

St. John Vianney Catholic Parish

St. Paschal Catholic Parish

Fourth Sunday in Advent December 21, 2025

Welcome!

To make St. John Vianney or St. Paschal your parish home, register with the office or online!

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Director: Mary Jo Paschall

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Assistance Program

If you need assistance with food, utilities, prescriptions, please call the SJV office Tues.—Thurs., 9 a.m. to noon

Catholic Family Service Counseling

Call the Diocesan Office 509-242-2308

SJV & SP Parish & Finance Council Members

SJV Parish Council:

Ric Wesselman (Chair), Greg Takisaki, Angie Nordhus, Ruth Ann Pfeifer, Sue Kappen, Mark Sullivan

SJV Finance Council:

Erik Wakeling (Chair), Barbara Ewers, Nick Durgan, Cathy Suda, Greg Takisaki

SP Parish Council:

Kathy Foreman, Fred Meyer, Joan Dunn, Emily Klein, Lori Sullivan, Tom Lutyens

SP Finance Council:

Bill Trudeau (Chair), Fred Meyer, Carmen Ballard



Mass Times:

SJV: Sat. Vigil 4 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.

SP: Sun. 8 a.m.

Daily Mass: SJV 8:15 a.m., Tues.-Fri.

Eucharistic Home Visits

If you are homebound or ill, and want to receive Holy Communion, please call the office.

Eucharistic Exposition for Adoration

SJV: Wed. 8:45 a.m. - 5 p.m.

2:30 p.m. — 3:30 pm Every First Saturday is

Holy Hour for Vocations

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Every Last Saturday is

Holy Hour for SJV School

SP: Tue. 5-6 p.m.

Confessions By appointment, and regularly at:

SJV: Sat. 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

SP: Tues. 5-6 p.m.

Sacraments of Baptism & Holy Matrimony

Parents seeking baptism for their child should fill out a baptism request form on our website 3 months before intended baptism date. Engaged couples should contact the office 6 months before the intended wedding date to begin marriage preparation.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Interested in becoming Catholic, or want to ask about our OCIA program? Please call Mike Heywood, 509-999-8374.

Office: (509) 926-5428 SJV / SP

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 141125, Spokane Valley, WA 99214

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LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

| Saturday Dec.27 | SJV | | |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| Lectors | S. Earnest | G. Takisaki | |
| EMs | D. Velardi | B. Standiford | S. Hammond |
| Sunday Dec. 28 | | | |
| Lectors | B. Borgias | S. Golden | |
| EMs | E. Wakeling | S. Keith | B. Haugen |
| Sunday Dec. 28 | SP | | |
| Lector | D. Kellams | | |

Stewardship Report - SJV

| 12/14/25 | Collected | Budgeted | YTDCollected | YTDBudget | Difference |
|------------------|-----------|----------|--------------|------------|------------------|
| Offertory: | \$ 7,224 | \$ 7,692 | \$ 164,792 | \$ 184,615 | \$ 19,823 |
| Assistance | \$ 5,097 | | \$ 22,956 | | |
| Building | \$ 442 | | \$ 13,453 | | |
| School: | \$ 85 | | \$ 26,837 | | |
| Special Projects | \$ 120 | | \$ 1,292 | | |

Stewardship Report - SP

| 12/14/25 | Collected | Budgeted | YTDCollected | YTDBudget | Difference |
|------------|-----------|----------|--------------|-----------|------------|
| Offertory: | \$ 1,546 | \$ 1,481 | \$ 36,365 | \$ 35,538 | \$ 827 |
| Assistance | \$ 15 | | \$ 2,035 | | |
| Building | \$ 464 | | \$ 2,216 | | |
| Fuel | \$ 25 | | \$ 985 | | |
| School: | \$ - | | \$ 50 | | |

MASS INTENTIONS

| | Offered For | Requested By |
|-----|---------------------|--------------|
| Tue | + Mel Poad | Margie Roark |
| Wed | Pro-Populo | |
| Thu | Pro-Populo | |
| Fri | + Agnes Roche | M. Frei |
| Sat | + LeRoy Frei | M. Frei |
| Sun | 8 am People of SP | |
| | 10 am People of SJV | |

If Mass is ever canceled, please know that the intention will be offered in the next available Mass.

