

St. Anne's Parish, Medical Lake

Thank-you

To all who helped with and joined us for this year's Thanksgiving Dinner. We had an enjoyable time with tasty food and great company.

Christmas Masses:

December 24th at 4pm: St. Anne's (Fr. Tuckerman)
 December 24th at 7pm: St. Michael's, Reardan (Fr. Tuckerman)
 December 25th at Midnight: St. Anne's (Fr. Tuckerman)
 December 25th at 10:30am: St. Anne's (Bishop Emerita Skystad)
 December 25th at 10:30am: Mary Queen, Sprague (Fr. Tuckerman)



Going Away Brunch

December 9th after 10:30am Mass

During our regular coffee fellowship time, we will be having a potluck brunch to say goodbye to Lawrence and Linda Hurtado who are moving to Utah.

Come watch free Catholic movies, documentaries,

Bible studies, and more that are fun and dynamic also audiobooks, audios dramas, prayers and eBooks. To register, go to westplainscatholicparishes.formed.org or use the code: DVP8CK

Advent Mission Concert

Sunday, December 16th at 7:00pm

"Come Hold My Son"

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Spokane Valley
 Free-will offering
www.comeholdmyson.com

Church Decorating Coordinator Needed

Rebecca Mejia would like to start training a new person to be in charge of decorating the interior of the church for each church season. If you are interested in doing this, please contact the parish office.

Need Help Decorating

Thursday, Dec. 6th at 2:00pm:

Decorate rectory front lawn.

Monday, Dec. 10 at 10am: Decorate hall for Women's Christmas Dinner

December 8th, Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

| Mass | Lector | Extraordinary Ministers |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Saturday 9am | Judy Luce | Larry Jay Maggie Jay |

Readings: (689)
 Gn 3:9-15, 20
 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
 Lk 1:26-38

Next Week: December 8th-9th, Second Sunday of Advent

Coffee Social: Rebecca Mejia

| Mass | Lector | Extraordinary Ministers |
|----------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Saturday 5pm | Theresa R. | Bob Schmit Barb Olson |
| Sunday 10:30am | Laura Murphy | Barb Sanchez Betty P. |

Sunday Readings: (6)
 Bar 5:1-9
 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
 Lk 3:1-6



Rosary Novena to Our Lady Undoer of Knots

We will have this Rosary Novena in preparation for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin. We will continue to pray at **6:00pm** daily from through **Friday, December 7th** Those who would like to follow along at home can pick up a booklet in the back. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for those who would like to lead this.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Is on Saturday, **December 8th**. In order to fill the obligation for this feast day and your Sunday obligation, you must chose to attend Mass on both:

Option 1 – Friday evening + Saturday evening (or Sunday)

Option 2 – Saturday morning + Saturday evening (or Sunday)

Option 3 – Saturday Evening + Sunday

Masses:

Friday, December 7th

[7:00pm, St. Michael's, Reardan]

Saturday, December 8th

9:00am St. Anne's

5:00pm St. Anne's

Women's Christmas Dinner

December 13th, 6:00pm

Tickets will be sold after Masses. Please bring a gift of \$15.00 for the gift exchange. If anyone would like to help with the dinner, please come on Dec. 10th at 10:30 to the hall to help with decorations. The men have said they will help serve again. If any man would like to help that night, we would love to have them.

Any questions? Please call Betty Patterson
 509-214-9522.

COLLECTION : Received on

November 24-25: \$8904

In the Month of November, we were \$596 under our monthly goal of \$9500. Thanks to all who have generously given!

This Week

Sunday, December 2nd, 1st Sunday of Advent

10:30am Mass (Fr. Dale Tuckerman)
 11:30-11:45am Flocknote Training in Church
 11:45am Coffee Social
 6:00pm Rosary Novena to Our Lady Undoer of Knots

Tuesday, December 4th

8:30am Reconciliation
 9:00am Mass (Fr. Dale Tuckerman)
 9:45am Women of St. Anne's Study of *Send Me Your Guardian Angel Padre Pio*
 6:00pm Rosary Novena to Our Lady Undoer of Knots
 6:30-7:30pm Adult Ed, "The Coming of Christ"

Wednesday, December 5th

9:00am Mass (Fr. Dale Tuckerman)
 9:45am Quilters of Children's Quilts
 6:00pm Rosary Novena to Our Lady Undoer of Knots

Thursday, December 6th

2:00pm Decorate front lawn of rectory

Friday, December 7th

6:00pm Rosary Novena to Our Lady Undoer of Knots
 [7:00pm Reardan Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Oblig.)]

