

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA

## CATHOLIC PARISH

SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

WEEKENDS: SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM | SUNDAY: 8 AM & 10:30 AM | CONFESSION: SATURDAY AT 4:15 PM

WEEKDAYS: 9 AM MASS (T-F) | 8:30 AM CONFESSION (TUES/THURS) | ROSARY BEFORE EACH MASS

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT PRAYER - THE CANDLE OF PEACE



O God of Peace,

As we light the second candle of Advent,  
We prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus, the Prince  
of Peace. Fill us with Your peace that surpasses all  
understanding, and help us to be peacemakers in our  
families, communities, and the world.

*Amen*

### *Responsorial Psalm*

Cantor, then All



### Communion Proper Translation:

Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high, and behold the joy that cometh to thee from God. 1. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Sion. 2. Because he hath strengthened the bolts of thy gates, he hath blessed thy children within thee. 3. Who hath placed peace in thy borders: and filleth thee with the fat of corn. 4. Who sendeth forth his speech to the earth: his word runneth swiftly. 5. He sendeth his crystal like morsels: who shall stand before the face of his cold? 6. He shall send out his word and shall melt them: his wind shall blow, and the waters shall run. 7. Who declareth his word to Jacob: his justices and his judgments to Israel. 8. He hath not done in like manner to every nation: and his judgments he hath not made manifest to them.

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# GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR DEC 7, 2025

**Matthew 3:1-12 John the Baptist appears in Judea preaching a message of repentance.**

In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11).

In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry. John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.

(Source: Loyola Press Sunday Connection)



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## Please welcome Mr. Sean A Seale!

Sean will be here at the parish from Dec. 6-12 for a special Knights of Columbus Engagement Event. Our Grand Knight John Faerber will be here to assist those interested in what the Knights of Columbus bring to the mission of the Church, and how you can become a Knight today!

## MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY, DEC 8 FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
9 AM & 5PM, FR. VINCENT

**TUESDAY, DEC 9**  
(8:30 am Confession)  
9 am, Fr. Vincent

**WEDNESDAY, DEC 10**  
9 am, Fr. John

**THURSDAY, DEC 11**  
(8:30 am Confession)  
9 am, Fr. John

**FRIDAY, DEC 12**  
9 am, Fr. John

**SATURDAY, DEC 13**  
(4:15 PM Confession)  
5 PM, Fr. John

**SUNDAY, DEC 14**  
8 am, Fr. John  
10:30 am, Fr. John

**If you are looking for baptism, marriage, Holy Eucharist for the homebound, or funeral services, please contact the parish office.**

## PARISH STAFF

**Priest Administrator:** Fr. Vincent Gilmore; **Senior Priest:** Fr. Patrick Hartin;  
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## WEEKLY DONATIONS

**Nov 25- Dec 3:**  
Tithe: \$6,667  
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## Advent Prayer Service & Reconciliation

Tuesday, December 16th • 6:00 PM

As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, all are invited to a peaceful Advent Prayer Service. Come rest in Scripture, silence, and song as we enter more deeply into this sacred season of hope.

Multiple priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the service. Whether you are returning after many years or come regularly, you are welcome.

Let us gather as a community, open our hearts to God's mercy, and make room for the joy of Christmas. All are welcome.



Join us this Wednesday evening for Fatima Shepherds' Table Night! Come and grow in faith and community. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. Starting at 6:30, adults are invited to take part in a book study, while children (ages 6 and up) will take part in sacramental preparation. Please RSVP by scanning the QR code or calling the parish office so we can plan accordingly.

**Food Theme this week: Taco Bar**



Welcome to the season of Advent as we continue our discussion of the sung propers! In the document Sacrosanctam Concilium, the first of many documents to emerge from the Second Vatican Council, the Church decrees that "the musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art. The Church acknowledges Gregorian chant as specially suited to the Roman liturgy: therefore, other things being equal, it should be given pride of place in liturgical services." Does this mean we should only sing Gregorian chant? Not necessarily. Should chant be given a place in the liturgy? Yes, this is what the Church is saying. One other important point that emerges from this document is that the purpose of Sacred Music is to serve the liturgy. This is also an important personal belief of mine. We are here as musicians to offer our talents to the liturgy, to the glory of God. That means that sometimes we put aside our personal needs and perspectives, and subordinate them to the needs of the liturgy as a whole. By cooperating with the Holy Spirit and the Magisterium in this humble approach, we grow in virtue and are able to receive the graces intended for us. Next week, we will conclude this series on the sung propers as we continue our Advent journey together, awaiting the birth of our Savior!

I love questions! If you have any, please email Music Director Joel Cummings at [jcummings@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:jcumings@dioceseofspokane.org). Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for Us!

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, Dec 9

Tom Prenger+  
Req. by Anon.

### Wednesday, Dec 10

Gloria Ringwood+  
Req. by Jim Ringwood

### Thursday, Dec 11

Robert Leeds  
Req. by Anon

### Friday, Dec 12

Sara Berryman  
Req. by Faerbers

## DAILY READINGS

### 2025 DECEMBER 8 MONDAY

Reading 1, Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4  
Gospel, Luke 1:26-38

### 2025 DECEMBER 9 TUESDAY

Reading 1, Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalms 96:1-2, 3, 10, 11-12, 13  
Gospel, Matthew 18:12-14

### 2025 DECEMBER 10 WEDNESDAY

Reading 1, Isaiah 40:25-31  
Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10  
Gospel, Matthew 11:28-30

### 2025 DECEMBER 11 THURSDAY

Reading 1, Isaiah 41:13-20  
Psalms 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-13  
Gospel, Matthew 11:11-15

### 2025 DECEMBER 12 FRIDAY

Reading 1, Isaiah 7:10-14  
Psalms Second Samuel 2:1, 4-8  
Gospel, Luke 1:39-47

### 2025 DECEMBER 13 SATURDAY

Reading 1, Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11  
Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
Gospel, Matthew 17:10-13

### 2025 DECEMBER 14 SUNDAY

Reading 1, Isaiah 35:1-6, 10  
Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10  
Gospel, Matthew 11:2-11





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