Catholic Charities Christmas Collection

Please consider making a donation to the Catholic Charities Christmas collection. You can pick up envelopes from the vestibule or make a secure donation online at www.donateCCEW.org

Help Decorate for Christmas

To prepare our parishes for the coming of Christ, we need help with decorations. If you are available, please consider lending a hand.

St. Paschal - December 21 after Mass
St. John Vianney - December 22 at 9 a.m.

Second collection for the Assistance Fund - **THIS WEEK**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Given By:

Mary Johnson

Manuel Cortes & Martha Lorenzo

Mary Ann Foster

Dean & Jayne Seaboldt

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Sharon Cox

Mr/ Mrs Raymond Sebert

Janet Atkinson

Mr/ Mrs Greg Takisaki

Mr/ Mrs Robert Marsh

Ruth Safrank

Mr/ Mrs Michael Frucci

Peg Heimerman

Mr/ Mrs Dan Evers

Mr/ Mrs Eugene Daspit

Mr/ Mrs Wesley Riehle

Ricky & Catherine Favre

Candee Freeman

Jane Kigano

Beatrice Batz

Dick & Betsy Standiford

Mr/ Mrs David Watson

Patricia Wardian

Joyce Sirucek

In Memory/Honor of:

Marion & Pat Johnson, Sharon Finnigan

Tom Foster

Truman & Dorothy Selph, Lucy Gray,
David Selph, Levon & Alma Seaboldt

Mac & Kate McIntyre, Rick Manfred,
Sam & Orilla Manfred, Harold Manfred

Dick & Rita Bigham, John McBride,
Granda Helen

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Thomas L. Clark, Mr/ Mrs Elwood Montzath,
Billy & Buffy Trimbach

Jack Doherty, Cecilia Doherty, Anthony &
Marge Cirincione

Frank & Rita Gleason, Steve & Ed Williams,
Lucille Hilton, Mike & Nancy Stradeck, Bob
Richardson

Mark Watson

Helen Moczulski, Michelle Moczulski, Ed
Ballash, Eustine Hornade Ballash

James Loosmore, Robert Loosmore

Nell Sizos Nancy Jones, Madalyn Romano,
Pat Baker

Don Janarski

Louis Sebert, Dorothy Berreth, Renee Lewis,
Duane Kerst

Jiro Takisaki, Marion Takisaki, James
Lafferty, Evelyn Lafferty

Ken Safrank

Angelo & Mary Frucci, John & Jean Frucci

Bert Evers, Max & Madelyn Code, Jack
Hartman, Marie & Ray Hansen

Earle Judd, Catherine Judd, Paul Riehle,
Gladys Riehle

John Freeman, Bud & Rae Brazier, Bea
Zimmerman

Theodore Batz, Paula Batz

UPCOMING SERVICES

- **Christmas Eve** - 4 p.m. at SJV with Christmas Carols beginning at 3:30 p.m.
- **Christmas Day** - 9 a.m. at St. Paschal
- **January 1** - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION 9 a.m. at SJV

There will be no Adoration on Christmas Eve.

The office will be closed Dec. 23-28 and Jan. 1

Sunday Reflection

Friends, today we enter the final stretch of Advent. Today's Gospel brings us into the quiet drama of Joseph's life - a man whose plans were suddenly interrupted by God. Joseph had a plan and that was to marry Mary, start a family, live a simple life. But then came the news: Mary was with child, and Joseph knew the child was not his. His world collapsed. The law demanded quite harsh consequences for women in such a situation as Mary, at the very least, such a woman had to be publicly humiliated and in worst case scenario she would be stoned to death for disgracing her household. Although Joseph was a renowned observer of the law, he was not ready to give up Mary to such treatment. That is why we hear that his intention was to "divorce her quietly." And yet, in this moment of confusion, God speaks: "Do not be afraid."

