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Phone: 360-428-3912, Fax: 360-424-8838
Principal: Ms. Gwen Rodrigues, rodrigues@icrsweb.org
Secretary: Mrs. Gaby Oropeza, goropeza@icrsweb.org
New Parishioners
Welcome to our parish community. Please fill out a registration form found in the church entryway and place it in the collection basket.

Afterhours Emergencies Requiring the Presence of a Priest:
Please call the Skagit Valley Emergency number: 636-336-6771. This line is reserved for critical afterhours situations, including death and near death, where last sacraments are being requested. Please notify the parish office for all other requests.

Homebound and Hospital Ministry:
To request a visit and/or sacramental ministry for the homebound or infirm, please call the office of the parish in which the visit is requested.

Sacramental Prep/preparación sacramental
To make arrangements for Sacraments, please call your parish office for information/Pase a la oficina a completar documentos para cualquier Sacramento.

For bulletin submissions: Please submit bulletin articles to bulletin@skagitcatholic.org or to your parish office no later than Thursday at 5 pm.
“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”
MATTHEW 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

Dear Friends,
This week—the Second week of the Advent season—we celebrate two wonderful and important feasts that honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and reveal much about her role in God’s plan of salvation and the mystery of our faith.

Tomorrow, Monday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is the patronal feast day of the United States of America and of our parish in Mount Vernon. This feast day normally falls on Dec. 8 but, because Dec. 8 is the second Sunday of Advent this year, is transferred to Dec. 9. Please see today’s bulletin for a list of Immaculate Conception Masses throughout the Valley—the Solemnity is not a holy day of obligation this year.

This Thursday, Dec. 12, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. You are invited to join us for one of four Masses, three in Spanish and one in English, to celebrate this important feast.

Blessed Advent,
Fr. Tom

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### SVCC Mass Schedule Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2019

**Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción**

**Monday, December 9th**

St. Charles, Burlington 9:00 a.m.
Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon 10:30 a.m.
St. Charles, Burlington 6:00 p.m. *San Carlos Bilingual / Bilingüe*
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sedro-Woolley 7:00 p.m.
Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon 7:30 p.m. *Inmaculada Concepcion Spanish/ Español*

### SVCC Mass Schedule Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Misa de la Festividad de Nuestra Señora la Virgen de Guadalupe**

**Wednesday, December 11th**

**Miércoles 11 de Diciembre**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sedro-Woolley 8:00 p.m. *Spanish / Español*

**Thursday, December 12th**

**Jueves 12 de Diciembre**

St. Charles, Burlington 10:30 a.m. *English*
Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon 6:00 p.m. *Spanish / Español*
St. Charles, Burlington 7:00 p.m. *Spanish / Español*

*Please remember the Church and School in your will.*
Queridos amigos,

Esta semana, segunda semana de la temporada de Adviento, celebramos dos fiestas maravillosas e importantes que honran a la Santísima Virgen María y revelan mucho sobre su papel en el plan de salvación de Dios y el misterio de nuestra fe.

Mañana lunes celebramos la solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Bienaventurada Virgen María. Este es el día de la fiesta patronal de los Estados Unidos de América y de nuestra parroquia en Mount Vernon. Este día de fiesta normalmente cae el 8 de diciembre, pero debido a que el 8 de diciembre es el segundo domingo de Adviento de este año, se transfiere al 9 de diciembre. Consulte el boletín de hoy para obtener una lista de las Misas de la Inmaculada Concepción en todo el Valle: la solemnidad no es Un día sagrado de obligación este año.

Este jueves, 12 de diciembre, celebramos la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Te invitamos a unirte a una de las cuatro misas, tres en español y una en inglés, para celebrar esta importante fiesta.

Bendiciones de Adviento

Padre Tom

Colecta en favor de los pobres de SCC
¡Gracias!

