

December 3, 2017  
First Sunday of Advent

*Watch, therefore, you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.*

—Mk 13:35

# St. Aloysius Catholic Church

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## **Weekend Masses:**

Saturday - 5pm · Sunday - 8:30am & 10:30am

**Daily Mass:** 8:30am Tue - Fri

**Holy Day Schedule:** Check Bulletin or Website

**Rosary:** After daily Mass · Before Weekend Masses ·  
Monday at 3pm

**Adoration:** Every First Friday - **9:00am–8:00pm**

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30-4:30pm or by appointment

**Information:** For Registration, Baptisms, Confirmation, RCIA, RCIC, Faith Formation, Sacrament of the Sick, First Communion, Communion Visits to the homebound and those in care facilities, Reconciliation, Marriages, Annulments, Funerals, and Christian Burial, please call Fr. Jones or the parish office.

Welcome To Our Growing Parish Community!

*Our mission at St. Aloysius Catholic Church is to Celebrate and Live the Eucharist, Educate in the Catholic Faith, and be faithful Stewards of God's Blessings.*

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**Reading 1:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7  
**Reading 2:** 1 Cor 1:3-9

**Psalm:** 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
**Gospel:** Mk 13:33-37

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers.



**David Rumpza, Jim O'Neil**  
**Wayne Lovinghoff,**  
**Maddie Boldue**

*Prayer request must be made through Cindy Guillot 253-862-9100*



**WELCOME EVERYONE!**

We are the Catholic Community of St. Aloysius Parish in Buckley ... making a difference for Christ in our surrounding communities. We serve all with an open heart, committing ourselves to helping all people connect with Jesus Christ's love and power for their lives! Thanks for being a part of us. If you are not, consider joining us!

—Fr. Clarence, Parochial

Vicar

**TODAYS READINGS**

**First Reading** - Isaiah prays for the Lord's forgiveness of the people.

**Responsorial Psalm** - A prayer for the Lord's protection

**Second Reading** - Paul gives thanks to God for the faith of Corinthians.

**Gospel Reading** - Jesus warns his disciples to be watchful so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

The passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

The Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

—LoyolaPress

**RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE—CHRISTMAS**

- 1) Saturdays from 3:30pm-4:30pm  
Private Confessions as usual
- 2) Wednesday December 6th at 7PM  
Communal Service with Private Confessions at Sacred Heart in Enumclaw
- 3) Wednesday December 13th at 7PM  
Communal Service with Private Confessions at St. Aloysius.

**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday December 23, 5:00pm  
Sunday December 24, 9:30am only  
December 24th – Christmas Eve  
4:00p and 9:00pm  
Monday December 25th – Christmas Day  
9:30am only

**NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND**

Normal mass schedule! The Solemnity of Mary Holy Day of Obligation on New Year's January 1st falls on Monday, so your Holy Day of obligation is fulfilled at the weekend masses. There will be no New Year's Day Mass at St. Aloysius; it is Fr. Clarence's day off. Sacred Heart in Enumclaw will have Mass at 9:00a.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**Friday December 8th**

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Mass 8:30am and 7pm**

Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America

**POPE FRANCIS DECEMBER INTENTIONS**

**The Elderly**

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.



# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Monday – Dec 4

Rosary **3:00pm**  
 Religious Education grades K-6th **4:30pm**  
 Youth/Confirmation Prep **6:30pm**

## Tuesday - Dec 5

Mass - Fr. Davis Day of Birth **8:30am**  
 Altar Society **2:00pm**

## Wednesday - Dec 6—St. Nicholas, Bishop

Mass –Pat Erzinger by Berger Family **8:30am**  
 Communal Penance Service at Sacred Heart **7:00pm**

## Thursday - Dec 7 —St. Ambrose, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church **8:30am**  
 Mass +Luke Garrison by Berger Family

## Friday - Dec 8 —Holy Day of Obligation

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary **8:30am**

Mass - Fr. Clarence Day of Birth **and 7:00pm**

## Saturday – Dec 9

—St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin **9:00am**  
 4th Degree Knights of Columbus **3:30pm**  
 Confession **5:00pm**

Mass **6:00pm**  
 Our Shepherd's Birthday Dinner

**Sunday - Dec 10**—2nd Sunday of Advent **8:30am**  
 Mass **10:30am**

Mass for parishioners/intentions



## CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

The Christmas Food drive starts this weekend. It runs from December 2nd through the 10th. Please place non perishable items in the basket in church or the blue box in the hall. Please triple check the used by date, some food items had to be tossed out on the Thanksgiving food drive. We will be gathering enough food for 12 baskets again, please be generous.

