

WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

Parish Mission Statement: *To love God and our neighbor through worship in our Catholic tradition, committed witness, and good works.*

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Fifth & W. Waldrip, Elma, Washington

Confession	Sunday	8:15 a.m.
Mass	Sunday	9 a.m.
Mass	Wednesday	6 p.m.
Mass	Friday	Noon

St. John's Catholic Church

414 E. Broadway St., Montesano, Washington

Confession	Saturday	4:15 p.m.
Mass	Saturday	5 p.m.
Mass	Sunday	11 a.m.
Mass	Tuesday	6 p.m.
Mass	Thursday	Noon
Adoration	Wed. & Fri.	10 a.m. to Noon

"An outstretched hand, then, can always be enriched by the smile of those who quietly and unassumingly offer to help, inspired only by the joy of living as one of Christ's disciples."

—Pope Francis, World Day of the Poor 2020



"La mano tendida, entonces, siempre puede enriquecerse con la sonrisa de quien no hace pesar su presencia y la ayuda que ofrece, sino que sólo se alegra de vivir según el estilo de los discípulos de Cristo."

—Papa Francisco, Mundial de Los Pobres de 2020



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<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/2942>



The Knights of Columbus meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month.

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The Epiphany of the Lord - January 3, 2021

From Catholic World News: On December 8, Pope Francis issued the apostolic letter *Patris Corde* ["With a Father's Heart"] for the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as patron of the universal Church. The Pope declared a **Year of St. Joseph (Dec. 8, 2020 – Dec. 8, 2021)** and granted abundant opportunities to gain indulgences.



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

December 8, 2020-December 8, 2021

Year of St. Joseph Resources:

Prayers, devotions, growing closer to St. Joseph, and church teachings: <http://archphila.org/joseph/>
Why Honor St. Joseph: <https://yearofstjoseph.org/honor/>
How to Celebrate the Year of St. Joseph: <https://yearofstjoseph.org/celebrate/>
St. Joseph Consecration: <https://yearofstjoseph.org/consecration/>
7 little-known prayers to St. Joseph every Catholic should know: <https://www.churchpop.com/2017/03/20/7-little-known-prayers-to-st-joseph-every-catholic-should-know/>

For parents and students in Faith Formation and those still social distancing. Faith Formation in person has continued for many of our students during this pandemic. In class instruction will always be the best choice for our youth and adult parishioners, but here are 3 online tools for families to support their children's spiritual growth.

Faith and Life - <https://www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com/home.aspx?pagename=Category-Page>

Subscription \$21.00 Uses the current Faith Formation curriculum. (866) 981-8964. This is an annual subscription to the same series that the students are being taught in the classrooms by our Faith Formation Teachers.

Living Faith - <https://www.livingfaith.com/kids>. Daily Scripture readings from the Catholic Mass for Children 8-12. -\$16 (1 Year)

Crossroads Kids Club - <https://crossroadskidsclub.net>. FREE series of YouTube Old and New Testament Bible Videos with Accurate Biblical Teaching for Children pre K-6th Grade. A very fun and creative format for learning the basics bible stories and understanding salvation.

Para padres y estudiantes en Formación de Fe y quienes aún están en distancia. La formación en la fe en persona ha continuado para muchos de nuestros estudiantes durante esta pandemia. La instrucción en clase siempre será la mejor opción para nuestros jóvenes y adultos, pero aquí hay tres formas en las que las familias pueden ayudar en el crecimiento espiritual de sus hijos.

Fe y Vida – <https://www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com/home.aspx?pagename=Category-Page> Suscripción \$21.00 Utiliza el plan de estudios actual de formación en la fe.(866) 981-8964 Esta es una suscripción anual a la misma serie que nuestros maestros de formación en la fe enseñan a los estudiantes en las aulas.

Viviendo la fe - <https://www.livingfaith.com/kids> Lecturas diarias de las Escrituras de la Misa católica para niños de 8 a 12 años. - \$16 (1 año)

Club de niños Crossroads – <https://crossroadskidsclub.net/> Serie GRATUITA de videos bíblicos del Antiguo y Nuevo Testamento de YouTube con enseñanza bíblica precisa para niños de pre kínder a sexto grado. Un formato muy divertido y creativo para aprender las historias bíblicas básicas y comprender la salvación.

Baptism, Marriage, Other Services, Scheduling Appointments with Father David:

Know someone who is no longer attending Mass? Do you need home Communion?

Call the office at 360-482-3190 to schedule a time.

Anointing of the Sick

Call parish office
360-482-3190
Or call Fr. David at
307-723-0004

Special Intention Mass

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your special intention. Contact the parish office to schedule a weekday Mass intention.

Deadline for items placed in
the bulletin
Wednesday noon
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The Epiphany of the Lord

JANUARY 3, 2021



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"As we begin the New Year, may we discover anew that faith demands worship. If we can fall on our knees before Jesus, we will overcome the temptation to set off on our own path." ~ (Pope Francis, Jan. 6, 2020)

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, we remember that God came to earth for everyone, every nation, every people.

January is Poverty Awareness Month!

Poverty does not strike all demographics equally. For example, in 2018, 10.6% of men, and 12.9% of women lived in Poverty USA. Along the same lines, the poverty rate for married couples in 2018 was only 4.7% - but the poverty rate for single-parent families with no wife present was 12.7%, and for single-parent families with no husband present was 24.9%.

In 2018, the poverty rate for people living with a disability was 25.7%. That's nearly 4 million people living with a disability—in poverty.



Visit [PovertyUSA](https://PovertyUSA.org) for education on economic justice, resources for prayer, and key conduits for action.



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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

BY FR. LARRY RICE

On Sunday, January 3, 2016, the Church celebrates the feast of Epiphany. In popular tradition, this day commemorates the arrival of the three kings at the stable in Bethlehem where Christ was born. The gospel reading for the day—Matthew 2:1-12—tells the story.

Over the years, a lot of tradition has grown around this story. Many people will tell you that the magi were three kings, named Caspar, Balthazar, and Melchior, and they may note that Caspar is traditionally depicted with darker skin. But if you read those twelve short verses from Matthew's Gospel, it becomes clear that we really know very little about the magi.

We don't know their names. We don't know where they came from—Matthew only says "from the east." We don't even know that they were kings. The word

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used by Matthew is “magi,” meaning someone learned in esoteric knowledge. Some translations call them “astrologers,” but the only basis for that is the statement that they were following a star.

And even the star itself is a mystery. Astronomers can chart the movement of the stars back in time, but they can't seem to agree about the existence of an astronomical event that would explain the reference. And even the most casual observer would have a hard time explaining what

it would mean for a star to move through the sky and then stop over a particular place.

Regardless of who the magi were and how the star showed them the way, the most significant part of this event is the identity of the one who is made known—Jesus, the newborn king, who is worthy of homage by all men and women. The meaning of the epiphany that occurs in this gospel passage is that the “the newborn king of the Jews” is revealed to and recognized by people from far and distant lands. The appearance of mystical signs in the sky makes the point that all of creation is changed by the appearance of Christ. Because God has chosen to become human, all creation and all the people of the earth can experience the redemption he has come to bring.

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