Gracias a su ayuda, la buena noticia de nuestros ministerios es que tienen impacto: en trasladar a las personas de la indigencia al hogar; en proporcionar vivienda y ayuda de apoyo a los veteranos; en emparejar asistentes de cuidado en el hogar con ancianos frágiles; en ofrecer servicios de recuperación de adicciones; en la capacitación de adultos previamente sin hogar para adquirir un empleo significativo; en la tutoría de la juventud para lograr académicamente a pesar de las abrumadoras probabilidades. Estos ejemplos son solo algunos de los muchos que se ofrecen a través de 170 programas vitales que usted ayuda a mantener. Su donación a la Colecta para los pobres de Servicios Católicos Comunitarios es una forma tangible y poderosa de abrazar a los pobres con manos de esperanza. Usted tiene nuestra promesa de que cada donación recibida se extiende a la máxima eficiencia, lo que resulta en bajos gastos generales y un alto impacto que garantiza que 92 centavos de cada dólar gastado se destinen directamente a ayudar a aquellos a quienes servimos.

Por favor, recuerde a la Iglesia y a la Escuela en su testamento.
**SKAGIT VALLEY MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

**Vigil, The Nativity of the Lord, Tuesday, December 24**

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**Vigil, Solemnity of Mary, Tuesday, December 31**

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**Solemnity of Mary, Wednesday, January 1**

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**HUMAN LIFE OF SKAGIT VALLEY:** We are an interfaith group who believe FIRMLY in the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. We welcome everyone, and we’d dearly love to have more people join us. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Burlington Library. If you would like to find out more about our ministry, please contact Val Sanders, 360-757-0896.

Our December 12th meeting is also our Christmas potluck celebration. **Because this is a potluck, we'll be meeting at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall - still at 10 a.m.** There will be a brief meeting followed by the potluck. Everyone is welcome.

**English Confirmation Classes for Immaculate Conception and Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Parents: please join us for an important information meeting for Confirmation classes on Sunday, December 8nd at 7:00 p.m. in the ICC Parish Center. **You will be able to register your teen and find out the details of our program.** This year the Archdiocese is lowering the age for confirmandi, so high school freshmen are welcome to participate.

**Questions?** Contact Sarah Rutherford at rutherford@icrsweb.org or 360 840-9129.
A special tribute and thank you from the TPFB to Pete Andriesen

Volunteer, worker, leader, mentor, sponsor, supporter – always there when we needed him.

Pete was instrumental in the early days of construction at the food bank. He helped with demolition of the old tent/shed, construction of the temporary shelter (and demolition of that providing way for the new building), work on the new building, and relocation and installation of the chiller. Of special note was Pete’s work with the Virgin Mary Shrine located in front of the food bank entrance. This was the first shrine Pete installed (soon followed by 10 others throughout the Valley), but always his most treasured.

Pete and his trailer were the inspiration for the annual Sacred Heart youth food drive supporting our Thanksgiving distribution and meal service. Pete provided the trailer and logistics, the youth collected the food and worked at Saturday distribution.

Homebound Delivery

We are seeking drivers to deliver food to the homebound in Burlington every Monday. There are approximately 27 deliveries to be made each week. We partner with Community Action by using their van to make these deliveries. If interested please contact Denise 360-757-0128.

Thank you Susan Gaspard for your willingness to oversee this ministry for the past several years.

A NOTE FROM KARLIE LODJIC, WA/AK/HI Regional Coordinator

REGARDING I-1004:
Currently, WA state is one of the least restrictive states regarding abortion laws in the United States. The respect and protection of life, and the support for pregnant mothers in need, runs very low in the pacific northwest.

Initiative 1004 is our first step in changing the culture and promoting life in our state. This bill would require an abortion doctor to notify a minor’s parent, legal guardian or in some cases obtain an exemption from a court before he or she would perform an abortion procedure on a minor.

This bill, having received enough signatures from WA state voters, would go before the legislature and then likely end up on the 2020 ballot.

We need 300,000 signatures before the end of December for this initiative to be on the ballot for the November 2020 election.

