

December 14, 2025 - Third Sunday of Advent

St. George Catholic Parish

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday Evening: 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Confession: Saturday 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. or by appointment at a mutually convenient time.

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.

“Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.”



Parish Ministries

Baptismal Catechesis: Deacon Mike Pentony 208-773-4715

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Couples wishing to be married must contact the parish within 6 months of their proposed wedding date. No firm wedding date should be set prior to meeting with the Pastor or Deacon.

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208-981-3791

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OUTREACH

St. George's Mission of Charity: 208-773-8599

Pregnancy Support Center: 208-449-8512

Friendship Kitchen: Closed during construction.

Parish Council Chairperson: Debbie Ellis 509-991-2816

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Next Week's Readings: December 21, 2025

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14 (10A)

2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Matthew 11:2-11 "...more than a prophet."

John the Baptist was a pivotal figure in the history of Israel. It had been five hundred long years since Malachi had issued his momentous prophecy concerning "the day of the Lord" (3:23). And when John came on the scene, many people recognized him as a prophet, a voice of hope—and perhaps even the fulfillment of that hope! They were so excited that they flocked to the desert to hear him and receive his baptism of repentance.

In today's Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that John is even "more than a prophet" (Matthew 11:9). He is the final messenger, "Elijah," the one who would return and prepare the way of the Lord (Malachi 3:1).

John's appearance signaled a turning of the ages, the dawn of the long-awaited Messiah. We, too, are in our own turning of the ages as we await the coming of Jesus, our Messiah. So how can we make our hearts ready for him to come, both at Christmas and at the end of time?

One way, of course, is to confess our sins. But just as John was *more than a prophet*, God wants to do *more* for us than cleanse us of sin. He wants to go deeper into our hearts and heal our inner wounds and any attitudes that might be keeping us from fully welcoming Jesus.

For example, perhaps your life hasn't turned out the way you envisioned, and you feel disappointed with God's plan. Or you may blame the Lord for something bad that has happened in your life or for not answering a heartfelt prayer. Perhaps the burdens of life have weighed you down, and you've allowed yourself to become satisfied with superficial or rote prayer.

Whatever is burdening you, now is the time to cry out to the Lord for healing! He wants you to live in freedom, not under a cloud of grief or resentment or complacency. Remember John's message: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3:2). God's grace is at hand for you—today!

"Lord, search my heart and set me free!"

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OCIA ~ John 6: Eucharist is truly Christ Himself

Sessions are on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at St. George Parish Hall.



December 13th - MASS+ INTENTIONS December 19th

12/13 Saturday: John Veylupek †
12/14 Sunday: 8:30 - Tom D. † & Michael Wynia †
10:30 - People of the Parish
12/16 Tuesday: Jim Barrio †
12/17 Wednesday: For Earl & Nora Labrador
12/18 Thursday: Bette Jibby †, Willa Jibby †,
& William Jibby, Sr. †
12/19 Friday: For Vocations



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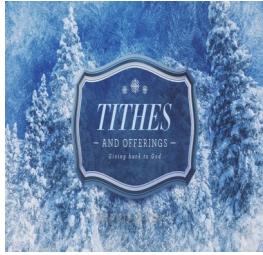
Watch: Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Learn: 30 Minutes BC

Listen: Is Christmas Pagan? What Catholics Believe About Christmas

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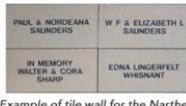


MAKING A PLACE TO GATHER & GROW

As St. George Catholic Church
continues to grow, we look forward
to the completion of our new Parish
Center and Adoration Chapel. You are
invited to be part of our efforts to
complete this project.

Plans include a brick wall in our new
grotto, as well as a tile wall in our new
Narthex. These walls will feature
customized bricks/tiles.

You may engrave your name or business,
family, friend or in memory of a loved one
on each of these bricks and tiles.



Bricks will be installed once the grotto is
designed and installed. Approximate
timeline is Spring 2026. Interior tiles should
be installed Spring 2026.

4" x 8" Grotto Brick
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Advent:
*Waiting in
Hope*

Sunday: Coffee and
donuts after Sunday
Masses.

*Sweet Shoppe &
Craft Emporium
after all Masses.*

Monday: Parish Office
open 9am-3pm.

**6:00pm Confirmation Class at St. Stan's. "What does
the Holy Spirit do for me?"**

Tuesday: Parish Office open 9am-3pm.



Youth Group Christmas Caroling!
Meeting at 3:30pm at St. Stanislaus Hall,
caroling at Generations Assisted Living,
4pm, followed by dinner back at St. Stan's.

Wednesday: Parish Office open 9am-3pm.

6:30 OCIA class in the parish hall.

No First Holy Communion (RCIC) class until Jan. 7th.

Thursday: Parish Office open 9am-3pm.

10am-noon Mission of Charity Office open.

Friday: Parish Office open 8am-Noon.

**6:00pm Tri-Parish Reconciliation
Service at St. George Church.**



Join us downstairs in the parish hall
after all weekend Masses for our
Sweet Shoppe & Craft Emporium!
Raffle ticket will be on sale and
the drawing held this Sunday,
right after the 10:30am Mass.

All proceeds benefit the New Parish building project.

This Friday ~ Reconciliation Service
6:00pm at St. George

**Christmas Season Mass Schedule
for St. George Church**



Christmas Eve ~ Wed., Dec. 24th

Children's Mass ~ 4:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Mass ~ 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day ~ Thurs., Dec. 25th

9:00 a.m. Mass

No Masses on Friday, December 26th.

**Thursday, January 1st is a Holy
Day of Obligation for the
Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God.**

Mass times at St. George are
9:00am & 6:00pm.





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