



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

7:00 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.

SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 29, 2024

Today's Mass is an echo of Christmas, but while it speaks of peace and joy, it also has a note of deep sadness. The Gospel (Luke 2:33-40) suddenly transports us to the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, forty days after His birth, and repeats Simeon's prophecy, "Behold this Child is set for the fall and for the resurrection of many in Israel and for a sign which shall be contradicted." The prophecy of Simeon was addressed directly to the Virgin Mother. "And thy own soul a sword shall pierce." The bloody vision of the Cross is thus mingled unexpectedly with the charming scene of the Nativity, reminding us that the tender Babe of Bethlehem is the divine Lamb who will one day be immolated for the salvation of the world.

INTROIT *Wisdom 18:14-15*

While all things were in quiet silence and the night was in the midst of her course, Thy almighty Word, O Lord, leaped down from heaven from Thy royal throne. Psalm. The Lord hath reigned, He is clothed with beauty: the Lord is clothed with strength, and hath girded Himself. *∇*. 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. — While all . . .

COLLECT

O Almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure; that in the Name of Thy beloved Son we may deserve to abound in good works: Who livest and reignest . . .

EPISTLE *Galatians 4:1-7*

Brethren, as long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all: but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed by the father: so we also, when we were children, were serving under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, that He might redeem them who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, God hath sent the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying: Abba, Father. Therefore now he is not a servant, but a son: and if a son, an heir also through God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 44:3, 2*

Thou art beautiful above the sons of men: grace is poured abroad in Thy lips. *∇*. My heart hath uttered a good word, I speak my works to the king: my tongue is the pen of a scrivener, that writeth swiftly. **Alleluia, alleluia.** *∇*. The Lord hath reigned, He is clothed with beauty: the Lord is clothed with strength, and hath girded himself with might. **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL *Luke 2:33-40*

At that time Joseph and Mary the Mother of Jesus were wondering at those things which were spoken concerning Him. And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother: Behold, this child is set for the fall, and for the resurrection of many in Israel: and for a sign which shall be contradicted: and thine own soul a sword shall pierce,

that out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed. And there was one Anna a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was far advanced in years, and had liveth with her husband seven years from her virginity. And she was a widow until fourscore and four years: who departed not from the temple, by fastings and prayers serving night and day. Now she, at the same hour, coming in, confessed to the Lord: and spoke of Him to all that looked for the redemption of Israel. And after they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee to their city, Nazareth. And the Child grew and waxed strong, full of wisdom: and the grace of God was in Him.—Creed

OFFERTORY *Psalm 92:1,2*

God hath established the world, which shall not be moved: Thy throne, O God, is prepared from of old: Thou art from everlasting.

SECRET

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that the offering made in the sight of Thy Majesty may obtain for us the grace of loving devotion, and the reward of a blessed eternity. Through our Lord . . .

PREFACE OF THE NATIVITY

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: for through the Mystery of the Word made flesh, new radiance from Thy glory hath so shone on the eye of the soul that the recognition of our God made visible draweth us to love what is invisible. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the host of the heavenly army we sing a hymn to Thy glory, evermore saying:—Sanctus.

COMMUNION *Matthew 2:20*

Take the Child and His Mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead who sought the life of the Child.

POST COMMUNION

By the working of this Mystery, O Lord, may our vices be removed, and our just desires fulfilled. Through our Lord heavenly Mystery is our food and drink. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son . . .

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

	Father O'Brien	Father Kasak
Sun. December 29 Sunday in the Octave of Christmas	Pro Populo	Priest's Intention
Mon. December 30 6th Day in the Octave of Christmas	Ross Aiken	Priest's Intention
Tues. December 31 7th Day in the Octave of Christmas	Priest's Intention	Russ Kammerer
Wed. January 1 The Circumcision of Our Lord	Pro Populo	Priest's Intention
Thur. January 2 Feria of Christmastide	Juan Torres	Dudschus Family, Living & Dead
Fri. January 3 Feria of Christmastide	+Henry & +Gloria Herrera	Carmelite Community of Our Lady Star of the Sea Bremerton
Sat. January 4 Saturday of Our Lady	Bichler Family, Living & Dead	+Karen Brusher

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

COLLECTION

Sunday, December 15: \$10,150.45
 Sunday, December 22: unavailable at time of printing

DECEMBER 30—CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

All confraternity members are invited to a Christmas brunch and gift exchange tomorrow, 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.

JANUARY 1—THE FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD

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.

JANUARY 3—FIRST FRIDAY

January 3 is First Friday. Masses will be offered at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. As always, the Friday Holy Hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed by Benediction.

JANUARY 4—FIRST SATURDAY

First Saturday is this Saturday, January 4. Masses will be offered at 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Adoration and Benediction will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

THE BLESSING OF SACRAMENTALS

The blessing of sacramentals will take place after all of the Masses on First Friday and First Saturday.

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. If you need help locating the form, our ushers will be happy to assist you.

ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE

Altar server practice will take place following the 9:00 a.m. Mass on First Saturday, January 4. All boys who have received their First Communion are welcome to participate. Pick up is at noon.

LITTLE SODALITY OF MARY, MYSTICAL ROSE SOCIETY, LITTLE FLOWERS

The Little Sodality of Mary, Mystical Rose Society, and Little Flowers will meet on Saturday, January 4, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please pick your daughters up at 11:30 a.m.

