

St. Joseph Parish — Otis Orchards



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 19
5:30pm †Mark Taberner

Sunday, December 20

8:00am People of the Parish

10:30am †Bill Clark

Tuesday, December 22

8:30am †Tom Scherer

Wednesday, December 23

8:30am †Sharon Hill

Thursday, December 24

People of the Parish

Friday, December 25

People of the Parish

Saturday, December 26

5:30pm †Jacob & Frances Schultheis

Sunday, December 27

8:00am †Ed Inge

10:30 am †Tom Microry

Fourth Sunday in Advent



Scriptures for Christmas

Isaiah 9:1-6 Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13

Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14

For December 27

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 Luke 2:41-52

December 20—Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

*We are the
Hands of Christ*

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

The compassionate life is a grateful life, and actions born out of gratefulness are not compulsive but free, not somber but joyful, not fanatical but liberating. When gratitude is the source of our actions, our giving becomes receiving and those to whom we minister become our ministers.

Mass times for Christmas are:

12/24—3:30 pm for the Family Mass

10:00 pm for the "Midnight" Mass

12/25—10:00 am for the Christmas Day Mass



The Parish staff would like to wish all of you a

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

WEEK AHEAD December 21-27

Tuesday	Quilters	10am
	Eucharistic Adoration	12:30-2:30pm
Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration	6-8am
	Eucharistic Adoration	7-10pm
Thursday	Parish office will be closed	
Friday	Parish office will be closed	

WEEKLY COLLECTION 12/13/2015

Envelopes	Plate	TOTAL
\$ 5,456.05	\$ 777.15	\$ 6,233.20
Total for December date:		\$ 18,858.53
Needed Monthly		\$ 31,200.00

Building Fund Total for December		\$ 341.00
Our Parish Our Future Campaign		\$ 562,249.00

Everyone is invited! ADVENT FAMILY PROGRAM

this Sun, Dec 20, 9:15-10:00 am. Please meet in the Church at 9:15 am for this program.

This is in place of the RE classes. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Each RE family is asked to bring 2 dozen Christmas cookies!



☺ Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers & Greeters ☺

Please let Cindy know availability info for the **January-February schedule** Please email, call or drop a note in the parish office as soon as possible. Thank you.

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR December 24th & 25th

Mass	GREETER	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS	SERVERS
3:30pm	????	C Hoagburg	J Sine, D Lansford, R Lee, K Lee D Andriolo, S Manfred, ???		J Gresch, N Gresch L Manfred
10:00pm	C Graham	J Roeber	M Lamb, J Cannon, S Cannon S Elliott, A Kelly, M Kimber, ???	B Pearson T Haney	G Kelly, Osborne D Kimber
10:00am	????	J Hauser	P Puhek, L Mathisen, R Wood J Lloyd, T Klutz	J Rosa D Carlsen	M Lunneborg E Portolese

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR Dec 26th & 27th

5:30pm		D Bailey	K Boik, S Manfred, M Kimber		L Manfred O Manfred
8:00am	C Graham	K Pefley	B Bendele, T Bendele, M Duncan J Strom, L Strom	J Rosa D Carlsen	M Lunneborg M Lunneborg
10:30am	L & I Wear	P Bisson	S Elliott, C Holley, A Kelly L Woodroof, J Rich, R Rich, ?	J Ciesielski B Pearson	G Kelly R Allen

IF YOU CAN NOT SERVE, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT. THANK YOU





**Religious Education for
4 year olds—7th Grade**

December 20th meet in the Church at 9:10. NO CLASSES Dec 27 and Jan 3. Classes resume Jan 10th. Contact Teresa for more information: religioused@stjoeparish.org or 926-7133.



**Youth Ministry
Supporting the Faith and Spirituality
of Teens 8th-12th Grades**

No Youth Night on Dec 20 Amazing

Teens/Families, I really am sorry I missed hearing you all sing at the Guardian Angel Retirement Center! Thank you to all of you who made Christmas special for the seniors there. I hope that you all had a fun Christmas party! We will be meeting again on Jan 3rd. Please continue to make Advent holy by praying, reading your Bible, and attending reconciliation. God bless, Meta, Gene, and the Youth Ministry Team. More info: (509)928-6182 or metaboik@hotmail.com.



