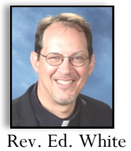
For the One who carved the islands has come to live among us,
And this is the house He has chosen, St. Mary Star of the Sea. — Anne Porter

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SACRAMENTS / *SACRAMENTOS*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION / ***SACRAMENTO DE RECONCILIACIÓN:*** *(In English and y en espanol)*

Wednesday	4:45-5:15 pm
Thursday	11:15-11:45 am
Fridays (except 2nd Fridays usually)	11:15-11:45 am
Saturday	3:30-4:30 pm

****Confessions may also be scheduled by appointment by calling 360-385-3700.*
****Las confesiones también se pueden programar con cita previa llamando al 360-385-3700.*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT / ***EXPOSICIÓN DEL SAGRARIO:***
Fridays 12:00-7:30 pm

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Requires prep. classes, please call 360-385-3700
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Contact Parish Office before setting date. *Contactar al sacerdote antes de apartar la fecha. Call 360-385-3700 (Cemetery Location: San Juan Avenue and 42nd St.)*

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MASS ASSISTANTS
November 21-22

ALTAR SERVERS
SAT. 5:00 pm: Sam
SUN. 8:30 am: David / Dylan / Karen
SUN. 11:00 am: Jayber

GREETERS
SAT. 5:00 pm: Trish Murphy
SUN. 8:30 am: Dilery and Celida Salcedo
SUN. 11:00 am: Tim and LaTrecia Arthur

LECTORS
SAT. 5:00 pm: Carol Hurley
SUN. 8:30 am: MMI
SUN. 11:00 am: Suzanne S.

MINISTERS OF THE CUP
SAT. 5:00 pm: TBA
SUN. 8:30 am: MMI
SUN. 11:00 am: No Ministers

Readings for the Week...

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5 Psalms 1:1-4, Luke 18:35-43	Sirach 26:1-3, 15-18, 24 Psalms 31:4-5, 8-9, 20, 24-25 Matthew 25:31-40	Acts 28:11-16, 30, 31 Psalms 98:1-6 Matthew 14:22-33	Revelation 5:1-10 Psalms 149:1-6, 9 Luke 19:41-44	Revelation 10:8-11 Psalms 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Luke 19:45-48	Revelation 11:4-12 Psalms 144:1-2, 9-10 Luke 20:27-40	Revelation 11:4-12 Psalms 144:1-2, 9-10 Psalms 144:1-2, 9-10 Luke 20:27-40

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33nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 14/15, 2026
Mass Readings can be found in The Journey Song Book at 1044

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CHANGES IN MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULES

Beginning on the first weekend of Advent, Saturday, November 28th, and Sunday, November 29th, the following schedule of Masses and Confessions will become effective:

No Saturday Vigil Masses or Confessions

Sunday Masses
8:30 am - en español
11:00 am - English

Daily Mass Schedule
9:30 am - Wednesday and Thursday
6:15 pm - Friday

Daily Confessions
9:00 am-9:15 am - Wednesday and Thursday
5:00 pm-6:00 pm - Friday

Adoration
1:00-6:00 pm - Friday

Holy Days of Obligation
9:30 am - English Mass
5:30 pm - Spanish Mass

FUNERAL FOR MONICA CASEY-KESGARD

There will be a funeral Mass for Monica Casey-Kesgard on Thursday, November 19, at 11:00 am.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

As our Stewardship of Treasure focus continues, we are reminded that stewardship is more than an individual act of generosity. The Stewardship of Treasure is a pledge for Sunday giving for 2027. These stewardship funds will remain in the parish and this information provides us with the ability to budget for the needs of the parish throughout 2027. Through your stewardship, our parish is able to do more than meet its daily needs. Your generosity supports the ministries, faith formation programs, liturgies, and outreach efforts that help people encounter Jesus Christ here in our parish and His love in meaningful ways.

If you have already made your commitment, thank you for your generosity and faithful support. If you have not yet responded, we invite you to join us in this important mission to strengthen our parish and further the work of the Gospel. Please make your pledge today using the pledge card that you should have received by mail, the QR code above or by completing a commitment card in the narthex.

"OUR MISSION IS TO...

CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR MIDST BY MASS, SACRAMENTS, AND PRAYER;
LIVE CHRIST'S LOVE BY SERVING OTHERS, ESPECIALLY THE POOR, NEGLECTED, AND SUFFERING;
GROW IN THE TRUTHS AND VALUES OF OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION, TEACH THEM TO OUR CHILDREN, AND PROCLAIM THEM TO THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW THEM."

