

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am
Weekdays 8:00am Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri
Wednesday School Mass at 8:45am
Rosary before Daily Mass
Holy Days announced in bulletin
Confession Saturday 3:30-4:30pm;
Wednesday 4:30-5:30pm
(or by appointment)
Adoration Wednesday 9:30am-5:30pm



Each morning this week, in that brief moment we are becoming accustomed to, we want to light a *third* inner candle.

Three candles, going from expectation, to longing, to joy. They represent our inner preparation, or inner *perspective*. In this world of “conflict and division,” “greed and lust for power,” we begin each day this week with a sense of liberating joy.

Perhaps we can pause,
breathe deeply and say,

*“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.”*

(Creighton Online Ministry)



12/16 Sunday
 8:00am Maurice & Elaine Whelton +
 10:30am Assumption Parish Community

12/17 Monday Lisa Fisk +

12/18 Tuesday Peggy Hallinan +

12/19 Wednesday Johnny Sullivan

12/20 Thursday Sara Miller

12/21 Friday Richard Cross +

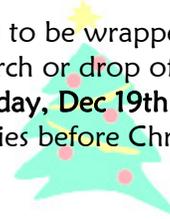
12/22 Saturday Russell Retka +

12/23 Sunday Assumption Parish Community
 Dick St. Hilaire +

COFFEE & DONUTS Please note there will not be coffee and donuts on the weekends of Dec 22-23 or Dec 29-30.

TREE OF SHARING

Items do not need to be wrapped — you may bring them to church or drop off at the Parish Office by **Wednesday, Dec 19th** so we may get them to the agencies before Christmas.



Please pray for: John, Diane Moore, Marty Overbust, Darlene Daul, Mike Sherick, Manny Aguilar, Arlan Overbust, Peggy Smet, Laurel Reilly, Joyce, Ben Trudeau, Danielle Basta, Joan Hastings, Marlene Bumbeck, Bailey Cooper, Clara Fischer, Susan, Peg Walsh, Sean, Dick Henrichs, and all who are sick or recovering from surgery. If you have a prayer request for the bulletin, please call Barbara Rice (327-8124) or Kathryn Overland (328-8523).

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16
3rd Sunday of Advent
 8:00am Mass + Coffee & Donuts
 12:00pm Kid's Choir (Church)
 10:30am Mass + Coffee & Donuts

MONDAY DECEMBER 17
 8:00am Mass

TUESDAY DECEMBER 18
 8:00am Mass
 6:30pm JR High Youth
 6:30pm SR High Youth

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 19
 8:45am Mass
 9:30am Adoration
 4:30pm Confessions
 5:30pm Benediction
 7:00pm RCIA

THURSDAY DECEMBER 20
 8:00am Mass

FRIDAY DECEMBER 21
 8:00am Mass

SATURDAY DECEMBER 22
 7:00am Men's Bible Study
 3:30pm Confession
 5:00pm Mass

SUNDAY DECEMBER 23
4th Sunday of Lent
 8:00am Mass
 9:00am Kid's Choir (Meeting Rm)
 10:30am Mass



December 9, 2018: \$11,830.00 Needy: \$3,628.00



"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10)



DECEMBER 16, 2018
3rd Sunday of Advent



Our week begins with “Gaudete Sunday.” *Gaudete* means “rejoice” in Latin. It comes from the first word of the Entrance antiphon on Sunday. The spirit of joy that begins this week comes from the words of Paul, “The Lord is near.” This joyful spirit is marked by the third candle of our Advent wreath, which is rose colored, and the rose colored vestments often used at the Eucharist.

The second part of Advent begins on December 17th each year. For the last eight days before Christmas, the plan of the readings changes. The first readings are still from the prophecies, but now the gospels are from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke. We read the stories of faithful women and men who prepared the way for our salvation. We enter into the story of how Jesus' life began. These stories are filled with hints of what his life will mean for us. Faith and generosity overcome impossibility. Poverty and persecution reveal glory.

Preparing our Hearts and asking for Grace

We prepare this week by feeling the joy. We move through this week feeling a part of the waiting world that rejoices because our longing has prepared us to believe the reign of God is close at hand. And so we consciously ask:

*Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness
that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope
which His presence will bestow.*

Each day this week, we will continue to go through our everyday life, but we will experience the difference our faith can bring to it. We are confident that the grace we ask for will be given us. We will encounter sin - in our own hearts and in our experience of the sin of the world. We can pause in those moments, and feel the joy of the words,

*“You are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”
Matthew 1:21*

We may experience the Light shining into dark places of our lives and showing us patterns of sinfulness, and inviting us to experience God's mercy and healing. Perhaps we wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. We may want to make gestures of reconciliation with a loved one, relative, friend or associate. With more light and joy, it is easier to say, “I'm sorry; let's begin again.”