Our new archbishop as well as our other bishops in the Archdiocese of Seattle have expressed their full support and backing of this bill, and I ask all of you, as the Catholic laity, to join in the effort to increase the protection of life in our state. We are in great need of your help.

If you have any questions or want to become involved, you can email karlielodjic@aol.com.

The Filipino American Catholic Community of Skagit is inviting everyone to celebrate the SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS – THE FILIPINO WAY!

Saturday Dec. 21st at 5:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Church Mount Vernon with Dinner to follow at St. Joseph Center (across the street from the church)

LOTS OF FUN, FOOD, GAMES, MUSIC, DANCING AND RAFFLE DRAWS (1.00/TICKET)
Saint Catherine Mission

Please remember the Church and school in your will.

**Rincón de Raquel**
Sanando el dolor del aborto

"Date prisa, Señor, respóndeme, que me falta el aliento; no me escondas Tu rostro" - Salmo 143:7

¿Sintió que escondió su cara cuando se involucró en una decisión de aborto, de la cual se ha arrepentido profundamente?

Español: (206) 450-7814
(déje un mensaje confidencial)
English: (206) 920-6413

Correo electrónico projectrachel@ccsww.org, o visita www.ccsww.org/projectrachel
www.facebook.com/projectrachelww

El programa del proyecto Raquel es un programa de los servicios católicos comunitarios.

¡Con amor eterno te he amado!

**Rachel’s Corner**
Hope and Healing After Abortion

“The retreat was a life-changing experience for me. I will be sharing with everyone about the power of this retreat!”

–November participant testimonial
Can you imagine having this profound experience of healing?
Take courage; He is calling you!

Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation.

English: (206) 920-6413
Español: (206)-450-7814
Email projectrachel@ccsww.org. Visit us at www.ccsww.org/
projectrachel or www.facebook.com/
projectrachelww.

Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

You are loved with an everlasting Love!

**Skagit Valley News**

**DECEMBER MINISTRY:**
Extraordinary Minister: (cup) Eileen Renner
Lector: Yvonne Eagleburger
Church Housekeeping: Volunteer Needed

**CALLED TO SERVE AS CHRIST:** If you were absent on Nov. 23rd, Fr. Tom asked members to sign a commitment envelope. If you have not already pledged, please consider your gift amount and send the info to the Office or mail directly to the Archdiocese. As of 11/22, SC has pledged $6,500.00 which is 21.7% of our goal of $29,968.

**DEC. 8th—FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** Since the date falls on our weekend Mass schedule times, NO Mass will be held in Concrete. Please see the bulletin for info on Mass Schedule for the Valley.

**MISSION COUNCIL MEETING:** Parishioners were encouraged to attend the brief meeting immediately following 11/23 Mass. Items discussed: 1) $500. donations to the Concrete Food Bank and Friendship House. 2) Training of Altar servers. 3) Repairs to the CCD Center. 4) CCD hall usage. 5) “NO PARKING/ TOW AWAY SIGNS”.

**MEN’S CLOTHING DRIVE:** This is just a reminder that soon we will be accepting clothing and toiletries for this annual collection. So, please start setting aside warm clothing that’s no longer used. Thank you

**STEAK FRY NITE:** Saturday Dec. 7th in the Sedro – Woolley Parish Hall. Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

**HOSPITALITY SATURDAY:** Dec 14th after Mass. Our Hosts will be members of the Ovenell clan.

**Status of Parish Finances**

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Thank You For Your Continued Support!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 8
9 a.m. Mass, Church
10:20 a.m. English Faith Formation, Church & Parish Center
11 a.m. Mass, Spanish, Church
1 p.m. Mass, Spanish, Church
7:00 p.m. Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe, Church

Monday, December 9
9-10 a.m. Organ Lessons, Church
10:30 a.m. Mass Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Church
6:00 p.m. Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe, Church
7:00 p.m. Misa Inmaculada Concepcion Madre de Dios

