



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)

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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 22, 2024

The incarnation of the Word is the greatest proof of God's infinite love for men....With hearts full of love, we must run to meet Love who is about to appear "incarnate" in the Infant Jesus. May it be a love that is faithful in great things as well as in small, an ingenious love that is always seeking opportunities to repay God's infinite love. "Love is repaid by love!" This is the motto which has made saints, and spurred a multitude of souls to greater generosity....

"He must increase, but I must decrease" (St. John the Baptist). Today's Office gathers up all this magnificent testimony of St. John the Baptist, as if to give us a concrete idea of the profound sentiments of humility with which, in our heart, we ought to make smooth "the way of the Lord." If the valleys, that is, our deficiencies, are to be filled up by love, then the mountains and hills, that is, the vain pretenses of pride, must be made low by humility. 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.

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. *V̄*. 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. *V̄*. 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 Kasak
Sun. December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent	Pro Populo	Priest's Intention
Mon. December 23 Greater Feria of Advent	Priest's Intention	+ Bob Swanson
Tues. December 24 Vigil of the Nativity	Nick Whelan	Priest's Intention
Wed. December 25 Nativity of the Lord	Pro Populo	Priest's Intention
Thur. December 26 St. Stephen	Jhoana Torres	Aaron Bedker
Fri. December 27 St. John	+Gail & + Leona Black	+Rosemary Delaney
Sat. December 28 The Holy Innocents	The Hunter Family	Eric Hilsabek

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

COLLECTION

Sunday, December 8: \$13,729.17
 Sunday, December 15: unavailable at time of printing

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 MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 via the Confraternity of Christian Mothers' Flocknote group.

WELCOME

Welcome to all of our visitors! If you would like to register as a parishioner, you may do so by taking a blue registration form from one of the entrances to the church.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

Everyone is invited to St. Joseph Hall after all of the Masses **today, Sunday, December 22**, to purchase Christmas cookies, cakes, and more at the altar society's annual bake sale. Bakers are asked to drop off their favorite, **pre-priced** Christmas goodie—snowballs, sugar cookies, honey cakes, marzipan, pies, Christmas cakes, and more—prior to or after the Mass at which you assist.

A BELATED THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard behind the scenes to make the Our Lady of Guadalupe festivities such a huge success, especially the Espinosa family. May God reward all of you!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

O Rex Gentium, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man: Come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.

We hope that everyone has a blessed and merry Christmas.

ROSARY MAKERS

The rosary makers will meet in the church basement this **Saturday, December 28**, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All parishioners, ages 13 and up, are invited to join us in making rosaries for the missions. A rosary kit is provided only to those who are participating for the first time. If this is not your first time, please bring your own supplies.

MEN'S LEAGUE

The next Men's League meeting will be **Saturday, December 28**. We will meet in the church at 8:30 a.m. for our Rosary in Latin followed by Mass at 9:00 a.m. We will then go to the basement for a talk followed by our meeting/social. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Day, the Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord, Wednesday, January 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule will be that of Sunday. Masses will be offered at 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 1:00 p.m.



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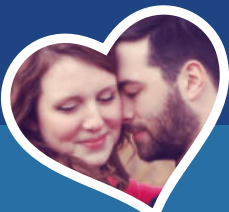
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