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Holy Family Catholic Church

November 26, 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Welcome to Holy Family Church

If you are new to our Church or just visiting, welcome. We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not a home to you, we invite you to become part of our parish family. If you are not Catholic, have questions about the Catholic way of life, or would like to explore the Catholic faith, please contact the parish office.

Our Church is open to anyone looking for a spiritual home. Parish Registration forms are at the Church entrances or you can download a form at www.hfparish.com.

We are so glad you're here and hope you will come back again for Mass or to become a parishioner. I pray that you may find warmth and happiness in our parish.

Parish Office Hours

Parish Office
917 Chestnut St.
Clarkston, WA 99403
509-758-6102

Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8:30am - 4:00pm

Youth & Family
Life Center
1102 Chestnut St.
Clarkston, WA 99403

Confessions
Wednesdays
After Mass
Saturday
3:00pm—3:30 pm



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| Mass Intentions | | | Day | Time | Intention |
|-------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|---|--------|--------------------------|
| Day | Time | Intention | Thursday 11/30/2023 | 8:00am | Special Intentions |
| Saturday 11/25/2023 | 4:00pm | Irene Keller † | Friday 12/1/2023 | 8:30am | Wayne & Georgia Burnam † |
| Sunday 11/26/2023 | 9:00am | People of Holy Family | Saturday 12/2/2023 | 4:00pm | People of Holy Family |
| Monday 11/27/2023 | 8:00am | Col. William Thomas † | Sunday 12/3/2023 | 9:00am | Joyce Flerchinger † |
| Tuesday 11/28/2023 | -- | No Mass | Like Mary, you must not be afraid to allow the Holy Spirit to help you become intimate friends of Christ. St. John Paul II | | |
| Wednesday 11/29/2023 | 8:30am | Gordon & Delores Rubenthaler † | | | |

Special Monthly Collections
December - Holy Family School Foundation, Building Maintenance Fund, Holy Family School, Christmas Collection.
If you have your weekly/monthly donations automatically taken out of your bank account, here is a list of the "special collections" you may not know of.



Being parents of newborns comes with many blessings and challenges. Holy Family Parish wants to support our parents who have a newborn. Special Delivery Ministry will provide a few meals for the family with a new addition after they are home.

- * Want to provide a meal for a family after a baby is born?
- * Having a baby?
- * Contact Whitney Wagner at 509-751-6327 to get your name on the list, provide any allergies and touch base with Whitney and her group about a good date to bring your Special Delivery.

Young Adult Bible Study Group
When: Wednesday's, Alternating All Saints and Holy Family. (Email: claira.osborne@gmail.com for more information)
Time: 6:30-7:30pm
Location: All Saints study rooms or Holy Family gym/parish hall Age group: 18-25 years old.
Activities include: learning more about the Catholic faith through books and discussions, sports (open gyms), and dinners.
Come learn and meet other Young Catholics!

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"Let us walk in the light of the Lord." -Isaiah 2:5
We are reminded this time of year to be the light of Christ. The days are shorter, it's colder outside, Thanksgiving has past and Advent is approaching, we need to center ourselves in that offering of ourselves to others. Thank you for being part of our light, supporting and praying for our school.

The Parent Association would like to invite you to take part in November & December volunteer events. Events range from blessing teachers/staff to donating supplies.
<https://bit.ly/HFS-Nov-Dec23>



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- Wed 11/29 – Mass 8:30 a.m. (by 4th)
- Fri 12/1 – NO SCHOOL/SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED– Professional Development for teachers;
- Wed 12/6 – Christmas Program, Pre-8th, 6 p.m.; doors will open at 5:30 p.m.
- Fri 12/8 – Mass 8:30 a.m. (by 3rd) – Holy Day
- Wed 12/13 – Dec & Jan birthday brunch (4th hosting) following 8:30 a.m. mass (by 8th)
- Fri 12/15 – Early Release for Christmas Break, 11:30 a.m.
- 12/15-1/2 – Christmas Break

- Volunteers needed:**
- Crossing Guard duty in front of school 7:40-8 a.m. (M-F)
 - Lunch recess duty 11:15 a.m.-12:05 p.m.



Happy Thanksgiving from our JR High and their 1st grade buddies.