Tuesday, December 10
10 a.m. Scripture Group, Conference Room
12:15 p.m. Mass, Church
7:00 p.m. Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe, Church

Wednesday, December 11
8:30 a.m. Rosary, Church
10:00 a.m. Baptismal Blanket Ministry, Library
12-3 p.m. Rosary Makers, Library
12:15 p.m. Mass, Church
6 p.m. Spanish Youth Group, Conference Room
12:15 p.m. Mass, Church
6:00 p.m. Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe, Church
6:30 p.m. Legion of Mary, Basement Classroom
7:00 p.m. English Choir Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, December 12
8:15 a.m. Sacramentors, Library
2-4 p.m. Diaper Distribution, Parish Center
6 p.m. Pastoral Council, Conference Room
6 p.m. Misa Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Friday, December 13
11:00 a.m. Leadership Meeting Priest, Conference Room
12:15 p.m. Mass, Church
6 p.m. Hispanic Charismatic Group, Church
6:00 p.m. Simbang Meeting, Up Church

Saturday, December 14
12:00 p.m. Private Baptism, Church
4-4:45 p.m. Confessions, Church
5 p.m. Mass, Church

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 7, 5pm Repose of the soul
Julia Linguiaco

Sunday, December 8, 1pm For the people

Friday, December 13, 12:15 p.m. Repose of the soul Franklin Bonafe.

Saturday, December 14, 5pm For the people

Immaculate Conception Church
Vision Statement: A Christ Centered Church of Faith-Filled Disciples

Angel Tree

The annual Catholic Community Services Angel Tree program brightens Christmas for local children. Please select an Angel Tree envelope from our Immaculate Conception Angel Tree located in the church vestibule. Purchase $10, $15 or $20 gift cards at Target, Walmart or Fred Meyer. Please put the gift cards in your envelope and return it to either the weekly collection basket or the church office by December 9th. Thank you for your generosity. NOTE- Please note the ICRS insert asking that if possible parishioners purchase their gift cards through the school!

The next meeting for the Baptismal Blanket Ministry group is Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 10-11am in the ICC office building. All are welcome. Please bring your hand work with you to work on during the meeting. Blankets were gifted to the three babies who were baptized at ICC in November. Contact: Virginia Thogersen, 360-873-8817, vthogersen@gmail.com

Substitute teachers are needed for Pre-K – 8th grade faith formation classes. Classes meet on Sundays from 10:20 – 11:20. Please contact Trisha Van Selus if you are willing to help. 360-848-5064 or trisha@skagitcatholic.org Thanks!!

Confirmation Classes for Immaculate Conception and Immaculate Heart of Mary

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Thank you for your pledge to this worthy campaign

Our Parish Goal is: $504,000
Pledges to date: $100,276
(2.5% participation)

Status of Parish Finances

July-October Income $ 220,140
July-October Expenses $ 234,530
Difference $ (14,390)
Weekly Sunday Goal* $ 11,730
Sunday Collection* 11/30, 12/1 $ 9,405
Loan Balance 10/31/2019 $1,747,716

Thank You For Your Continued Support!

*Does not apply to special collections or designated gifts. The weekly budgeted goal takes into account the $3,000 per week needed to make our loan payment.

Please remember the Church and school in your will.
Iglesia Inmaculada Concepción
Declaración de la Visión: Una Iglesia Centrada en Cristo, Discípulos llenos de Fe

NOVENA Y FIESTAS EN HONOR A NUESTRA MADRE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Domingo 8: Rezo del Santo Rosario a las 7:00pm

Lunes 9: Rezo del Santo Rosario a las 6:00pm seguido de la Santa Misa en honor de nuestra madre Santa Inmaculada Concepción

Martes 10: Rezo del Santo Rosario alas 7:00pm

Miércoles 11, Rezo del Santo Rosario a las 6:00pm, seguido de serenatas hasta la media noche y de medianoche hasta las 3:00 am mañanitas y mariachi.

