



HOLY ROSARY PARISH
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Parish Mission Statement

*Led by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist,
Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Parish strives
to be a welcoming servant community.*

*We celebrate the goodness of God's unconditional love
through worship, education and service.*

Parish Council ~ October 2007



December 4, 2016
Second Sunday of Advent



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Mass Schedule:

Sunday:
7:30, 9 & 11 AM
Monday-Friday: 8 AM
Saturday: Communion
Service: 8AM
Saturday Vigil: 5 PM

Confessions:

Saturday:
3:30-4:30 PM

The Catholic Cemetery
serving Holy Rosary is
Holyrood Cemetery.
206-363-8404

“Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.”

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Dear Parishioners,

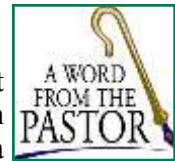
The woman of Advent is Mary. There is nothing more significant of hope and expectation than a pregnant woman. The little person that Mary carried in her womb for nine months was more than a man; he was also God. Never before and never again will a virgin bear a child. This child was chosen and destined to be the Savior. He came to set us free and fulfill all our hopes and desires. What Mary carried in her womb was hope incarnate. This is the mystery and wonder of Christmas, and it is what makes Christmas such a joyful time.

Mary, the woman of Advent, can teach us how to live the Advent hope, to go deeper and deeper into the mystery of Advent and the mystery of Christmas, which is the mystery of her Son. Mary knew and loved Jesus more than anyone. She knew and loved him from his very beginning in the womb to his last breath on the cross; through his Resurrection and Ascension. It is part of her role as Mother of God, Co-Redeemer and Mediatrix to teach us how to know and love her Son. This is really what is behind the Rosary, Mary teaching us about her Son through the mysteries of the Rosary.

As we begin our second week of Advent and celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception this week, let us allow Mary to be our teacher and guide so as to enter more deeply into the mystery of Christmas. Hopefully, each year we appreciate even more the love that God has for us in becoming a little baby in the womb of Mary and being born in the stable at Bethlehem.

In Christ,

Fr. Vincent



PLEASE NOTE THESE UPCOMING DATES:

Thursday, Dec. 8th—Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 8AM, 9AM and 6PM.

Tuesday, Dec. 13th, 7PM—Penance service followed by private confessions, in the church.



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Sunday, December 4, 2016

St. John of Damascene

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

- **Coffee'nd hosted** by the Kindergarten families, following 9 and 11AM masses.
- **Religious Ed.** classes meet in the School, 9AM.
- **Confirmation Class** meets in the Pastoral Center, Rm. 206, 12 Noon.

Monday, December 5, 2016

St. Sabas

Janet Jarding/RIP

Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26

- **8 AM Mass**
- **Edge Night** (Middle School) in the Pastoral Center, 7PM.

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

St. Nicholas

Charles Van Houten/RIP

Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

- **8 AM Mass**
- **Laudato Si'**, on **Care for Our Common Home** Sub-committee meets in Room 204, 7PM.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society** meets in the Pastoral Center, Rm. 206, 7PM.

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

St. Ambrose

Yvonne Grennan/Intentions

Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22

- **8 AM Mass**
- **Senior Moments Book Group** meets in the Pastoral Center, First Floor Conference Room, 1PM.
- **RCIA** meets in the Pastoral Center Conference Room, 7PM.
- **Traditional Choir** practice in the church, 6:30PM.

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Ida Croce/RIP

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

- **8 AM Mass**
- **9 AM Mass**
- **6 PM Mass**
- **History Class** meets in the Pastoral Center Conference Room, 1PM.
- **Contemporary Choir** practice in the church, 7PM.
- **Knights of Columbus** meet in the Pastoral Center, 7PM.
- **Creative Spirits group** meets in the Pastoral Center, Rm. 204, 7:30-9PM.

Friday, December 9, 2016

St. Juan Diego

Don Eager/RIP

Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

- **8 AM Mass**

Saturday, December 10, 2016

St. Eulalia of Mérida

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 51, 6-8

- **8 AM Communion Service**

Sunday, December 11, 2016

St. Damasus I

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

- **Breakfast with Santa** hosted by the Knights of Columbus in the Pastoral Center, following the 9AM and 11AM masses.
- **Religious Ed.** classes meet in the School, 9AM.



HOLIDAY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: The holidays are a difficult time for those who have lost someone dear to them. We invite you and your family to a Holiday Remembrance Service in honor of those who have died, and in support of those who live. Join us for an evening of worship, remembrance and refreshments. **Wednesday, Dec. 7th, 2016—7PM, at Beck's Tribute Center, 405 Fifth Ave. S, Edmonds.** We hope you will join us. Call 425-771-1234 with any questions.

LIFE CHAIN holds a Silent Prayer Vigil for the unborn on the first Sunday of each month, at Hwy 99 & 220th St. SW, 2-3:30PM. All are welcome. More information at www.nationallifechain.org.

