

December 6, 2015

Second Sunday of Advent

Grant us your salvation, Lord!

Week of December 7 schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 8 AM

Tuesday, Immaculate Conception, Mass, 8 AM & 6 PM

Thursday, Communion Service, 8 AM

Saturday, 5 PM Sunday Obligation & 7 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Misa en Español,

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Wednesday, Donald Clapper, 1 yr. Anniv.

Friday, Rachelle Webster Int.

Saturday 5PM, Colleen Kelleher †

Sunday, 5PM, Margaret Knewmann †



When we take seriously the role of steward, our vision becomes outward-directed with a longing to share from our blessings and abundance with those in need.

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
Nov 21 & 22	5205.00
Regular Sunday (1 qtr \$ 57,020)	4209.00
Building Fund (1qtr \$ 10762)	417.00
Total Nov 28 & 29	4626.00
Religious Education (1qtr \$ 7,738)	344.00
St. Vincent 5 th Sunday	1698.85
Thanksgiving (St. Vincent)	678.25

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, December 7, 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 11, 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 8, 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 2, 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 this Sunday, December 6, 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

All Middle and High School youth are invited to join in spreading Christmas cheer and candy canes to the residents at Hearthstone on Thursday, December 10. Meet at St. Andrew's at 5 PM to practice and depart at 5:15. Late arrivals can meet us at Hearthstone. Hot chocolate and games at St. Andrew's afterwards!

EDGE sessions continue Monday, December 7, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. **Christmas Party** will be Monday, December 14. Please bring a dish to share and a \$5 wrapped gift item for gift exchange.

CHOSEN Confirmation Preparation sessions continue Wednesday, December 9, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. **Christmas Party** will be Wednesday, December 16. Fr. Tomas will be celebrating a special closing Mass for our Confirmation candidates, and we will follow it with a party and gift exchange. Please bring a dish to share and a \$5 wrapped gift item.

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

LifeTeen Christmas trip to Leavenworth will be Sunday, December 13, 10 AM to 7 PM. Cost is \$10 and will include dinner. Please dress warmly and bring a lunch. Will depart after 9 AM Mass. Space is limited, so sign up quickly!

Seattle Homeless Service Trip for high school youth is scheduled for Monday, December 21, 9 AM to 10:30 PM. We will serve the homeless at two shelters near Pioneer Square. This will be exciting and will involve a significant amount of walking and time downtown. Cost is \$20 and will include lunch and dinner. Dress warmly and wear good shoes. There is space for 20 participants total, 18 spaces remaining. Sign up quickly.

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,

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, with a reception immediately following.

Thank you for your generosity to the St. Vincent de Paul Ministries 5th Sunday Collection.

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

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 Christmas dinner will be Friday, December 11, at 6 PM.

LifeTeen Core Team Christmas dinner will be Tuesday, December 15, at 6 PM.

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 meet December 8, then 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.



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, Fr William Vogel, Randy Brunson, Jeff Klindworth 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 \$25,608.00 of our goal with 91 donors.

The Giving Tree is on display. Please take a tag or two and purchase the appropriate item(s). 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. All supplies provided. You may be partial to your own personal scissors. Refreshments provided.

Baskets will be distributed on Thursday, December 17, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Thank you for your generosity to this wonderful annual program.

Many thanks to the Cates family for cutting boughs and the Johnson family for arranging the Advent Wreath Party and those who participated. When done with frame, please return for safekeeping until next year.

Thank you to Alena Camarata, her family and helpers for an excellent St. Andrew's Family Pizza Party. Fun was had by all!

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.

Christmas Gifts & Goodies will be this 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.

Parish Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 20, following 9 AM Mass. Everyone invited.

MAGNIFICAT classes will resume in January.

