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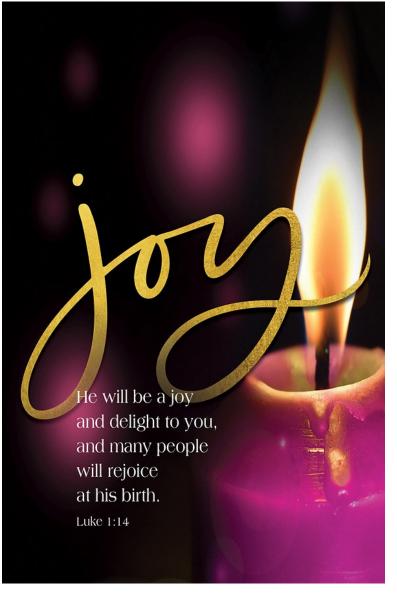


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## Holy Family Catholic Church December 24th, 2023 The Fourth Sunday of Advent



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## Parish Office Hours

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

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

Youth & Family <u>Life Center</u> 1102 Chestnut St. Clarkston, WA 99403

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

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## Fourth Advent Candle/Sunday: Love

"And in the end, everything else will turn out to be unimportant and inessential, except for this: Father, Child, and Love." – St. (Pope) John Paul II

The fourth candle of Advent represents **Love**, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us. Called the "**Angel's Candle**," the fourth candle of Advent is lit the Sunday before Christmas, and it is the color **purple**, leading us to eagerly await the new Kingdom of God on earth. This Advent, light the fourth candle on **Sunday**, **December 24**, **2023**.

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Saturday	12/23/2023	4:00pm	Greg Buratto †	
Sunday	12/24/2023	9:00am	People of Holy Family	
		4:00pm	Elaine Kinzer †	
Monday	12/25/2023	10:00am	People of Holy Family	
Tuesday	12/26/2023		No Mass	
Wednesday	12/27/2023		No Mass	
Thursday	12/28/2023		No Mass	
Friday	12/29/2023		No Mass	
Saturday	12/30/2023	4:00pm	Malcolm J. McRae Jr. †	
Sunday	12/31/2023	9:00am	Gordon & Delores Rubenthaler †	
Monday	1/1/2024	10:00am	Special Intentions	

## Social Concerns Committee Advent Bag Schedule

Please return the bags to the SOUTH ANNEX each week. Thank you for your donations.

4th Week of Advent -Life Choices

Only if people change the world changes; and in order to change, people need the light that comes from God, the light which so unexpectedly on the night of Christmas entered into our night.

Pope Benedict XVI

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As we joyfully embrace the magic of the Christmas season, I want to extend warm wishes to you and your loved ones. May the spirit of Christmas, and the birth of our Savior, fill your hearts with love, peace, and joy. Your presence as a part of Holy Family School enriches our community, and we are grateful for that gift. May this holy season bring you moments of warmth and togetherness, creating cherished memories that last a lifetime.

## Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year! Sheri Gehring, principal

Artwork above by HF Middle School student, Eli

Heavenly Father, as once again we prepare for Christmas, help us to find time in our busy lives for quiet and thought and prayer, that we may reflect upon the wonder of your love and allow the story of the Savior's birth to penetrate our hearts and minds.

## Dates to know:

Christmas break -- Dec 16-Jan 2 (School and Office are closed)

1/3 -- Parent Association Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 5th grade room

(Catholic Schools Week discussion)

1/4 -- SCRIP Orders due

1/18 - Blood Drive for STEM grant, HF parish hall, 1:30-6 p.m.

### 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.
- Lunchroom help 10:50 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (Mon-Fri)

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## What is the right way to give the sign of peace at Mass? BISHOP DANIEL MUEGGENBORG

The exchange of peace can be given in different ways; the meaning behind it is far more important than the manner in which it is expressed. When we better understand the meaning of what we are doing, we better appreciate why we do it immediately before receiving Communion.

Let's start with the meaning of peace, which is a word that we use a lot, but not always with the same understanding.