Our Mission: Holy Family School is a faith-filled community dedicated to the moral development of students who live to serve Christ. Our staff and parents strive to educate the whole child in academic excellence, a deep appreciation of the Catholic faith, spiritual growth and nurture socially responsible members of society in a safe learning environment.

What's going on at Holy Family Parish...

DECEMBER MINISTRY SCHEDULES

are out in the SOUTH ENTRY. Please make sure you stop and pick one up. There are several Holy Days that we are seeking volunteers for. Please use your MSP App to sign up. Thank you!

There will be NO OCIA this Sunday. We will meet next Sunday, December 3rd. Happy Thanksgiving

This Sunday after Mass The Holy Family School Foundation will be selling left over items from HoHo Christmas fair we will also have a few poinsettias for sale. The pre ordered poinsettias can be picked up Sunday, November 26th between 10 am and 2pm at the school gym.

Annual Christmas Concert for Vocations
Featuring Cathedral of our Lady of Lourdes Choir and the Diocesan Youth Choir.

Join us December 9th at 1:00pm at the Kubiak Theater at Gonzaga Prep High School. Tickets are \$15 for an adult and \$5 for children.
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Mass Etiquette; Dos and Don'ts while at Mass

Do Fast: Canon 919 of the "Code of Canon Law" states, "One who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before Holy Communion."

Do come early, recollect yourself: Please try to be on time for Mass! Sometimes things can't be helped, without doubt -- cars break down, babies need changing, alarm clocks fail to go off -- but chronic lateness for the Mass is rude and disruptive. When you enter the Church, cross yourself with Holy Water and thank God for the grace given to you at Baptism. When you reach your pew, genuflect toward the Tabernacle in the Sanctuary before sitting down. Keep sacred silence in the church. Avoid unnecessary conversation and keep necessary conversation to a very low whisper.

Do Genuflect: When we enter and leave Church, genuflect toward the Tabernacle (usually indicated by some light beside it). Christ is present for our sake. By allowing our right knee to hit the floor, we acknowledge He is our Lord and God. If someone is physically unable to genuflect, then a bow is sufficient. During Mass, if you pass in front of the altar or tabernacle, bow reverently.

Don't eat: Do not chew gum or bring food or drinks into the church. The only exceptions are discreetly breastfeeding or giving a bottle to an infant (or, of course, rare medical). Water is acceptable if necessary.
<https://uploads.weconnect.com/mce/e1c03d2c445ffd0b7d000b732c8108a2e9145245/RCIA/Mass%20Etiquette.pdf>



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Sherry Domaskin
Marty & Cherie
Nelson & Family
Mary Ellen Hill
Caitlyn Graves
Christian Morgan
Verla Day
Thelma Fales
Melanie Stellmon
Joel Babino
Jo & Leonard Castle
Bill Dahmen
Tim Wanta

Lisa Heath
Renee Ellis
Blake Piekma

Week 2
Tom & JoAnn Harvey
Eileen Jeffreys
Irene Cicrich
Don Brooks
Mike & Ann Elsensohn
Gus Fontaine
Joy Nye
Donna Miles
MaryAnn Robertson
Keela Carter
Vivian France
Courtney & Adeline Paterson
Gene Breeding
Theresa Swartz

Richard Fanning

Week 3
Bob Sheppard
Dona McCann
Joan Sperry
Caleb Parry
Stapleton Family
Pat Williams
Erica Pena
Sue Buratto
Russ Bashore
Nick Menegas
Linda Entel
Betty Eggleston
Joe Caetano
Nancy DiMeo
Kelly Evans

Evelyn Nanik

Week 4
Pat & Melva Boyle
Sheila McDougall
Wessels Family
Dave Massaro
Carol Stegner
Kauffman Family
Michael Cheek
Yvonne Pecora
Dick Jacobs
Lisa Carey
Tina Flerchinger
Vivian Piatt
Gayle Williams
Mike B
Mary Gocke
Zach Paris

Please contact Cheryl Fuqua at 758-6936, Linda Wolf at 751-2370 or the parish office at 758-6102 or email to dparis@dioceseofspokane.org if you would like someone to be added.



