

# WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

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

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## Weekly Advent Themes

1st Sunday:

# HOPE

2nd Sunday:

# PEACE

3rd Sunday:

# JOY

4th Sunday:

# LOVE

## St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Fifth & W. Waldrip, Elma, Washington

<b>Mass</b>	Sunday	9:45 a.m.
<b>Faith Formation</b>	Sunday - 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	
<b>Communion Service</b>	Monday	12:00 p.m.
<b>Mass</b>	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.
<b>Adoration</b>	Friday	5:00-5:45 p.m.
<b>Confession</b>	Friday	5:00-5:45 p.m.
<b>Mass</b>	Friday	6:00 p.m.
<b>All Parish Adoration</b>	1st Saturday of the month	3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## St. John's Catholic Church

414 E. Broadway St., Montesano, Washington

<b>Mass</b>	Sunday	8:00 a.m.
<b>Mass</b>	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
<b>Mass</b>	Thursday	6:00 p.m.
<b>Adoration</b>	Saturday	4:00-4:45 p.m.
<b>Confession</b>	Saturday	4:00-4:45 p.m.
<b>Mass</b>	Saturday	5:00 p.m.

### Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve - 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's**  
**Christmas Eve - 9 p.m. at St. John's**  
**Christmas Day - 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's**  
**New Year's Day - 10 a.m. St. Joseph's**  
**New Year's Day - Noon at St. John's**

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**Office Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
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(Closed 12-1 p.m.)



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



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

## *Third Sunday of Advent - December 16, 2018*

### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS STEWARDSHIP - GOD GIVES IT ALL THEN CALLS US TO SHARE

Collection Dates (2018)	Collected	
<b>St. John's</b> 12/8 - 5 p.m. 12/9 - 8 a.m.		\$376.00 \$758.55
<b>St. Joseph's</b> 12/9 - 9:45 a.m.		\$1,361.10
Online Giving		
	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>
October	\$260.00	\$450.00
September	\$570.00	\$440.00
August	\$360.00	\$460.00

**Calling all bakers and cookie eaters.** The **St. John's Altar Society** will hold their annual Christmas cookie sale on Saturday, December 15 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, December 16 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

We will be selling tins of cookies again for \$5 (or whatever you would like to donate in addition). All proceeds raised this year will go to the new carpet fund for the Church. This is a fun project and a great way to get a variety of cookies. Thank you in advance for your support!

#### **An Advent Prayer**

Mother Mary, as You carried your dear Son in your immaculate womb, you also carried Him in your heart. Pray for me, this Advent, that I may surrender myself to the will of the Father in imitation of you. You said "Yes" to all that God asked of you and never hesitated to fully embrace His divine will. Pray that I may imitate your perfect example so as to share a deeper union with you and your divine Son.

#### **Knights of Columbus**

The Knights will have Advent Magnets to sell for the next few weeks. \$5.00 each.

The Knights will be having the children's "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster program again this year. Please contact Marty Kimbrel for forms and information.

December is dedicated to the **Consecration of the Holy Family** prayer cards are at the entrance of the church.

#### **Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration**

Parishioners from both St. Joseph and St. John would like to say "Thank You" to the Hispanic community for all the hard work and the beautiful presentation on Sunday, December 9th. The love of Our Lady was definitely present in the Rosary, the traditional dances, music and fellowship. God Bless all of you.

#### **Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**

Los feligreses de St. Joseph y St. John quieren decir "Gracias" a la comunidad hispana por el arduo trabajo y la hermosa presentación el domingo 9 de diciembre. El amor de Nuestra Señora estuvo definitivamente presente en el Rosario, los bailes tradicionales, la música y el compañerismo. Dios los bendiga a todos.

**This year's Christmas Procession will take place right before 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (Dec 24th). All children are encouraged to participate.**

This short beautiful presentation of the Christmas Story will involve lots of angles, lambs, cows, donkeys, the Drummer boy, shepherds, Mary and Joseph along with baby Jesus. Possibly even the Wise men!

There is very little preparation needed, except arrival to church that night will need to be early. We will need a few parent volunteers to help dress the children in costume and line them up. More information will be provided next week.

### **Baptism, Marriage, Other Services, Scheduling Appointments with Father Banduku:**

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  
Emergency phone number  
for Fr. Charles:  
360-451-7040

#### **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  
phm.twosaints@gmail.com

**A few popular Advent traditions your family may consider are:**

- Advent Wreath
- Advent Devotional Reading
- Advent Calendar
- Nativity Scene – to make a display especially poignant, wait until Christmas Eve to place the Baby Jesus in the scene
- Jesse Tree
- Almsgiving
- Christmas Tree Blessing – when you finish decorating the Christmas tree, bless it with the Christmas Tree Blessing found on the USCCB website:  
<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/sacramentals-blessings/objects/blessing-of-a-christmas-tree.cfm>

Hopefully these ideas have given you inspiration to celebrate Advent in a new and deeper way this year.

**Posada Begins – December 16**

Posada is a 9 day Novena of Religious Observance, December 16 – December 24, every night from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Joseph. Bring a candle for the procession. Each evening includes a procession (asking for a place to stay), Rosary, singing and refreshments. Please come and enjoy the festivities of Advent.

**Posada comienza - 16 de diciembre**

Posada es una novena de observancia religiosa de 9 días. Comienza el 16 de diciembre - 24 de diciembre; todas las noches de 7-9 p.m. en St. Joseph. Trae una vela para la Procesión. Cada noche incluye una Procesión (pidiendo un lugar para quedarse), Rosario, Canto y Refrigerios. Por favor ven y disfruta de las festividades de Adviento.



**Born of the Virgin Mary**

*Nació de Santa María Virgen*