

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 2018

MONDAY:

- ❖ Our Lady's Prayer Group after the 9:00 a.m. Mass
- ❖ CLASES DE PRIMERA COMUNIÓN, 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ **NOVENA y MISA, 6:30 p.m.**
- ❖ Grupo de Evangelización, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY:

- ❖ FARMER'S MASS, 9:00 a.m. (Rosary and Confession, 8:30 a.m.)
- ❖ RCIA, Conference Room
- ❖ **NOVENA y MISA, 6:30 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY:

- ❖ **FIESTA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE. Mañanitas a las 5:00 a.m. Misa : 6:00 P.M.**
- ❖ NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES until after Christmas break.

THURSDAY:

- ❖ RICA, 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Hora Santa, 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY:

- ❖ CLASE DE CONFIRMACIÓN, 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY:

- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation **4:00 - 4:30 p.m.**
- ❖ Vigil Mass for Sunday: 5:00 p.m. (en español); 7:00 p.m. (English).



COFFEE HOUR AFTER THE 9:00 A.M. MASS. Stop in for a donut and warm up with some good fellowship and a cup of coffee or hot chocolate.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: If you would like to donate a Poinsettia in memory of your loved one for our Christmas decorations, please pick up an envelope in the narthex and return it to the parish office or collection basket next week.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Each year, your offering at Christmas goes to support the work of Catholic Charities. Motivated by Christ's love, Catholic Charities brings hope to life by embracing people, strengthening families, and empowering to thrive. Catholic Charities serves those most in need throughout the lifecycle – from expectant mothers and families with young children to grandparents raising their grandchildren and the elderly struggling to live independently. Please give generously to help your neighbors in need. To learn more about the Catholic Charities network of services, visit www.catholiccharitiescw.org.

CARIDADES CATÓLICAS: Todos los años, su ofrenda en Navidad apoya el trabajo de Caridades Católicas. Motivados por el amor a Cristo, Caridades Católicas da esperanza a la vida aceptando a las personas, fortaleciendo a las familias, y capacitándolas para prosperar. Caridades Católicas sirve a los más necesitados durante el ciclo de vida – desde las madres que esperan un hijo y las familias que tienen niños pequeños hasta los abuelos que están criando a sus nietos y los ancianos que se esfuerzan por vivir independientes. Por favor sea generoso ayudando a sus vecinos necesitados. Para informarse más sobre la red de servicios de Caridades Católicas, visite: www.catholiccharitiescw.org.



Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate the conflicts with their spouse. Retrouvaille is NOT just for couples whose marriage is on the verge of divorce or considered irrevocably broken; it is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit www.Retrouvaille.org for emotional testimonials. For confidential information or to register for the February 15-17, 2019 Spokane weekend call (509) 520-4118 or (800) 470-2230 or visit the web site at www.Retrouvaille.org.

También los diamantes comienzan en el carbón. Hay estrés en su matrimonio? Retrouvaille es un programa para parejas casadas que sienten que están aburridas, frustradas, o enojadas en su matrimonio.

Muchos no sabemos como cambiar la situación o comunicar nuestros conflictos con sus parejas. Retrouvaille no es solo por para parejas que están ya apunto de la separación o consideran que su relación esta seriamente dañada; es para las parejas que desean tener un redescubrimiento en su matrimonio y mejorar su comunicación. Puede visitar www.retrouvaille.com para conocer testimonios. Para información confidencial o para registrarse para el fin de semana en Febrero 15-17, 2019 en Spokane. Llame al 1-800-470-2230 o visite el sitio www.retrouvaille.com

AVISO: Estamos invitando a todos los que quieran servir a Dios como ACOMODADORES y pertenecer al Grupo de HOSPITALIDAD para dar la BIENVENIDA a los hermanos. Por favor, pueden llamar P. Mario o a Elva Garcia.



