



St. Aloysius Gonzaga
A Roman Catholic Jesuit Parish

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

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Weekend Masses:

**Saturday 5:00 pm and
Sunday 8:30 am, 11:00 am, and 7:00 pm**

Sunday (all) and Daily Masses (8:00 am) -

Live Stream: www.stalschurch.org

Adoration - Tuesdays 2-4pm and Fridays 7-7:45am

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Thurs. 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm.

Parish Center Hours -

Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Grade School -

611 E. Mission Ave. 489-7825

Kindergarten through 8th grade and Early Learning Center

Co-Principals: Angie Krauss - akrauss@stalsschool.org

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Altar Society - President: Mary Kay Bryan 487-4632

Knights of Columbus Council #15143 -

Grand Knight: Devin Franke 805-668-5280

S.E.E.L. – Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life -

Director: Cindy Reopelle at seelspokane@gmail.com

**8:00 a.m. Weekday
Mass Intentions**

Dec. 4 Luke and Nick McCrea

Dec. 5 † John Gallucci
† Brad Corigliano

Dec. 6 † Vincent Joseph Castro

Dec. 7 † Barbara Cooley
† Carol Naccarato Veitenheimer

Dec. 8 *Immaculate Conception*

*Please remember in your prayer
the soul of*

Marie Pilgrim

**Urban Indian Mass
and Potluck - Dec. 10th**

3:30 Mass in the church
followed by a potluck in
O'Malley Hall

*Did you know that the
Urban Indian Community
has a monthly Mass at
St. Aloysius on the 2nd Sunday of the
month? Anyone is welcome to join us.
Fr. Peter Byrne, SJ is the presider for the
Urban Indian Community.*



Thank you to all who donated baked
goods and purchased them at the **Altar
Society Bake Sale**. We are grateful for our
St. Aloysius parish community.



Altar Society

Our Altar Society will meet
Tuesday, December 12th,
at 11:30 am, in O'Malley Hall.

All are welcome, men and women.
We gather in O'Malley Hall, bring
your own lunch and join us!

Info. **509-487-4632.**

Advent Ministry: Esperanza - December 2 - 10

Esperanza is a social service and wellness program that helps the
community by establishing primary care, offering mental health services,
and providing additional resources to our Hispanic/Latinx community.
Please place all items by the Advent Tree in the front of the church.

Adoration: Tuesdays, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Reconciliation: Thursdays, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the church
(12/14 moved to Fri., 12/15)

Immaculate Conception: Friday, Dec. 8th,
Masses at 8:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

St. Aloysius Grade School Christmas Program:

Wed., Dec. 13th, Dress Rehearsal - *(at St. Aloysius Church)*

The rehearsal is open to parishioners - 1:00pm

Thurs. Dec. 14th - This is only for school families 6:00 p.m.
(at St. Aloysius Church)

Evening of Advent Adoration and Prayer :

Tues., Dec. 19th, 7:00p.m. - There will be a reading and
reflection followed by adoration and reflective music.

4th Sunday of Advent:

Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 8:30 am Masses

Christmas Masses:

Sunday, Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve -

5:00, 7:30, and 10:00 pm.

Monday, Dec. 25th, Christmas Day - 10:00 am. only



"Keep Christ in Christmas" cards

St. Aloysius' Knights of Columbus are reminding
everyone that **Jesus is the reason for the season.**



Celebrating Christmas is about celebrating the birth of the Son of God.
Funds from the cards help support our council's many charities and provide you
an opportunity to share rich and faithful messages of joy with your
family and friends at Christmas.

Dec. 12th - Knights of Columbus General Meeting

in O'Malley Hall, 6:45 pm - All men are welcome!

*The St. Aloysius Knights of Columbus is a men's service organization that meets monthly
for prayer and planning of leadership and service projects that support the parish.
For more information, call Devin Franke, our grand knight: at 805-668-5280.*



Prayer/Reflection

Live Simply so Others May Simply Live: Embracing a Sustainable and Spirit-filled Lifestyle for Advent/Christmas

The first Christmas took place in a very simple setting—a stable. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we are challenged to remember its humility and simplicity.

The Caring for Creation Committee invites us to live simply and sustainably this season, to focus on what truly brings peace and joy on this feast of God-becoming-human.

Reflection:

Last year we spent December in Europe. Looking at other traditions, perhaps we can “simplify” our Christmas traditions.

In **Germany**, St. Nicholas is celebrated on Dec. 6 when children receive a small gift in their shoe left out the night before. Families celebrate Christmas on Dec. 25, focused on dinner, baking and spending time together. Presents are not the focus since St. Nicholas came on Dec. 6.

In **The Netherlands**, children also put out their shoes the night of Dec. 5; Sinterklaas leaves treats and small gifts. The tradition of Sinterklaas is a time to come together to sing songs and indulge in sweets.

In the spirit of St. Nicholas, can we simplify by finding charities or organizations to “gift” needy people with Christmas meals, winter clothing and toys for children instead of gifts for your family.