SPECIAL REMINDERS:

- **There will be a funeral Mass for Monica Casey-Kesgard on Thursday, November 19, at 11:00 am**
- **There will be no daily Mass or confessions on November 20.**

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK
November 14-20, 2026

THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH are open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Wednesdays until 5:30 pm, Fridays until 9:00 pm, and on weekends at Mass times. The doors will not be open at times when the parish staff is not in the office, i.e., most federal holidays, major church holidays and as announced in future bulletins. ***Please note:*** *At church closing times we must cordially ask our guests to depart and join us again on another day.*

- ***Please silence your cell phones prior to the beginning of Mass and other devotions***

Saturday, November 14 (Fr. Gali)
3:30-4:30 pm - Confessions
5:00 pm - Vigil Mass in English
Sunday, November 15 (Fr. Gali)
8:30 am - Misa en español
9:30 am - Coffee Hour
9:45-10:45 am - Religious Education
11:00 am - Mass in English
12:00 pm - Bereavement Ministry Meeting in the Social Hall after the 11:00 am Mass
Monday, November 16
No Mass or devotions
12:30 pm - Rosary Makers in the Parish Building
Tuesday, November 17
No Mass or devotions
Wednesday, November 18 (Fr. Gali)
4:45-5:15 pm - Confessions
5:30 pm - Mass and Vespers
*Bible Study after Mass - in the Social Hall
**Choir Practice after Mass, (Choir Loft)
6:30 pm - OCIA - in the Parish Bldg.
8:00 pm - Marriage Preparation en Español
Thursday, November 19 (Fr. Gali)
10:15-11:45 am - Confessions
11:00 am - Funeral Mass for Monic Casey-Kesgard
7:00 pm - Hispanic OCIA in the Social Hall
(7:00 p.m. - Reunión Hispana de OCIA en el Salón Social)
Friday, November 20 (Fr. Gali)
NO 11:15-11:45 am - Confessions
NO 12:00 pm - Mass
12:00-7:30 pm - Adoration
3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:00-9:00 pm - MMI/Hispanic Prayer Group

NEW MUSIC FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent November 29 we will be joining with St. Joseph's and Queen of Angels in singing the following Mass parts in Latin for the Advent and Christmas season in the Journeysongs Book:

Kyrie (Lord Have Mercy) 175

Sanctus (Holy Holy Holy) 177

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) 181

The melodies for these three will be the same as we sing every Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass. Only the language will change.

We do not sing the Gloria during Advent or Lent but we will hold a few brief practices of the Gloria (176 in Journeysongs) right before Mass in order to prepare for Christmas.

PERSONAL MASS INTENTIONS

Personal Mass intentions may now be requested between January 1 through the end of March. You may also continue to add the names of your loved ones to the monthly Prayers of the Faithful for those who have died or are in need or our prayers

Lord, pour out Your mercy upon the souls in purgatory especially those who have no one left to pray for them. Cleanse them of every stain and draw them closer to the glory of Your presence. May Your love assure them they are known and cherished by You. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR ALL DAILY MASSES IN NOVEMBER: For the souls all of the faithful departed.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 5:00 PM: For the staff and faculty of the parish family and school.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026, 8:30 AM: *Pro Populo* (for the people).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026, 12:00 PM: For the repose of the soul of Keith Williams as requested by Christa Kavanath.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2026, 11:00 AM: For the repose of the soul of Monica Casey-Kesgard.



We will offer petitions during Prayers of the Faithful for those in need of healing and those who have passed away. Parishioners are invited to call the Parish Office to request that a loved one be added to either list. These names will be read at every Mass during the month they were added. Petitions are not Mass intentions and there is no suggested donation or stipend associated with them.

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CONFIRMATION PARENTS MEETING

There will be a meeting for all Confirmation parents on Sunday, November 22, at 10:00 am in the Social Hall.

BIBLE STUDY

Our weekly Bible Study will continue this week on Wednesday , November 18, at 5:30 pm, in the Social Hall with Sirach Chapters 46-51. Bible Study will not meet on Wednesday, November 25.

ANGEL TREE NEWS

The Christmas Angel Tree will be appearing soon! Parishioner support of this program is an impactful way to make a difference for needy children in our community. Christmas gifts for the children are so appreciated! (Regrettably, grocery cards will be not be provided this year.) We thank you in advance for supporting this program.
NOVEMBER 20: 10:30 am - The tree will be assembled with lights and tags in the narthex.
NOVEMBER 21/22: The tags will be available for parishioners to select.
DECEMBER 13: Parishioners' ***wrapped*** presents are due either in the narthex or at the Parish Office.
DECEMBER 16: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm - Distribution of presents.
DECEMBER 17: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Distribution of presents.