COMING UP:

- December 16 – Posadas begin
- December 18 – St. Rose of Lima Christmas Program
- December 24 – Christmas Eve Masses: 5:30 p.m. (English); 10:00 p.m. (Spanish)
- December 25 – Christmas Masses: 9:00 a.m. (English); 11:00 a.m. (Spanish)
- December 28 – Clase de Bautismo, 7:30 p.m.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER to those who use the facilities during the week... The whole facility is cleaned once a week (usually on Mondays), so if you use the building, please pick up after yourself, and leave it better than you found it. Check restrooms to see if they need to be restocked and pick up garbage. December is a very busy time in our parish and with everyone's cooperation we can keep the facility picked up and in good condition for the people who use it next.

Keep in mind....

The Food Bank and Serve Quincy Valley rely on our help. By our donations, they can offer help to those in need. Serve Quincy Valley is the local agency we often refer people to for assistance. They need our financial support in order to meet the needs in our community. Consider them this Christmas.



THANK YOU! A Special thank you to all who helped make our 1st annual ladies night out **"O Holy Night... A Message of Hope"** a huge success!! I could not have done this without the support and help of many of you. The tables were gorgeous, the food amazing, the game and music were lots of fun. Our kitchen elves outdid themselves! Hope to see you all next year – God's blessings for a very special Christmas.



– Debbie Graaff

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday: Lectors: Bev McDonald and Irma Sepulveda; Eucharistic Ministers: Kathleen Horning and Bernie Ovenell

Sunday - Lectors: Elena Ybarra and Kaleb Krautscheid; Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Wolfe, Sonia Padron, Sam/Amy Krautscheid, Baldemar and Gloria Garces.

(The minister schedule is in the narthex. Please volunteer to serve at the Christmas and New Year's Masses.)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION, December 2: \$3541.00

SCOTT HAHN'S REFLECTION..... Today's Psalm paints a dream-like scene—a road filled with liberated captives heading home to Zion (Jerusalem), mouths filled with laughter, tongues rejoicing. It's a glorious picture from Israel's past, a "new exodus," the deliverance from exile in Babylon. It's being recalled in a moment of obvious uncertainty and anxiety. But the psalmist isn't waxing nostalgic.

Remembering "the Lord has done great things" in the past, he is making an act of faith and hope—that God will come to Israel in its present need, that He'll do even greater things in the future. This is what the Advent readings are all about: We recall God's saving deeds—in the history of Israel and in the coming of Jesus. Our remembrance is meant to stir our faith, to fill us with confidence that, as today's Epistle puts it, "the One who began a good work in [us] will continue to complete it" until He comes again in glory.

Each of us, the Liturgy teaches, is like Israel in her exile—led into captivity by our sinfulness, in need of restoration, conversion by the Word of the Holy One (see [Baruch 5:5](#)). The lessons of salvation history should teach us that, as God again and again delivered Israel, in His mercy He will free us from our attachments to sin if we turn to Him in repentance. That's the message of John, introduced in today's Gospel as the last of the great prophets (compare [Jeremiah 1:1–4, 11](#)). But John is greater than the prophets (see [Luke 7:27](#)). He's preparing the way, not only for a new redemption of Israel, but for the salvation of "all flesh" (see also [Acts 28:28](#)). John quotes Isaiah ([40:3](#)) to tell us he's come to build a road home for us, a way out of the wilderness of sin and alienation from God. It's a road we'll follow Jesus down, a journey we'll make, as today's First Reading puts it, "rejoicing that [we're] remembered by God."

THE HAND WASHING RITUAL

Before eating, Jewish people must ritually wash their hands, as follows: They first must fill a spoutless vessel with water. Then they pour the water over the round smooth rim, onto their hands. The most common practice is to pour first over the right hand three times, then the left three times, using up all the water. Finally they dry their hands and recite a blessing. If they leave the table for any reason during the meal, this process must be repeated. There is no wonder that so many stone jars of water were handy, when Jesus changed the water into wine.

THE HOURS OF THE PASSION: Enclosed is a section from the Divine Will Prayer Book. The purpose of the insert is to introduce you to the Divine Will and the benefits of meditating on the Hours of the Passion, in hopes that you will join us when we do the Hours of the Passion daily during Lent (beginning in March). Exact time and dates will be announced as it gets closer.