



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

602 S. 34<sup>th</sup> 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  
12:00 p.m. Low Mass

### 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

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  
or by appointment

## Baptism & Wedding Preparation

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

## Priests

**Pastor: Fr. Timothy O'Brien**

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**Sacramental Emergencies: 253-234-5714**

## Office Hours

Monday to Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## Charity

**St. Vincent de Paul**  
253-228-4817

## Parish Staff

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# Fourth Sunday of ADVENT



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

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

## December 18, 2022

*The incarnation of the Word is the greatest proof of God's infinite love for men. A heart filled with self-love and pride cannot be filled with God, and too small will be the place reserved in it for the sweet Babe of Bethlehem. Love will fill the valleys in my heart, and humility will level its mountains and hills. Destroy my pride, arrogance, and vanity, O Lord, by the powerful fire of Your love. By the might of Your all-powerful arm, tear out of my heart every fiber which is infected with the poison of self-love, and which, therefore, does not belong to You. O Lord, I, too, wish to decrease, decrease that You may increase in me, so that on Christmas day You may find my heart entirely empty and free and therefore ready for the total invasion of Your love.*

### INTROIT *Isaias 45:8*

Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the Just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Savior. Psalm. The heavens show forth the glory of God: and the firmament declares the work of His hands. *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. — Drop down dew . . .

### COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech Thee, stir up Thy power, and come, and with great might succor us: that by the help of Thy grace that which is hindered by our sins may be hastened by Thy merciful forgiveness: Who livest and reignest.

### EPISTLE *I Corinthians 4:1-5*

Brethren, let a man so account of us as of the ministers of Christ and the dispensers of the mysteries of God. Here now it is required among the dispensers that a man be found faithful. But to me it is a very small thing to be judged by you or by man's day: but neither do I judge my own self. For I am not conscious to myself of anything: yet am I not hereby justified, but He that judges me is the Lord. Therefore judge not before the time, until the Lord come; who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise from God.

### GRADUAL *Psalms 144:18, 21*

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him: to all that call upon Him in truth. *V.* My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless His holy Name. **Alleluia, alleluia.** Come, O Lord, and tarry not: forgive the sins of Thy people Israel. Alleluia.

### GOSPEL *Luke 3:1-6*

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother tetrarch of Iturea and the country of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilina, under the high priests Annas and Caiphas: the word of the Lord was made unto John, the son of Zachary, in the desert. And he came into all the country about the Jordan, preaching the baptism of penance for the remission of sins, as it was written in the



book of the sayings of Isaias the prophet: A voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord: make straight His paths: every valley shall be filled: and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways plain: and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.—Creed

### OFFERTORY *Luke 1:28, 42*

Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

### SECRET

O Lord, we beseech Thee, look down favorably upon these present sacrifices: that they may profit us unto both devotion and 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 7:14*

Behold a Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son: and His Name shall be called Emmanuel.

### POST COMMUNION

Having received Thy gifts, we beseech Thee, O Lord: that as we frequent this Mystery, so the work of our salvation may advance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son: Who liveth and reigneth 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 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent	Pro Populo	Priest's Intention
Mon.	December 19 Greater Feria of Advent	Priest's Intention	Elliana Serdar
Tues.	December 20 Greater Feria of Advent	Robert Glen Brown Family	Priest's Intention
Wed.	December 21 St. Thomas, Apostle	Gibbs Family	Eric, Brian, Stephen, Julie, RJ, Teddy Osgood
Thur.	December 22 Greater Feria of Advent	Sister Mary Sneha M.C.	Vince Johnsen
Fri.	December 23 Greater Feria of Advent	+Juah Jose Espinoza Mendoza	Andrew & Elizabeth Balog
Sat.	December 24 Vigil of Christmas	+Raymond Travis	John Pedro

## Parish News and Events



### Collection

December 11: unavailable at time of printing



### Christmas Mass Schedule

11:00 p.m. Rosary	7:30 a.m. Low Mass
11:30 p.m. Carols	9:00 a.m. Low Mass
12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass	10:30 a.m. Sung Mass
	1:00 p.m. Low Mass



### Altar Society Christmas Bake Sale

The altar society is hosting a bake sale in St. Joseph Hall today, Sunday, December 18, following all Masses. Please take the time to go downstairs after Mass and peruse the delicious goodies that are available. Proceeds go to help the altar society provide linens, etc. for our parish.

### Christmas Caroling & Potluck

On Wednesday, December 28, everyone is invited to participate in Christmas caroling and a potluck at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Christine at [info@saintjoseph\\_tacoma.org](mailto:info@saintjoseph_tacoma.org).

### Christmas Stockings

The Christmas socks for Nativity House are due back tomorrow, Monday, December 19. Please bring your contribution to the main entrance of the church.

### New Year's Day

On New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, the Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord, the regular Sunday Mass schedule will be followed.

### Youth Ice Skating

On Wednesday, December 21, all the youth of the parish (ages 6 to 17) are invited to an ice skating party at **Sprinker Recreation Center** in Tacoma. The party will last from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$7.50, plus \$3.50 for skate rental, per child. Kindly RSVP by today, Sunday, December 18, via one of the Flocknote emails that were sent.

### Epiphany House Blessings

During Epiphany time (8 days after the feast day—January 6-13), the priests will be blessing houses that have not been blessed in past years with the Epiphany blessing. If this applies to you, and you would like your house blessed, please contact [info@saintjoseph\\_tacoma.org](mailto:info@saintjoseph_tacoma.org) or call 253-250-7107 by December 31 to schedule an Epiphany house blessing. Please include "Epiphany House Blessing" in the subject line and your address in the email.

### Confessions

Confessions will be heard from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 21.

### Prayers for Parishioners

#### We continue to pray for our Military Personnel:

CPT Rene Espinosa, 2nd Lt. Rachel Gonzales, SSgt. Nickolas Dery, Sgt. Lucas Anderson, Sgt. Zxylo Baker, Sgt. Zach Sanford, PO2 Steven Perez, PO3 RP Annaliese Oldham-Smith, SPC Ethan Lund, LNCPL Anthony Poe



### Christmas Decorating

Christmas decorating will take place on Saturday, December 24, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

### Rosary Makers

The Rosary Makers will not meet in December. The next meeting will be Saturday, January 28.

#### For the sick and homebound:

MaryAnn Coble, Baily Ghigleri, Camille Johnsen, Janice Marshall, Debby Milledge, Thomas Orr, John Pedro, Gerard Perez, Colleen Zupancic

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