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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Sunday, December 24th

8:30 AM English
10:30 AM Vietnamese
5:00 PM Vietnamese
8:00 PM Vietnamese

Monday, December 25th

8:30 AM English
10:30 AM Vietnamese

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)
10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)
Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)
12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19th 7:00 PM – End

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Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (DECEMBER 2ND – 3RD)

Donation	\$4,751.00
Donation Online	\$1,250.00
Maintenance Fund	\$30.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$6,031.00



Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ is making a journey into each of our hearts this Advent. Clear away whatever blocks his way. Make straight the path. Invite him in.

Observances for the week of December 10, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Damasus I, Pope

Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent



THANK YOU!!

to all who attended the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast last Sunday. It was GREAT to see our Parish communities gather together!



(Stay tuned for the next one!)

St. Thomas Council 11253
Tukwila, Washington

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOMILY BY FATHER PAUL THANH VU

Prepare the way for the Lord's coming

Is 40, 1-5. 9-11 - 2 Peter 3, 8-14 - Mark 1, 1-8



The theme "Prepare the way for the Lord's coming" is mentioned in the first reading and today's Gospel. Clearing the way also means repenting, renewing, and changing your outlook and lifestyle to conform to God's will. In last Sunday's Gospel, we heard about the absence of the landlord in the parable, or the absence of God in our lives, and in today's second reading, Saint Paul explained it to us the absence of God saying: The Lord is not slow to keep his promise, as some people mistakenly believe, but for your sake he acts patiently, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone repent. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and that day is 100% real, whether we believe or not.

The purpose of a physical way is to let people get somewhere they want to go, whether it's by road, or by water, or by air. For example, we want to fly to Dallas, or drive to California, or walk to church. The road that today's holy books talk about is the spiritual way, the moral way, leading us to God, to Heaven. That sacred way also has high hills and mountains of pride that need to be leveled; there are also crooked lines of deceit that need to be straightened; there are also deep holes of greed, selfishness, lust, and hatred that need to be filled. To have a straight way to relationships with God and others.

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Long ago, John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance to pray for forgiveness of sins. Many people believed and came to him, confessed their sins and were baptized in the Jordan River. Today, through the preaching of Jesus in the Gospel, it continues to invite us to believe in God's love, God's forgiveness through the sacrament of Reconciliation, to confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness. And more than that, to help us renew our lifestyle. Whoever is a sinner, live a good life. Whoever is good, let him live a holy life. Whoever is holy, let him live even more holy. On the spiritual path, God always invites us all to try harder every day. Anyone who stops trying, thinking that they are enough, already good and holy, so there is no need to try anymore. Thinking like that is arrogant and complacent.

Advent is the day of waiting for God to come to us, especially to celebrate the upcoming anniversary of God's birth as a human. We often decorate our homes with beautiful lights around the house and on tree branches. Some houses also decorate pine trees, gifts, and grottoes in the house. That's good, but it's not enough. God wants to come and be born in the hearts of each of us. He wants a simple and pure soul has been prepared by repentance and life renewal.

And more than that, God's word today also invites each of us to become another John the Baptist. The one who prepares the way for God's coming, inviting others to renew their lives. Before becoming the one who prepared the way for God, John lived in the desert for many years for his mission. He lived a difficult life of material deprivation to focus on close union with God through meditating on God's words. Following the example of Saint John the Baptist, let us also re-establish our relationship with God and with people, to become a forerunner for God, inviting others to repent and renew their lives to be worthy for God is born again in our soul. Amen.

Worship & Meditation



**FOLLOW
HIM AND
BE TRULY
FREE**

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "**The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**" It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

— Father John Muir




**LET US SEE
YOUR
KINDNESS.**

PSALM 85

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:30-31

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**OUR LADY
OF
Guadalupe**
PATRESS OF THE AMERICAS

PRAY FOR US
DECEMBER 12

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

- Lk 1:41b-42

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A VOICE OF ONE CRYING OUT IN THE DESERT:

"PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,
MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS.

EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED
AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW."

—LUKE 3:4-5

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