

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary

Architectural Monument of Tacoma



His name will be called Emmanuel, which means God with us.

Holy Day Mass Schedule ~ Christmas Eve: Midnight Mass ~ Christmas Day 11:00am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM

Sunday: NOON

VESPERS

Wednesday: 6:00PM

(in the convent)

Sunday: 6:00PM

(led chant)

DAILY MASSES

Wednesday: 9:00AM

Thursday: 9:00AM

Penance & Reconciliation

WEEKDAYS: 8:15AM-8:45

Wednesday & Thursday

Saturday: 2:45-4:15PM

PASTOR: Reverend Nicholas Wichert

OFFICE HOURS M-F 9:00AM-4:00PM

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Katie Dempsey, School Principal (253) 272-7012

Catholic Community Services

(253) 502-2696

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The Sacrament of Baptism:

Call the Parish Office to register for the next class.

The Sacrament of Marriage:

Call the Parish Office for details.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturday: 2:45-4:15PM

With Benediction at 4:15

Sunday: 1:30 -3:30PM

In case of serious illness involving dying or death, please call (253) 922-4021

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.

Isaiah 45: 8

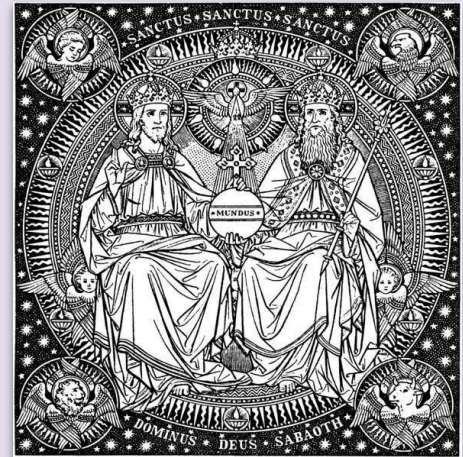


The Deacon's Bench

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With Christmas being only a week away, our anticipation for the coming of the Lord Jesus is high—Son of the Divine Father taking on human flesh. The relationship between God the Father and Son (Jesus) is a supernatural one and is not the same as the relationship between human parents and their children. Human fathers are not fathers before their children are born. If you were an only child could your dad ever have been called father before you were born? No, not until a son or daughter is born can a man be a father.

So if we think in human terms we may consider that God the Father did not exist before the Son was born. However the Church states that God the Father has *always* been the Father. So if the Father has always been the Father then the Son (Jesus) has *always* been too. Jesus is the eternal Son of the eternal Father. The Father did not exist without the Son for even one moment because the Father was always Father and the Son was always Son. To reiterate: unlike our human condition, God the Father does not exist before the Son, both exist at the same time. Wow, what a statement about the mystery of God!



The two words (father and son) depend on each other, and the two persons of God have always existed simultaneously together. The Church teaches that God does not exist in time or space as we know it, so we don't need to worry that the Father did not exist before the Son. The Catholic Church regards Jesus as the eternal Son of the Father and teaches that the relationship between them is one of profound everlasting and dynamic love. This relationship between Father and Son is so intense and perfect it led St. Thomas Aquinas to say that the third person of the Trinity (the Holy Spirit) is the living personified fruit their mutual love.

So as we approach Christmas let us keep in our hearts the mysterious union of Father and Son and give thanks to Jesus for humbling himself out of great love to come and redeem us.

A Blessed and Merry Christmas from
Deacon Mike & Susan Tesky

EDITOR NOTES: *Have you noticed that during Advent each of the bulletin cover's woodcuts have reflected the Gospel reading for the week? In this way our bulletin draws us more closely to the spiritual life of the church. The Holy Rosary bulletin has changed many times over the past 125 years. We hope you are enjoying these new changes that are an effort to build our community together and so together build up the kingdom of God.*

Holy Rosary Calendar Events for the Coming Week:

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation Saturday

2:45-4:15PM, before daily Mass 8:15AM-8:45AM

Adoration with Benediction Saturday 2:45PM-4:15PM

Vespers Wednesday 6:00PM in the Convent Chapel,

Sunday - Chanted Vespers at 6:00PM in the church

RCIA Wednesday 6:30PM in the Convent Meeting Center, this week's topic, "Confession"

Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 7:00-8:00PM in the Church.

MASS TIME

LECTORS

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

ALTAR SERVERS

Dec 17
5:00PM

Bruce Larson

Aileen Leija(1) & Peter Golesh(2)
Loretta Boyle

Alexie Poulin, Breanna Nguyen, Michael Dietz,
Junior Peebles, Danny Peebles, Apprentices

Dec 18
Noon

Alicia Pera (1),
Sharom De Vega (2)

Dolores Sabado(1), Sally Ongoco(2)
Aurora(1) & Lauro(2) Villagracia,
Z. Nocom(3)

Gary Rose, Adam Rezny, Johnathan Pascual, Thom
Ryng, Abigaile Hygema, Theresa Rose, Apprentices

THIS DAY IN HOLY ROSARY HISTORY

Dec. 15, 1912 - For the first time, the Auditorium in the School is used as a Church. This continues for the next nine years. The old wooden Church building is condemned.