Calling all kids! Do you sing? Do you play guitar? Do you play piano, trumpet, tuba or timbrel? Would you like to share your God-given talents with the parish **prior to 3:30pm Christmas Eve Mass?** We are looking for those youngsters who would like to participate in the pre-Mass caroling. If you are interested, please call Roberta Hartley, 226-3163. Let your voices ring!

St. Joseph's Baptism Schedule

Class: Jan 10 & 17, 2016 **Baptism:** Jan 24
Mar 13 & 20 Mar 27 (Easter)



Please call the parish office to register or if you have any questions, 926-7133



Hour of Faith will resume on January 10th at 9:20.



Nativity Display

Jim & Jean Roeber invite fellow parishioners to visit their annual Nativity display at their home this weekend. The display includes over 160 Nativity sets, graphics, & ornaments from over 50 countries and cultures around the world. Visiting hours are from 1:30-5:30pm Sat, Dec. 19 & Sun, Dec. 20. The Roeber home is at 1316 W. Cliffwood Ct., Spokane WA 99218 (3 blocks SW of the Gonzaga Univ. Bozarth Mansion Retreat Center, about 3/4 mi. west of Mead High School). Call 466-4342 if you get lost.

The Pottery Bug in Otis Orchards, owned by parishioners Jan & Eric Korsten, has decorated a mini Christmas tree that has been entered into The KiDD's Dental Giving Tree Photo Contest. The Pottery Bug has selected **St. Mary's Catholic School** as our charity of choice. For every vote our tree gets, KiDD's Dental in Liberty Lake will donate \$1, up to \$250! If you would like to vote for The Pottery Bug's tree for St. Mary's Catholic School, please go to www.facebook.com/KiDDSDental. Go to the photo album or the post for the **2015 Giving Tree Photo Contest**. Then, find The Pottery Bug tree and click LIKE. Please ask your friends and family to vote as well. **Votes can be made until Dec 21st** Thanks for the votes and have a blessed Christmas season!

Hours for **Reconciliation** have been extended on **Saturdays - now 4:00 to 5:00pm.** (instead of 4:30-5pm)

Providing Help, Restoring Hope, Saving Lives

This Christmas season, your support brings HOPE and DIGNITY to our brothers and sisters in need. Over 70,000 individuals served each year. A gift to the **Catholic Charities Christmas Collection** matters. Donation brochures are available in the foyer. Gifts may be placed in the collection at Masses, mailed to PO Box 2253, Spokane, WA 99210-2253 or made online at www.CatholicCharitiesSpokane.org.



The **Benefit Concert for the Spokane Valley Partners' Food Bank** returns for its 10th year on **Fri, Feb 5 at 7 pm.** The theme this year is "**Music, Music, Music!**" It features selections from the Phantom of the Opera and The Sound of Music as well as songs from a wide variety of musical styles.

"Sunshine" Shelly Monahan will be our Mistress of ceremonies for what will be an outstanding evening. So don't be left standing out in the cold! Reserve your tickets! Save the date!

Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas. Calvin Coolidge

AROUND THE DIOCESE

This **Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Advent, Solemn Evening Prayer** will be held at the **Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes**. This liturgy begins with a hymn, follows with the chanting of Psalms, and culminates in the proclamation of the Cantic of Mary (the Magnificat). Prayer begins at 4:45 pm; it features members of the Cathedral music program, and it promises to be 20 minutes of time well spent!

Weekend Forgiveness Retreat—Living with Forgiving
Jan 22, 6pm to Jan 24, 1pm Charlie Finck

- ♥ Recognize what you might be doing instead of forgiving...and why.
- ♥ Discover your role in God's work of healing in your life.
- ♥ Learn to practice daily the sacrifice of forgiving through a simple but powerful prayer.

Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, 6910 S Ben Burr Rd
Cost \$192/person, \$294/couple, \$107/Commuters
Register at www.ihrc.net or (509) 448-1224

Married Single Lifestyle— The Married Single Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit www.Retrouvaille.org for emotional testimonials. For confidential information or to register for the **Feb 12-14, 2016** Spokane weekend at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center call (509) 520-4118 or (800) 470-2230 or visit the web site www.Retrouvaille.org.