Simplify. Find ways of “gifting” family-time presents like snowshoeing in the forest or an escape to a B-N-B to watch winter storms and play games together.

Focus Christmas Day on time together as family, like the “Holy Family”. Prepare meals together, share stories of Christmas. Choose to Celebrate Simply.

~ Tom and Kathy Dauer



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursdays, 4:30-6:30p.m. in the church.

December 14th will be moved to Friday, Dec. 15th.



There will be BAPTISMS at the 8:30 MASS on Dec. 10th and Dec. 31st. Let us welcome our newly baptized and their families.



Breakfast and Volunteer Service: Assisting Low-Income Seniors and Adults with Disabilities Saturday morning, **December 9. Antonian Room.**

Meet in the Antonian Room for a simple breakfast and service assignment. **Volunteer work involves household chores working in pairs.**

Commitment, with breakfast, is usually less than 3 hours.

Please **RSVP by Thursday, December 7.**
Rita, rwaldref@dioceseofspokane.org



Parish Advent Ministry December 2-10.

Esperanza,

the social service program under the umbrella of the Hispanic and Professional Association.

Wish List details in today’s bulletin insert.

Please place donated items on the Advent Tree by December 10th!

Meet An Hoang Vu, SJ



- From **WESTMINSTER, CA**
- Born and raised in **Saigon, Vietnam** before immigrating to the United States in 2010
- Graduate of **Univ. of California, Irvine** in philosophy and educational sciences, teaching **catechism** at his local parish before entering
- Currently a **JESUIT SCHOLASTIC** in Regency serving as a campus minister at Bellarmine College Prep. in San Jose, CA



Know someone who would make a great Jesuit like An?

Pray for An and Jesuit Vocations

BeAJesuit.org

or reach out to Fr. Dan, Associate Pastor @ St. Al's





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November 28th report: We have received pledges for **\$110,165**
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St. Aloysius **Assessment: \$174,582**

We are grateful for your support of our relationship between the parish and the Diocese of Spokane.



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THERE IS STILL TIME TO CALL IN YOUR RESERVATION!

SENIOR LUNCH and BINGO - Dec. 7th!

The St. Al's Altar Society and St. Al's Knights of Columbus are preparing another fun afternoon on **Thursday, December 7th**, in **O'Malley Hall**, from **Noon to 2:00 pm**. \$7.00 per person

(sandwiches, salads, and dessert) Guests welcome! **Please RSVP to Danelle by Monday, December 4th**, call **509-979-9968**.

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7	19	55	70	
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This concert that was filmed in our church, will be televised on KSPS PBS Dec. 18th, 7pm and Dec. 24th, 3pm on Public Television.



Our St. Aloysius Altar Society will hold your intentions in prayer. Call Mary Kay or Danelle.

Or leave us a request in the "Prayer Box" by Mary's Altar.

Mary Kay B. 509-487-4632
Danelle B. 509-979-9968.

Catholic Charities Christmas Collection

We continue to **FEED THE HUNGRY, HEAL THE HURTING, and WELCOME THE STRANGER.**

We work to stabilize the life and dignity of the poor and vulnerable and reduce the number of people trapped in inter-generational poverty.

Our best hope for the future is to help prevent the causes of poverty so that families never need to come through our doors for help.

Our best hope to do this is to continue to stay away from government funding as much as possible and take on these causes through our own social enterprises and through the volunteers and support we get from the parishes!

Thank you for supporting our local Catholic Charities. Envelopes are at the doors for this year's collection.



Poinsettias Wreaths

HELP ADORN OUR CHURCH and ALTAR FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

ORDER a POINSETTIA or a WREATH TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES.



USE THE FORM BELOW **OR** THE ENVELOPES PROVIDED AT THE ENTRANCES TO



POINSETTIAS and WREATHS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Please indicate how many plants you would like to purchase and clearly print the name of the loved ones that you would like to honor or remember this Christmas Season. One name, or family name, or couple per plant.

NAMES FOR POINSETTIAS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

NAMES FOR WREATHS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Total number of poinsettias: _____
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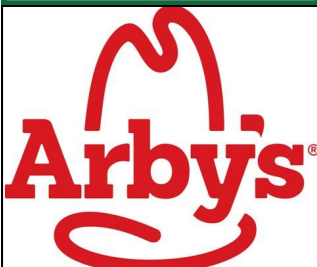


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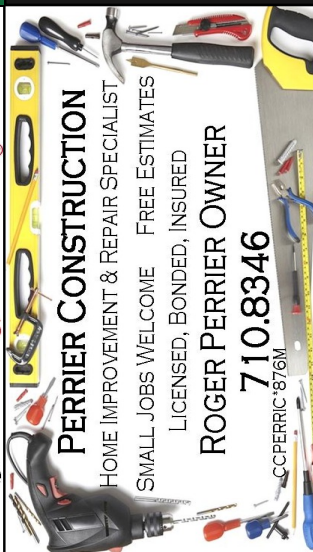
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