

Mission Statement

St Joseph Roman Catholic Church and St Peter Mission

recognizes that God is with us in our diverse parish family.

We follow Jesus who said,

“As the Father has Sent me, So I send you.”

Inspired by the lives of Mary and the saints, we love one another and serve those in need. We build our community by hearing, living, and sharing the gospel message of compassion, justice and peace.



Receive, Lord, in tranquility and peace, the souls of your servants who have departed out of this present life to be with you. Give them the life that knows the good things that do not pass away, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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| Gladys Libolt | John Zender | Luz Belvo |
| Marianne Olson | Jim Skillman | |
| Alfredo Guillen | Harold Cronk | |
| P. Bert Gendron | Lois Zender | |
| Eusebio Pareja Ortega | Jennifer Rasavage | |
| Leonard Warner | Leslie Choquette | |
| Sr Maureen Plotts | Frank Sweeney | |
| Louise Ehlers | Nancy Kuelz | |
| Red Zender | Eliz Duran | |

We also pray that our sick and injured that are wrapped in God's arms and tender mercies.

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| Rosemary May | Beth Merideth |
| Rachelle May | Karen Maas |
| Henry Thomas | Bertha Arreola |
| Kerensa Thomas | Ana Luisa Arreola |
| Apollo Green | Maira Ortega Martinez |
| Wyatt Zender | Guillermina Ortega Martinez |
| Noel Choquette | Jesus Apreza Ortega |
| Carmen Minaker | Nicolas Apreza Ortega |
| Troy Baisden | Angel Apreza Ortega |
| Wilma Baisden | Larissa Apreza Ortega |
| Stephan Panatex | Leslie Apreza Ortega |
| Joseph Visbeck | Cindy Apreza Ortega |
| Athena Larsen | Eloisa Apreza Ortega |
| Ken Yarab | Mary Michael |
| Karen Swart | Peter Sterbitzky |
| Mary Lindeman | Roger Jervis |
| Margaret Thorpe | Kathleen Hilgart |
| Sarah O'Donnell | Elijah Hilgart |
| Maria Lopez | Lucas Hilgart |
| Kelli Larsen | Aiden Hilgart |
| Jesus Hurtado | Jaelyn Hilgart |
| Heather Hodgson Kuhl | Jansma Family |
| Kuhl Family | Carol Vandegraft |
| Gordon Sund | Anna Gospodareva |
| Jennifer Gassman | Shufegur Rahman |
| Mark Tyburski | Guadalupe Duran |
| Frank McCormick | Brenda Paniagua |
| Turner Family | Omar Apreza Ortega |
| Jose Galvez | Jesus Apreza Ortega |
| Aurora Perez | Mayra Ortega Martinez |
| Fr. Sebastian Vincent | Michael McCormick |
| Fr. Mauricio Hurtado | Mona Romero |
| Judith Boss | |
| Judy Kopak | |
| Francisco Santeclies | |

Carolyn Blakeway



Word among us:

If you are interested in ordering the word among us, please get into contact with the front office to reserve a copy for 2024! Please contact us no later than December 28th to get your copy!



Posadas, Dec. 16th-23th;Joining the Hispanic community for the posadas (Spanish word for inn or lodging) this is a religious novena that commemorates the journey Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search to a safe place to stay where Mary could give birth to Jesus. Rosary will start at 6:00 pm followed by the celebration with traditional pastries and hot chocolate.



Social Action is in need of more members! We are especially interested in members who can speak both English and Spanish. You can get into contact with social action at 360-354-3848!



Prayer Chain at St. Joseph:

Need prayers? Call or text Marc Hagen! 360-739-1983

Pro-life meeting: January 8th from 7-8pm. Join the prolife group as we learn about the evils of Planned Parenthood and how abortion targets the most vulnerable. We will discuss our prolife memorial, our remembrance garden for miscarried babies, and the possibility of working with the Knights of Columbus to get an ultrasound machine to help young moms in need! Contact Olivia for details!



Chalice Eucharistic Ministers needed for St. Joseph

We are currently in need of servers for the Blood of Christ for English masses. Please contact the front office or Jesus Hurtado if interested in helping, training will be provided.



