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December 23, 2018
4th Sunday of Advent

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.*

December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Reading 1: Micah 5:1-4
Reading 2: Hebrews 10:5-10

Psalm: 80:2-3,15-16,18-19
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

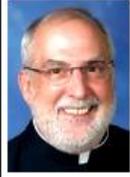
PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for all who have asked for prayers:



**For the repose of the souls of
Sylvia Ewaskow and Georgia Michael
May God grant them eternal rest**

Prayer request must be made through Cindy Guillot 253-862-9100. Please contact Cindy with anyone to be added to our long term prayer list for 2019.



"If you wish to go to extremes, let it be in sweetness, patience, humility and charity."
— St. Philip Neri

SAINT QUOTE

"Upon receiving Holy Communion, the Adorable Blood of Jesus Christ really flows in our veins and His Flesh is really blended with ours."

— St. John Vianney



**The month of December is devoted to the
Immaculate Heart of Mary.**

O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

MEDITATION FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK

MIRROR IMAGES

by Mark Hart, Ascension Press

There's a famous saying that in order to be successful you should "begin with the end in mind." If that is the case, there is no better example of "success" than the Gospels. God, quite obviously, had a detailed plan to save us, as the birth and the death of Jesus have striking similarities.

Consider just these few parallels between Bethlehem and Calvary:

~ Angels are present during Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection ([Luke 2:13](#); [Matthew 26:53](#); [John 20:12](#)).

~ Mary, our Mother, is present in both accounts ([Matthew 2:11-13](#); [John 19:26-27](#)).

~ In both scenes, Jesus was draped in swaddling clothes ([Luke 2:7](#), [23:53](#)).

~ Each event was accompanied by a celestial act/sign ([Matthew 2:2](#), [27:45](#)).

~ The wooden manger lies between two animals, the wooden cross between two thieves ([Isaiah 1:3](#); [Luke 2:12](#), [23:33](#)).

~ A righteous man named Joseph was present at both his birth and his death ([Luke 2:16](#); [19:38](#)).

~ Jesus was pronounced "King of the Jews" at each ([Matthew 2:2](#); [John 19:19](#)).

Both events took place on a hill, on the outskirts of Jerusalem (Bethlehem and Calvary are both set within many hills). Both Jesus' birth and death/resurrection were foretold in advance (prophecy), both were miraculous, and both involved God "emptying" himself for us, and both events ultimately lead to our salvation.

Biblical scholars affirm that it was not a barn, but a cave hewn out of rock that served as the first Christmas tabernacle, which is a perfect mirror image to the Easter tabernacle of the rock-hewn tomb. It was out of a cave that the Word became flesh and out of a cave that the Word breathed life once again. Both caves acted as a starting point for heaven, although both were ending points in the eyes of earth.

Bethlehem and Calvary were less than seven miles apart geographically; they are even closer in the heart of God. Contemplate these things in your heart this Christmas season. In Jesus' birth we celebrate his life, which resulted in his death, which offered us all new life . . . in him.



CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday – Dec 24 - Christmas Eve

Mass **5:00pm**
 Mass **9:00pm**
 Office Closed

Tuesday - Dec 25 - Nativity of our Lord

Mass - Holy Day of Obligation **9:30am**
 Office Closed

Wednesday - Dec 26 - St. Stephen, Martyr

Mass – Angela Zeober intention **8:30am**
 Office Closed

Thursday - Dec 27 - St. John, Apostle

Mass – Andrew Berger intention **8:30am**

Friday - Dec 28 - Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Mass – Benjamin Ernst by Patty Rumpza **8:30am**

Saturday – Dec 29

Confession **3:30pm**
 Mass **5:00pm**

Sunday - Dec 30 - The Holy Family of Jesus

Mary and Joseph
 Mass **8:30am**

NO Religious Education — K-6th —
 Knights of Columbus Family Rosary **10:00am**

Mass **10:30am**

NO Youth group/Confirmation Prep **12:00pm**

Monday - Dec 31 -

NO Adult Faith Formation class —

Tuesday - January 1st, 2019

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God **9:30am**
 Mass - Holy Day of Obligation
 Office Closed

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH

Thank you to all who donated food, **884** pounds, and money to the Christmas food baskets.

Tom and Sue Saunders made baskets for 10 families to enjoy a good Christmas dinner and other meals with your generosity.



Thank you for the Baby Shower for Jesus gifts. Joe Schamer and Bill Rumpza delivered them to the Catholic Community Services Pregnancy Aid Center in Tacoma last week.



