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Holy Disciples and Our Lady of Good Counsel Bulletin

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Mass Schedule

Holy Disciples

Saturday (Vigil) 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am
Wed, Thu, Fri 9:00am

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00pm
Thursday 4:00pm

Reconciliation

HD: Saturday 3:30pm
OLGC: Saturday 2:30pm

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday at Mass (HD)
First Thursday at Mass (OLGC)

Advent and Christmas Liturgy Schedule—Parish Family 39

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

Monday, Dec 8 — *Holy Day of Obligation*

9:00am at Holy Disciples and Our Lady Queen of Heaven

9:30am at Saints Cosmas and Damian

4:00pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel

7:00pm at Holy Disciples and Our Lady Queen of Heaven

Advent Penance Services

Thursday, Dec 4 at 6:30pm at Our Lady Queen of Heaven

Thursday, Dec 11 at 6:30pm at Holy Disciples Church

Sunday, Dec 14 at 6:00pm at St. Andrew Church (Sumner)

Wednesday, Dec 17 at 7:00pm at All Saints Church (Puyallup)

Simbang Gabi Mass in PF39

Saturday, Dec 13 at 4:00pm at Our Lady Queen of Heaven

Multicultural Marian Celebrations—Fourth Sunday of Advent

We will be honoring Our Blessed Mother in special ways during the regular weekend Masses at **Holy Disciples on Dec 20-21**—with images and statues of Mary representing many of the cultures of our parishioners, readings proclaimed in various languages, and refreshments after all Masses.

Christmas Eve Masses—Dec 24 in PF39

4:00pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel

5:00pm at Holy Disciples and Our Lady Queen of Heaven

6:30pm at Saints Cosmas and Damian

8:00pm at Our Lady Queen of Heaven

8:30pm at Holy Disciples ☪ *note new time for "Mass at Night"*

Christmas Day Masses—Dec 25 in PF39

9:00am at Our Lady Queen of Heaven

9:30am at Saints Cosmas and Damian

10:30am at Holy Disciples Church



Stewardship of Treasure



Holy Disciples
Church

As we continue our annual focus on *Stewardship of Treasure*, we invite you to take a moment to reflect on the many ways God has blessed you financially over the past year.

We encourage you to prayerfully consider how you might return a portion of those blessings to your Our Lady of Good Counsel or Holy Disciples church community.

As in previous years, your generous support directly sustains our mission and our ministries—helping one another encounter Jesus Christ in meaningful and transformative ways.



Our Lady of Good
Counsel Church

Donations for Advent and Christmas Flowers and Other Liturgical Needs

Envelopes are available in the back of the church for those who would like to contribute to decorating and enhancing our sacred spaces for the Advent and Christmas seasons. You may also list names of your loved ones who have passed away, and they will be remembered at Masses throughout the holy seasons. Donations will go toward enhancing and decorating the church and surrounding areas.



Advent

Giving Tree

- Barbie
- Cocomelon
- Dinosaurs
- Disney
- Hatchimals
- Hello Kitty
- Hotwheels
- Imaginext
- Legos
- Marvel
- Monster Jam
- My Generation
- Paw Patrol
- Pokemon
- Squishmallows
- Sensory Toys
- Art sets/Holiday Coloring Books
- Board Games
- Card Games
- Children's Books
- Headphones/Bluetooth Speakers
- Hygiene Kits/Holiday Scent Items
- Holiday Candy
- Learning/STEM toys
- Little Action Figures/Dolls
- Makeup Kits & Chapstick Packs
- Phone Charms/Cases
- Play-Doh/Kinetic Sand
- Pop its/Fidget Toys
- Throw Blankets
- Winter Accessories
- Ring Lights/Selfie Sticks

Please return gifts unwrapped and in giftbags from November 30th - December 14th.

We are proud to be, once again, partnering with the St. Francis House of Puyallup to help those in need.

Catholic Community Services

Faith in Action—2025 Appeal for the Poor

For more than a century, Catholic Community Services has been putting Gospel values into action, serving our neighbors throughout Western Washington. Together, we are showing our love for our neighbors by stepping up for those who need us the most.

Please help make a difference by donating a gift that will transform lives at ccsww.org/donatenow



New Bulletin—Print & Digital Ads

Available now! As Holy Disciples and Our Lady of Good Counsel transition to a new, weekly, commercially-printed bulletin—we are looking for advertisers. Parishioner **Michelle Jacobs** from LPi, our new bulletin printer (starting in January), will be securing new ads for our churches in the coming weeks. As valuable members of the local business communities, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our new Parish Family 39 bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.

