



# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

7:00 a.m. Low Mass      10:30 a.m. Sung Mass  
8:30 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  
8:45 a.m. Holy Hour

### Friday

8:00 a.m. Low Mass  
5:30 p.m. Exposition & Benediction  
6:30 p.m. Low Mass

### Saturday

9:00 a.m. Low Mass

### First Saturday

7:00 a.m. Low Mass  
8:00 a.m. Exposition & Benediction  
9:00 a.m. Low Mass

### Holy Days of Obligation

unless otherwise noted

8:00 a.m.  
12:00 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.

## Confession

30 minutes prior to each Mass

## Baptism & Wedding Preparation

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

## Priests

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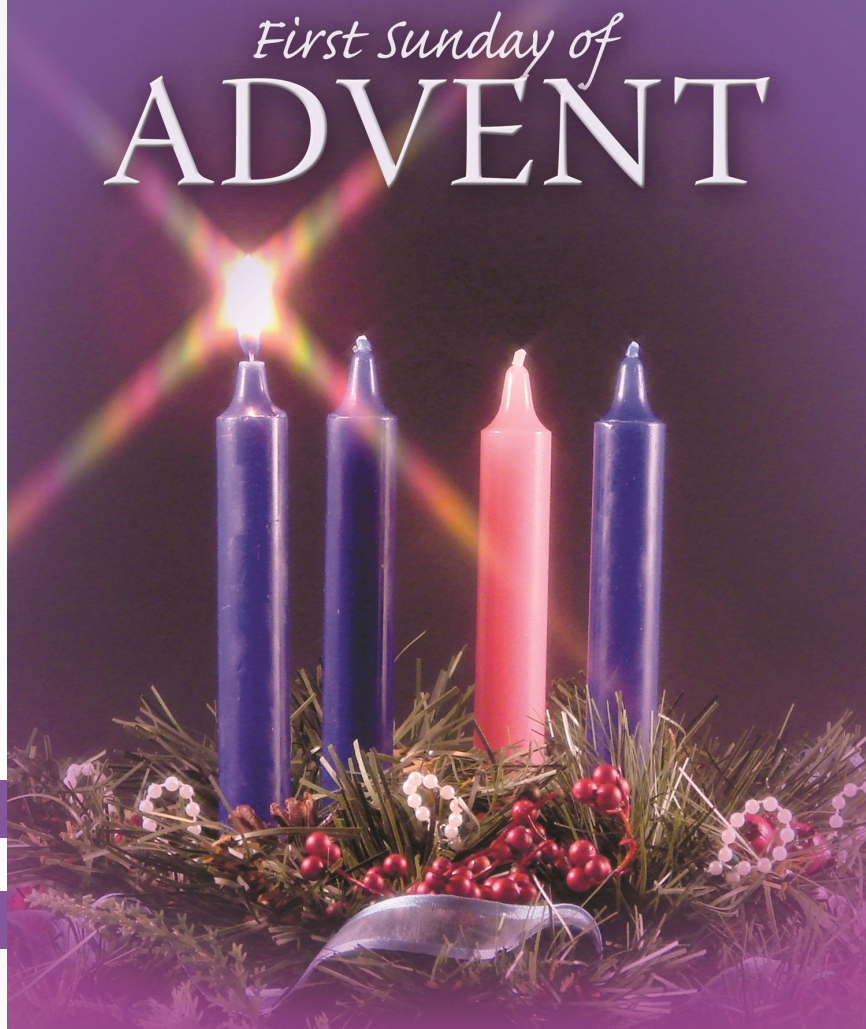
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*Saint Joseph, foster-father of our Lord Jesus Christ and the spouse of Mary the Virgin, pray for us.*



*First Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 1, 2024

*The spirit of the Advent liturgy, commemorating the age-long expectation of the Redeemer, will prepare us to celebrate the mystery of the Word made Flesh by arousing in each one of us an intimate, personal expectation of the renewed coming of Christ to our soul. This coming is accomplished by grace; to the degree in which grace develops and matures in us, it becomes more copious, more penetrating, until it transforms the soul into an alter Christus.*

### **INTROIT** *Psalm 24:1-3*

To Thee have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust, let me not be ashamed: neither let my enemies laugh at me: for none of them that wait on Thee shall be confounded. *Psalm.* Show me, O Lord, Thy ways: and teach me Thy paths. *V.* 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.—To Thee have I lifted up my . . .