Next PREPARES Diaper Giveaway: January 20th from 2-4pm

Next Prepares Perks Class: December 23rd from 10:30-11:30am

PREPARES Perks is a free, monthly in person opportunity for those parenting children in the early years, birth to age 5.

Come join us for support, information and idea sharing. Co-hosted by PREPARES volunteers Suzanne Stratford, certified occupational therapist and Pam Ames, veteran child and family life instructor. This is an open invitation to all Whatcom County Families, feel free to spread the word. We meet for one hour, with snacks 10:30-11:30 in the Lions Den on the Tuesday morning following our 3rd Friday Giveaways. Hope to see you December 19th.



PREPARES Amazon Wishlist:

PREPARES now has an Amazon wishlist: <https://a.co/1bH9HCh> We are always in need of wipes, laundry detergent, baby shampoo and baby lotion! We currently

serve over 50 families with diapers, wipes, clothes and so much more. Donations can be made in the front office.

PREPARES is always looking for volunteers, if you are interested please reach out to the front office!



St. Joseph Choir:

We want YOU to join St. Joseph English Choir. Practice every Wednesday from 7-8pm. All are welcome. Please call Leona Foster

Every Thursday @St. Joseph

Adoration 9:30—11:00 am

Patriotic Rosary 11:30 am

Every Friday-@St. Joseph

Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 pm



St. Peter's Childrens Mass:

Join the St. Peter's Community for the Children's mass January 21st at 8:30am at St. Peter as we celebrate God's greatest Gift—Children!



Lectors Needed for Friday 9am Mass: We are in need of at least 3 lectors for the Friday mass. If you are interested in reading please get into contact with the Front Office.



Youth Group: Let's Engage our Youth:

Sunday Youth Group w/ Veronica Charlton 12:30-1pm: 3rd-6th and 1/14

St. Peter: After Mass: 1/7, 3/17, 5/19 Get in contact with Amanda, Brooke or Bailey!

Advent and Christmas Schedule:

December 16th-23th: Posadas 6:00 pm Rosary followed by the celebration with traditional pastries and hot chocolate.

December 24th: Christmas Eve: 11:00am St. Joseph (English), 5:00pm St. Peter (English), 8:30pm St. Joseph (Bilingual)

December 25th: Christmas: 8:30 St. Peter (English), 11:00am St. Joseph (English)

December 31st: New Years Eve: 8:30am St. Peter (English), 11:00am St. Joseph (English), 6pm St. Joseph (Bilingual), 7-8pm Adoration

Liturgical Notes:

January 1st: is not a Holy day of Obligation (only for this time)

Advent Begins December 3rd– December 24th (Reminder to get your advent wreath and candles ready)

Christmas Time: December 25th-January 8th

Lectionary Cycle B Starts December 3rd

EVERY THURSDAY

AT ST. PETER'S MISSION
6210 MT. BAKER HIGHWAY
3-5PM

- Supports include:
- clothing
- shelf-stable food
- diapers
- feminine care products
- pet food
- other fun items!
- Toilet paper and laundry soap distributed on the last Thursday of every month!



Sacrificial Giving for December 19th, 2023

St. Joseph:	St. Peter:
Budget- \$4,673.08	Budget- \$ 1,850
Actual- \$ 3109	Actual —2935

DAILY READINGS

also available at <http://www.usccb.org/biblereadings/>

Sunday, December 24th Weekend

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

Monday, December 18th Weekday Christmas

Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12. Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:14
Lk 2:15-20

Tuesday, December 26th, Weekday Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab,
16bc and 17 Ps 118:26a, 27a Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday, December 27th

Feast of Saint John, Apostles and Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a and 2-8
Sg 2:8-14 Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

Thursday, December 28th, Weekday Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8Mt 2:13-18

Friday, December 29th, Weekday 9:00am—St Joseph

1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:32 Lk 2:22-35

Saturday, December 23rd, Weekend

1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Lk 2:36-40



St. Stephen
Feast Day: December 26th
Patron Saint of: Deacons, Altar Servers, Bricklayers
Birth: 5 AD– 34AD

He was the first Christian martyr and deacon, he forgave those who martyred him, many miracles were attributed to him

<https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?>