Jueves 12, Misa a las 6:00pm en la Iglesia, seguido por una procesión hasta el centro San José donde se llevara a cabo la fiesta a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

¡Los esperamos!

Oraición a Nuestra Madre Inmaculada Concepción

¡Virgen Santísima, que agradaste al Señor y fuiste su Madre; inmaculada en el cuerpo, en el alma, en la fe y en el amor! Por piedad, vuelve benigna los ojos a los fieles que imploran tu poderoso patrocinio. La maligna serpiente, contra quien fue lanzada la primera maldición, sigue combatiendo con furor y tentando a los miserables hijos de Eva. ¡Ea, bendita Madre, nuestra Reina y Abogada, que desde el primer instante de tu concepción quebrantaste la cabeza del enemigo! Acoge las súplicas de los que, unidos a ti en un solo corazón, te pedimos las presentes ante el trono del Altísimo para que no caigamos nunca en las emboscadas que se nos preparan; para que todos lleguemos al puerto de salvación, y, entre tantos peligros, la Iglesia y la sociedad cante de nuevo el himno del rescate, de la victoria y de la paz. Amén.

Ángel de Navidad

El programa anual Árbol Ángel de Navidad de los servicios católicos comunitarios ilumina la Navidad para los niños locales. Ilumina un sobre del árbol de navidad que se encuentra a la entrada de nuestra iglesia.

Compre tarjetas de regalo de $10, $15 o $20 en Target, Walmart o Fred Meyer. Por favor ponga las tarjetas de regalo en su sobre y devuélvalas a la canasta de la colecta semanal o llévelo a la oficina de la Iglesia antes del 9 de diciembre. Gracias por tu generosidad.

NOTA: tenga en cuenta el volante de ICRS donde le pregunta a los feligreses si es posible compran sus tarjetas de regalo a través de la escuela!

Nuestras tradicionales posadas están ya muy cerca!
del 16 al 23 de Diciembre.

Esperamos contar con su apoyo y su presencia para hacer de nuestras fiestas y tradiciones momentos muy especiales que podamos transmitir y heredar a nuestras nuevas generaciones.

Si usted desea apoyarnos patrocinando un día de posada o hacer alguna donación por favor comuníquese con:

Elvira Gamboa: 360-5403581
Víctor Venegas: 360-5036055

¡De antemano, muchas gracias por su generosidad!

Please remember the Church and School in your will.
Sunday, December 8th, 2019, Second Sunday of Advent Year A

John’s preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John’s message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus’ coming. We respond to John’s message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord. *Loyola Press*

Domingo 8 de diciembre de 2019, Segundo domingo de Adviento, Ciclo A

La predicación de Juan de la venida del Señor es un tema clave de la temporada de Adviento. Mientras el mensaje de Juan preparó el camino para Jesús en el primer siglo, nosotros también estamos llamados a prepararnos para la venida de Jesús. Respondemos al mensaje de Juan con nuestro arrepentimiento y la reforma de nuestras vidas. También estamos llamados a ser profetas de Cristo, quienes anuncian por nuestras vidas, como lo hizo Juan, la venida del Señor. *Prensa Loyola*

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**CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**12/8/19**
- Faith Formation Classes —9:30 am to 11:00 am
- **Spanish Mass at 9:30 am**
- **English Mass at 11:15 am**
- Coffee Social following 11:15 am Mass
  Hosted by Dale & Susan Wardell

**12/9/19**
- Mass at 7:00 pm - Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

**12/11/19**
- Daily Mass at 9:00 am followed by Rosary Vigil Mass Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe 8:00 pm
- Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at 8:00 pm
- Scouts meeting at 6:00 pm in St. Elizabeth

**12/12/19**
- Daily Mass at 9:00 am followed by Rosary

**12/13/19**
- Confessions at 4:00 pm
- **English Mass at 5:00 pm**
- Adoration following Mass
- **English Mass at 11:15 am**
- Coffee Social following 11:15 am Mass