Most of our thoughts about peace probably have to do with situations of distress — nations at war or people suffering turmoil, hostile exchanges in our civic discourse or individuals distressed with anxieties. In response to these troubling situations, people of all faiths and cultural backgrounds often wish and pray for "peace." This type of peace really just means the absence of violence and turmoil.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be instruments of God's justice and healing for all who suffer violence. This, however, is not the real peace we celebrate and pray for at Mass. This is the peace the world seeks; but as Jesus told us, he has come to bring peace "not as the world gives" it, but as God gives it. (John 14:27)

The peace that Christ brings is not merely the absence of violence; it is the fruit of justice and love (see Gaudium et Spes 78), or as Pope St. Paul VI put it, "If you want peace, work for justice."

In the Jewish world of Jesus, people believed that peace was the result of living in right relationship with God, self, others and the world around us. To be in right relationship was to be in a state of justice by treating others with respect for their God-given dignity. Such a state of justice brought harmony to individuals and nations.

While the world may have hoped for this peace born of right relationship, such justice was not possible due to the alienating effects of sin. It was only with the birth of Jesus that angelic choirs could finally proclaim "peace on earth." Jesus is the only one who can overcome the alienating effects of sin that divide us from God and one another.

Our Lord accomplished this great reconciliation through his death on the cross in which he conquered once and for all the power of sin and death. It is this great reconciliation that restores the lost friendship between God and humanity. That is why the cross of Christ is the source of our peace — because it is the source of our restored right relationship, our justification, with God. St. Paul echoes this truth: "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace ... and in one body he reconciled us to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility." (Ephesians 2:13-16) This great grace Jesus accomplished for us through the cross of Calvary is one we must choose to accept and live.

After our Lord's death and resurrection, he appeared to the disciples who were gathered in hiding. (see John 20:19-23) His first words to them were not of reprimand for denying and abandoning him, but of healing, mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation: "Peace be with you."

In that moment, they knew that our Lord's mercy is always greater than their sin. Jesus then shared the gift of the Holy Spirit with them and empowered them to continue his mission of forgiveness and reconciliation in the world. We can experience the peace of Christ even in the most distressful situations of life. It is a peace that comes from knowing and experiencing the presence of God with us, forgiving us and loving us. It is the peace that allowed the great martyrs to go to their deaths with confident trust and praying for their persecutors. It is the peace that guided the great saints to faithful perseverance even when they faced great resistance and rejection. Dante expressed this truth well in the Divine Comedy: "In his will is our peace."

When we exchange the sign of peace at Mass, we do so with the same words Jesus spoke to the disciples, "Peace be with you," because in our baptism we became members of the body of Christ and in the Eucharist we are formed even more so into his mystical body in the church.

The exchange of peace, then, is more than wishing people to be free of violence and distress. It is even more than wishing them right relationship. Our exchange of peace is our willing response as members of the body of Christ to become ministers to one another of the reconciliation Jesus won for us on the cross. We are literally being Christ to Christ. It is also a time when we encourage one another to know and trust God's presence, love and mercy, and to persevere in doing the Lord's will.

This is a sacred moment when the divisions in the body of Christ are healed through the grace of God passing through us. This healing is meant to bring about a real communion among us as we prepare to receive and share our deepest communion with God in the Eucharist.

The exchange of peace is not intermission; it is inter-ministry within the body of Christ to unite us as the body of Christ so as to prepare us to fully receive the body of Christ. How we exchange this sign of peace should always help others experience this deep and profound saving grace in their lives.

https://nw catholic.org/voices/daniel-mueggenborg/what-is-the-right-way-to-give-the-sign-of-peace-at-mass

## This week at Holy Family...

#### Sunday, December 24th:

- Mass 9:00am (4th Sunday of Advent)
- Coffee & Donuts
- Mass 4:00pm (Christmas Vigil)

#### Monday, December 25th:

• Christmas Day Mass 10:00am

#### Tuesday, December 26th:

No Mass

#### Wednesday, December 27th:

No Mass

#### Thursday, December 28th:

No Mass

### Friday, December 29th:

No Mass

#### Saturday, December 30th:

- Confessions 3:00pm
- Mass 4:00pm

#### Sunday, December 31st:

- Mass 9:00am (Feast of the Holy Family)
- Coffee & Donuts

#### Monday, January 1st:

• Mass 10:00am (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 25th—Friday December 29th. If you need to contact the office staff please call and leave a message as we will be checking our machine throughout the week.

## Ministries Schedule

Please register for open positions on your MSP app or call the parish office. Thank you!