What lessons does Joseph in today's Gospel teach us? In the first place, Joseph's story reminds us that life rarely goes according to our script. We may make plans, for example, career paths, family dreams, financial goals and then something happens: a diagnosis, a job loss, a move or a new responsibility which we never expected. Obviously, like Joseph, we ask: "What now?" Sometimes God's interruptions feel like detours, but in truth they are invitations to something deeper, greater, and more life-giving. Joseph amazingly accepted what seemed to be an inconvenience to teach us that at different times God may disrupt our lives especially through the voice of conscience, our normal responsibilities and demands of our various states of life or he may put little blocks in our way and things don't come out the way we wanted them to be. In such moments we must not despair, quit or grumble but always surrender and trust the hand of God. Joseph teaches us that trust means letting God rewrite the script. His "yes" allowed Jesus, Emmanuel "God with us" to enter the world.

Secondarily, Joseph teaches us that God's interruptions bring the best outcome. Just think about it; if Joseph had clung to his own plan, the story of salvation would have been very different. But by trusting God's interruption, Joseph became part of the greatest story ever told. So too in our lives: A closed door may lead to a new calling. A painful loss may open us to deeper compassion. An unexpected challenge may reveal strength we didn't know we had. God's interruptions are not meant to destroy us, but to draw us closer to His purpose. They are the moments when Emmanuel "God with us" becomes real.

Joseph also teaches us to love people the way they are. We know very well the angel of God intervened, but still humanly speaking, Joseph's pain of feeling betrayed by Mary would not go just like that. But Joseph chooses to accept Mary the way she is. With Christmas approaching, it's a good time to reflect on how we've shown love to the people around us. Is it because of their perfections or simply for who they are. Let's always remember that God did not love us because we were so perfect, but because we were broken and wounded. He loved us in our brokenness and woundedness and that's why he sent his only son, Jesus Christ to restore us to that original image which we had lost through disobedience.

Through Joseph, we are further reminded that we are simple instruments in the hands of God. Therefore, each one of us must make him/herself available as a worthy instrument to be used by God. We must be ready to cooperate with God as Mary and Joseph did, in order that the promises of God might be fulfilled in us and for those around us. Thus, today we can take a moment to ponder about the wonderful things God does for us, in us and through us.

Joseph's story is more or less our story. We all face interruptions, disappointments, and surprises. But like Joseph, we are called to trust. To believe that God's plan, though mysterious, is always for our good. As we light the fourth candle of Advent, let us imitate Joseph's quiet strength. When God's plans surprise us, may we respond with trust. When fear rises, may we hear the angel's voice: "Do not be afraid." And may we rejoice that Emmanuel "God with us" comes to dwell in our hearts.

Christmas is a time of giving as we celebrate the special gift of Jesus Christ. In the spirit of the season, we ask you to prayerfully consider bestowing a special Christmas gift to our programs.

Different programs you can support include;

Religious Education - It is our Religious Education program that helps us to live and share our Catholic faith through the integration of academics, moral values, spiritual growth and prayer. Includes OCIA (Adults), Sacramental Preparation (children/youth), Bible studies, prayer groups and Vacation Bible School.

Assistance Fund- This program disburses thousands of dollars annually to help the poor in our community. By providing food, gas cards and help with utility bills, we share Christ's love with our community.

Lighting Project - Next year we are planning on redoing our lights in the church - improving functionality, supporting energy savings and enhancing worship.

SJV Catholic School - By providing a quality Catholic education, regardless of ability to pay, St. John Vianney Catholic School helps to create faithful servants of Christ.

Rectory Improvement - Part of our call to service is to care for our priests. Improvements at the rectory provide a safe home for the priests who serve our parishes.

Kathy Reisenauer Endowment - We are blessed with an endowment to help ensure the continued success of St. John Vianney parish and school. By contributing to the growth of the endowment, you help secure the financial stability of our community.

Thank you for considering a special gift to the parish programs this Christmas.

SCHOOL NEWS



The students, teachers and staff of SJV School wish you a very Merry Christmas! We pray your holidays are filled with joy and peace.



UPCOMING FUNERAL MASSES

Pray for the repose of their souls.

Vivian Gregson

St. Paschal - Dec. 30

Rosary 10:30 a.m.

Funeral Mass 11 a.m.

May she rest in peace.

Rev. William Roy Floch

Cathedral of Our Lady
of Lourdes

Rosary 5 p.m. Dec. 22

Funeral Mass 10 a.m. Dec. 23

May he rest in peace.

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