



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY

December 24, 2023

There is nothing unreal about the marriage of Mary and Joseph. Never, in fact, had earth seen a more perfect union, a love so deep, so glorious. For they loved each other in God...

And Mary? She treasured in her heart all Joseph's words and acts of delicate thoughtfulness, and she gave him in return the joyous and devoted service of a loyal wife, foreseeing each desire, granting every wish. Their great delight was to see how best each could please the other. "I am a little servant," said Mary. "No, God Himself appointed me to serve you." And so it went. And now while Mary spun and hemmed swaddling clothes, Joseph fashioned the cradle wherein very soon the Son of the Most High, the King of Creation, the Savior of the world would lay His infant head.

INTROIT

This day you shall know that the Lord will come, and save us: and in the morning you shall see His glory. *Psalm.* The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof: the world and all they that dwell therein. *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. — This day . . .

COLLECT

O God, Who dost gladden us by the yearly expectation of our redemption, grant that we, who now joyfully receive Thine only begotten Son as our redeemer, may also without fear behold Him coming as our Judge, even the same Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son: Who livest and reignest world without end . . .

EPISTLE *Romans 1:1-6*

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an Apostle, separated unto the Gospel of God, which He had promised before by His prophets in the holy Scriptures concerning His Son, who was made to Him of the seed of David according to the flesh: who was predestined the Son of God in power according to the spirit of sanctification by the resurrection of our Lord Jesus from the dead: by whom we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith in all nations for His Name, among whom are you also the called of Jesus Christ our Lord.

GRADUAL *Exodus 16:6, 7*

This day you shall know that the Lord will come and save us: and in the morning you shall see His glory. (*Ps. 79. 2, 3*) Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel: Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep, Thou that sittest upon the Cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses.

Alleluia, alleluia. Tomorrow shall the iniquity of the earth be abolished: and the Savior of the world shall reign over us. Alleluia.

GOSPEL *Matthew 1:18-21*

When Mary the mother of Jesus was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Whereupon Joseph her husband, being a

just man and not willing publicly to expose her, was minded to put her away privately. But while he thought on these things, behold the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in his sleep, saying: Joseph, son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His Name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins.—Creed

OFFERTORY *Psalm 23:7*

Lift up your gates, O ye princes: and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates, and the King of glory shall enter in.

SECRET

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that as we anticipate the adorable birthday of Thy Son, so we may joyfully receive His eternal gifts: Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost . . .

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 40:4*

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed: and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

POST COMMUNION

We beseech Thee, O Lord, grant us fresh courage, as we celebrate the birthday of Thine only-begotten Son: whose heavenly Mystery is our food and drink. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son . . .

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

| | | Father O'Brien | Father Loftus | |
|-------|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Sun. | December 24 | The Vigil of the Nativity | Pro Populo | Priest's Intention |
| Mon. | December 25 | The Nativity of Our Lord | Pro Populo | Priest's Intention |
| Tues. | December 26 | St. Stephen | Steven Johnsen | Priest's Intention |
| Wed. | December 27 | St. John the Evangelist | +Clemence L. Dubois | Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| Thur. | December 28 | Holy Innocents | Linda Barnett | Pearl Phipps |
| Fri. | December 29 | 5th Day in Octave Christmas | +Joseph Saab | +Barbara Stinson |
| Sat. | December 30 | 6th Day in Octave Christmas | Mr. & Mrs. Giles Bond | Floriann Linkul |

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

DECEMBER & JANUARY

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. Sung Midnight Mass
8:00 a.m. Low Mass at Dawn
10:30 a.m. Sung Christmas Day Mass
1:00 p.m. Low Christmas Day Mass

Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

December 31

7:30 a.m. Low Mass
9:00 a.m. Low Mass
10:30 a.m. Low Mass
1:00 p.m. Low Mass

New Year's Day

January 1

8:00 a.m. Low Mass
10:30 a.m. Sung Mass

Since New Year's Day, January 1, the Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord, falls on a Monday, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation.



** O EMMANUEL, * our King and Lawgiver, the desire of the nations and the Savior thereof, come to save us, O Lord our God.*

COLLECTION

Sunday, December 17: unavailable at time of printing

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 the entrance to the church or online <https://saintjoseph Tacoma.org/registration/>.

FR. O'BRIEN AWAY — SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE CANCELED

Due to Fr. O'Brien being away from December 26 through January 1, the December 27 spiritual conference is canceled. Please pray for safe travels.

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.

BLESSING OF EPIPHANY WATER

The solemn blessing of the Epiphany water will take place following the 6:30 p.m. Mass on Friday, **January 5**. Parishioners are welcome to bring empty bottles and jugs to fill after the water has been blessed. The remaining Epiphany water will also temporarily be available in the vestibule for those who cannot make it on Friday evening.

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSINGS

During Epiphany time (eight 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 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.


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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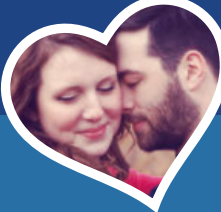
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Enthroned the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your Home

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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