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- Confessions at 4:00 pm
- **English Mass at 5:00 pm**
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**Mass Intentions**

Dec. 8th: Repose of the Soul of Jo Lyne La Chance
Dec. 11th: Repose of the Soul of Bill Wetzel
Dec. 13th: Intentions for Steven Uppendahl
Dec. 14th: Intentions for Michael Uppendahl
Sanctuary candle in memory of Marian Kiljan Offered by Anna Swierkowski

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**Floral Tribute**

The Christmas Season is upon us! The Ladies Guild will be handing out Floral Tribute envelopes in the Narthex this weekend. The Floral Tribute envelopes are to remember a loved one and help with the cost of decorating the Church. Please return your Floral Tribute next weekend Dec. 14th & 15th.

**Homenaje Floral**

¡La temporada navideña está a la vuelta de la esquina! El grupo de Damas entregará sobres de tributo floral en el Nártex este fin de semana. Los sobres del Tributo Floral son para recordar a un ser querido y ayudar con el costo de decoración la Iglesia. Por favor devuelva su sobre de Tributo Floral el próximo fin de semana del 14 y 15 de diciembre.

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**CHRISTMAS PARTY INVITE**

On Tuesday, December 17th IHM Ladies Guild invites ALL LADIES of the Parish to a pot luck Christmas Party in the Parish Hall at noon. Please join us for a fun afternoon!

**INVITACIÓN A LA FIESTA DE NAVIDAD**

El martes 17 de diciembre, el grupo de damas de IHM invita a TODAS LAS SEÑORAS de la parroquia a la Fiesta de Navidad en el salón parroquial al mediodía ¡Únase a nosotros a celebrar una tarde divertida!

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**STAIR Progress Report**

Many thanks are extended to Henry Janicki, Jim Henggeler & Ron Martin for all of their hard labor of removing the cement from the stairs and sidewalk in the front of the Church. Next project is replacing the steps and the sidewalk.

**Informe de progreso de STAIR**

Muchas gracias a Henry Janicki, Jim Henggeler y Ron Martin por todo su trabajo duro para eliminar el cemento de las escaleras y de la acera en frente de la Iglesia. El siguiente proyecto es reemplazar los escalones y la acera.
Church Calendar

Mon./Lun. 12/09/2019
8:30 am Administrative Meeting, Mother Teresa Room
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 am Mass
6:00 pm bilingual Mass

Tue./Mar. 12/10/2019
7 pm Rosario

Wed./Mié. 12/11/2019
6:00 pm Mass
7:00 pm –10:30 pm Rosario, Danzas, Obra, y mananitas

Thu./Jue. 12/12/2019
10:30 am Mass
7:00 pm Misa de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Fri./Vie. 12/13/2019
3-10pm Silent Adoration

Sat./Sáb. 12/14/2019
4:00 pm Confessions
5 pm English Mass
7 pm Spanish Mass

Sun./Dom. 12/15/2019
7:45 am Spanish Mass,
8:30-9:30am SP Coffee Hour
9:15 am Faith Formation and Confirmation Class
11:15am English Mass
12:15-Coffee Hr
4:30 pm Byzantine Mass
6:30 pm Clase de Confirmación

Status of Parish Finances

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We are grateful for your generous support of the needs of our Parish... Thank You.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 9th
9:00 am Mass
6:00 pm Bilingual Mass

Misa de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Jueves 12 de diciembre a las 7pm

Posadas
Nuestras posadas inician el 16 de Dic. y necesitamos de su ayuda. Si usted desea patrocinar un día de posada o dar una donación favor de contactar a Pablo Raygoza: 360-708-1179

Wreath Sale
The St. Charles Knights of Columbus will be selling wreaths for $25.00 after weekend masses and continuing while wreaths are available. Purchasing a wreath helps support the St. Charles Knights of Columbus annual scholarship

Weekly Sunday Goal
Monday, December 9th
9:00 am Mass
6:00 pm bilingual Mass

Called To Serve As Christ Campaign Status

We are pleased to announce that we are at 54% of our goal. Total Pledged amounts are $171,539.00. Our goal is $314,842.00. If you have not yet sent in your pledge card – we invite you to do so soon – our goal is 100% participation. As a reminder 15% of the funds will be returned to the parish to beautify the Church – so far this total is at $22,992.00. Our carpet will indeed be replaced. We thank you and bless you for your support.

