

Welcome

December 9/10, 2017

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 4:30pm at St. Peter
Saturday at 6:30pm at St. Olaf (en Español)
Sunday at 8:00am at St. Olaf
Sunday at 10:30am at St. Olaf

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday
9:00am - 5:00pm

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My Advent Heart - A Personal Reflection

One reason I appreciate Advent so much is that it provides a spiritual entry into winter. Our natural environment is settling down for a long rest. Some of the animals have entered their hibernation dens. The trees are revealing a different side of their beauty. On clear nights we have more opportunities to look up and see the heavens. All these changes bring, at least for me, a renewed fascination with the mystery of life. I look again and see the ongoing movement of God's creation on its course. It brings a spirit of re-connectedness for me, for which I'm grateful.

This is certainly not true for all of us. Many people, including members of our community I'm sure, struggle with winter. Long periods of darkness are particularly challenging. The cold weather is dangerous. Ice brings slipping hazards, and rain makes it hard to see while driving. It's harder for kids to play outside when the weather's miserable. Many struggle with seasonal affective disorder. Cabin fever sets in. People become isolated. I always remember that winter is actually pretty tough for lots of people. Sensitivity in this regard is really important. Our parish outreach helps tremendously.

As a final thought for now, I remember that Advent is a part of the whole year. We're preparing to celebrate the Incarnation. So, I'll set a candle on the window sill and decorate the house. I'll listen to Christmas Carols more and more as the month progresses. At my next opportunity I'll deposit some money in a Salvation Army bucket. In these small ways I enter deeper into the mystery of God's love and salvation and contribute, hopefully, to others doing the same. Blessings. - Fr. David

Catholic Community Services Special Collection

We invite everyone to make a special financial donation to Catholic Community Services (CCS) this Advent Season. Special envelopes are available in the pews for your use. Headquartered locally in Bremerton, CCS and Catholic Housing Services have compassionately served children, women, and men of all beliefs through our support. For services in Kitsap, Clallam, and Jefferson counties, contact:

645 4th Street, Suite 202A Bremerton, WA 98337-1402
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Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

Another blessing in the month of December is the Feast Day of Blessed Mary in her title as "Our Lady of Guadalupe". It's not too late to join in prayer together as we continue our 9 day Novena in her honor.

The novena will conclude this Tuesday, December 12th with a series of events throughout the day, as follows:

- 5:00am Morning Serenade
- 5:30pm Evening Serenade
- 6:30pm Rosary
- 7:00pm Mass
- 8:00pm Dinner & Cultural Fiesta

Come and enjoy singing, dancing, and the beauty of devotional prayer. For further information please see the flyers on the bulletin board.

¡Viva la Virgen de Guadalupe! ¡Viva!