

# WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

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## 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>Adoration in Spanish</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.

Weekday Mass on a National Holiday will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. Mass on Holy Days of Obligation are celebrated at 6:00 pm, on the regular Mass schedule set out above.

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**Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
(Closed 12-1 p.m.)



Going on vacation? Giving is easy while you are away this summer. Download the Online Giving app on your mobile device, search for our parish and begin giving. Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish.

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

## Third Sunday of Lent – March 4, 2018

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

Collection Dates	Collected
St. John's 2/24 - 5 p.m. 2/18 - 8 a.m.	\$777.00 \$409.00
St. Joseph's 2/18 - 9:45 a.m.	\$1,714.59

### St. John Paul II Council 1617 40 Cans for Lent

During the time of our Lenten sacrifices, we want to again collect non-perishable foods for needy families in the community. In the past, St. Joseph's and St. John's have both been extremely generous and helpful in this effort. Please contribute what you can to help us help others!

### Consejo de San Juan Pablo II 1617 40 latas para la Cuaresma

Durante el tiempo de nuestros sacrificios Cuaresmales, queremos volver a recolectar alimentos no perecederos para los necesitados familias en la comunidad. En años pasados, San Jose y St. Juan tienen ambos sido extremadamente generosos y util en este esfuerzo. ¡Contribuya lo que puedas para ayudarnos a ayudar a otros!

### Friday, March 9

- ◆ **St. Joseph's**
  - 5 p.m. Adoration and Confessions
  - 6 p.m. Mass
- ◆ **St. John's**
  - 6 p.m. Soup Supper
  - 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### St. Joseph Altar Society News

St. Joseph Altar Society will be taking names and donations for Easter Flowers starting the 1st Sunday in March. Jill Lagergren will have a table set up in the church basement to collect names of loved ones you would like remembered. Making a donation is optional; anyone can get the names of their loved ones included. Decorating the church with flowers throughout the year is one of the many functions of the Altar Society and we are happy to provide these floral remembrances.

St. Joseph Altar Society will not be meeting in March. We have decided to switch to a quarterly evening meeting in the hope to increase participation. The meeting date, time and place will be announced.

Please contact Karla McPhee, Debbie Smith or Sadie Hawkins with questions or comments regarding St Joseph Altar Society.

### St. John's Altar Society

The Saint John's Altar Society will hold their March meeting on Thursday, March 8th at 12:00 noon in the church hall. Please plan to join us for lunch which will be provided by our hostesses, Dode Strawn, Rita Kenworthy, and Florence Edwards. Hope to see you there.

"And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Let the Holy Spirit acknowledge and increase our love for our spouses while we participate in a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** weekend at the Sheraton Hotel, Bellevue is May 18 - 20, 2018. Apply at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org). More information at 206-772-2344



### 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  
Parish Home Messenger  
Wednesday noon  
[p hm.twosaints@gmail.com](mailto:p hm.twosaints@gmail.com)



## A New Beginning for Your Marriage

March 16-18, 2018

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vī) helps distressed couples rediscover each other and take positive steps to begin a new life of healing, commitment and love. For confidential information about, or to register for our upcoming program beginning March 16-18, 2018 call 206-706-2608 or visit our website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

### What is the Retrouvaille program?

Retrouvaille is a community of volunteers committed to helping hurting couples heal their marriages. The Retrouvaille program offers couples the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine their lives in a new and positive way. No matter what is causing the hurt, couples can find healing. Retrouvaille is Catholic in origin and is endorsed by the Seattle Archdiocese.

### Who is it for?

It is for couples with strained marriages, including those in the initial stages of distress, as well as those in a state of hopelessness and considering divorce. While many attendees are Catholic, married couples of all faiths are welcome.

Remember, during Lent, you and your family can build a culture of encounter through daily prayer, weekly fasting, and almsgiving that saves lives.

Visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) to watch videos of the people and communities your Lenten gifts are changing through CRS Rice Bowl. We will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent, so stay tuned to learn more.

Thank you for including Rice Bowl as a part of your faith life!

**When, in adoration, we look at the consecrated Host, the sign of creation speaks to us. And so, we encounter the greatness of his gift; but we also encounter the Passion, the Cross of Jesus and his Resurrection. Through this gaze of adoration, he draws us toward himself, within his mystery, through which he wants to transform us as he transformed the Host.**

- Pope Benedict

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## WHAT SHOULD I DO FOR LENT? Pope Francis' 10 Tips

**4. Pray: Make our hearts like yours!** "During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: 'Fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum': Make our hearts like yours (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference." – Lenten Message, 2015

**5. Take part in the Sacraments.** "Lent is a favorable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ." – Lenten Message, 2015

**6. Prayer.** "In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could harden our hearts, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of God's boundless love, to taste his tenderness. Lent is a time of prayer, of more intense prayer, more prolonged, more assiduous, more able to take on the needs of the brethren; intercessory prayer, to intercede before God for the many situations of poverty and suffering." – Homily, March 5, 2014

**7. Fasting.** "We must be careful not to practice a formal fast, or one which in truth 'satisfies' us because it makes us feel good about ourselves. Fasting makes sense if it questions our security, and if it also leads to some benefit for others, if it helps us to cultivate the style of the Good Samaritan, who bends down to his brother in need and takes care of him." – Homily, March 5, 2014

**8. Almsgiving.** "Today gratuitousness is often not part of daily life where everything is bought and sold. Everything is calculated and measured. Almsgiving helps us to experience giving freely, which leads to freedom from the obsession of possessing, from the fear of losing what we have, from the sadness of one who does not wish to share his wealth with others." – Homily, March 5, 2014

**9. Help the Poor.** "In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ. Our efforts are also directed to ending violations of human dignity, discrimination and abuse in the world, for these are so often the cause of destitution. When power, luxury and money become idols, they take priority over the need for a fair distribution of wealth. Our consciences thus need to be converted to justice, equality, simplicity and sharing." – Lenten Message, 2014

**10. Evangelize.** "The Lord asks us to be joyous heralds of this message of mercy and hope! It is thrilling to experience the joy of spreading this good news, sharing the treasure entrusted to us, consoling broken hearts and offering hope to our brothers and sisters experiencing darkness." – Lenten Message, 2014