Please contact Michelle Jacobs at MJacobs@4LPi.com or (800) 950-9952 ext 2215



Advent Reflection

He did not wait till the world was ready, till men and nations were at peace. He came when the Heavens were unsteady, and prisoners cried out for release. He did not wait for the perfect time. He came when the need was deep and great. - Madeleine L'Engle, "First Coming"

When the calendar reaches December, we begin thinking about the end of the year. How many shopping days until Christmas? Am I ready for final exams? To what charity shall I donate? Are my taxes in good order? What to serve my holiday guests for dinner? Do I have a date for New Year's Eve?

December is the month to wrap things up—not only gifts but loose ends. We rush to finish every project before the calendar turns.

The Christian year, however, does something else. It begins. Most contemporary people, including many Christians, have forgotten that the Christian year starts with Advent on a day at the end of November or the beginning of December.

The new year arrives a month early.

Even though Advent begins a new liturgical year, it also anticipates endings. Oppression and war will end—the angels sing of peace on earth. The long wait for Messiah is coming to an end—Mary is heavily pregnant with child. Joy to the world! The ancient promises of God are about to be fulfilled. The first of the year anticipates the ending of our waiting for God to show up.

Despite the angels and birth and the baby, however, the world would go on as muddled and conflicted and violent as before. Why? Isn't Advent the end of this wretched beginning of human history?

Advent raises questions. Jesus's first followers found this as confusing as we do today. As they ruminated on his life and death and the continued dreadful circumstances of the world, they wondered if sacred time was the same as human time. If, perhaps, God's commonwealth arrived not in a single act of history but in some other more mysterious fashion, stretched out

through time in ways hard to apprehend. There would be two Advents—the birth of Jesus that has happened and the fulfillment of the promise that is still to come.

Advent is about both: waiting for a birth and more waiting for peace. And even after you think the gift has arrived, there's still more waiting. When you read, several of the reflections are about the mystery of time, one of the most elusive of all spiritual enigmas with which we humans wrestle.

Thus, Advent, the beginning of things, isn't like a New Year's Eve party with a ball drop and fireworks. This is a monthlong journey in deepening ambiguity of waiting. In the Northern Hemisphere, Advent is twinned with the winter solstice. We are exiles in time, wandering still in the wilderness, and following stars toward dreams of a better world that we can never quite reach.

As night lengthens, Christians light a single candle every week against the shadows of fear, doubt, despair, and hatred. Advent offers four Sundays to reflect on the journey ahead—unpredictable, unknowable—at the beginning of our year. Only candlelight guides the way. This is the season of poetry more than answers, of mystery more than conclusions. It is existentially unsettling. And perhaps the most honest season of the year.

We just don't know. We wait in the dark.



Excerpted from [*A Beautiful Year: 52 Meditations on Faith, Wisdom, and Perseverance*](#) by Diana Butler Bass (2025), pages 11-14.

Washington CRS State Coalition



THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MISSION

FOR YOUR INFO

- In Gaza, 66 CRS staff continue delivering food, water, clothing, and hygiene kits—despite losing their own homes and, for many, family members. Their courage keeps hope alive for others.
- Since 2022, CRS has reached 3.6 million people in war-torn Ukraine with food, shelter, farming and business support, and counseling to help families, especially children, heal from loss.
- About 35% of CRS work begins with emergency relief—meeting urgent needs for food, water, and shelter—then shifts to rebuilding lives after conflict or disaster. In 2024 alone, CRS responded to crises in 68 countries.
- Through projects in sustainable farming, microfinancing, and financial literacy, CRS helps families build independence and stability. Last year, these efforts spanned 113 projects in 47 countries.

He who goes to bed with an empty stomach is our brother. Sharing what we have with him is as much an imperative of justice as that fraternal solidarity that springs from family relationships.

– Pope Francis

All information from crs.org or CRS National Call

WHY CRS?



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HOW YOU CAN HELP



Boston, MA / CRS - <https://www.crs.org/press/budget-free-memorandum-2025-vol-004w00>

Pray on this issue and open your heart to our Catholic Social Teaching Principle **Option for the Poor and Vulnerable**. Follow your heart and contact your Congressional Legislator expressing your feelings about ongoing government funding for humanitarian aid. Finally, make a donation to CRS to support its life-affirming programs.

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