- Sunday, November 26th:**
- Mass 9:00am
 - Coffee & Donuts
 - No OCIA Thanksgiving Break
- Monday, November 27th:**
- Mass 8:00am
 - Ladies Group 8:45am
- Tuesday, November 28th:**
- No Mass
- Wednesday, November 29th:**
- Mass 8:30am
 - Holy Hour & Confessions
- Thursday, November 30th:**
- Mass 8:00am

- Friday, December 1st:**
- Mass 8:00am
- Saturday, December 2nd:**
- Confessions 3:00pm
 - Mass 4:00pm
- Sunday, December 3rd:**
- Mass 9:00am
 - Coffee & Donuts
 - OCIA 11:00am in the Parish Hall

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6



Ministries Schedule

| Ministries for | Reader | Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Altar Servers | Ushers |
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| Saturday December 2nd 4:00pm | Marlene Driscoll | Lynette Ausman | Addy Aceveda Ella Miller | Ron Flerhinger Jerry Hume Gene Kasper John Zeller |
| Sunday December 3rd 9:00am | Kathy Dobbs Tina Cunningham | Pat Mills | Bailey Blaydes Marcus Mills | Tim McConnell Steve Nuxoll Greg Paris Thomas Stapleton |

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Letter from Father

26 November 2023

Who is My Sovereign King?

Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Greetings,

I had the pleasure, recently, of teaching history our eighth grade for a couple of days. In those days, we began to talk about the Constitution of the United States and some of the principles that are found therein. We talked about the Bill of Rights and its importance to the American people and how it holds the government to a particular standard in regard to the rights of individual citizens. The Constitution was written and ratified at a time when kings were the ultimate power and had very little accountability to their subjects. The framers of the Constitution wanted to ensure that the government of the United States was held to a higher standard and was a model of integrity for other nations.

This hunger for integrity is still alive among us as we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. This liturgical feast was established by Pius XI in 1925. Virtually every noble family had already disappeared from public life by then. But despite the absence of royalty, Pope Pius wanted to direct the attention of all believers to the kingly supremacy of Christ in all aspects of life. The pope wanted everyone to know that Jesus is the true sovereign.

Whether we bow to a king or not, we celebrate Christ as the summit of belief and the purpose of all we do in both the sacred and the secular realms. Pope Pius proclaimed that there is no separate space, no carving off a portion of life, in which the promise of Christ is not present. We celebrate Christ, the king of all things, and we his people strive to serve Him in all things. We seek that kind of integrity in our lives and our service to Christ our King.

In the secularized and complicated world in which we live, we are expected to do the opposite. Secular society expects us to structure our lives so that religion becomes an isolated compartment. Our faith is supposed to occupy this private space and it is expressly forbidden in all other places. No hint of belief is to be found in the rest of life, certainly not in public life.

In the controversies of our day, faith is ruled out of bounds. In fact, we believers are presumed to belong on the sidelines; we are supposed to remain silent concerning the teachings of Christ because religious belief is not to influence anything else.

The Feast of Christ the King is the reminder that we Catholics refuse to allow the world to be taken from us. Faithful practice calls us to submit the entire content of our lives to the gift of Christ's truth and love. Just as the blood of nobility runs through every part of an aristocrat's life, our faithfulness to Jesus is to flow through our lives.

There is no place where the promise of Jesus' mercy and the temperance of God's justice is not to be present. We are promised the gift of new life to extend this gift into every dimension of our lives and every corner of our world. Christ the King is king over everything.

In November 1927, in Mexico City, Father Augustine Miguel Pro was executed because he embraced the vision of the pope's proclamation of Christ as King of all. Father Pro heroically continued to practice his Catholic faith and carry on his priestly ministry even after the government outlawed the practice of religion. Because of his resistance, he was arrested and convicted of opposing the government decrees. He was condemned to death. As the soldiers leveled their rifles and awaited the command to fire, he shouted out: "¡Viva, Cristo Rey!" or "Long live Christ the King." He died with the sentiment of the pope and the conviction of the Gospel on his lips. His life was a demonstration that there should be no place where the power of the Gospel does not reach. From the desire of a nation to practice its faith on its knees, to the last breath of a condemned man at his execution, Jesus Christ is present among us everywhere and at all times.

Blessed Miguel Pro's death was not fiction and the drama that produced it was not the plot of a novel. The drama continues in our day. We can expect resistance and even persecution for living our faith with integrity. Our invitation is to allow Christ to reign over every dimension of life.