### Suggested Non Perishable Donation Items:

Canned vegetables	Canned Pie Fillings
Canned Fruits	Boxed Crackers
Boxed Jell-O, pudding	Bagged Chips, Salsa
Boxed Potatoes mix	Sealed Coffee, Tea,
Boxed Cereal	Cocoa, Juice
Pasta, Rice, Beans	Flour and Sugar (Sealed)
Spices	Packets of mixes:
Canned Soups	taco, spaghetti, gravy
Canned meat, fish	Canned or Boxed Ready
Candy	to Eat Meals

## \*\*\* ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL \*\*\*

The Annual Catholic Appeal year end payments or donations must be postmarked by Dec. 31st to be applied to the 2017 tax year. **Please do not make payments in the parish collection basket.** Mail directly to the Archdiocese of Seattle: Annual Catholic Appeal, PO Box 14964, Seattle 98114. Your generous support is greatly appreciated. We have received 85% of the pledges made in April, which equals a \$12,261.00 REBATE received so far. This amount and last years rebate are being used for our parish project: KITCHEN UPGRADE. Thank you for making this happen!

~Your Stewardship Committee



## LET'S CELEBRATE! OUR SHEPHERDS

Saturday December 9th  
at 6:00p

Fr. Davis has a birthday on December 5th. Fr. Clarence on December 8th. Carol Miller has offered to cook a Shepherd's Pie Dinner for our Shepherds! Come Celebrate!

This is a complimentary dinner, all we are asking you to please bring are non-perishable items for the Christmas Baskets. Please be generous. Thank you.

## ADVENT WREATHS AND CANDLES

Advent begins TODAY!

Prayer is an important part of Advent. As you dedicate your Stewardship of Time in prayer for the birth of our Lord, an Advent Wreath is a beautiful sacramental. Advent metal wreaths and candles are available at cost in the parish hall after every weekend mass.

Gold Wreaths \$3.50 Candles - \$5.50  
 Set is \$9.00 - 4 to a box - [3 purple- 1 rose]

## OUR ANNUAL REMINDER ABOUT YOUR TAXES

The end of year tax report will be sent out in January 2018. We prepare for 2018 with great anticipation, knowing that God has a plan to continue to help us to bring people closer to Christ. But we can only do that through the generosity of our parishioners. We want to invite you to help us finish the year strong. We are two weeks behind on our Year-To-Date budget [see below]. Please prayerfully consider your Stewardship to St. Aloysius and assist us to remain on budget.

Thank you.

Also, just a reminder, that in order for your gift to be tax deductible, it must be postmarked and/or given before December 31, 2017.

## FISCAL YEAR REPORT FOR 11-26-17

<u>St. Aloysius</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Weekly Revenue	\$2,788.00	\$4,403.00	-\$1,615.00
Fiscal YTD	\$88,055.56	\$96,866.00	-\$8,810.44

**'TIS THE SEASON  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

It is the time of year when we are more acutely aware of the needs of those in our community who require our assistance with the basic necessities of life – a warm and dry place to stay, warm clothes, adequate food, and other essentials which so many of us take for granted. We are especially reminded of Mary and Joseph traveling to Bethlehem with no place to stay, in fact being rejected in their efforts.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is an organization of Catholic laypersons who answer the call of St. Vincent de Paul to help those less fortunate with short-term assistance in paying the rent, heating bills, etc. The Society evaluates the requests for assistance and where it is deemed appropriate makes a commitment to help. The Society does not give money directly to the client.

The local Society functions only to the levels made possible by the generous donations from local parishioners like you and me. If you can make a donation, please use the brown envelopes in the pews marked: "ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HELP FOR THE POOR". If you would like to make a donation by check please make it payable to St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please do not seal the envelopes so we may use them again. Thank you.  
Bill Peterson (360) 889-4108

St. Vincent de Paul Society also requires volunteers to accomplish this ministry. Please call with any questions.

**EXPERIENCE ADVENT**

Advent comes every year. It's meant to be a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. But very often the world steals that time of preparation by distracting us in a hundred different ways. And for some Catholics, Advent is an afterthought. Rediscover the joy in preparing for Christmas, sign up for free at:

BestAdventever.com/Youreinvited or  
Dynamiccatholic.com/advent



Every time Advent rolls around, I remind people to go back to the words of that most famous of Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." We hear, "Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear." Until we can move into the spiritual space suggested by those words, we will not catch the meaning of this season. — Bishop Barron

Sign up for free daily reflections from Word on Fire - Bishop Robert Barron at: <https://adventreflections.com>

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**

What if you knew where all of your money was going each month? What if you were debt-free, investing and making wise spending decisions? With Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future. If you're interested in learning more about the class, contact Deacon Ray and Karen at 208-819-9845 or [daighdream-in@gmail.com](mailto:daighdream-in@gmail.com). We are offering this course at St Aloysius starting Wednesday January 3, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Each class is 1 ½ hours for 9 weeks; anyone can come to the first class to see what they think and then it's best to do the entire series. Please join us.