PRAYER SUPPORT... *“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.”*...-Matthew 11:28-29

A Time to Heal — Joe Sackmann, Brian Butler, Frank and Valerie Rocco, Jim LeFevre, Pierre Wybo, Gil Martelino, Cornelia Tomici and Julie Mackin.

A Time to Mourn —

“Welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but fullness of peace and joy.”

-Catholic Blessings & Prayers

Please contact **Roberta Tassani** at 425-778-3122 or robertat@holyroaryedmonds.org if you have a prayer request.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE— Thank you all for your tremendous response to our Giving Tree. There are more tags this weekend for those of you who didn't get one last weekend. Help yourselves!! They all need to be gone this weekend, and **back by next weekend, 12:00PM on December 11th!!!** The gifts are taken to the agencies that afternoon, and stragglers may not get to the person for whom it is intended, as the agencies start their distribution process immediately. Thank you for all your tremendous participation! You “make” Christmas for so many people!!!!



This year we are in need of a few more drivers to take the gifts to the agencies! We have lost a few drivers over the past years for various reasons. This is a really fun thing to do. Many people who have done it for years say it is one of the best parts of their Christmas. If you can help, please call Helen Jolly at 425-775-2293. The date and time: **December 11th at 12:30PM**, in the church vestibule.

FAITH FORMATION

From Robert King:

Many of you have already heard that I am being laid off, and that the Adult Faith Formation position is going away. I know that Fr. Vincent plans to announce the lay-offs this weekend at Mass. I want to add a few words to say “Good-bye” to you, and to thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

First, I want to say that I am inspired by Fr. Vincent's vision for this parish. In his first week here, he said clearly that he wants to put Christ at the center of everything. Amen! That is the role of a church: to help us all hear Christ's call and follow Him more and more closely. Part of that mission is for the parish to be good stewards of the gifts God gives us. This includes keeping to a strict budget. So, as difficult as it is personally, I agree that staff cuts are necessary and good for the parish. It will provide a solid foundation to preach the Gospel of Christ's love to those who most need to hear it.

It has been a tremendous honor and pleasure to serve the Holy Rosary Community. I am very grateful to Fr. Haydock for hiring me in the first place, and to Fr. Vincent for encouraging and supporting me in my work. It has been a great privilege to do the work that I feel God has prepared me for, and to see the Holy Spirit bearing fruit in your lives. I am sad to go, but I am very glad to have had this time here with you.

I do not know what God has in store for me next. I have several opportunities that I am looking into, both in the Seattle area and beyond. I am confident that I will find a path that will use the gifts God has given me as well as all you have taught me here at Holy Rosary.

Thank you for welcoming me into your home, and please keep me in prayer as I go forth. You will remain in my prayers. May God bless and keep you all!

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

A BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT FAMILIES: The nine months of pregnancy are a time of much anticipation. We, the parish family, want to prayerfully support you during this time. **On Sunday, January 8th at the 9:00 AM Mass**, all expectant families are invited to receive a blessing. Let us know if you wish to take part! Email littleblessings@holyroaryedmonds.org to let us know that you plan to be there. Please let us know your expected due date.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank: SVDP food bank's wish list this week includes apple juice, canned diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, scalloped/au gratin boxed potatoes, pudding cups, deodorant. When we can give people food for a week it allows them to pay rent & utility bills with the money they have and helps to ease the stress. Thanks for caring and giving.



Be a "SECRET SANTA" Gift requests for the St. Vincent de Paul "Secret Santa project" have been distributed. Gifts must be placed under the giving tree, with the tag that was provided attached to it, by **noon, Dec. 11th**. For information or questions, contact Barb Fahey at 425-776-4145.



Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Women's Association would like to give a huge THANK YOU to our parishioners for your support and generosity in making our Holiday Fair, once again, a huge success. We also wish to thank all the men and students for their assistance during the Fair and their help with set up and take down. And, finally, a double huge THANK YOU to all the wonderful volunteers whose time and help are greatly appreciated. It definitely takes a whole parish to put on a successful Holiday Fair.



Christmas gifts are being collected for our parish nursing home residents. We are asking for tops, cardigans, socks and slippers in all sizes for men and women. Body lotion is also a welcome gift. There is a box for your wrapped gifts in the vestibule. A label identifying the gift and designating whether it is for a man or woman is helpful. If you have questions please call Roberta Tassani at 425-778-3122. The deadline for returning the gifts is **Sunday, Dec 18th**.



Your kind generosity is much appreciated.

A Psychologist is available to treat concerns such as depression, anxiety, grief and loss, and family problems. This service is offered for adults and children of the community. If you need assistance, please call **Dr. Jeff Baird** at 425-977-4534 to leave a message (your call is confidential and will be returned within 24 hrs.)

Senior Moments book group meets on **Wednesday, Dec. 7**, in the Pastoral Center Conference Room at 1PM to share the books we have been reading. Everyone welcome!



