at the main entrance of the church by Tuesday, **December 19**.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR BBB PICNIC WITH NAM

On Saturday, January 20, 2024, we will have a basketball, burgers, and brats picnic with North American Martyrs. More details will be available soon. There will be a boys' (under 18) 3-on-3 tournament and a men's (18+) 3-on-3 tournament. Please see Fr. O'Brien by January 13 to register a team.



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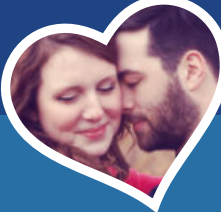
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Enthroned the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your Home



The ceremony for home enthronement was founded by Fr. Mateo Crawley Boevey in 1907 with the approval of Pope St. Pius X, who encouraged Fr. Mateo to devote his entire life to this work.

Through this enthronement of the Sacred Heart as King of the home, families are preserved and sanctified. Jesus promised St. Margaret Mary: "I will establish peace in their homes." Countless families have experienced this peace and have been drawn closer together with Christ as the King of their homes. In addition, there have been many reports of conversions of family members. Ask your parish priest for more information about this wonderful devotion.

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