



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Served by the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter

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)

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 17, 2023

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." Such was the faith of St. John the Baptist, who had not seen Jesus' miracles, and nevertheless believed. Even Mary lived by faith; she had to believe in the words of the Angel, and when she agreed to become the Mother of God, she had to accept a mystery which she did not understand. But Mary did believe, and by her faith, God's words were accomplished in her. And so shall they be in you; you will see all your hopes fulfilled, you will be able to realize your ideal of intimate union with God—if you have faith in Him and in His promises.

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. *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.—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. *V.* 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 Loftus
Sun.	December 17 Third Sunday of Advent	Pro Populo	Priest's Intention
Mon.	December 18 Major Feria of Advent	Priest's Intention	Gaven Michael Cesario
Tues.	December 19 Major Feria of Advent	Annabell Buchert	Priest's Intention
Wed.	December 20 Ember Wednesday of Advent	Lacey Neumann	Susana G. Espinosa
Thur.	December 21 St. Thomas, Apostle	Isael O.	Thomas Johnsen
Fri.	December 22 Ember Friday of Advent	+Michael Houston	Health of Family & Friends
Sat.	December 23 Ember Saturday of Advent	Gael O.	The Whelan Family

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

DECEMBER

Spiritual Conference

December 20

6:30 p.m. All adults are invited to participate in the spiritual conference and mini potluck.

Christmas Decorating

December 23

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

Confessions — All Day

December 23

Following the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, December 23, **confessions will be heard on the hour** until 5:00 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 — 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)

O WISDOM, which camest out of the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end and ordering all things mightily and sweetly: come and teach us the way of prudence.

COLLECTION

Sunday, December 3: \$10,616.75 Sunday, December 10: unavailable

ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE



Calling all bakers! The altar society will hold a bake sale today, Sunday, **December 17**, in St. Joseph Hall, following all Masses. Bakers are asked to drop their pre-priced Christmas goodies in St. Joseph hall prior to the Mass at which they are assisting. Bake sale goods can be dropped off prior to the Mass at which you assist.

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Please return your red (for women) and green (for men) Christmas bags for the homeless men and women by tomorrow, Monday, **December 18**.

ICE SKATING PARTY

On Thursday, **December 21**, all the youth of the parish are invited to an ice-skating party at Sprinker Recreation Center, 14824 C St S in Tacoma.



Time: 3:30-6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$7.50 per child, plus \$3.50 for skate rentals (ages 6-17)
\$8.50 per adult

Food: Pizza will be provided*

*Families are encouraged to bring snacks and drinks to share.

Ice walkers are available for \$5. Ice bumper cars need to be booked in advance and cost \$12 for 15 minutes. Additional information can be found at <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/6816/ICE-Lights>

Please RSVP to info@saintjoseph Tacoma.org by tomorrow, December 18. We need a fairly accurate count for the pizza order.

LOST & FOUND


Please check the lost and found baskets under the inside window in St. Joseph Hall by Sunday, **December 31**. Any items not claimed by then will be taken to St. Vincent de Paul.

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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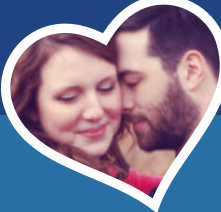
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Enthroned the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your Home



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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