

December 21, 2025 - Fourth 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.



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Parish Council Chairperson: Debbie Ellis 509-991-2816

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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.

Convert Formation (OCIA): 208-773-4715

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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.

Christmas Eve Reflection

Luke 1:67-79

Next Week's Readings: December 28, 2025

1st Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 (17ABC)

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 (17A)



The dawn from on high shall break upon us. (Luke 1:78)

Have you ever taken the time to sit and enjoy an early-morning sunrise? It's almost haunting the way the sky gradually shifts from pitch black to deep gold. Now imagine you were an astronaut on the International Space Station. First, you see the Earth's horizon and, above it, the complete darkness of space. Then, in almost an instant, the brilliant light of the sun breaks over the horizon, blanketing the Earth in light.

This shift from darkness to light is the analogy that Zechariah used to describe the birth of his son, John, and the coming Messiah whom John was called to announce. The "dawn from on high" was just about to break upon the people of God (Luke 1:78).

What a beautiful image for where we are right now! Jesus is just about to appear! He's just about to dispel the darkness of sin, division, and all that is opposed to his message of salvation. The dawning of his light, prefigured by the star of Bethlehem, contains the promise of everything that humanity had longed for from the moment our ancestors first sinned.

Even today, God longs to shine the light of his love into every person's heart. The need is so great! Millions around the world are still caught in darkness—and some don't even know that they are looking for him!

So on this Christmas Eve, contemplate the light that will break upon the world tomorrow. It's the light of joy, of peace, of tranquility, that came when God first entered the world as one of us. And it's still shining today, as bright as ever.

As you await the dawning of that light, keep praying for those lost in darkness. Pray that the men and women who have not yet encountered the light of the gospel will be touched by its good news during this Christmas season. Pray that those who have closed themselves off from the light will now be open to receiving it. May we all be set on fire with the light of Christ's love!

"Come, Lord, and shine your light on the hearts of all your people this Christmas! May the radiance of your love dispel all darkness!"

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**December 20th -
December 26th**

**MASS
INTENTIONS**

- 12/20 Saturday: Scott Opland †
- 12/21 Sunday: 8:30 - People of the Parish
10:30 - For all families that are suffering
- 12/23 Tuesday: Larry Sappington †
- 12/24 Wednesday: 4:00 - People of the Parish
6:00 - People of the Parish
- 12/25 Thursday: People of the Parish
- 12/26 Friday: No Mass

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Pick for the Week of Dec. 21st

- Watch:** The Story of Christmas/Benjamin Cello Christmas Special
- Learn:** Christmas - Sacred Art
- Listen:** What Catholics Believe About Christmas: Traditions, Santa Claus

December 21, 2025

December 7 Income: \$ 6,777.25
2nd Collection - Building Fund: \$ 1,701.25
 December 14 Income: \$ 4,909.48
2nd Collection - Building Fund: \$ 1,168.44
 December 21 Income: \$ 0.00
2nd Collection - Building Fund: \$ 0.00
 December 28 Income: \$ 0.00
2nd Collection - Building Fund: \$ 0.00

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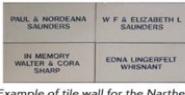


MAKING A PLACE TO GATHER & GROW

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.

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***Souvenir Bricks \$40**
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Keepsake Certificate \$20
A brick engraving fundraiser certificate is a great way to remember your commitment to our project.

*Souvenir Bricks and 2nd Grotto Bricks are only available with the purchase of a 4" x 8" Grotto Brick or Narthex Tile.



At the end of the calendar year, Holy Family Catholic School is asking our parish families to help them reach their goal of \$100,000 in SUCCESS donations by Dec. 31st. If you haven't yet contributed to SUCCESS this year, please prayerfully consider making a gift before the 31st. You may donate online or drop a check at the school office. No gift is too small and every donation makes a difference in a child's life.



Sunday: Coffee and donuts after Sunday Masses.

Monday: Parish Office open 9am-3pm.
No Confirmation Class until January 5th.

Tuesday: Parish Office open 9am-3pm.



Christmas Mass Schedule for St. George Church

Christmas Eve

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

Christmas Day - 9:00 a.m. Mass

(No Masses on Friday, December 26th)

Wednesday: *Parish Office Closed.*
No OCIA & No First Holy Communion classes until January 7th.

Thursday: *Parish Office Closed.*
Mission of Charity Office closed until January 8th.

Friday: *No Mass today - Parish Office Closed .*

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.



We'd like to give a huge THANK YOU to all the coordinators, volunteers, contributors, crafters and participants, who made this year's Raffle, Sweet Shoppe, Craft Emporium and Religious Items Boutique, the best ever!

Together, we've raised nearly \$12,000 for our new parish hall fund. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to our parish!



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