



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

602 S. 34th 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

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

Pastor: Fr. Timothy O'Brien

pastor@saintjosephtacoma.org

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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 31, 2023

The passage of the Gospel selected for this Mass, though bearing on the Divine Infancy, yet gives us, we may almost say prematurely, the terrible prophecy of Simeon regarding the dear Babe of Bethlehem. The heart of Mary, that was overflowing with joy at the miraculous Birth of her Child, is here made to feel the sword spoken of by the venerable Priest of the temple. Her Son, then, is to be but a sign that shall be contradicted! The mystery of man's adoption by God is to cost this Child of hers his life! We that are the Redeemed in his Blood, we may not yet dwell on the fatigues and the Passion and the Death of our Emmanuel: the time will come for that. At Present we are forbidden to think of him other than as the sweet Child that is born to us, the source of all our happiness by his having come among us.

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. *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. — 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 44:1-7*

Thou art beautiful above the sons of men: grace is poured abroad in Thy lips. *V.* 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. *V.* 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 Loftus
Sun.	December 31 Sunday in the Octave of Christmas	Pro Populo	Priest's Intention
Mon.	January 1 The Circumcision of Our Lord	Priest's Intention	Pro Populo
Tues.	January 2 The Most Holy Name of Jesus	+Victoria C. & +Dallas L. Dudschus	Priest's Intention
Wed.	January 3 Feria in Christmastide	Louis Leclizio	Juvenal Marquez
Thur.	January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Alyssa Holt	Gaven Michael Cesario
Fri.	January 5 St. John Neumann	+Larry Miller	+Deborah Milledge
Sat.	January 6 The Epiphany of the Lord	Anonymous Gift Giver	Finnian Boyle

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

JANUARY

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 this year.

First Friday

January 5

6:30 p.m. Low Mass
7:15 p.m. Epiphany Water Blessing, followed by the blessing of sacramentals in the church or in St. Joseph Hall

First Saturday—The Feast of Epiphany

January 6

7:00 a.m. Low Mass
8:00 a.m. Exposition, followed by Benediction
9:00 a.m. Low Mass, followed by the blessing of sacramentals in the church or in St. Joseph Hall

Epiphany chalk will be blessed before the first 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 9:00 a.m. Mass, but the head of the house should still do this smaller blessing.

20+C+M+B+24

COLLECTION

Sunday, December 10: \$16,156.36 Sunday, December 17: \$8733.96

MASS CANCELED ON JANUARY 3 & 4

Due to Fr. Loftus and Fr. O'Brien being away from January 2 to 5 and January 3 to 5 respectively, the Masses on the 3rd and 4th of January are canceled, and the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, January 5, is canceled. In addition, there will not be a spiritual conference this Wednesday, January 3.

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.

ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE

Altar server practice will take place following the 9:00 a.m. Mass and Benediction on First Saturday, January 6. All boys who have received their First Communion are welcome to participate. Pick up is at noon.

LITTLE FLOWERS, LITTLE WOMEN, AND LITTLE SODALITY

The girls' groups will meet on Saturday, January 6, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please pick your daughters up at 11:30 a.m.

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@saintjosephnacoma.org or call 253-250-7107 by today, Sunday, **December 31** to schedule an Epiphany house blessing. Please include "Epiphany House Blessing" in the subject line and your address in the email.


BASKETBALL, BURGERS, AND BRATS PICNIC WITH NAM



On Saturday, **January 20, 2024**, we will have a basketball, burgers, and brats picnic with North American Martyrs at St. Mark in Shoreline from 11:00 to 3:00. 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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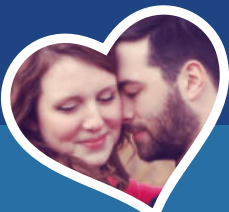
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Enthroned the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your Home

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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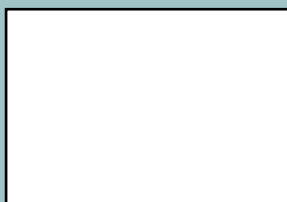
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