

St. John Vianney Catholic Parish

**First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 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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SP: Rosalie Thompson 509-443-7268

Assistance Program

If you need assistance with food, utilities, or 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 Takasaki, Angie Nordhus, Ruth Ann Pfeifer, Sue Kappen, Mark Sullivan

SJV Finance Council:

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

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

St. Paschal Catholic Parish



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 the 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

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SJV Location: 503 North Walnut Road / SP Location: 2521 North Park Road

Website: www.sjvchurch.org / Email: sjv@dioceseofspokane.org / Facebook: St JohnVianneyCatholic

LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday Dec. 6	SJV		
Lectors	G. Takasaki	B. Batz	
EMs	S. Marsh	J. Kappen	B. Standiford
Sunday Dec. 7	SJV		
Lectors	A. Nordhus	K. Decker	
EMs	S. Keith	Bonnie	J. Williams
Sunday Dec. 7	SP		
Lector	F. Meyer		

Stewardship Report - SJV

11/23/25 Collected Budgeted YTD Collected YTD Budget Difference

Offertory:	\$ 4,834	\$ 7,692	\$ 137,928	\$ 161,538	\$ 23,610
Assistance	\$ 4,215		\$ 16,599		
Building	\$ 90		\$ 11,549		
School:	\$ 526		\$ 24,704		
Special Projects	\$ 60		\$ 1,007		

Stewardship Report - SP

11/23/25 Collected Budgeted YTD Collected YTD Budget Difference

Offertory:	\$ 2,127	\$ 1,481	\$ 31,850	\$ 31,096	\$ 754
Assistance	\$ 15		\$ 1,630		
Building	\$ -		\$ 1,507		
Fuel:	\$ 20		\$ 800		
School:	\$ -		\$ 50		

MASS INTENTIONS

	Offered For	Requested By
Tue	+ Msgr Dennis Wassmuth	Evelyn Holthaus
Wed	Vocations	
Thu	+ James Potts, Dr.	The Family
Fri	Mary Kay Duchene Scott	Gerry & Sue Manfred
Sat	+ Don Jaworski	Arlene McTague
Sun	8 a.m. 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.

YOUNG AT HEART

Do you enjoy serving others? Are you available to help once a month? Our Young at Heart ministry needs volunteers to coordinate our monthly luncheons. You don't have to volunteer every month. Pick a month, or two and we will do the rest. If interested, please contact the parish office.

Second collection for the Building Fund - NEXT WEEK

This liturgical season is one of waiting and preparation. Similar to Lent, Advent is a time to prepare our hearts through silence, reflection, prayer, and service.

Here are a few ways to live out this Advent season:

- Put out an Advent wreath: have it blessed, and light each candle on the indicated Sunday. Light the wreath each time you pray.
- Decorate simply: Our decorations should reflect the simplicity of His birth and the solemn waiting. Only turn on the Christmas lights during Christmas season.
- Gather previous or new Christmas cards and offer a rosary for a different family each day of Advent.
- Prepare an empty manger for Jesus. Gather pieces of straw and place a piece each time someone in the family offers an act of service or sacrifice. Place baby Jesus on Christmas.
- Make a prayer plan. Schedule specific times that will be set for prayer. Start an Advent Journal Devotional. Frequent the Eucharist and Sacraments! Ask God to help prepare our hearts.

TREE OF GIVING

St. Paschal

The Christmas tree is up in the church vestibule. We are once more collecting gifts for the Toys for Tots program. Please leave your UPWRAPPED gifts by December 14th.



St. John Vianney

The tree is up and we ask that you kindly consider giving to the families in need. Simply select an "ornament" for family, senior or child, purchase a gift card and return both to the parish office by Dec. 14. Thank you!

PARISH HELP NEEDED

As we wait for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, we are looking for volunteers to help prepare by cleaning the church and chapel. If you are available Dec. 3 after the student Mass (about 9:30 a.m.) please consider volunteering. All materials will be provided.

Catholic Daughters Annual Luncheon

Annual Catholic Daughter's Luncheon and Silent Auction Sat. **Dec. 6** doors open at 10:30am Lunch at NOON. For tickets call Vicky Moore 509-251-8283 . Seats are going fast!

