

# Bulletin for December 2025

## Mass Intentions

*Deceased marked with †*

Thursday, November 27  
(10 am) all Parish families

Friday, November 28  
(8:30 am) Lynden Smithson †

Sunday, November 30  
(8:30 am) Cathy Bettinzoli †  
(10 am) all parishioners

Tuesday, December 2  
(8:30 am) George Vaars †

Wednesday, December 3  
(8:30 am) Marion Root †

Thursday, December 4  
(8:30 am) Linda Jose  
(spiritual intent)

Friday, December 5  
(8:30 am) Mary Veney †

Sunday, December 7  
(8:30 am) Frank Hanson †  
(10 am) all parishioners

Monday, December 8  
(8:30 am) all parishioners

Tuesday, December 9  
(8:30 am) Frances Faini †

Wednesday, December 10  
(8:30 am) Max and  
Norma Jaquez †

Thursday, December 11  
(8:30 am) Aida Perez  
(spiritual intent)

Friday, December 12  
(8:30 am) David Williams †

Sunday, December 14  
(8:30 am) Pat Guida †  
(10 am) all parishioners

Tuesday, December 16  
(8:30 am) Tom and  
Bridget Callahan †

Wednesday, December 17  
(8:30 am) Joseph and  
Mary Falcioni †

Thursday, December 18  
(8:30 am) Betty Burgi †

Friday, December 19  
(8:30 am) Cathy Bettinzoli †

Sunday, December 21  
(8:30 am) all parishioners  
(10 am) Demetria Cava †

Tuesday, December 23  
(8:30 am) Jacob Wolf †

Wednesday, December 24  
(5 pm and 10 pm) all  
Parish families

Thursday, December 25  
(10 am) all Parish families

Sunday, December 28  
(8:30 am) Glen Hastings †  
(10 am) all parishioners

Tuesday, December 30  
(8:30 am) Karen Glaser †

Wednesday, December 31  
(8:30 am) Cathy Bettinzoli †

Call (253) 922-7882 for Intentions



## ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

Catholic Church

2303 54<sup>th</sup> Ave E - Fife, WA 98424

### Weekly Mass schedule\*

Tuesday to Friday, 8:30 am

*Friday Mass followed by  
Reconciliation and Adoration*

Sunday, 8:30 am and 10 am

*\*Turn page for Advent and  
Christmas schedule*

### Homebound Ministry

Unable to attend Mass due to health  
or other reasons? Call (253) 922-7882  
to receive Communion at home

### Parish Office

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faith@stmartinoftoursfife.com

### Parish media

[StMartinOfToursFife.com](http://StMartinOfToursFife.com)

[Facebook.com/StMartinFife](https://Facebook.com/StMartinFife)

### Parish School

Holy Rosary Bilingual Academy

(253) 272-7012

[HolyRosaryBilingual.org](http://HolyRosaryBilingual.org)

## Parish Staff

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## Our Parish Family



*All Saints Parish*



# Parish Family schedule for Advent & Christmas

SMOT = St. Martin of Tours  
2303 54th Ave E, Fife 98424

SH = Sacred Heart  
4520 E McKinley Ave, Tacoma 98404

ASP = All Saints Parish  
503 3rd St SW, Puyallup 98371

## Masses

### December 3-11 Novena of Masses

SH: 7 pm

5 pm on December 7; Rosary 1 hour before each Mass;  
no Mass, Rosary or Reconciliation on December 11

### December 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (holy day of obligation)

SMOT: 8:30 am

ASP: 8:30 am and 7 pm

SH: 7 pm

### December 10 Simbang Gabi

ASP: 6 pm (reception following)

### December 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

SH: midnight and 7 pm (no 8 am Mass)

SMOT: 8:30 am (on December 11)

ASP: 7 pm (bilingual Mass; reception following)

### December 24 Christmas Vigil

ASP: 3 pm, 5 pm and 10 pm (no morning Mass)

SMOT: 5 pm and 10 pm (no morning Mass)

SH: 6 pm and 10 pm (Spanish; no morning Mass)



### December 25 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

ASP: 9 am only

SMOT: 10 am only

SH: 10 am (bilingual) & 12 pm (Spanish) (no 7 pm Mass)

### December 26 No Masses at 3 Parishes

### January 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (holy day of obligation)

ASP: 9 am only (also 7 pm Vigil Mass on December 31)

SMOT: 10 am only

SH: 9 am (bilingual) (also 7 pm Vigil Mass in Spanish on  
December 31)

## Advent Confessions

December 13  
SMOT: 9–11 am

December 17  
ASP: 7 pm

## Special activities

November 30  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
SMOT: bring Advent wreaths for blessing  
during 8:30 and 10 am Masses  
ASP: create Advent wreaths in Parish Center  
after 9 and 11 am Masses

December 7  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
SMOT: blessing of expectant mothers at all Masses

December 14  
**Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)**  
SMOT: blessing of home creche hay at all Masses

December 28  
**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
SMOT: blessing of Parish families at all Masses

## Additional Parish events

**Tuesday, December 2 (10 am; Parish Hall)**  
Altar Society monthly meeting with Christmas luncheon  
*All ladies of the Parish welcome*