Each night this week we want to pause in gratitude. Whatever the day has brought, no matter how busy it has been, we can stop, before we fall asleep, to give thanks for a little more light, a little more freedom to walk by that light, in joy.

Our celebration of the coming of our Savior in history, is opening us up to experience his coming to us this year, and preparing us to await his coming in Glory.

*Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people.
We await your coming. Come, O Lord.*

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve	4:30pm
Children's Christmas choir will be singing	
	7:00pm
	Midnight
(the Men's Choir will begin singing Christmas carols at 11:30pm)	
Christmas Day	10:00am

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE—Due to a very busy schedule not only for Fr. Tim, but for many other priests, we are not able to offer an Advent Penance Service this year. We have included the following Penance Services available at nearby churches so you may have an opportunity for the celebration of the sacrament.

St. Anthony	Thursday, December 20	6:00pm
St. Charles	Thursday, December 20	7:00pm
St. Thomas More	Thursday, December 20	7:00pm

WILDFIRE RELIEF Your amazing generosity for those in need allows us to send a check to Catholic Charities USA for \$3,628 to help the wildfire relief efforts in southern California! Thank you for your goodness and charity.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL—As of December 6, we had **\$78,780** pledged towards our parish goal of \$106,341.00. We are at 74% of the of our goal. We need your help to reach our goal if you have not already responded. Please prayerfully consider making a donation. You may go online to www.dioceseofspokane.org to make a direct contribution. We have additional flyers and envelopes in the foyer of the church as well as the Parish Office.

TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY GROUP had their last meeting of the year and will resume January 8, 2018. Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas season.

WINTER WEATHER is now upon us. We follow District 81 snow policy—if they close schools due to poor weather conditions, our school will be closed as well.



Please note—there will be **no Mass** these days either, we want everyone to be safe during times when there is hazardous weather.

NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY—JR/SR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School: Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm in the Gym (Rich Hanson 217-7945)

Dec 18—Social Night—White Elephant gift exchange Each student can bring a gift worth no more than \$7.77 to put into the pot for giving away.

High School: Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm in the Youth Room below the Parish office (Shad Galloway 251-1793)

Dec 18—Social Night—White Elephant gift exchange

No meetings for either JR or SR High youth groups over Christmas break.

The first meeting of 2019 will be January 15.

CARITAS OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Food items needed: Canned kidney, pinto or navy beans, canned soups, pancake mix, syrup, jam.

Necessities: Laundry soap, toilet paper, paper towels.

Volunteers and financial donations are always needed! Call 326-2249 for more information



ASSUMPTION PARISH SCHOOL

TJ Romano, Principal

CHRISTMAS BREAK will begin on Wed, Dec 19 at 11:30am. School will resume on Thur, Jan 3, 2019. We wish everyone a safe and blessed Christmas break.



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Brother Francis: O Holy Night

Celebrate the Birth of Jesus

Recall the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation that will remind you Who we celebrate during the Christmas season!



"Awesome for the kids big and small."

—Toby J., Toledo, OH

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SAVE THE DATE!

"The Snowflake Ball"

January 19, 2019

Parish Dinner – Dance

If you enjoyed last years "Sweetheart Dinner – Dance" invite your friends to the "Snowflake Ball" Not just for couples, singles welcome too!!

PARISH LIBRARY

Close after the end of Vatican II, **Fr. John Hardon** produced *The Catholic Catechism: A Contemporary Catechism of the Teaching of the Catholic Church*, to bring the results of the Council into one inspirational and instructional volume.

Shelved under **Church**. See the parish website under **Faith Formation** for open hours, book lists, etc You may always return books to the Parish Office.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Thank you to Beth Brasch for speaking about the Catholic Charities Christmas Collection this weekend. Envelopes are available in the foyer of the church. If you have not made a donation, please take time to read the brochure—as you celebrate the holiday season, help Catholic Charities transform more lives.

Every dollar of your donation stays in Eastern Washington. Please make a donation to enrich our community today and in the future.



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