The Creative Spirits... Do you have presents to wrap? Cards to address? Finishing touches to put on homemade presents? Take an evening to finish your Christmas projects! Join with friends and let your creative spirit flow! All are welcome.



Bring your own personal projects and supplies. **Please note the special date and time: Thursday, December 8th, 7:30-9PM** in Room 204 of the Pastoral Center. For more information contact Rachel Haber at 206 659-4589 or rachel.busam@gmail.com.

ACC Calendars: A few calendars for 2017 from the Association for Catholic Childhood are still available in the Parish Office. Suggested donation is \$3.00 ea. You may also order them directly from the Association—email acc@ccsww.org or phone 206-328-5973.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



"The Lamb on the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water." (Rev. 7:17)

If you would like to spend time with Jesus in front of the Blessed Sacrament, contact Mike Montgomery to schedule a weekly day and time: DsastrPIng@comcast.net, phone 206-795-9837.

Did you know? The Rosary is led each weekday morning at Holy Rosary at 7:30AM, prior to daily Mass. All are welcome to join us in the church for this devotion. As a community dedicated to the Rosary, this is a perfect practice to share with your fellow parishioners.



SCHOOL NEWS



December 3 and December 4, 2016

Upcoming Events:

- **Monday, December 5th, 8:30AM**—Advent Prayer Service in Gym
- **Tuesday, December 6th, 4PM-8PM**—Red Onion Dine-Out, Mountlake Terrace-8th Grade Fundraiser
- **Thursday, December 8th, 9AM**—Mass-Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- **Monday, December 12th, 9AM**—Procession and Mass-Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe
- **Thursday, December 15th, 1PM and 7PM**—Christmas Concerts
- **Friday, December 16th, 8:30AM**—Advent Prayer Service in Gym
- Holy Rosary is having a food drive during December to help stock the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank for the holidays (and beyond).

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

An Advent Evening of Prayer—“Welcoming the Stranger Home”. Tuesday, Dec. 6th, 2016, 7-9PM, St. Joseph Church, Seattle. What would it mean to welcome and make a home in our hearts for the immigrant...the stranger...the Other? Might we encounter beauty in an unexpected place? Give yourself time this Advent for an evening of silence, prayer and reflection. Event is free of charge, all are invited. Donations appreciated. More information at www.ignatiancenter.org. Questions or to RSVP, contact andrea@ignatiancenter.org or 206-329-4824.

Rachel's Corner *Hope and Healing After Abortion*

“For years I had to hide in shame... afraid always of what people would say... feeling all along the pain of loss...I feel like I have a whole new life in front of me a; now I know I am not alone.”

- Testimonial from Retreat

Have you been hiding your pain since your abortion? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and re-discover the person you are without the burden of shame.

March 10-12, 2017

Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673)

You are loved with an everlasting Love!

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM.

THE ANSWERING SERVICE WILL RELAY
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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

7:30AM TO 4PM MONDAY-FRIDAY

*prepare the
way of the LORD!*

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

INFANT BAPTISM - Parents attend two sessions to prepare to celebrate this sacrament. We encourage parents to attend before the birth or adoption of their child. Baptisms are normally celebrated at a weekend liturgy on the first weekend of the month. Please call the Parish Office at least six weeks prior to the desired Baptism date to register your child. Next preparation classes are on Monday evenings, January 23rd and 30th, 2017, from 7-8:30PM in the Parish Office. Please call to register. Upcoming baptisms are on February 4th, 2017 at 5PM, and Easter Sunday, April 16th, 2017 at 11AM.

MARRIAGE - Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the parish at least 6 months prior to the desired date. Preparation for celebrating and living the sacrament is required. Contact Deacon Ray Biersbach for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - is celebrated any time there is a serious illness or health crisis. Contact the parish office to make arrangements. The sacrament is also celebrated periodically at a Sunday liturgy and on weekdays.

FUNERALS - Please contact the parish after a death, and before making arrangements with a funeral home.

CONFIRMATION - The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated yearly for those who are age 16 or older. Attendance at preparation sessions is required. Contact Angus McDonell, Youth Minister.

Adults who have not been confirmed may also celebrate the sacrament. Contact Roberta Tassani for information.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST EUCHARIST - Children are prepared for these sacraments after completing a year of remote preparation in either the school or a religious education program. This is a two-year program; the first year is a general introduction, and the second year being specific preparation. Parents attend preparation sessions for each sacrament. Contact Mary Hupf, Director for Elementary Faith Formation, for more information.

ADULT INITIATION - Adults who wish to join the Catholic Faith participate in sessions of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) Contact Roberta Tassani for further information.

WE CAN SERVE YOU BETTER IF YOU ARE A REGISTERED MEMBER OF HOLY ROSARY PARISH. PLEASE CALL US FOR A REGISTRATION FORM OR CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR AN ON-LINE FORM.