**PLATEAU OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

It is a busy time at POM and we are seeing increased need over the past couple years. We are preparing for the cold winter months ahead and expect more folks will need help as the weather turns. There are upcoming opportunities for individuals to get involved helping our neighbors in need. The ecumenical Winter Shelter will begin soon.

Thank you to Britt Nelson from POM for sharing information on how you can give of your Time and Talent to this ministry. You are encouraged to contact our church coordinator, Maureen Soler (360) 825-5715 or POM 360-825-8961.

**ADVENT: A SEASON OF HOPE**

Let us pray.  
Lord, watch over your people, who come to you in confidence. Strengthen the hearts of those who hope in you. Give courage to those who falter because of their failures. In this holy season of Advent, lead them closer to you in hope, by the power of your Holy Spirit. May they one day proclaim your saving acts of kindness in your eternal kingdom. Amen.

—Our Sunday Visitor

**HELP WANTED**

We need a crew of volunteers to help decorate St. Aloysius Church on Sunday December 24th at 11:00am. All tall persons are definitely encouraged to assist with those high spots. Everyone please come help get the church ready for the first Christmas mass that same night. If you are interested show up! Or even better, please contact Bea (BZ) Wilson 360-829-0776 or email [bzwilson42@yahoo.com](mailto:bzwilson42@yahoo.com) so she can plan ahead.



~Thank you

**BULLETIN COVER ART**

Treasures of the Bible (Church Age) by Henry Davenport Northrop, D.D. published by International Publishing Company, Date: 1894

## Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

1474–1548



### Fest Day—December 9

Baptized at about age 50, this Mexican Indian was walking to Mass on December 9, 1531, when Mary appeared to him on Tepeyac Hill, near Mexico City. Speaking in his native language of *Náhuatl*, she asked him to petition the bishop for a shrine to be built there. But the bishop asked for a sign. On December 12, Juan returned to Tepeyac; Mary told him to pick flowers blooming atop the hill and put them in his cloak to take to the

bishop. When Juan opened the cloak, the flowers fell out and the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe adorned his garment. This miraculous image is preserved in the famous basilica in Mexico City. Juan lived out his days as a hermit near the first chapel built there; he was canonized in 2002.

Catholic News Service—USCCB

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES COLLECTION —TODAY!

The annual appeal for CCS is this weekend. Catholic community Services and Catholic Housing Services have served people of all faiths since 1918. Because of you, CCS helps over 100,000 people in need each year. Please prayerfully consider making a financial gift to the annual CCS Appeal for the Poor in support of our neighbors in need. Thank you Bob Stafford from CCS for speaking at all masses with more information. Envelopes are in the pews or your offertory packets, they will be sent directly to CCS. Thank you for your generosity.

### SAINT QUOTE

"Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the most tender of friends with souls who seek to please Him. His goodness knows how to proportion itself to the smallest of His creatures as to the greatest of them. Be not afraid then in your solitary conversations, to tell Him of your miseries, fears, worries, of those who are dear to you, of your projects, and of your hopes. Do so with confidence and with an open heart."

— St. Damien of Molokai

### Prayer on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

The image of the Virgin is found in your Church. Mary had a faith that your Spirit prepared and a love that never knew sin, for you kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception.

Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith.

Prepare once again a world for your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

—Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

### BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS



Please bring unwrapped baby items to the parish hall starting December 2nd. The Knights of Columbus will be collecting items for the Pregnancy & Parenting Support Center in Tacoma. Thank you for your generous giving of diapers, new baby clothes, other baby items and good condition baby furniture

for new mothers who have decided to keep their babies instead of abortion.

Thank you!

### VERSE OF THE DAY

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'"

—John 8:12

### EPIPHANY PLAY



The annual tradition of sharing the Epiphany story with the parish continues this year and our Religious Education students are in the production and all children

are welcome to participate. The costumes are prepared, the script is ready, and rehearsals will begin soon. Please let the director know if your child(ren) would like to participate as an actor, member of the crew, or as a singer in the angel choir.

Four rehearsals will be held:

Even if your child(ren) won't be able to make it to all of the rehearsals, there's a place for them in our production.

Thursday, December 21, 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Thursday, December 28, 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Thursday, January 4, 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Saturday, January 6, 10:00 am to noon

The show will be presented, with a dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus, the evening of Sunday, January 7 at 5 pm and the play will begin at approximately 6:45pm. Feel free to call Chris Korolsky (253.686.0784) Religious Education coordinator K-6th with questions or to join.

### The Many Names of CHRIST

To the PHILOSOPHER He is the Wisdom of God.

To the PREACHER He is the Word of God.

To the SCULPTOR He is the Living Stone.

To the SERVANT He is the Good Master.