THE BLESSING OF EPIPHANY WATER

The solemn blessing of the Epiphany water will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 5. Parishioners are welcome to bring empty bottles and jugs with them to fill after the water has been blessed. The remaining Epiphany water will also be available in the vestibule until it runs out.

THE FEAST OF EPIPHANY

On the Feast of Epiphany, Monday, January 6, a Sung Mass will be offered at 8:00 a.m.

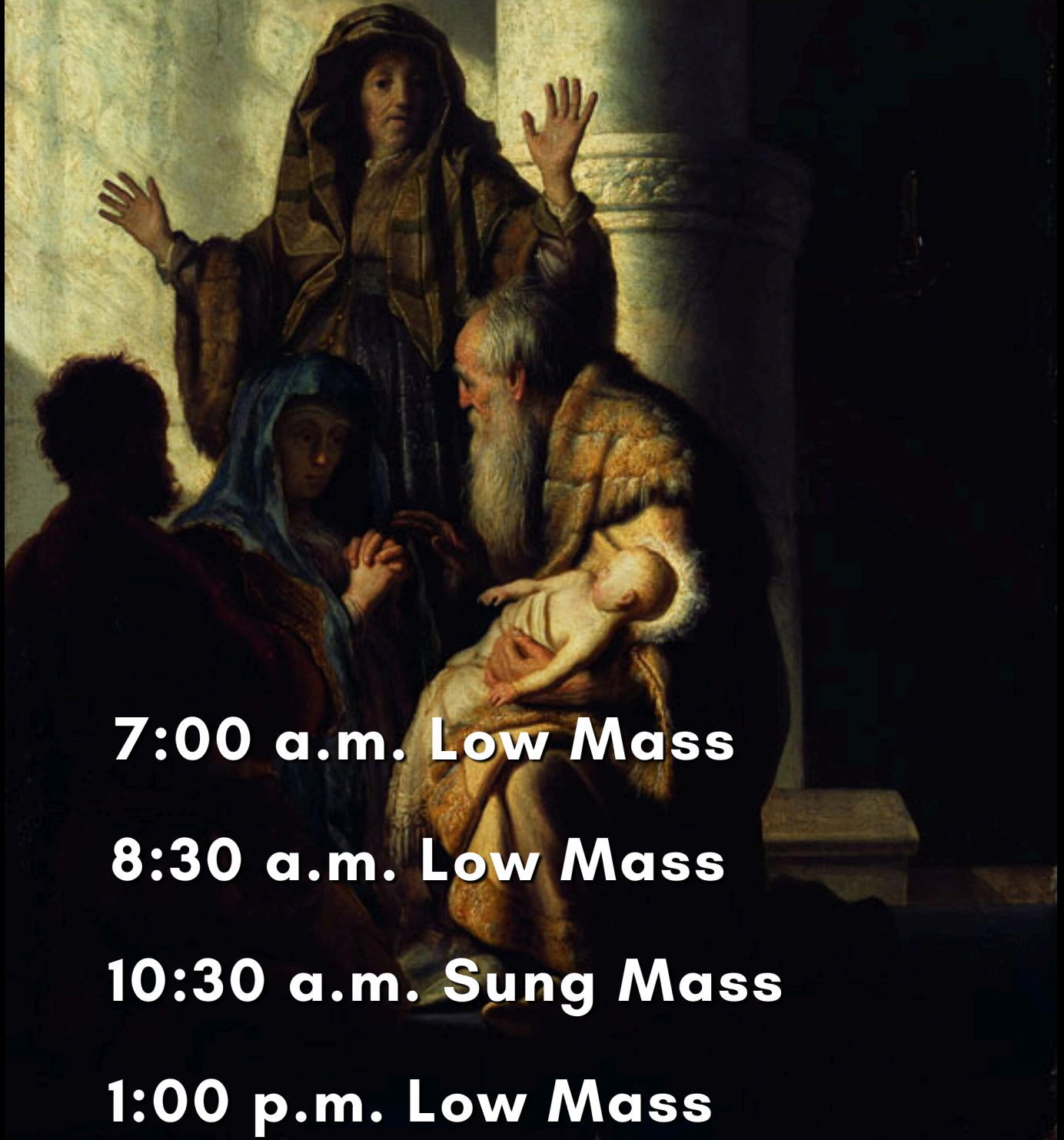
Epiphany chalk will be blessed before the Mass in the sacristy and set out by the doors with prayers for the head of the house to say in blessing the home. All homes will be blessed by Father from the sanctuary after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, but the head of the house should still do this smaller blessing. Copies of the Epiphany House blessing will also be available at the entrances to the church.

ST. JOSEPH PRO-LIFE GROUPS

Join other pro-life parishioners every Tuesday outside the Cedar River Facility, 1401 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

On Thursday mornings, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass, the St. Joseph Pro-Life Group prays all fifteen decades of the Rosary for the unborn at the Tacoma Planned Parenthood abortuary, 1515 Martin Luther King Way, Tacoma. Free parking is available in the St. Joseph Medical Tower parking lot on level 4 (entry on 17th Street). Everyone is welcome.

Feast of the Circumcision *Mass Schedule*



7:00 a.m. Low Mass

8:30 a.m. Low Mass

10:30 a.m. Sung Mass

1:00 p.m. Low Mass

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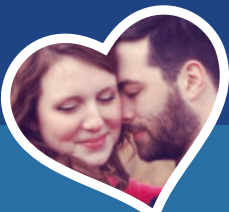
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