Christ is to be King in our lives. Viva Cristo Rey!

Blessings,

Fr Jeff Core
Pastor

A Few Ways to Prepare Yourself for a Holy Advent

Advent is around the corner. That means December 25th will be here before we know it.

If you're like me, just thinking about this this makes you feel a bit anxious. "It's hard enough for me to be ready for Christmas each year," we think. "Trying to do a lot for Advent is overwhelming!"

To make things less overwhelming, give yourself a little prep time for Advent.

Now you may be thinking: "I thought Advent was a season of preparation? Why would I prepare for preparations?"

Preparing for Advent is important because there is a real urgency to this liturgical season:

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light...

Romans 13:11-12 (NRSVCE)

Many of us spend time preparing for Lent—deciding what we're going "to give up" and so on. Advent deserves the same deliberation!

Here are five things we can do to prepare ourselves for a holy Advent.

1. Ask God to help you draw near to Him.

The more we yearn for Christ in Advent, the closer we come to a real celebration of Christmas.

Isn't that a common fear we have during Advent? That Christmas will come like it always does and we will be no better for it?

There is much that might trouble our hearts this time of year: family issues, financial worries, the things we need to accomplish, etc. Where does Jesus fit in among these worries?

Deep down inside, we Catholics know that we have a chance for transformation during Advent—but we often forget to ask for it in prayer.

Let us ask God to help us prepare our hearts for His coming and to aid us in having a good and holy Advent.

After all, it is what He longs for us, too.

2. Begin to practice silence.

We all recognize the constant whir of music, technology, ringing phones, beeping notifications, and loud conversations within our lives. They follow us everywhere we go.

We can point fingers of blame but often enough they will only end up pointing back at us. To live in this world is not only to exist amongst the noise but often to be that noise.

While I intuitively know that silence is essential, knowing it and living it are two different things.

The wisdom of God has generated in every person a great love that nourishes the little silence of the human heart.

Robert Cardinal Sarah, The Power of Silence, No. 121

We all need silence in order to draw close to Our Lord. Silence is an essential component of a holy Advent.

If you are like me and you find it difficult to cultivate silence, just be intentional about it! Practice that essential silence now, if only for a few moments each day, perhaps adding one or two minutes every day until the start of Advent. When Advent comes, you will not be out of practice!

During this busy time of year, we must remind ourselves of our need for silence if we wish to hear what God has to say.

Nothing will make us discover God better than his silence inscribed in the center of our being. If we do not cultivate this silence, how can we find God?

Robert Cardinal Sarah, The Power of Silence, No. 126

3. Prepare for a good confession now.

The Church calls us to repentance during Advent, making it an important time to go to confession. Perhaps getting yourself and your family to confession can be your top priority this Advent.

You can prepare yourself for the sacrament now. Ready ourselves for a good confession is as important as going to confession. Without proper preparation, we can miss those sins and imperfections that we should bring to Our Lord or we can rush through the sacrament. I once heard a priest say that the best thing about making a good confession is that it will help us to realize how much we are in need of a Savior!

A recent conversation I had with a few other moms helped me realize how much I am in need of a Savior. The conversation started benignly. We were discussing an organization our kids were involved in. Soon there was a "subtly unkind" word said about one of the people in charge of this organization. Then another mention was made in a "subtly uncharitable" way. Before long, these "subtle" references gave way to a flood of indictments. I wish I could say that I had kept my mouth shut.

In the end, we recognized what had just occurred, and agreed that we felt ashamed about things that were said.

Regardless of how subtle we are, or how simply things can start, sin is sin and we all fall short at times. The truth is that, while I regret my involvement, I am grateful for what that conversation led to. It is our sinfulness that brings us face to face with a true longing for the Messiah.

We will not truly appreciate the love of Jesus Christ, who came to rescue us, unless we recognize our inability to save ourselves. Only when we recognize our helplessness will we realize our need for the Messiah.
Genevieve Cunningham, Great Advent, "Realizing Our Need for the Messiah"

Advent is this important time of year when we should recall our great need for Jesus. If we don't recognize that we are sinners in need of a savior, what is it that we are longing for during the season of Advent?

<https://www.goodcatholic.com/five-steps-to-prepare-yourself-for-a-holy-advent/>