



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

7:00 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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Saint Joseph, foster-father of our Lord Jesus Christ and the spouse of Mary the Virgin, pray for us.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT — GAUDETE SUNDAY DECEMBER 15, 2024

The more a soul concentrates its desires and affections on God, the more it will be freed from earthly cares. It will no longer be troubled about anything, knowing that only one thing is necessary, “to seek God,” and that in God it will find everything it needs. Hence to draw near to God, is to find not only true joy, but also peace. In Him it has everything, and God alone suffices. . . . Jesus is really present in our midst: present in our tabernacles by the Eucharist, present in our souls by grace. But who recognizes Him? Only those who believe. Revive, then, your faith; you will find Jesus, and will know Jesus according to the measure of your faith in Him. Sometimes He conceals Himself from you, and you think that you will never find Him, never feel Him again. This is the time to redouble your faith, to walk “in pure faith.”

INTROIT *Philippians 4:4-6*

Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men: for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in every thing by prayer let your petitions be made known to God. Psalm. Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. *∇*. 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.—Rejoice . . .

COLLECT

Incline Thine ear, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to our petitions: and, by the grace of Thy visitation, enlighten the darkness of our minds: Who livest and reignest with God the Father.

EPISTLE *Philippians 4:4-7*

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always: again, I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men. The Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasseth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GRADUAL *Psalm 79:2, 3, 6*

Thou, O Lord, That sittest upon the Cherubim, stir up Thy might and come. *∇*. Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel: that leadest Joseph like a sheep. **Alleluia, alleluia.** Stir up, O Lord, Thy might, and come to save us. Alleluia.

GOSPEL *John 1:19-28*

At that time the Jews sent from Jerusalem Priests and Levites to John, to ask him: Who art thou? And he confessed, and did not deny; and he confessed: I am not the Christ. And they asked him: What then? Art thou Elias? And he said: I am not. Art thou the Prophet? And he answered: No. They said therefore unto him: Who art thou, that we may give an answer to them that sent us? What sayest thou of thyself? He said: I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the Prophet Isaias. And they that were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said to him: Why then dost thou baptize, if thou be not Christ,

nor Elias, nor the Prophet? John answered them, saying: I baptize with water: but there hath stood one in the midst of you, whom you know not. The same is He that shall come after me, who is preferred before me: the latchet of whose shoe I am not worthy to loose. These things were done in Bethania, beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.—Creed

OFFERTORY *Psalm 84:2, 3*

Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob: Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of Thy people.

SECRET

May the Sacrifice of our devotion, we beseech Thee, O Lord, be continually offered up to Thee: may it both complete the institution of the holy Mysteries, and wondrously accomplish in us Thy salvation. Through our Lord . . .

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 *Isaias 35:4*

Say: Ye fainthearted, take courage and fear not: behold our God will come, and will save us.

POST COMMUNION

We implore, O Lord, Thy mercy: that these divine helps may expiate our sins, and prepare us for the approaching Feast. Through our Lord Jesus Christ . . .

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

	Father O'Brien	Father Kasak
Sun. December 15 Third Sunday of Advent	Pro Populo	Priest's Intention
Mon. December 16 St. Eusebius	Priest's Intention	+Dauaine Drashil
Tues. December 17 Greater Feria of Advent	Pierce Berry	Priest's Intention
Wed. December 18 Ember Wednesday of Advent	Ezra Lee	Maximilian Behr
Thur. December 19 Greater Feria of Advent	Aaron Bedker	Matthew Hilsabek
Fri. December 20 Ember Friday of Advent	Russ Kammerer	Fr. Joseph Loftus, FSSP, in Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers
Sat. December 21 St. Thomas	Matt & Denise McCue	Barb Causseaux

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

COLLECTION

Sunday, December 8: unavailable at time of printing

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@saintjoseph_tacoma.org by today, Sunday, **December 15**.

Ice Skating

On **Tuesday, December 17**, all the youth of the parish are invited to an ice-skating party at Sprinker Recreation Center, 14824 C St S in Tacoma from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Admission is covered, but you do need to pay \$3.50 for skate rentals. Please RSVP via the Flocknote youth excursions group or the parish news. Kindly include the number of adults and children who will be participating.

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 is available at the entrances to the church and in the parish news.

Confraternity of Christian Mothers

All confraternity members are invited to a Christmas brunch and gift exchange on **Monday, December 30**, beginning with **8:00 a.m. Mass**, followed by a potluck brunch and gift exchange. Bring a breakfast dish to share and a wrapped gift, about \$20 in value. RSVP: Confraternity of Christian Mothers' Flocknote group.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

All the children in the parish (ages 6 through 17) who are involved in parish groups are invited to participate in Christmas caroling on **Saturday, December 21**. Parents will be responsible for transporting their children. We will be visiting at least two senior centers. The schedule will be as follows:

Location: Spring Ridge Assisted Living

Arrive: 10:00 to 10:15 a.m.

Address: 6856 E. Portland Ave., Tacoma, WA 98404

Website: www.springridgealmc.com

Meet Patty in the front lobby. She will be waiting for you and the residents will be seated there.

Location: People's Senior Living

Arrive: 11:00 a.m.

Address: 1720 E 67th St Tacoma, WA 98404

Meet Willie in the front lobby. She will take the youth to the activities area where the residents will be waiting.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

Calling all bakers! The altar society will hold a bake sale next Sunday, **December 22**, 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. Pre-priced bake sale goods can be dropped off prior to or after the Mass at which you assist.

CONFESSION — ALL DAY

On **Monday, December 23**, confessions will be heard starting at the top of every hour from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. If there is no one in line towards the end of an hour, confessions will resume at the top of the next hour.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Christmas decorating will take place on **Monday, December 23**, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary on **Tuesday, December 24**, following the Holy Face Devotions.

CHRISTMAS — THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

December 24

9:00 p.m. Christmas Matins

11:00 p.m. Rosary

11:20 p.m. Carols

December 25

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

7:00 a.m. Mass at Dawn (Low Mass)

8:30 a.m. Mass at Dawn (Low Mass)

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



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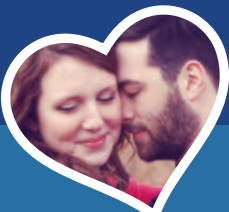
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