Saturday, December 8th

9:00am Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)
 4:00-4:40pm Reconciliation (Fr. Dale Tuckerman)
 4:00-4:50pm Eucharistic Adoration
 4:25 Rosary
 5:00pm Mass (Fr. Dale Tuckerman)
 (Mass can count for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception or Sunday obligation, but not both.)



December 1st-2nd—First Sunday of Advent

Quilters of Children's Quilts

Items needed: slightly used blankets, old electric blankets, mattress pads, fabric, or stuffed animals
 Saint Anne's quilters would like to take this time to say "thank you" to everyone who joined us or donated to the children's quilting project this year. Donations can be dropped off at the back of the church or in the hall, please label it "quilters". During the year quilts our donated to Catholic charities to be distributed among other organizations that need them. In December we donate about 80 quilts to Medical Lake food bank. Come join us on Wednesdays at 9:45. Any questions call Sally at 299-2676 leave a message.

Fr. Tuckerman's Thoughts

Before I was Catholic, Advent was the only 'church season' I knew about. Both at home and at the church we went to, we had green Advent wreaths with their purple and pink candles and ornate Advent calendars with German chocolates. The ubiquitous Christmas music, bright colored lights, deep green Christmas trees, scarlet ribbons and bows, and the warm smells of hot cocoa made the preparation for Christmas a full-time, full-body experience. On top of these things, participating in benefits and drives for the poor and needy was another important part of Advent.



I still love all of these things and value them as part of this season - they help get me in a good mood for the celebration of the holidays and renew my hope in humanity. However, these things which are good, while maintaining and outward show of mirth and service, miss the deep meaning, the soul, of Advent.

The word "Advent" comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming." It is a time of preparation for the coming of Our God among us, Jesus Christ. It is a preparation for celebrating his first coming, when He took on our human nature in the womb of the Virgin Mary in order to become Our Savior. It is also a time to remember and prepare for his Second Coming, when he will come as Judge of the living and the dead in order to complete our salvation. In a word, we can say it is a preparation for the coming of God's Love.

Just like the preparation for the joy of Easter in Lent, Advent is a time when the Church invites us to prepare to receive God's love in the way called for by St John the Baptist (CCC 523-524) - namely by an intentional increase in **almsgiving**, prayer, and penance - or as I like to say, the original **APP** to make our spiritual life healthy.

I read a touching essay this week by Anthony Lilles that said it beautifully: "To approach the Father, we must follow the way of His Son – empty ourselves of our projects and ambitions, humble ourselves about our need for salvation, die to ourselves and our [pride]. **We approach Him in penance, fasting and prayer**, realizing that in the immensity of His generous love, we are not worthy to be his slaves for His Son took the form of a slave... and, on this very cross road that His Son trod, the **Father runs to meet us with the same love that He bears 'the One in whom I am well pleased'.**"

I invite you to join me in adopting an extra act of **almsgiving**, an extra daily **prayer**, and a regular form of self-denying **penance** so that we not only be prepared for a happy holiday, but that our souls be prepared for the coming of God's Love into our world, into our lives now, and at the end of time!

This week, I invite you to read or listen to the author read the beautiful essay of Anthony Lilles about the love of the Father, which I quoted from above. It can be found on DiscerningHearts.com here:

<http://tiny.cc/c6cd1y>

In Mary's Immaculate Heart,
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St Anne's
 PO Box 125,708 E Lake St
 Medical Lake, WA 99022

Mass Times
 Saturday 5:00 pm
 Sunday 10:30 am
 Tuesday 9:00 am
 Wednesday 9:00 am

Reconciliation
 Tuesday 8:30 am
 Saturday 4-4:30 pm

St Michael's
 455 W. Cottonwood
 Reardan, WA 99029

Mass Times
 Sunday 8:30 am
 Wednesday 4:30 pm
 Thursday 8:30 am

Reconciliation
 Sunday 8-8:30am
 Wednesday 4-4:30pm
 & 5:15-5:45pm

Mary Queen of Heaven
 103 E. Alder Ave
 Sprague, WA 99032

Mass Times
 Sunday 12:30 pm

Reconciliation
 Sunday before & after Mass
 or by appointment

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