### **COLLECT**

Stir up Thy power, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and come: that from the threatening dangers of our sins, we may deserve to be rescued by Thy protection, and be saved by Thy deliverance: Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end...

### **EPISTLE** *Romans 13:11-14*

Brethren, knowing that it is now the hour for us to rise from sleep. For now our salvation is nearer than when we believed. The night is passed and the day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day: not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and impurities, not in contention and envy: but put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **GRADUAL** *Psalm 24:3, 4*

All they that wait on Thee shall not be confounded, O Lord. *V.* Show, O Lord, Thy ways to me: and teach me Thy paths. **Alleluia, alleluia.** *Ps. 84:4.* Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy; and grant us Thy salvation. Alleluia.

### **GOSPEL** *Luke 21:25-33*

At that time Jesus said to His disciples: There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, by reason of the confusion of the roaring of the sea and of the waves: men withering away for fear and expectation of what shall come upon the whole world. For the powers of heaven shall be moved. And then they shall see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with great power and majesty. But when these things begin to come to pass, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is at hand. And He spoke to them a

similitude: See the fig tree and all the trees: when they now shoot forth their fruit, you know that summer is nigh. So you also, when you shall see these things come to pass, know that the kingdom of God is at hand. Amen, I say to you, this generation shall not pass away till all things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but My words shall not pass away.—Creed

### **OFFERTORY** *Psalm 24:1-3*

To Thee have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust, let me not be ashamed: neither let my enemies laugh at me: for none of them that wait on Thee shall be confounded.

### **SECRET**

May these holy Mysteries, O Lord, cleanse us by their powerful efficacy, and enable us to come with greater purity to Him who is their foundation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son . . .

### **PREFACE OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God: Who, together with Thine only-begotten Son and the Holy Ghost, art one God, one Lord: not in the Oneness of a single Person, but in the Trinity of one Substance. For what by Thy revelation we believe of Thy glory, the same do we believe of Thy Son, the same of the Holy Ghost, without difference or separation; so that in confessing the true and eternal Godhead, in It we should adore distinction in Persons, unity in Essence, and equality in Majesty: in praise of which Angels and Archangels, Cherubim also and Seraphim, day by day exclaim, without end and with one voice, saying:—  
Sanctus.

### **COMMUNION** *Psalm 84:13*

The Lord will give goodness: and our earth shall yield her fruit.

### **POST COMMUNION**

May we receive Thy mercy, O Lord, in the midst of Thy temple: that we may with becoming honor prepare for the approaching solemnities of our redemption. Through our Lord Jesus Christ . . .

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

	<b>Father O'Brien</b>	<b>Father Kasak</b>
Sun. December 1 First Sunday of Advent	Pro Populo	Priest's Intention
Mon. December 2 St. Bibiana	Priest's Intention	Gaven M. Cesario
Tues. December 3 St. Francis Xavier	Fraternity of Saint Peter	Priest's Intention
Wed. December 4 St. Peter Chrysologus	Aaron Bedker	+ Dr. David Schindler
Thur. December 5 Feria of Advent	Sandra Gascoyne	Jeff Gascoyne
Fri. December 6 St. Nicholas	Darin & Kelly Kolb	+ Rosemary F. Delaney
Sat. December 7 St. Ambrose	Peterson Godchildren	+ Naveah Lee

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### COLLECTION

Sunday, November 24: unavailable at the time of printing

#### December 4 - Spiritual Conference

The next spiritual conference and mini potluck is this Wednesday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Hall. Michah Nims will be sharing information on Christmas Carols. All adults at the parish are welcome to participate.

#### December 6 - First Friday

December 6 is First Friday. A Low Mass will be offered at 8:00 a.m. and a Sung Mass will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Exposition and Benediction will take place from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The blessing of sacramentals at the altar rail or in the basement will follow both Masses.

#### December 7 - First Friday

December 7 is First Saturday. Low Masses will be offered at 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Exposition and Benediction will follow the 7:00 a.m. Mass. The blessing of sacramentals at the altar rail or in the basement will follow both Masses.

