

St. John Vianney Catholic Parish

St. Paschal Catholic Parish

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 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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SJV: Jayne Seaboldt 509-921-0945

If unavailable: Mary McLeslie 509-926-0460

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 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 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. 13	SJV		
Lectors	D. Burgard	B. Smith	
EMs	S. Hammond	K. Allenburg	D. Ewers
Sunday Dec. 14	SJV		
Lectors	C. Sackman	N. Durgan	
EMs	P. Tilaro	E. Wakeling	R. Wesselman
Sunday Dec. 14	SP		
Lector	C. Mangan		

Stewardship Report - SJV

11/30/25 Collected Budgeted YTD Collected YTD Budget Difference

Offertory:	\$ 6,501	\$ 7,692	\$ 144,429	\$ 169,231	\$ 24,802
Assistance	\$ 150		\$ 16,749		
Building	\$ 310		\$ 11,859		
School:	\$ 520		\$ 25,224		
Special Projects	\$ 5		\$ 1,012		

Stewardship Report - SP

11/30/25 Collected Budgeted YTD Collected YTD Budget Difference

Offertory:	\$ 1,017	\$ 1,481	\$ 32,867	\$ 32,577	\$ 290
Assistance	\$ 20		\$ 1,650		
Building	\$ 50		\$ 1,557		
Fuel:	\$ 15		\$ 815		
School:	\$ -		\$ 50		

MASS INTENTIONS

	Offered For	Requested By
Tue	Thanksgiving	Rhea Devera
Wed	+ Ellen Vogt	Mary Ellen Vogt
Thu	Vocations	
Fri	+ Harold Kellams	Sheila Golden
Sat	+ Mary Ellen Condotta	Swenson Family
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.

St. Paschal Knights & Altar Society

The 2nd Tuesday of each month is a time for fellowship at St. Paschal. The Altar Society meets at noon in the SP Rectory. All Catholic women are invited to join. The Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. in the Knights Hall and welcome Catholic men. Next meetings are Dec. 9. Come join us as we grow as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Second collection for the Building Fund - THIS WEEK

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.

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. 15. Thank you!

OBSTACLES TO HEARING GOD'S VOICE

- **Complaint**—Complaining to God when things go wrong
- **Resentment**—unreconciled heart
- **Envy** - inability to see what God has given us
- **Fear**—Not trusting God
- **Worries**—Absorb our attention
- **Weakness**—Believing prayer isn't working/stop praying
- **Vanity**—conforming to the world instead of God
- **Mediocrity**—getting comfortable in sin
- **Our Past**—feeling guilty and unworthy due to past sins
- **Fantasies**—imagination that distracts us from God

THANK YOU!

We are so blessed to have such AMAZING volunteers! You work tirelessly helping in the office, serving at Mass, cleaning the church, providing grounds maintenance, catechizing youth and adults, running our Assistance Program, stocking and distributing food (at Thanksgiving and throughout the year) and in many other ways. We are so grateful for all you do to help our parishes. Your impact is immeasurable and your compassion shines brightly.

Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others.
Colossians 3:23

St. Mary Art Walk

Come see more than 100 pictures and 50 Nativity scenes from all over the world while you enjoy delicious food, drink & seasonal music. Dec. 13 from 6-8 p.m. & Dec. 14 from 8 a.m.—2 p.m. at St. Mary Parish Hall/School Gym.

NOVEMBER ASSISTANCE

In November, the Assistance Fund spent \$6,209.37 for 35 Thanksgiving meals, electric, water, garbage and insurance bills. Most of those were for disabled, those just out of the hospital or out of work. We also distributed 16 bags of food for 37 people. Thank you for your support!

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Friends, last Sunday the First Sunday of Advent, we reflected on this season and said, it is a season of “sacred waiting”, but not a passive waiting. It is an active, expectant preparation for the coming of the Lord. Our readings for today continue with the same theme and remind us on how we are to prepare.

In the Gospel, we hear John the Baptist, a strong and central figure in our Advent liturgies crying out in the wilderness: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” His message is urgent, but it is also practical. And in the First reading, we see the Prophet Isaiah painting for us a beautiful picture of the gifts the Messiah will bring: wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, fear of the Lord, faithfulness, joy, justice, and peace. These are not material gifts wrapped in paper, but spiritual treasures that transform us from within. They are the gifts that make us whole, that bring peace to our lives, and that allow us to live in harmony with one another.

But here’s the challenge, the Lord cannot pour these gifts into us if our hearts are already cluttered. If we are filled with distractions, resentments, selfishness, or sin, there is no room for His Spirit to dwell. Preparing the way therefore means clearing out the bad stuff—like cleaning a house before welcoming a guest. We can also think of it this way, if you want to fill a cup with fresh water, you must first empty it of whatever is stale or dirty. In the same way, if we want to be filled with Christ’s wisdom, peace, and joy, we must first empty our hearts of pride, anger, greed, and distraction. This season therefore offers us a choice. We can get lost in the noise of the world, shopping, parties, writing cards, arranging foods, making travel plans and all the endless busyness or we can pause, look inward, and prepare a place for Christ. Today’s readings remind us that preparing for Christmas is not only about decorating our homes or checking off our shopping lists, but also opening our hearts to receive the gifts that only Christ can bring.

We can do so by trying to create quiet moments for prayer amidst the noise. Letting go of excess so we can focus on what matters. Seeking forgiveness, especially through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Opening our hearts to others, especially the poor and lonely. In trying all these things, we clear the path for Christ to enter. And when He comes, He does not come empty-handed. He comes with the gifts Isaiah promised, gifts that bring peace to our families, healing to our wounds, and hope to our world. What clutters your heart that John the Baptist is asking you to get rid of today?

SCHOOL NEWS



We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our entire community. Together we collected 214 pairs of pajamas. They will be part of Christmas Bureau baskets that include a dinner gift card, pajamas and children’s books, helping families in need experience warmth, comfort and joy this holiday season. The SJV 3rd Graders thank you for your support!

SANTA IS COMING!

Join us Friday, Dec. 12th in the Kathy Reisenauer Parish Hall at SJV for cookies, hot cocoa bar, crafts and photos with Santa. FREE!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Celebrate with us! Christmas Concert Thursday, December 18.
Dress Rehearsal at 1:30 p.m. and concert at 6:30 p.m.
Everyone is invited.

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 that fit your schedule. If interested, please contact the parish office.

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UPCOMING SERVICES

- ◇ **The Dec. 8** - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - 8:15 a.m. Mass at SJV. There will be no Mass at SP.
- ◇ **December 19** - Advent Penance Service 4 p.m. at SJV
- ◇ **Christmas Eve**—4 p.m. at SJV with Christmas Carols beginning at 3:30
- ◇ **Christmas Day**—9 a.m. at St. Paschal



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