



# 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

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, parishioners must sign up to assist at Sunday Mass. Please call 253-250-7107 or visit [saintjosephtacoma.org/masssignup](http://saintjosephtacoma.org/masssignup) each week to do so. The signup opens on Monday at 5:00 p.m. Check the website for updated Mass times.

### Sunday

7:00 a.m. Low Mass  
9:00 a.m. Low Mass  
11:00 a.m. High Mass  
1:00 p.m. Low Mass

### Monday-Friday

8:00 a.m. Low Mass

### Saturday

9:00 a.m. Low Mass

## Confession

Confession is available starting 30 minutes prior to each Mass and 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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## Charities

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253-625-7207  
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*Saint Joseph, foster-father of our Lord Jesus Christ and the spouse of Mary the Virgin, pray for us.*

# December 20, 2020

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

In the Epistle St. Paul tells us that on the Last Day Jesus will come to judge all men, “and then everyone will have his praise from God.” In the meantime, we should not judge others nor set ourselves up as being superior to them. But, as the Gospel tells us, we are to work hard “to make ready the way of the Lord” by overcoming our own pride and by helping others to know and love Christ, and then, finally, “all mankind shall see the salvation of God.”



### 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 declareth the work of His hands. *℣*. 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 succour 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 judgeth 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 *Psalm 144:18, 21*

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him: to all that call upon Him in truth. *℣*. 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

			<b>Father O'Brien</b>	<b>Father Brodsky</b>
Sun.	December 20	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Pro Populo	Priest's Intention
Mon.	December 21	St. Thomas, <i>Apostle</i>	President Trump	Priest's Intention
Tues.	December 22	Greater Feria of Advent	Priest's Intention	+Richard Marterella
Wed.	December 23	Greater Feria of Advent	Our Country	+Dallas & Victoria Dudschus
Thur.	December 24	Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord	Pro Populo	Priest's Intention
Fri.	December 25	The Nativity of Our Lord	Pro Populo	Priest's Intention
Sat.	December 26	St. Stephen, <i>protoMartyr</i>	+Simeon Maniua	James Edmund Bronoske

## Parish News and Events

### Vespers and Confession

Vespers will be prayed at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 22 and 23.

Confessions will be heard on these evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



### Collection

December 13: not available when printed

### Blessing of Religious Items

The blessing of sacramentals will take place next Sunday.

### Christmas Eve Masses

On December 24, Masses will be offered at 8:00 a.m. and noon. Christmas decorating will take place after the noon Mass.

### Christmas Stockings

Stockings for Nativity House (the men's shelter) are due today, December 20. Please return them to the basket at the main entrance of the church.



### Christmas Mass Schedule



11:00 p.m. Confession	8:30 a.m. Low Mass
11:30 p.m. Rosary	10:00 a.m. Low Mass
12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass	11:30 a.m. Low Mass
7:00 a.m. Low Mass	1:00 p.m. Low Mass

There will be no confessions heard or rosary prayed prior to the Masses on Christmas Day. Please make use of the other confession times that are available. Kindly arrive no more than 15 minutes prior to Mass on Christmas Day.

If you haven't signed up for Christmas Day Masses yet, please check <https://saintjosephnacoma.org/christusestnatus> for availability.

### Epiphany House Blessings

The priests will attempt to get to as many parishioners' homes as they can during Epiphany time (8 days after the feast day) to bless them. Please contact [info@saintjosephnacoma.org](mailto:info@saintjosephnacoma.org) with the city in which you live by December 30 for more information.

### First Communion and Confirmation Classes

First Communion and Confirmation classes will be offered, starting the second Sunday in January. If you or your child(ren) are interested in participating in one or both of the classes, contact [info@saintjosephnacoma.org](mailto:info@saintjosephnacoma.org).

### New Year's Day

On New Year's Day, Friday, January 1, Masses will be offered at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. The sign-up link for these Masses will be available Monday, December 21, at 5:30 p.m. by visiting <https://saintjosephnacoma.org/newyearsdaymass> or calling 253-250-7107.

Adoration will take place from 2:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

### Prayers for Parishioners

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

SSgt. Nickolas Dery, SSgt Ian Harrington, CPT Mark Salinas,  
1st Lt. Kyle Tuohy, 2nd Lt. Rachel Gonzales,  
2nd Lt. Ryan Harrington, PO2 Steven Perez,  
SPC Ethan Lund, SPC Abel McNece

#### For the sick and homebound:

Amy Alexeev, Nicole Bamba, Benny Basil, Janice Boutte,  
Paul Chromey, Donald Drake, Pat Fickel, Marsha Grimwood,  
Barbara Harrison, Camille Johnsen, Vince Johnsen,  
Jen Jonker, Janice Marshall, Jane Pearson, Mike Rupprecht,  
Giovanni Seaman, Michael Vavrek

#### For those who have died:

†Theresa Peters, †Derek Wood, †Francine Poe,  
†Fr. Matthew Naumes, OSB, †Victoria Dudschus,  
†Marietta Abelgas, †Donna Lowry, †Michael Mauss

### First Saturday Mass Signup

The Mass signup for First Saturday, January 2, will be available on Saturday, December 26, at noon, <https://saintjosephnacoma.org/firstsaturdaymass>. Masses will be offered at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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