#### December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, there will be a procession after the 1:00 p.m. Sung Mass which will be followed by a celebration in the hall. The 10:30 a.m. Mass will be a Low Mass on this Sunday.

Monday, December 9 is a Holy Day of Obligation. A Sung Mass will be offered at 8:00 a.m. Low Masses will be offered at 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The Mass will be that of St. Juan Diego. This is due to a quirk in the calendars between the Novus Ordo and the 1962 missals.

### ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE

Altar server practice will take place following the 9:00 a.m. Mass on First Saturday, December 7. All boys who have received their First Communion are welcome to participate. Please pick your son(s) up at noon.

### LITTLE FLOWERS, MYSTICAL ROSE SOCIETY, & LITTLE SODALITY OF MARY

Little Flowers, the Mystical Rose Society, and the Little Sodality of Mary will all meet after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on First Saturday, December 2. The meetings end at 11:30 a.m.

### ST. JUAN DIEGO 5k WALK OR RUN

All parishioners are invited to register to participate in the Juan Diego run on Tuesday, December 10, at 10:00 a.m. at Point Defiance. Please visit <https://saintjosephacoma.org/juandiegowalkrun> to register to participate. **Registration closes today, December 1.** Masses will be offered at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MANANITAS & FIESTA

On Wednesday, December 11, and Thursday, December 12, everyone is invited to a celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The schedule for those two days is as follows:

#### December 11

5:30 p.m. Vespers and Compline  
9:00 p.m. Serenata  
11:00 p.m. Private Devotion/Rosary

#### December 12

12:00 a.m. Mass  
1:00 a.m. -7:00 a.m. Hourly Rosary  
8:00 a.m. Sung Mass & Procession

### RORATE MASS

Mark your calendars! On **Saturday, December 14**, a Sung Rorate Mass will be offered at 6:30 a.m. A breakfast hosted by the Men's League will follow the Mass. The 9:00 a.m. Low Mass will be canceled on this day.

### CHRISTMAS BASKETS

If you or anyone you know in the parish is in need of a Christmas food basket, please contact the parish office at [parish@saintjosephacoma.org](mailto:parish@saintjosephacoma.org) by December 15.

### CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

We are filling red and green Christmas bags for homeless men and women through Nativity House. You may pick up a bag with filler suggestions at the exit tables. Please fill the bags and return them to the basket in the vestibule of the church by Tuesday, December 17. A list of filler suggestions will be shared at the entrances to the church and in the parish news.

## **What are Vespers and Why Should I Go to Them?**

Fr. Jacob Kasak, FSSP

Vespers make up the seventh of the eight "hours" of the Divine Office. They find their ritual origins in the Jewish temple evening sacrifice which involved the use of incense, candles and the singing of psalms. The prayers of the Divine Office serve as a secondary channel through which the graces of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass are applied to the Church making them the most efficacious form of prayer after the Mass. This spiritual lifeline for the Church is so important that the priests and religious of the Church are bound under pain of sin to pray the entire office every day.

Although most people in today's culture associate the time they take off from work on Sunday with physical rest, the principal reason for resting from labor on Sundays and Holy Days is to offer fitting sacrifice to God by attending the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It is quite fitting, then, to include the attendance of Vespers in one's observance of the Lord's Day. In fact, in the Middle Ages, the attendance of Sunday vespers was part of the Sunday obligation. Thus, St. John Vianney, the model of parish priests, encouraged his parishioners to attend the Divine Office in the parish church at Ars. Similarly, we would like to encourage you to keep the Lord's Day holy by participating in Sunday Vespers at 2 p.m. every Sunday at St. Joseph. The soothing chants and beautiful texts of the Sunday vespers liturgy both physically and spiritually give a fitting repose to the Lord's Day. So just like St. John Vianney we warmly encourage you tap into the Church's rich traditions and sanctify the Lord's Day by attending both Holy Mass and sung vespers which we pray at 2 p.m. every Sunday.



We are switching from our current online giving platform, Our Sunday Visitor, to a new system called Pushpay.

If you are already giving online AND have a recurring gift set up, it will need to be canceled.

If you manually give online each week, you do not need to do anything.

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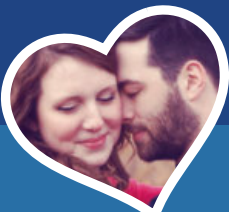
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