**Wednesdays (December 3 and 10; 6—7:30 pm)**  
Youth Group  
*Learn more on next page*

**Wednesdays (December 3 and 10; 7—8 pm)**  
OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)  
*Turn page for additional details*

**Sunday, December 7 (during 8:30 and 10 am Masses)**  
Catholic Community Services Appeal for the Poor Collection  
*Please support CCS and Catholic Housing Services (CHS)*

**Tuesday, December 23—Friday, January 2**  
Parish Office closed (will reopen on Monday, January 5)

## Growing our faith together

### Youth Group

Grades 7 to 12 can join us on Wednesdays at 6 pm for faith, food and fun! (Required for teens seeking Confirmation)

#### Reminders:

- No Youth Group from December 17 to January 7 -
  - Weekly Confirmation classes begin January 21 (5 pm) -
- Questions? Email Ms. Terri: [faith@stmartinoftoursfife.com](mailto:faith@stmartinoftoursfife.com).

### OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation of Children)

#### Reminder for enrolled families:

- No OCIC on December 21 and 28, and January 4 -

### OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

All who wish to refresh their Catholic Faith are welcome! We meet in the Parish Hall on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 pm.

#### Reminder: No OCIA from December 17 to January 7

To get started, please call the Parish Office: (253) 922-7882.

### Baptism for children

Parents and godparents seeking Baptism for their child(ren) can find dates of upcoming preparation classes by calling (253) 922-7882 or email [faith@stmartinoftoursfife.com](mailto:faith@stmartinoftoursfife.com).

## Pastor's Message

[first appeared in November 13 Parish e-Newsletter]

Dear Parish Family,

As many of you know, we are currently in stage 2 of the Partners in the Gospel, One Parish Planning process. The central question that we are exploring during this stage is **"Who are we?"** The first part of stage 2 was the surveys that were completed last month [in October]. With over 1,400 surveys completed between our three parishes, I feel that it was an overwhelming success! Thanks to everyone who participated.

The second part of stage 2 will be two separate synodal listening sessions, the first of which will happen in our parishes over the next few weeks. [Thank you to all who attended the sessions at St. Martin of Tours on November 23; see next column for dates of remaining sessions.] The focus of the first round of synodal listening sessions will be exploring our gifts and charisms that constitute our parish family. We will reflect on who we are as a parish family—our people, ministries, gifts, and opportunities.

As we learn to grow and develop the many capacities in becoming a synodal church, these synodal listening sessions are critical dimensions in this process. The word **synodality** means **walking together**, and it is a way to encourage and invite all of the people of God to an active and conscious participation in the life and mission of the Church. Pope Francis wrote that it is "precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church for the third millennium" and that it is a "constitutive element of the Church."

Synodality, in terms of the conversion of mentalities and structures that it implies, is the distinct way of being Church that God wills for us to become. Synodality envisions a Church that listens and invites all ecclesial subjects, all of the faithful, to a full and active participation in its life and mission. It is promising to note that Pope Leo XIV is deeply

## Opportunities to give this holiday season

St. Martin of Tours collection (as of October 31)	Fiscal year to date	Budget to date	Percentage to budget
	\$110,257	\$119,356	92%

### 2026 Parish Stewardship of Treasure

We are deeply grateful for all 2026 Stewardship pledges received so far; your financial commitment helps our Parish thrive through vibrant liturgies, outreach to those in need, and more.

If you have yet to do so, please complete a pledge card at church, or scan the QR code above.



### Fife-Milton Community Food Bank

Thank you to all who attended the November 9 Food Bank fundraiser breakfast (served by Altar Society) and raffle!



A container inside the Children's Room at church is available for Food Bank donations. Thank you!

### St. Vincent de Paul Conference

St. Vincent de Paul's Giving Tree will be in the church's main vestibule beginning November 30. Please pull a tag, write "Giving Tree" on the envelope containing your gift, and bring to the Parish Office or a SVDP member. Thank you for helping our neighbors stay warm this season.

### Collecting socks for the homeless

Through January, our Parish's Youth Group is asking for new men's socks for distribution to the local homeless community. Donations may be left in the designated basket located in the main vestibule of the church.

committed to continuing the synodal path in continuity with the vision of Pope Francis.

The upcoming listening sessions will be meaningful ways for us to live as a synodal church, listening to each other, communicating what the Holy Spirit is saying within us, and participating in the pastoral planning and decision-making within the One Parish Planning process. As your Pastor, I'm looking forward to what the Holy Spirit is saying through each of you, the people of God!

Blessings and peace,  
Fr. Cal

### Remaining Synodal Listening Sessions:

November 30 (9 am, 11:30 am in English, 1 pm; Sacred Heart)

December 7 (10 am, 12 pm; All Saints School lunchroom)

December 13 (6 pm; All Saints School lunchroom)

Sacred Heart: 4520 E McKinley Ave, Tacoma 98404  
All Saints School lunchroom: 504 2nd St SW, Puyallup 98371



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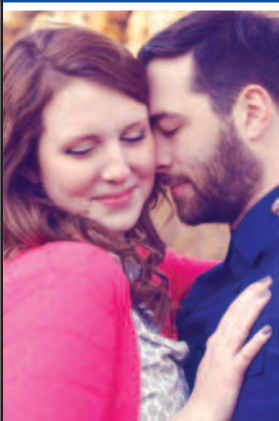
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