

November 29, 2015

First Sunday of Advent

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Week of November 30 schedule

Monday & Tuesday, Communion Service

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, Mass, 8 AM

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

(the Sunday 9 a.m. Mass is offered for the people of the parish)

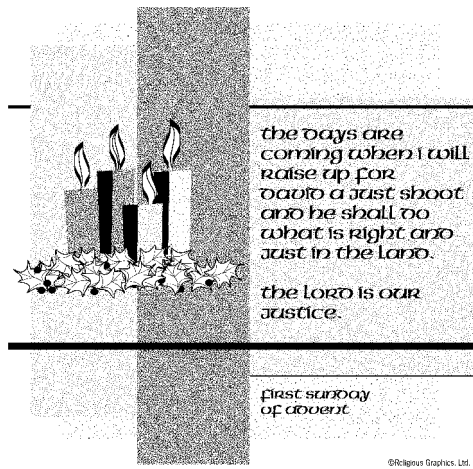
Wednesday, Intention

Thursday, Marie Aronica †

Friday, Salvatore Camarata †

Saturday PM, Mary Schmitt †

Sunday, 9AM, Leonida Bodner †



the days are coming when I will raise up for David a just shoot and he shall do what is right and just in the land.

the Lord is our justice.

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Love is contagious. Joy, gratitude, generosity, and service flow from love. So it is with stewardship. The U.S. Bishops teach us: "Christian stewards receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others...."

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Are you new to St. Andrew's Parish? We welcome you. Please introduce yourself to the priest after Mass, and fill out a registration form. Ask for a parish directory.

"SERMON ON THE AMOUNT"

Oct 31 & Nov 1	4980.50
Nov 7 & 8	4852.00
Nov 14 & 15	4726.50
Regular Sunday (1 qtr \$ 57,020)	4491.00
Building Fund (1qtr \$ 10762)	714.00
Total Nov 21 & 22	5205.00
Religious Education (1qtr \$ 7,738)	463.00

The Pastor and Finance Council have developed a parish budget which calls for an average weekly income, from Sunday and Building Fund donations, of \$5,392.35; and \$491.60 for Religious Education Programs. Thank you for your financial support.

Adult Education

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will continue on Monday, November 30, at 7:00 p.m. This is an inquiry class for those interested in becoming Catholic, or for those Catholic adults seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Bible Study open to all parishioners will resume on Friday, December 4, at 9:00 a.m. If interested, please call Emily Stickney at 968-9195 or Alison Mattson at 962-3564.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will continue on December 1, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., in the library. Hugh Spall will lead a program on the *History of the Church*.

Clases de Catecismo Martes a las 6:30 p.m., para adultos. Todos están invitados a participar. También estaremos viendo otros temas de gran interés. Asiste con toda la familia.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study will offer *SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained* on Wednesday nights, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., resuming December 1, in the library. Every parishioner has access to the beauty of SYMBOLON, and other offerings, with our special parish online subscription. Visit www.formed.org and scroll down to submit our parish's code - 449536, create your username and password. Join us for discussion on Wednesdays.

Elementary and Youth

Elementary sessions resume Sunday, December 6, 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

EDGE sessions resume Monday, November 30, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

CHOSEN Confirmation Preparation sessions resume Wednesday, December 2, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

LIFENIGHT session will resume Sunday, December 6, 6:15 to 8:30 p.m.

Childcare will be available for children ages 9 months (crawling) to 4 years old during the Sunday 9 AM Mass. Please bring children to the youth room. If you are interested in volunteering one or more Sundays, 8:50 to 9:50 a.m., please contact Stacey Bankston-Engel (425-283-8734) or Terri Sorenson (509-312-0207).

Holy Land Icon Raffle tickets are available after Mass and in the parish office. Cost \$5. ONLY A COUPLE MORE WEEKS LEFT. Proceeds will benefit St. Andrew's. Please contact Alejandra to help sell tickets. Drawing will be held at the annual Parish Christmas Breakfast on Sunday, December 20.

December 8, marks the opening of the **Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy** as proclaimed by Pope Francis. Please find a copy of the *Bull of Indiction of the Extra Ordinary Jubilee of Mercy*, the official Apostolic Letter from Pope Francis.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 8, with Masses at 8 AM and 6 PM. This is a holy day of obligation, however, as a sign of God's mercy, in view of the great devotion many of our people have for Our Lady of Guadalupe, Bishop Joseph Tyson is dispensing the obligation to attend Mass December 8 for those who attend a Guadalupe Mass December 12. As is already the case, Catholics who are unable to attend Mass on a holy day of obligation may seek a dispensation from a priest or deacon of the Diocese, who can either excuse the person from the obligation completely, or commute it to another pious work, such as praying the Rosary. This dispensation is being granted in accord with Canons 87 and 1245 of the Code of Canon Law.