RECYCLE

As you celebrate the holidays coming, remember you can recycle your beverage cans here. The church has recycled drink (pop, beer, etc) cans for awhile now with the money raised going into the Church General Fund. Parishioners may leave aluminum cans in any form (crushed or not) but of course empty – no liquids inside. Thank you.

AROUND THE PARISH

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

December 24, – Christmas Eve **5:00p and 9:00pm**
 December 25th – Christmas Day **9:30am only**

January 1st - New Years Day **9:30am only**

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for the Christmas Holiday, December 24, 25, and 26th. We will be closed on New Year's Day, Tuesday January 1st, 2019.



We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.
 ~ St. Aloysius staff



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a family Rosary on Sunday December 30th at 10:00am. The Family Rosary will be held each month with a fifth Sunday. The next one will be March 31st, 2019.

All are encouraged to come and bring the children to experience this most holy prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

Hail Mary full of Grace the Lord is with Thee



OUR ANNUAL REMINDER ABOUT YOUR TAXES

The end of year tax report will be sent out in January 2019. We prepare for 2019 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 approximately SIX weeks behind on our Year-To-Date budget. 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 for 2018, it must be postmarked and/or given before December 31, 2018.

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Thank you for your generous Stewardship of Treasure, **our** budget goals are listed.

Totals for 12-16-18

St. Aloysius	Actual	Budgeted	Variance
Weekly Revenue	\$3,211.00	\$4,998.00	(\$1,787.00)
Fiscal YTD	\$92,586.75	\$124,950.00	(\$32,363.25)

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



Thank you to all who have responded so generously to the change in how the Heritage House is holding their Christmas gathering. The Christmas Giving Tree will remain up in the parish hall through Epiphany. Please take a card and return to the office to help cover costs of our community outreach to the Heritage House Senior Care facility.

The Heritage House Senior Care facility in Buckley has many residents who have no family close by. We are asking for donations to purchase items for a gift bag of goodies for each resident. Gift bags will all be the same except for special allergies and diabetic requests. The items will be purchased in bulk and divided into equal gift bags. A donation in any amount is greatly appreciated. Please take a card off the Giving Tree in the parish hall and return in the same envelope in the weekend collection basket. If you write a check please make it out to St. Aloysius. Your gift can be anonymous or include your name; we will show the donation on your year-end tax report. **Thank you for assisting in a successful new way to the Giving Tree this year.**

Instead of taking a card off the tree you may use the coupon below with your donation.

Thank You For Giving!

A donation in any amount is greatly appreciated. Your gift can be anonymous or include your name; we will show the donation on your year-end tax report. If you write a check please make it out to St. Aloysius. Please return your donation, including this card, by December 21st to the office, or in the 22/23rd weekend collection basket. Thank you for your generosity. The Heritage House residents say THANK YOU also.

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AMOUNT _____ CASH or

CHECK # _____



VERSE OF THE DAY

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive."

~Colossians 3:12-13

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you to those who have already fulfilled your Annual Catholic Appeal pledge! Totals as of November 30th. **Pledged \$29,995 Goal \$34,309 Received \$28,307 \$(1,689) 83%, Thank you.**

If you would like to help maximize our Annual Catholic Appeal Rebate this year, please check if your employer has a Matching Gift program.

Annual Catholic Appeal Year-End Payments and Donations

Want to make your Annual Catholic Appeal payment or donation by year-end for tax purposes?

Any payments or new gifts you want credited to the 2018 calendar year for tax purposes need to be in the Annual Catholic Appeal office by December 31st. **(Please do not put ACA payments in the parish collection basket)**

- Visit www.seattlearchdiocese.org/pp and use your debit or credit card for immediate processing
- Call the Appeal office at 800-809-4921
- Mail to Annual Catholic Appeal, 710 9th Ave, Seattle 98104 (postmark must be stamped by Dec 31, 2018 in order to be applied in the calendar year)
- To donate stock, call 206-382-7316 or 800-422-5417

Haven't made a gift to the Appeal? It's not too late. Go to: www.seattlearchdiocese.org/donate

CALLED TO SERVE as CHRIST CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The Called to Serve as Christ campaign has received the first payment of our Parish Share. **Our parish share from the beginning to September 30, 2018 is \$5,418.90** and from now on we will receive Parish Share payments four times a year – February, May, August and November.

Once we reach our goal of \$218,052.00 our share will increase from 15% to 85%. Thank you for generosity and continuing to make donations to fulfill your pledge.

You are invited to make a pledge or donation to the Called to Serve as Christ Campaign if you were unable to participate in the first Ask.

Thank you for your support of this important campaign for our current and future priests and women religious. Please mail payments to:

Archdiocese of Seattle
Called to Serve as Christ Campaign
PO Box 14964
Seattle, WA 98114-9919