REGISTER FOR THE FINAL REGIONAL COMMUNITY GATHERING

All parishioners are encouraged to attend the final regional gathering for Partners in the Gospel on November 17, at 6:00 p.m., at St. Olaf's , in Poulsbo. The meeting will include an update on Partners in the Gospel, information about the One Parish Planning process and time for answering questions. You can register at: https://archseattle.org/partners/community-gathering/.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

SVDP may be contacted at 360-379-1325. Donations can be made on-line at: https://svdpejc.org/. ***You can always place donations in regular Sunday collections as long as they are marked for SVDP.***

A CAROLING WE GO

Once again this year you are encouraged to join in Christmas caroling in the neighborhood on Saturday, December 19, 1-4:00 pm young and older. Meet in the Social Hall.

THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE

November 26 - THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY
The Parish Office and church will be closed
NO Confessions
9:00 am - Mass
November 27 - DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING
Parish Office and church will be closed
NO 11:15-11:45 am - Confessions
NO 12:00 pm - Mass
NO 12:00-7:30 pm - Adoration
NO 3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet
NO 6:00-9:00 pm - MMI/Hispanic Prayer Group

NOVEMBER BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY BUSINESS MEETING THIS WEEKEND

The Bereavement Ministry will meet to conduct business on this Sunday, November 15, after the 11:00 am Mass (approximately 12:30 pm) in the main area of the Parish Hall. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

UPCOMING COMMISSIONING

All current and new Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers Homebound Ministers will be commissioned on November 21 and 22.

8:30 am - Misa en español Todos los lectores actuales y nuevos, los ministros extraordinarios y los ministros a domicilio serán comisionados el domingo 22 de noviembre.

5:00 pm and 11:00 am - Mass in English Commissioning of Lectors, Ministers of the Cup, Ministers of Communion, Homebound Ministers, and ALL Sacristans.

MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP

Queen of Angels	$33,821.17
St. Joseph	$58,684.27
St. Annes	$11,572.27
St. Thomas	$1,675.00
St. Mary's	$20,721.88

Parish Stewardship
11/8/2026
Week #19

Actual/*Colecta Real*	$ 4,839.62
Budgeted/*Presupuesto*	$ 6,635.00
	$ (1,795.38)
Year-To-Date/*Año Corrido*	
Actual Collection/*Colecta Real*	$ 102,546.11
Budgeted Collection/*Presupuesto*	$ 126,065.00
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WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

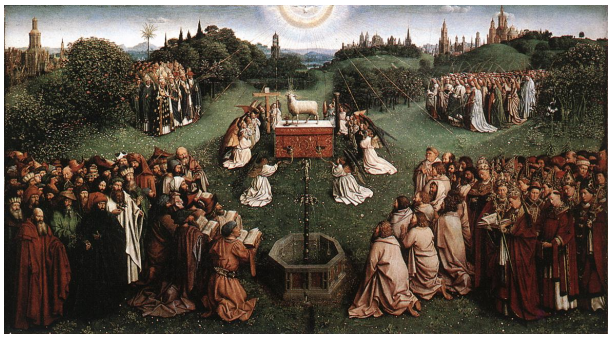
- Father Jacob Maurer

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me,

Cf. Jer 29: 11, 12, 14

The first reading for today invites us to consider the question 'Am I a worthy spouse?'. All of us, regardless to individual vocation to marriage or celibacy, are called to enter the brideship of the Church to Christ - language the Lord Himself used during His time on earth and imagery that we see come to its fulfillment in the vision of heaven shown to us in the book of Revelation.

Proverbs offers us clear benchmarks towards which we should aspire: bring Him (Christ!) good and not evil, working with loving hands, reaching out to the poor, extending our arms to the needy, fearing the Lord, and otherwise laboring & working faithfully.



Jesus' parable of the talents highlights the way that we often see ourselves in relation to God: as stewards, servants. But He calls us to something so much greater: "I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father." And then He goes on to show us how much He values that friendship, offering His life for us on the cross.

May we do likewise, giving & entrusting ourselves to Him, as He has done for us.



