

WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

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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

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

St. John's Catholic Church

414 E. Broadway St., Montesano, Washington

Mass	Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Mass	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Mass	Thursday	6:00 p.m.
Adoration	Saturday	4:00-4:45 p.m.
Confession	Saturday	4:00-4:45 p.m.
Mass	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
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
(Closed 12-1 p.m.)

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

First Sunday of Advent - December 2, 2018

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS STEWARDSHIP - GOD GIVES IT ALL THEN CALLS US TO SHARE		
Collection Dates (2018)	Collected	
St. John's 11/24 - 5 p.m. 11/25 - 8 a.m.	\$394.00	
	\$951.00	
St. Joseph's 11/25 - 9:45 a.m.	\$1,726.25	
Online Giving		
	St. John's	St. Joseph's
October	\$260.00	\$450.00
September	\$570.00	\$440.00
August	\$360.00	\$460.00

Knights of Columbus

Beginning on January 3 at 7:00 p.m. and every first Thursday of the month thereafter, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **Family Night** for all parishioners. This is family night of prayer, reflection, and some food. It is a major program in the Knights "Faith in Action" program. Please join us as we all seek to increase our faith in Christ.

A partir del 3 de enero a las 7:00 p.m. y cada primer jueves del mes siguiente, los Caballeros de Colón tendrá una noche familiar para todos los feligreses. Esta es la **Noche Familiar de Oración**, reflexión y algo de comida. Es un programa importante en el programa "Fe en Acción" de los Caballeros. Por favor únete a nosotros como todos nosotros buscamos aumentar nuestra fe en Cristo.

Unwrap the gifts in your marriage Let the colors of fall remind you to rediscover the beauty of your marriage. Worldwide Marriage Encounter has all the tools you need for a great marriage. Sign up today to renew, rekindle, and refresh your marriage at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend at the Sheraton Hotel in Bellevue on February 15 - 17, 2019. Or a non-residential weekend in Astoria, OR Jan. 25-27, 2019. Apply at wwme.org. For more information leave a message at 206-772-2344. Sign up today!

Let your Christmas Light Shine!

Let's help those in need with a little Christmas cheer. Collecting for Feed The Hungry Christmas stockings (men, women & children). Suggested items: shampoo, deodorant, bar soap, toothpaste, small hotel size toiletries, Kleenex, brushes, combs, razors, body lotion, nail clippers, nail files, socks (all sizes), hats, scarfs, water proof gloves, flashlights w/batteries and toys. Individual wrapped candies, granola bars, nuts, dried fruit, jerky, chips, crackers w/PB or cheese, and cookies. Please place items in marked box in back of church.

Thank you for helping make Christmas a joyous time of year for all God's children.
Contact: Mickey Dameron 309-397-6749

Posada begins on Dec. 16 and ends Dec. 24 at St. Joseph from 7-9 p.m. each evening. Rosary and refreshments each night. Signup sheet for volunteers to host one of the dates will be available on Sunday the 18th.
All are welcome - Please join us.

Posada comienza el 16 de diciembre y finaliza el 24 de diciembre en St. Joseph de 7 a 9 p.m. cada tarde. Rosario y refrescos cada noche. La hoja de inscripción para voluntarios para ser anfitrión de una de las fechas estará disponible el domingo 18.
Todo es bienvenido - Por favor únete a nosotros.

The **Saint John's Altar Society** will meet on Thursday, December 6, at 12:00 noon in the church hall. This will be our Christmas Potluck and decorate the hall party. Remember to bring your gifts for the Feed the Hungry Stocking project.

COOKIE SALE

Calling all bakers and cookie eaters. The St. John's Altar Society will hold their annual Christmas cookie sale on Saturday, Dec. 15 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, Dec. 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. We need lots of cookies so if you can help with the baking, please help. Bring your cookies to the hall on the 15th. Someone will be there starting at 3:30 p.m. This is a fun project and a great way to get a variety of cookies. Thank you in advance for your support!

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
p hm.twosaints@gmail.com

Parochial Administrator's Column

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I hope you all had a good Thanksgiving. Thank you to all of you for your stewardship renewal commitments. If you have not returned your Ministry Commitment Forms and Treasure Renewal Cards, please do so as soon as you can. Your renewals help us plan for the future.

We have just celebrated the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe and the last Sunday of the Church year. This Sunday, December 2, we begin the new Church year with the first Sunday of Advent. With the beginning of the new liturgical year, we change the cycle of readings we use at Mass. As a reminder, there are three cycles of readings: A, B, and C. On this Sunday, December 2, we begin Cycle C, and Cycle C is the year of Saint Luke's Gospel.

During the Advent Season, we should be preparing ourselves for the Solemnity of Christmas. Advent should override all of the busyness that goes along with preparing for Christmas. It is not a time to prepare for the "holiday" of Christmas but rather the "Holy Day" of Christmas.

The liturgical color of Advent is purple or violet, which symbolizes the penitential spirit. You will see this in Church hangings and vestments worn by the priest and the deacon.

Remember, during this Advent Season, WORSHIP FULLY, GIVE MORE, LOVE ALL, and PRAY DEEPLY. Meditate on a passage from Scripture, read a spiritual classic, listen to the religious songs of Christmas, attend Mass during the week, visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, talk about Advent with your relatives or friends, do some extra good works, renew the commitments you made, be nonviolent in your thoughts, words, and actions; fix your heart on encountering Christ, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There is a Communal Advent Reconciliation Service coming up on Thursday, December 13th at Saint John's in Montesano at 6:00 p.m. Several priests will be in attendance to hear confessions. This is a good opportunity for you to fix the road for Christ. The closer we are to Jesus Christ, the more we will avoid any sin, not just mortal sin but any sin. In the words of prophet Isaiah, during this time of Advent, let us: ". . . prepare the way for the Lord, make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain." (Is 40:3-4). In short, Advent is a time to live up to the high standards of Christian life.

As we journey through Advent, let our prayer be this: "I am fixing the road for you, Lord Jesus."

Have a blessed Advent!

Fr. Charles Banduku

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.

