

December 20, 2015

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Dawn from on high will visit us!

Week of December 21 schedule

Tuesday, Communion Service, 8 AM

Monday & Wednesday, Mass, 8 AM

Thursday, Christmas Eve, Children's Mass,
4:30 PM & Vigil Mass 10 PM

Friday, Christmas Day, 9 AM &
11 AM Misa en Español

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

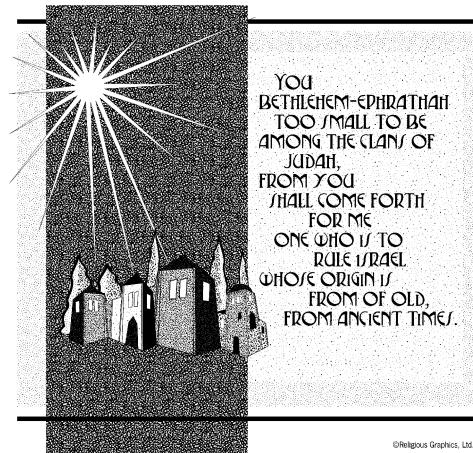
(the Sunday 9 a.m. Mass is offered for the people of
the parish)

Monday, Jeff Klindworth, Int.

Wednesday, Holy Souls in Purgatory †

Saturday 5PM, Mary Schmitt †

Sunday, 5PM, Eileen Samuelson †



The first covenant emphasized giving as a duty or obligation under the law. The new covenant emphasizes thanksgiving, gratitude, and cheerfulness – the qualities of a Christian steward.

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"

Dec 5 & 6	5921.50
Regular Sunday (1 qtr \$ 57,020)	5076.00
Building Fund (1qtr \$ 10762)	510.00
Total Dec 12 & 13	5586.00
Religious Education (1qtr \$ 7,738)	436.00
Immaculate Conception	100.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe	227.10

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 resume on Monday, January 4, at 7:00 p.m.

Bible Study open to all parishioners will resume on Friday, January 8, 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 resume on January 5, 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 January 13, 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, January 3, 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

EDGE sessions resume Monday, January 11, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

LifeTeen sessions resume Sunday, January 10, 6:15 to 8:00 p.m.

CHOSEN Confirmation Preparation sessions resume Wednesday, January 13, 7:00 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).

December 8, marked 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 on the bulletin table.

Join us this Sunday, December 20, following the 9 AM Mass for our annual Parish Christmas Breakfast. Knights of Columbus will be hosting. Raffle drawing for the Holy Land Icons will be at 10:30 a.m.

The church will be decorated for the Christmas Season next week. We need muscle on Wednesday evening to bring in trees and set them up and move other bulky items. Actual decorating will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday. Lunch will be provided. This is a great family activity.

Parish offices will be closed Fridays, December 25 and January 1, in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day, respectively. Offices will also close early on Thursdays, December 24 and 31. Have a blessed safe holiday season!

Children are invited to bring their stuffed animals to enhance the creche during Christmas. Please tag with name and phone number. You may take the animal home with you after Christmas Mass, or you can leave until we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord, January 9/10.

Parents & Catechists

Confirmation Core Team will meet next on Tuesday, January 12, at 7 PM.

The next **Elementary Parent Meeting** will be Thursday, January 14, at 6:30 PM. All parents are required to attend.

LifeTeen Core Team will meet next on Friday, January 22, at 7 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 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.

Young at Heart will meet on Monday, December 14, at 9 a.m., at The Palace Cafe.

Compassion Corps, a new ministry reaching out to those who have lost loved ones recently, will resume Thursday, January 14, 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: Jan., March, May 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, Bob Riggins, Esta Willard 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 \$30,918.00 of our goal with 111 donors.

Thank you to our many parishioners for your generosity to the annual *Giving Tree Program*. It takes many people to help Christmas happen for some of our parishioner families. The registering of families, making tags, shopping, sorting, wrapping, distributing; it doesn't happen without your help. We were able to help 25 families and adopt out 4 families, 15 individuals at Parke Creek Boys Home, residents at Prestige Post-Acute and Rehabilitation and Brookdale Senior Living. Christmas Blessings!

Christmas Masses

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve, Children's Mass, 4:30 p.m., & Vigil Mass at 10 p.m.

Friday, December 25, Christmas Day, Masses at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.(Español)

(Usual weekend Mass schedule for December 26 & 27, the Feast of the Holy Family, will be observed.)

labeled the Christmas envelopes as "My Offering for Catholic Charities & Gift To My Parish." Please note, this envelope should rightfully be labeled "My Gift To My Parish." Catholic Charities provides their own envelopes, located on the bulletin table, for Christmas donations to them, and are labeled as such.

Your gift to the **2015 Annual Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities** reaches out to countless people in need throughout our diocese. Please help us **Bring Hope to Life** through our Catholic Charities network of Catholic Family & Child Service Agencies, Catholic Charities Housing Services and Saint Vincent Centers to those who have nowhere else to turn. Please visit www.ccyakima.org for more information.

As the year comes to a close once again, we are thankful for the many contributions in time, talent and treasure that St. Andrew's receives. Thank you for your generous sharing. Monetary donations received before 4 p.m., Thursday, December 31, will be credited to your 2015 statement. Statements will be mailed mid-January. ACA payments are recorded by the Diocese of Yakima and you will receive a statement from them.

Proceeds from the Gifts & Goodies Sale totaled \$1,520.50 Crafts Unlimited sends a big "Thank You" to everyone at St. Andrew's for their continued support.

The **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God** will be celebrated with a Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 31, at 5 p.m., and on Friday, January 1, at 9 a.m. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

World Wide Marriage Encounter (WWME) Weekend - Scheduled at Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise, ID or Gig Harbor, WA February 12-14, 2016; or Spokane, WA March 4-6, 2016. For more information call 208-853-2801 Boise, 253-582-0239 Gig Harbor or 509-922-0668 Spokane, or apply online at www.wwme.org. Additional dates/locations are listed.

MAGNIFICAT classes will resume in February.

It has come to our attention that the donation envelopes sent to your home incorrectly