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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday– Friday 9:00 am

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP:

9:45am – 10:00am every Sunday prior to Mass

PRAYER CHAIN:

Call Audrey Little @ 690-1536 Or email Karen Crapps at crappspk@gci.net

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION:

First Friday of each month, 9:30am – 8:00pm.

PRAYER MEETING:

Please contact Janice Wilsack for more information.

BULLETIN & INSERT DEADLINE:

Articles for the weekly bulletin must be in by Wednesday at noon. Thank you!

Our Lady of the Angels

~Archdiocese of Anchorage~

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 23RD, 2018**

OUR MISSION:

As Community,

We celebrate Christ through the Word, the Eucharist, and the Sacraments of the Church.

We educate and enrich through worship, faith formation, and living out our faith rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We welcome and reach out to members of our local community through sharing our many and varied gifts, and practicing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

We commit to building parish community by welcoming, embracing, and serving all.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

- † Dec 23 Christmas Choir Rehearsal @ noon.
- † Dec 23 Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal immediately after Mass
- † Dec 24 Children's Christmas Mass with "The Christmas Story" @ 5:00pm. Fellowship and kids' games downstairs after Mass
- † Dec 24 Christmas Eve Mass @ 9:00pm. Reflection with live choral background @ 8:35pm.
- † Dec 25 Christmas Day Mass @ 10:30am (No 9am daily Mass.)
- † Dec 26 No 9am daily Mass
- † Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass @ 1:00pm
- † Jan 4 Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction @ 9:30am-8:00pm
- † Jan 13, 20 Stewardship Drive downstairs after Mass



A joyous welcome to everyone who is visiting our parish today! If you are not Catholic and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, or if you are baptized Catholic and have been away for a while and have some questions, please contact Father Tom Rush in the parish office at 283-4555.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving! OLA offers electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. Electronic giving offers convenience, while providing much-needed donation consistency for our parish.

Go to www.kenacatholicchurch.org at any time to set up and maintain your automatic donation plan. Questions or assistance, please contact the parish office.

OLA STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

Jan. 13; 20. Jesus tells us we must also show our love of Christ through service. God and our parish need you.

On **January 13th and 20th**, come downstairs to the Stewardship Hall after Mass. Perhaps sign up for one of the many Stewardship opportunities available to you and your family.

If you are already involved in a ministry, we ask you to please recommit yourself by putting your name on your Stewardship's sign-up sheet.

The Spirit shows us the way.
Stewardship is a part of that journey.

Ministry

ACTS Retreat - Women	Lector
Adopt a Highway	Log Church Cleaning
Altar Server	Maintenance Team
Alternative School Breakfast	Mardi Gras
Art & Environment	Marriage Sponsor Couples
Centering Prayer	Meals for Sick
Children Special Events	Ministry Scheduler
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Mission Trips
Choir - Adult	Music Minister
Choir -Children's	Office Help
Choir -Christmas	Pancake Breakfast - Men's Group
Choir -Easter	Parish Feast Day
Clean & Press Church Lnens/Albs	Photographer
Clothes Quarters	Play Group
Coffee/Donuts	Prayer Chain
Collection Counters	Prayers and Sacraments for the Sick
Cookies "Buy" the Pound	Prison Ministry
Craft Group	Pro-Life Group
Deep Cleaning Kitchen	RCIA
Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound	Sacristan
Eucharistic Adoration	Snow Removal - Light Plowing
Eucharistic Minister	Snow Removal - Shoveling
Faith Formation Catechist (Sunday School Teacher)	Stewardship Events - Adults
Finance Council	Teen Special Events
Fishing Proxy	Usher
Funeral Reception	Vacation Bible School
Gardeners	Vigil Candles
Greeter	Welcoming Committee

THE JOY OF ADVENT

Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene

In its present form, the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223.

The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time.

When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member.

The "O Antiphons" of Advent

Antiphons are short verses sung before and after a psalm or canticle to determine its musical mode or to provide the key to the liturgical or mystical meaning.

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23.

They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well.

Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

December 23:
O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!

~ usccb.org and catholicculture.org

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR...

While participating in a parish Christmas pageant many years past, I had the good fortune to be chosen as the narrator.

Each rehearsal went off well. Then on the night of the show, I, in a loud and penetrating voice, announced the gifts of the Magi as "gold, Frankenstein, and myrrh."

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE RECEPTION



Bring the kids Christmas Eve for fellowship and entertainment at the reception after Children's Mass!

There will be light food, refreshments, and piñatas for the children.

Enjoy the fun as our youngest parishioners' triumphantly break piñatas to receive candy and treats.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & FAITH FORMATION

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

First Fridays' of the month 7:00-8:00 pm
Saturdays' before Mass 4:45-5:15pm

Sacrament of Baptism:

By appointment only. Please contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Six month preparation. Please contact the Parish Office.

Faith Formation Classes:

K-6th Grade: Sunday 11:45am - 12:45pm

7th-12th Grade: Wednesday 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Confirmation Class:

Please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA Class: For individuals who are not Catholic and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.

Please contact the Parish Office.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

- * **Dec 24** Children's Christmas Mass @ 5:00pm
- * **Dec 24** Christmas Eve Mass @ 9:00pm
- * **Dec 25** Christmas Day Mass @ 10:30am (No daily Mass at 9am.)
- * **Jan 1** Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass @ 1:00pm

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Jan. 1. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, our Lady's greatest title. This feast is the octave of Christmas. In the modern Roman calendar, only Christmas and Easter enjoy the privilege of an octave.

According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII, the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, January 1st is the Solemnity of Circumcision of Our Lord.

"Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men.

In this sense the Church's Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the "Seat of Wisdom." — Catechism of the Catholic Church 721

~Catholicculture.org

REMEMBRANCE

Please keep the family and friends, as well as those who went before us in eternal life in your thoughts & prayers. In this month we remember the passing of:

- ✠ Romona Efta
- ✠ Tom Carter
- ✠ Gordon Spaulding
- ✠ Robert Booth
- ✠ Ethel Groleske
- ✠ Charles Foy
- ✠ John "Bill" Wheeler

*If you wish to remember a loved one, please contact the parish office.

CHRISTMAS LITURGY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

We need **Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Gift Bearers, and Altar Servers** for the Christmas Masses. The sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board by the Sacristy.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's Choir for the 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

Children from grades 3-6, and helpers from grades 7-8 are encouraged to sit and sing together for the 5:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve.



There will be two practices: today after Santa's visit, and next Sunday immediately after Mass.

On Christmas Eve, singers and helpers will meet downstairs at 4:30 prior to the Mass.

PROJECT RACHEL

PROJECT RACHEL DAY: LUKE 11:9

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018



10:30 AM—2:00 PM

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PARISH:
LUNNEY CENTER

Open to all priests, deacons and wives, lay ministers, and laity. Learn about Project Rachel and how to reach out to people whose lives are affected by abortion.

A light lunch will be served.

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Saturday @ 5:30pm December 29th, 2018	Sunday @ 10:30am December 30th, 2018	
<p>Lector: Pete Anderson</p> <p>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Margaret Simon Tim Agosti</p> <p>Altar Servers: Stockton Family Campbell Family</p>	<p>Lector: Nora Satathite</p> <p>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Janice Wilsack Lee Halstead Phyllis Halstead Tim Agosti Lucy Ritter Yasko Lehtinen</p> <p>Altar Servers: Burke Family</p> <p>Children's Liturgy: None.</p> <p>Hospitality: Ludie Baranek</p>	<p>Collection Counters:</p> <p>(December 26) Robin F. Rose H. @ 10am</p> <p>(January 2) Robin F. Helen O. @ 11am</p> <p> Invite friends with Facebook</p> <p></p>
<p>If you have any questions or comments regarding all ministry schedules, <u>please</u> contact Fr. Tom.</p>		

“The Christmas Story”



December 24th @ 5pm

Enjoy the beautiful retelling of the Birth of Jesus as performed by our parish youth.