St. Vincent de Paul Ministries 5th Sunday Collection will be this weekend of November 28 & 29. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.

Parents & Catechists

The next Elementary Parent Meetings are Thursday, December 10, at 6:30 p.m., and Sunday, December 13, at 10:15 a.m. All parents are required to attend.

Confirmation Core Team will meet Tuesday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

Join us in Centering Prayer, a form of silent or contemplative prayer that has been part of Catholic history for centuries, on Mondays at 5:15 p.m., in the meditation/cry room. You'll be home by 6:00 p.m. For more information, please call Karen at 962-9648.

Crafts Unlimited will resume meeting in the activity center on Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., after the first of the year. Bring a sack lunch and join us in the fun which benefits St. Andrew's by helping to make various items for sale during October Festival and our Christmas Gifts & Goodies Sale in December. For more information, please feel free to call Carole Vondergeest at 962-1551.

Compassion Corps, a new ministry reaching out to those who have lost loved ones recently, will meet on Thursday, December 3, at noon in the library. Bring a lunch, if you wish.

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree will meet on Monday, December 14, at 7 PM.



To better facilitate this list, it will be purged at the beginning of every other month, ie: Nov. Jan., March etc.

Please pray for the sick of our parish— Betty Nolls, Gerald Gunn, Rob Snyder, Lori Boykiw Smith, Pat Carney, Peter Conti, Don Bacon, Carlos Huitron, Dale Knudson, Ray Fletcher, Jamie Winterer Carney, Reid O'Donnell-Herbers, Joe Jacobs, Bernice Orcutt, Ken Lafferty, Fr. Richard House and our priests and nuns who suffer from poor health, and those who are sick but wish to remain anonymous, we pray to the Lord. (Please call the office with updates.)

We are most grateful to our loyal donors and the new donors who have pledged to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). If you have not done so, please take a moment to review the information you received in the mail. Please prayerfully consider making a gift. Your gift is essential to sustaining the many ministries of the Diocese of Yakima. Our parish pledge goal is \$38,722.00. We have met \$22,233.00 of our goal with 78 donors.

St. Vincent de Paul Ministries of St. Andrew's Annual Giving Tree Program registration is completed. If you or a group would like to **Adopt-a-Family**, providing gifts for the children and food for the family, please leave your name with the parish office. The Community Christmas Basket Program through DSHS will have registration soon.

The **Giving Tree** will be on display this weekend, November 28/29. **Gifts are due back on or before 10:00 a.m., Sunday, December 13, UNWRAPPED with TAGS attached**, for ease of sorting. **Gift Wrapping party** will be Tuesday, December 15, at 9:00 a.m., everyone invited. **Baskets will be distributed** on Thursday, December 17, 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Many thanks to the Cortese family for being in charge of the Thanksgiving Dinner, and to Alejandra for decorating.

Lectors— Be sure to pick up your copy of Workbook for Lectors 2016 from the sacristy.

The Parish Advent Wreath Party will be this Sunday, November 29, at 10:15 a.m. All supplies are provided. Light refreshments.



The next **Baptism Preparation Class** will be held on Monday, November 30, at 7:00 p.m. Class in Spanish has been postponed until Wednesday, December 2, due to Thanksgiving holiday. Parents and god parents must attend. Please bring a copy of the State Birth Certificate of the child(ren) to be baptized. Sorry, we are unable to care for young children during class.

St. Andrew's Parish Feast Day Family Pizza Party will be Monday, November 30, at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and create their own pizza and enjoy visiting with parishioners.



The Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson, D.D. will offer a special "White Mass" for doctors, dentists, nurses, physician assistants and all who share in the medical profession on Wednesday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m., at St. Paul Cathedral in Yakima. Reception to follow.

First Friday Benediction will be December 4, at 8:30 a.m.

The next **Parents Night Out Fund Raiser** will be Friday, December 4, 6 to 10 PM. Proceeds benefit youth programs.

Christmas Gifts & Goodies will be Saturday, December 5, 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, December 6, 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Wives in Prayer will sponsor the goodies. Proceeds benefit St. Andrew's.

Our **Advent Communal Reconciliation Service** with visiting priests will be Monday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m.

The Ignatian Spirituality Center of Yakima presents **Who Is Pope Francis? What Is He Up To?** on Saturday, December 5, 3 to 4:30 p.m., at St. Joseph Church in Yakima.

The **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** will be celebrated Friday, December 11, with Las Manañitas at 9 PM, and will continue on Saturday, December 12 with Las Manañitas at 7 PM, followed by Mass in Spanish at 8 PM.

MAGNIFICAT classes will resume in January.