Last week we celebrated the dedication of the Lateran Basilica - this week we celebrate the dedication of the basilicas of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. The Basilica of Saint Peter is the most known, with pilgrims visiting it not only to see it but also the Pope at his Sunday *Angelus*, where he also weekly blesses them. The extended arms of the basilica, with statues covering both, communicate the universality of the Church



The Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls (its full name) is one of the most ancient churches of Rome - it is the site of Saint Paul's burial. Like Saints Peter and Paul, may our lives also offer testimony to Christ!

Since I was a child, I have enjoyed serving in the sanctuary at Mass. Although I have no talent in dance, the movements of the priest, deacon, and servers make for a complex choreography that follows a rhythm set by the Church over the centures - a dance I can follow!



I'm not exactly sure when it happened, but I one day realized how joyful and fulfilling it is to serve - and the gift that it is to do so for the community and the Lord. To this day, I feel the same and hope to share that experience with others. I invite you - especially you youth of our parishes: consider joining the ministry of altar serving!

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¿POR QUÉ LOS CATÓLICOS HACEN ESO?

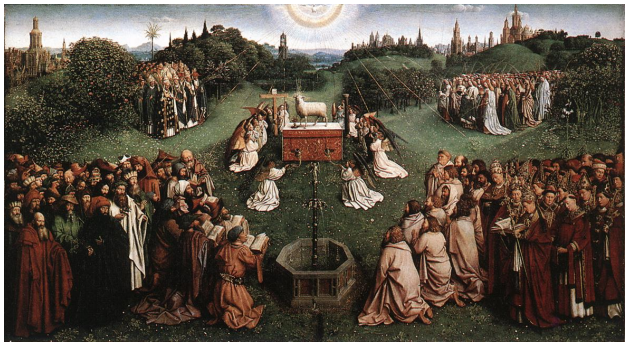
- Padre Jacob Maurer

Dice el Señor: "Tengo designios de paz y no de aflicción, me invocaréis y yo os escucharé;

Cf. Jer 29: 11, 12, 14

La primera lectura nos invita considera la pregunta '¿Soy una esposa hacendosa?'. Todos de nosotros, independientemente de nuestra vocación individual del matrimonio o del celibato, somos llamados participar en la boda de Cristo y Su Iglesia - ¡que es nosotros! El Señor mismo lo expresó durante Su vida, que también vemos en la visión de los cielos ilustrado en el libro del Apocalipsis.

El libro de Proverbios nos ofrezca guía: que al Señor le procuramos bienes y no males, trabajando con hábiles manos, abriendo nuestros manos a los pobres y tendamos a los desvalidos, temiendo al Señor, y haciendo nuestro trabajo fielmente.



La parábola de los talentos ilustra la manera en que a menudo nos consideramos: como servidores. Pero Él nos llama a una relación más grande: "Ya no los llamo siervos, porque el siervo no sabe lo que hace su señor. Los llamo amigos, porque les he dado a conocer todo lo que me ha dicho mi Padre." Entonces, nos muestro el valor de Su amistad, ofreciendo su vida para nosotros por la cruz.

Que hagamos los mismo, entregándonos y confiándonos a Él, como ha hecho para nosotros.



La semana pasada celebremos la dedicación de la Basílica Lateranense - esta semana celebramos la de las Basílicas de Santos Pedro y Pablo. La Basílica de San Pedro es lo más conocido, con peregrinos visitándolo no solo para verla sino también ver el Papa en el *Angelus* cada Domingo y recibir su bendición. Por sus brazos extendidos, con estatúes de santos cubriendo ambos, esta Basílica comunica la universidalid de la Iglesia.



La Basílica de San Pablo Extramuros (su nombre completa) es unas de las iglesias más viejos en Roma - es el sitio del sepulcro de San Pablo. Como San Pedro y San Pablo, ¡que nuestras vidas también ofrecen testigo a Cristo!

Desde yo fuera un niño, he disfrutado sirviendo en el santuario durante la misa. Aunque no tengo una capacidad de bailar, los movimientos del sacerdote, el diacono, y los monaguillos hacen una coreografía compleja que sigue un ritmo mantenido por la Iglesia a lo largo de los siglos. ...¡supongo que sí sé bailar, después de todo!



No estoy seguro exactamente cuándo lo pasó, pero me dio cuenta un día la alegría y el cumplimiento sirviendo ofrezca - y que don es para hacerlo para una comunidad y el Señor. Yo siento así hasta el día de hoy - y quiero compartir la experiencia con otros. Les invito, especialmente a ustedes jóvenes de nuestras iglesias: ¡considera el ministerio de monaguillo!