Please remember the Church and School in
Dec. 8th, 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

As we gather again on the Lord’s day to hear his word: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” Chosen people, holy people, we join our hearts and voices in prayer.

Church Calendar:


Dec. 9th: Bishop Barron Advent Program in the hall (Monday) 7pm.

Dec. 10th: Centering Prayer Advent in the Hall (Tues.) 7pm-8:30pm.

Dec. 11th: Wednesday morning Bible Studies (Men 8am, Women 10am.)

Dec. 13th: Friday Mass 9am at the La Conner Retirement Inn.

Dec. 14th: Put up the big Christmas Trees in Church! 8:30am


Upcoming: Christmas Eve Mass at 5pm (Music starts at 4:30p.m.) Christmas Day Mass at 9am. Holidays make for restless tots! Please feel free to give the tots a break in the cry room of the Church at Mass.

Ministry Schedule - Dec. 15th

Lectors: # Joe West ## Connor Ryan

Eucharistic Ministers: # Chad Lemrick (hosts), Margaret Bruffy, Darlene Martin, Lisa James, Maria Benetti (cups)

Ushers: Zach Hansen, William Roozen, Jeff Scott, & Jim Barborinas

Altar Servers: #Casey Lemrick, Lucy Lemrick, Kate Hansen (Option to Shadow: Jack Lemrick)

Please join us for Centering Prayer - Advent

Looking for a new Advent experience? Join us in learning about Centering Prayer (Resting in the Presence of God) 7:00-8:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings, Dec. 10, 17, at Sacred Heart in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Bonnie Baker 206-380-0383, Bonnie.BBB@outlook.com or Shelda Dolan 425-308-1460, billandshelda@gmail.com to RSVP or with questions.

Begin this year’s Advent journey from sin to sanctity with Bishop Barron’s study program, “Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues”. Join us on Sundays, Dec. 8th, 15th, & 22nd in the Library Room of the Hall after Mass. Also, it will be presented again on Mondays, Dec. 9th and 16th @7pm in the Hall. All are welcome!

Sacred Heart Status of Parish Finances

July—September Income $ 64,629
July—September Expenses $ 51,677
Difference $ 12,952
Weekly Sunday Goal* $ 3,947
Weekly Sunday Collection for Nov. 24th: $ 1,528
Oct. on-line giving total: $ 4,524

Please help this Saturday, Dec. 14th put the big Christmas trees in the Church. Starting around 8:30am Muscle power is needed!

THANK YOUS! Several parishioners from our Wednesday Bible Study and Friday Morning Mass traveled to Mount Angel Abbey in Oregon recently for a week to pray and reflect on “the lectionary in the liturgical year,” facilitated by Father Stephen Rowan, priest of the Archdiocese of Seattle and former weekend assistant in the Skagit Valley parishes. Thanks to Denny Doneen who organized our time together on retreat. Thanks to the Bruffys for cleaning the Church!

Thanks to the Susan Donaldson and Bobbi Butterworth for hosting the coffee hour!

Please sign up to clean the Church, thank you!

Happy Birthday!

Dec. 8th: Lillian Collins - Ran Hinrichs

Dec. 10th: Josef Fohn - Greg Sherman

Dec. 11th: Jerry Ahrens - Jacob Glass

Dec. 12th: Isaac Tiessen

Dec. 13th: Robert Hancock