

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 23, 2018

TODAY (Sunday):

- ❖ **CHRISTMAS CLEANING AND DECORATING, 1:00 p.m.**
- ❖ Novena y Posadas, 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY – CHRISTMAS EVE:

- ❖ No 9:00 a.m. Mass
- ❖ Christmas Vigil Mass, 5:30 p.m. (English)
- ❖ Vigilia de Natividad, Misa a las 10:00 p.m.

TUESDAY:

- ❖ Christmas Mass, 9:00 a.m.
- ❖ Misa de Navidad, 11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:

- ❖ NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES.

THURSDAY:

- ❖ RICA, 6:00 p.m.
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FRIDAY:

- ❖ **CLASE DE BAUTISMO, 7:30 p.m.**
- ❖ No Habrá CLASE DE CONFIRMACIÓN

SATURDAY:

- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation, **4:00 - 4:30 p.m.**
- ❖ Vigil Mass: 7:00 p.m. (English).



CHRISTMAS CLEANING and TREE DECORATING: Please join us today Sunday, December 23 after the Spanish Mass, to set up the tree and clean the church for Christmas. Please bring dust rags and cleaning supplies to clean the pews and windows in the narthex and parish hall.

THE ST. MICHAEL PRAYER: On the cover of the music issue you will see a copy of the St. Michael prayer. Pope Francis has urged everyone to pray the St. Michael Prayer daily. His request was to pray the rosary every day during the month of October (the month of the Rosary) and conclude it asking "... Saint Michael Archangel to protect the Church from the devil, who always seeks to separate us from God and from each other." In response to the Church abuse crisis, some bishops have asked their parishes to start saying it at the end of Mass. We will begin doing that as well.



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 leave it in the collection basket or with Fr. Mario.

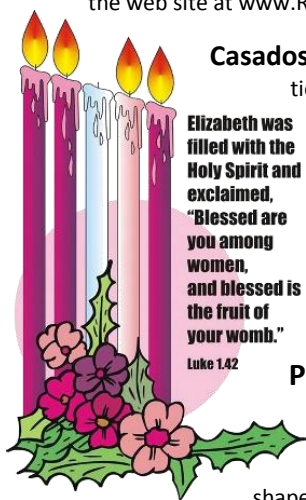
CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Extend the love of Christ to your neighbors by contributing to the 2018 Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities. As the social service arm of the church, Catholic Charities brings hope to life by embracing people, strengthening families, and empowering to thrive. Please help us serve others by giving generously on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. To learn more about the Catholic Charities network of services, visit www.catholiccharitiescw.org. **THE ENTIRE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION WILL GO TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES. You are encouraged to pick up an envelope in the narthex today!**



CARIDADES CATÓLICAS: Extienda el amor de Cristo a sus vecinos contribuyendo a la Colecta de Navidad del 2018 para Caridades Católicas. Como el brazo de servicio social de la iglesia, Caridades Católicas da esperanza a la vida aceptando a las personas, fortaleciendo a las familias, y capacitándolas para prosperar. Por favor ayúdenos a servir a los demás siendo generoso en la Víspera de Navidad y en el Día de Navidad. Para informarse más sobre la red de servicios de Caridades Católicas, visite: www.catholiccharitiescw.org.



Married Singles Lifestyle - The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. Retrouvaille 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.



Casados pero viven como solteros- Este estilo de vida describe a las parejas que ya no tienen una relación cercana y viven más bien como si fueran solo amigos. Retrouvaille enseña a las parejas a sobre vivir estos episodios en sus matrimonios. Este programa ha ayudado a miles de parejas que viven en la desilusión o viven ya en la desdicha. Retrouvaille 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

Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Luke 1:42

PLEASE NOTE: The walls in the church have recently been painted, and there is trim along the wall to protect it from chairs. PLEASE DO NOT LEAN CHAIRS UP AGAINST THE WALLS WHERE THERE IS NO TRIM! A lot of time and effort goes into the upkeep of our facilities, please cooperate and do your part to keep things picked up and in good shape! To those who cleaned up and put chairs away after the Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe THANK YOU! The church and hall looked great!

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2019 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES TODAY. If you don't see any for you, and would like some, please call the rectory or put your name and information on the sheet in the narthex.

CURSO DE PREPARACION PARA EL MATRIMONIO, LOS DIAS SABADO 2 DE MARZO Y 9 DE MARZO. PUEDEN PEDIR LAS INSCRIPCIONES AL P. MARIO O AL TELEFONO DE LA PARROQUIA (787-2622).

CURSO DE PREPARACION PARA LA QUINCEANERAS TENDRAN LUGAR TODOS LOS JUEVES DESDE EL 7 DE MARZO, DURANTE SEIS SEMANAS. ES OBLIGATORIA LA ASISTENCIA DE LOS PADRES DE LA QUINCEANERA.

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

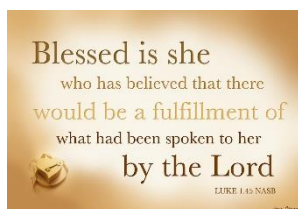
Saturday: Lectors: Bev McDonald and Irma Sepulveda; Eucharistic Ministers: Warren and Kathy Horning

Sunday - Lectors: Rita Keene and Thomas Garcia; Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Tax, Baldemar and Gloria Garces, Desirae Garcia, Tina Gonzalez

OFFERTORY COLLECTION, December 16: \$3069.00

SCOTT HAHN'S REFLECTION..... On this last Sunday before Christmas, the Church's liturgy reveals the true identity of our Redeemer. He is, as today's First Reading says, the "ruler . . . whose origin is from . . . ancient times." He will come from Bethlehem, where David was born of Jesse the Ephrathite and anointed king (see [Ruth 4:11-17](#); [1 Samuel 16:1-13](#); [17:1](#); [Matthew 2:6](#)).

God promised that an heir of David would reign on his throne forever (see [2 Samuel 7:12-13](#); [Psalm 89](#); [Psalm 132:11-12](#)). Jesus is that heir, the One the prophets promised would restore the scattered tribes of Israel into a new kingdom (see [Isaiah 9:5-6](#); [Ezekiel 34:23-25](#), [30](#); [37:35](#)). He is "the shepherd of Israel," sung of in today's Psalm. From His throne in heaven, He has "come to save us."



Today's Epistle tells us that He is both the Son of David and the only "begotten" Son of God, come "in the flesh" (see also [Psalm 2:7](#)). He is also our "high priest," from the mold of the mysterious Melchisedek, "priest of God Most High," who blessed Abraham at the dawn of salvation history (see [Psalm 110:4](#); [Genesis 14:18-20](#)). All this is recognized by John when he leaps for joy in his mother's womb. Elizabeth, too, is filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. She recognizes that in Mary "the mother of my Lord" has come to her. We hear in her words another echo of the psalm quoted in today's Epistle (see [Psalm 2:7](#)). Elizabeth blesses Mary for her faith that God's Word would be fulfilled in her.

Mary marks the fulfillment not only of the angel's promise to her, but of all God's promises down through history. Mary is the one they await in today's First Reading—"she who is to give birth." She will give birth this week, at Christmas. And the fruit of her womb should bring us joy—she is the mother of our Lord.



Merry Christmas! May the blessings of Christmas be yours, and the coming year be filled with peace and happiness. - Fr. Mario

Les deseo a todos una FELIZ NAVIDAD! Que las bendiciones de Navidad lluevan sobre Ustedes, que el ANO NUEVO este lleno de paz y felicidad' - P. Mario

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.