Basket #14: DATE NIGHT at the Mirabeau
Overnight Stay in the Executive Suite
Bottle of Champagne or Sparkling Cider
Dinner for (2) in the Max Restaurant

Basket #28 1 Pair of GU Women's Basketball Tickets
Basket #35 1 Pair of GU Men's Basketball tickets

SJV Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Dec. 7 after 10 a.m. Mass. Enjoy pancakes, ham, sausage and eggs. Proceeds benefit families in need at Christmas. Thank you for your support and generosity.



SUNDAY REFLECTION

Friends, today we begin the season of Advent and also the beginning of the new Liturgical year A. The word “Advent” stems from the Latin word *adventus*, which literally means “coming” or “arrival.” Originally, Christians used this term to refer to Christ’s second coming, but by the Middle Ages, Advent was primarily connected to Christ’s first coming that we celebrate at Christmas. But it is important to note that, in each Advent season we are challenged to prepare for all three coming of Christ, that is; celebrating his birth, while also preparing our hearts to receive him here and now in the ordinary moments of our lives, as well as waiting for him at the end of time when He will come in Glory and power. Advent spirituality is thus a manifest of Christ “who was, who is, and who is to come”.

Throughout this season, the major theme for our readings will be` centered on staying awake, being alert, watchful and ready to receive the Lord who comes to us. In the Gospel Passage for today, Jesus already hints on this theme when He cautions His disciples, “Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” And St. Paul in the Second Reading echoes the same message when he says “It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.”

To better grasp the above themes, I want us to think about the places where we do some bit of waiting in daily life. This could be at the airport, watching the departure board, checking our gate, making sure we don’t miss the flight. In a doctor’s office, flipping through magazines, but listening for our name to be called. Or in line at a coffee shop, scrolling our phone, but keeping one ear open for the barista to shout out our order. In each of these waiting rooms, we are not asleep. We are attentive. We are waiting for something important to happen, a flight, an appointment, a meal. We may distract ourselves for a moment, but we never fully “check out.” We stay awake because we know something is coming.

Advent is God’s waiting room. We are waiting for Christ not only His birth at Bethlehem, but His coming in the ordinary moments of our lives, for example through the poor, the lonely, the sick, the stranger. He comes in the Eucharist, in prayer, in the quiet whispers of grace. This is the hidden coming, the one we can miss if we are spiritually asleep. And above all, we await Christ’s final coming in glory. The danger is that we can fall asleep spiritually. We can get so distracted by the noise of the season; shopping, parties, decorations that we forget what we are waiting for. That is why Jesus cautions in the Gospel: “people in Noah’s day were eating, drinking, marrying”, all normal and good things but they were asleep to God’s call about the impending floods and thus missed the moment to get into the ark.

How then should we prepare or stay awake? Like in the waiting rooms mentioned above, we ought to engage in practices that keep us spiritually alert: for example, we can use prayer as listening for our name. Just as we listen for the nurse to call us, prayer keeps our ears open for God’s voice. A few quiet minutes each day can keep us spiritually awake. Delve into Scripture as the departure board. At the airport, we check the screen to know where we’re going. In the same way sacred Scripture reminds us of our destination—the Kingdom of God- and keeps us from wandering aimlessly. Use acts of kindness as our coffee order. In line at the café, we wait to receive something. In Advent, we “order” love and mercy by giving them to others. Use sacraments as the doctor’s appointment. We don’t skip the doctor when we need healing. In Advent, confession and Eucharist are the important appointments that keep our souls healthy and awake.

The season of Advent indeed tells us that Jesus is coming, but it also asks us if we are ready to meet Him. So, brothers and sisters, in the waiting room of Advent, may we keep our eyes open, our hearts attentive, and our lives prepared so that when the Lord comes, He will find us ready to welcome Him with joy.

SCHOOL NEWS

BOILER



It is with profound gratitude and humble hearts that we share the wonderful news that the loan for our boiler has been completely paid off. Your kindness and generosity continue to astonish us as a school community and we are deeply thankful.

CHRISTMAS EVENT

We invite all parish families to attend Our FREE Christmas event on Friday, December 12. This is an "open house" event at the parish hall from 5:00 - 7:30pm.

There will be

- Photos with Santa (the North Idaho Santa is coming!)
- Cookies
- Hot Cocoa Bar
- Christmas Crafts

Please registering at st.johnvianney.com/santa.

We hope to see you there!

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HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
December 8
8:15 a.m. Mass at SJV.
There will be no Mass at SP.