The 125th Memory Book Needs photos! We are trying to fill in some gaps for our Holy Rosary history/memory book. Right now we're looking for photos from the 1920s, 1950s, and from the 1970s to the present day. Please send them to us or contact us at history@holyroarytacoma.org.

DAILY MASS & THE SACRAMENT OF Penance CHANGE THIS WEEK!

Daily Mass and confessions this week will be held in the Convent Center chapel. The church will be decorated for Christmas so no fair peeking!

ADVENT VESPERS - SOLEMN VESPERS THIS SUNDAY

Chanted Sunday Vespers with Father Wichert is Sunday at 6:00PM. This is your last chance to enjoy the beauty of led and chanted Vespers during the Advent season. Pray the universal prayer of the church together as it is meant to be, in community. No experience necessary.

OFFERTORY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED If you are interested in bringing the gifts up during the offertory, please seek out Sister Hahn.

Stay awake!

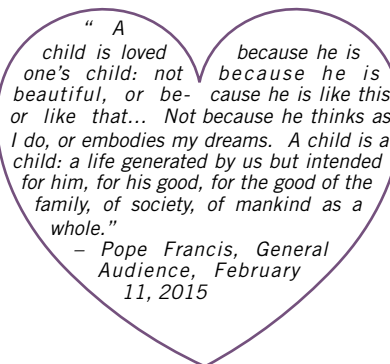
For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.

THANK YOU FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the parish for the overwhelming support of restocking the food pantry. They are deeply grateful for the gift of your giving. There will be no St Vincent de Paul Meeting on Sunday January 1.

RACHEL'S CORNER - HOPE AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and allow God to replace your pain with His merciful peace. March 10-12, 2017
Contact Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673)
Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.



Your Parish Stewardship

December 10 & 11

Sacrificial Giving	\$3868.00
Restricted Donations	48.00
Christmas Flowers	416.00
Immaculate Conception	305.00
School	112.00
TOTAL	\$4749.00

JANUARY COMMUNITY EVENTS

Blessing of the Epiphany Chalk

January 7&8 Weekend Masses

Baptism Class

January 14 9:30AM

Marriage Prep Classes

January 27 7:00PM January 28 9AM

Women's Study Cheese & Wine Kick-off

January 17 6:30PM

Extraordinary Minister Training

January 28 10:00AM

Holy Rosary School Crab Feed & Auction

January 28

Women's Study Group (begins)

January 31 6:30PM

Vespers Every Wednesday at 6:00PM

RCIA Every Wednesday at 6:30PM

Something happening in YOUR group this January? It's not too late to get them in the new monthly parish calendar. Contact bulletin@holyroarytacoma.org

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The campus is very quiet because all of the kiddos are on Christmas vacation. We have worked hard to make sure they are ready for Christmas. As we prepare for the final days of Advent, let us remember that Advent is a period of spiritual preparation in which we make ourselves ready for the coming or birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ. So, are you ready?

Blessings to all!

Katie Dempsey, Principal

Weekly Mass Intentions

offered by

12/17 People of the Parish

12/18 †Carol Smithlin Caren Smithlin

12/21 †Martin Vu Vu Family

12/22 †Sr. M. Bichler RSM M. Dudschus

Prayers List: Continue to pray for our military, and all the sick and homebound members of our faith community: **For those in need of prayer:** Michael Edmonds, David Young, Susana Majia-Swinson, Cheryl Bryant, Emanuel Rivas, Dan Brazil, Michele Hartson, Paige Fulton, Gwendolyn Wicker, Darlene Sherrod, Paul Daigneault, Velinda Tran, Gloria Almoguera, Jeanne Warner, Bob Kennedy, Shan Clumpner, Evelyn Warren, Troy Yates, Eugene Brasier, Lucy Mastini, Jennifer Malone, Matthew Hills, Patrick Keating, Jackie Colson, and

for those whose suffering is known only to God. **For those who have died:** Margaret Sigette, Rizalina Soriano Egalla, Beth Santa Cruz, Eileen Tipton, Fr. Carmine Sacco S.J., Aurelio Baluyot, Nemencio Ongoco, Ramón Rivera Burgos, and Stevie Workman.

Bulletin Deadlines: In order to have your announcements published on time, event information must be in the hands of the bulletin editor by 10 days before expected publication. THE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S BULLETIN DEADLINES ARE ONE. Please email bulletin@holyroarytacoma.org The next deadline is 12/19 for publication on 12/24-25 12/31-1/1 Thank you!