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Ministries for	Reader	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
Sunday <u>December 24th</u> Christmas Vigil  4:00pm	Linda Rossiter Jack Sullivan	Lynette Ausman	Bailey Blaydes Addy Aceveda	Mark Ackerman Mark Flerchinger Marve Entel <b>NOT FILLED</b>
Monday <u>December 25th</u> Christmas Day 10:00am	Cindy Nightingale Joan Baune	Tom Stapleton	Gabe Arnzen <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Tom Stapleton Bob Uptagrafft NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Saturday December 30th The Feast of the Holy Family 4:00pm	Linda Rossiter	Sheri Gehring	Addy Aceveda Emma Aceveda	Ron Flerchinger Jerry Hume Gene Kasper Tom Ledgerwood
Sunday <u>December 31st</u> The Feast of the  Holy Family  9:00am	Pat Wolf	Cindy Nightingale	Ann Eggleston Ashley Eggleston	Ernie Aguilar Brian Babino Ron Gosselin Steve Nuxoll
Monday <u>January 1st</u> Solemnity of Mary,  Mother of God  10:00am	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Bob Uptagrafft NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED

## Letter from Father

24 December 2023 4th Sunday of Advent It Had To Be A Manger

Greetings,

I would be remiss to get all the way through Advent and not make a connection between this season of waiting and our life in the Eucharist. After all, The Solemnity of Christmas is a celebration of the literal Body of Christ, Jesus in the flesh, incarnate. I love the Gospel of St. Luke and the great detail he gave to telling the story, not just of the birth of Jesus, but also the events leading up to His birth and the events following it.

St. Luke placed an extremely high value on the Eucharist, and it is a major point of emphasis woven into the fabric of his Gospel from beginning to end. He inserted a curious detail into his birth account to begin to state his case: Mary, "gave birth to her firstborn son ... and laid him in a manger" - Lk 2:7. The manger is mentioned twice more in verses 12 and 16.

A manger is a feeding trough for animals. It is made of wood or stone, located on the ground or slightly above the ground, and contains hay or grain for cattle, horses, donkeys and other animals. It is not very sanitary, and it often is cold and damp. What mother would place her baby in a manger? She would hold her newborn child in her arms or lay it in a crib. This detail would have been very significant for the first readers of St. Luke's Gospel, and it should mean something to us as well. This Gospel narrative should have us wondering, "Why is baby Jesus in a manger?"

Animals approached the manger anytime, day or night, for food. The farmer was concerned about his animals and was careful to be sure that there would be feed in the trough at all times so the animals would be well-fed, healthy and strong. The shepherds represented people everywhere, and as the animals approached the manger for food, the shepherds approached the manger see the newborn Jesus, and the infant in the manger would be the one to feed their souls, both with his word and the Eucharist, the great banquet feast of his Body and Blood.

The manger on Christmas anticipates the table at the Last Supper, and as the owner of the animals made sure that his animals would be well-fed to provide for their physical health, the infant Jesus would feed his sheep to provide for their spiritual health. The manger begins a feeding or banquet theme that surfaces multiple times throughout Luke's Gospel. Only Luke mentions that Jesus' disciples "eat and drink" Lk 5:33, that Jesus was accused of being "a glutton and a drunkard" 7:34, and that Jesus dined three times at the home of a Pharisee Lk 7:36; 11:37; 14:1. St .Luke alone has two banquet parables, the parables of the Guests at the Banquet 14:7-14 and the Great Feast 14:15-24, both of which look ahead to the banquet of the Last Supper and further ahead to the eternal banquet in heaven 22:30. St. Luke also reports how Levi gave a banquet for Jesus 5:29, and how Jesus miraculously fed a crowd of 5,000 9:10-17. Beginning with the manger, it all points to the Last Supper.

The infant in the manger would be the one who would take bread and say, "This is my body", and a cup of wine and say, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood". And wanting to provide ongoing spiritual sustenance, he told his disciples to "Do this in memory of me". Then Jesus showed them how to reenact the Eucharist when he broke bread with two of his disciples on Easter Sunday night at Emmaus. The early Christian community took Jesus' instruction to heart, and from the outset they devoted themselves 'to the breaking of the bread".

Most religious artists portray the infant Jesus in the manger on a bed of hay or straw, but those who grasp the Eucharist connection show him on a bed of wheat. St. Luke would have us approach the manger and feast our eyes upon Jesus because the newborn child is food for our souls.

Blessings & a Holy Christmas,

Fr Jeff Core

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## Week 4

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