

Dear Padre,

Do non-Catholics go to heaven?

Yes, they do, because of the grace of God at work in his people. To suggest otherwise would seem to imply that Catholics somehow have a “golden ticket,” or some kind of right that simply does not exist.

The Incarnation of Jesus healed the division between heaven and earth, a division established by the “sin of Adam” and confirmed by our own lives of sin. Through his passion, death, and resurrection, all has been restored to the manner that the Father first envisioned through his Creation. The division was between humanity and divinity, not between religious practices and divinity. Catholics believe and celebrate that God accepts all people of a good heart and a good spirit. God is not blinded by the labels that sometimes blind his people to the bigger reality.

When Catholics, or people of any religion, proclaim exclusivity and specialness, particularly when it concerns eternal life, all people should be very cautious about what they assume. To assume a certain type of arrogance—to yourself and to your belief and life of faith—that excludes others or separates another as “not one of us” simply has no place in the kingdom of God. ●



PASCAL HUOT / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 8	December 9	December 10	December 11	December 12	December 13	December 14
<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	<i>St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>
Gn 3:9-15, 20	Is 40:1-11	Is 40:25-31	Is 41:13-20	Zec 2:14-17	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11	Is 35:1-6a, 10-11
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12	Mt 18:12-14	Mt 11:28-30	Mt 11:11-15	or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab	Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47	Jas 5:7-10
Lk 1:26-38				Mt 17:9a, 10-13	Mt 11:2-11	

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made “restless” by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 18, 2025



Catholic. Pastoral. Trusted. © 2025 Liguori Publications. *Imprimi Potest*: Fr. Kevin Zubel, CSsR, Provincial, Denver Province, the Redemptorists. Liguori Publications, a nonprofit corporation, is an apostolate of the Redemptorists. To learn more about the Redemptorists, visit Redemptorists.com. No part of this work may be used in any form without the prior written permission of Liguori Publications. Scripture texts in this work are taken from *The New American Bible, Revised Edition* © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. All Rights Reserved. Printed in USA. Visit Liguori.org or call 800-325-9521.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent (A)

Isaiah 11:1-10 / Romans 15:4-9 / Matthew 3:1-12



Will You Notice the Shoot?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah offers a familiar Advent image: the shoot sprouting from the stump of Jesse. The verses immediately preceding speak of God walking through the forest with an ax: “The tall of stature shall be felled, and the lofty ones shall be brought low” (Isaiah 10:33). But now, amidst all the destruction, a tiny sign of new life emerges, and the Spirit of God descends upon it, bearing many gifts—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, delight.

So often, when we scroll through the news, our attention is captured by violence and war and the “mighty” who make great noise when they fall. “Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees,” echoes John the Baptist in today’s gospel. If we are looking for where God’s Spirit can be found, however, Isaiah reminds us we will need to look elsewhere. We will need to attend to the quiet, fragile resurrections taking place below the surface when it appears as if all has been lost. If we seek wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, and delight, we will need to look where the little ones of the earth are found. We must have our eyes open for the shoots.

The gospels emphasize that Jesus was one such little one. Although the glory days of his people seemed to have come to a crashing close, they have not. In him, we glimpse the truth that life is stronger than death. We see that the future has not been erased, no matter how terrible the past. In him, we find our hope. ●

Reflect

Are my eyes open to the small signs of God's work in the world, or am I too distracted to notice?



A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.

ISAIAH 11:1

St. Genevieve Catholic Parish

PO Box 6
403 Burgar Street
Twisp, WA 98856

Website: www.methowcatholic.org
Email: shbrewstercds@gmail.com



Pastor:

Rev. Pedro Bautista Peraza

509-689-2931

Deacon:

Rev. Mr. Bill Wehmeyer

425-941-9171

bwehmeyer1945@gmail.com

Child & Youth Protection:

Carmen Merrill 1-718-639-3188

Parish Council: Jim Brousseau – Chair,
Carmen Merrill, Dennis Doyle, Tom Leuschen,
April Stephens, Alicia Brown

Finance Council: Nancy Kirner, Robert
Gatlin, Tom Flynn

Bookkeeper: Nancy Kirner 253-370-0798

Building Committee: Tom Leuschen 509-670-
3122 or tleuschen@methownet.com, Julie
Wehmeyer, John Simon, Joe Anderton

Religious Education:

April Stephens - Children
Deacon Bill Wehmeyer – Adult

Baptismal Prep:

Deacon Bill Wehmeyer 425-941-9171

Altar Society: Alicia Brown, Ginny Humling

Altar Servers: Caleb Knox, Zach Knox

Sick & Homebound:

Deacon Bill Wehmeyer 425-941-9171

Prayer Chain: Julie Wehmeyer 425-830-0904

Church Cleaning:

Julie Wehmeyer 425-830-0904

Parish Bulletin:

Abby Brousseau 206-920-3811
Gale Haley 509-765-0653
Nancy Kirner 253-370-0798
Bill Wehmeyer 425-941-9171

WELCOME! NO MATTER WHAT YOUR PRESENT OR PAST STATUS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, NO MATTER YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY, AGE, RACE OR BACKGROUND, YOU ARE INVITED, WELCOMED, ACCEPTED, AND LOVED AT ST. GENEVIEVE CATHOLIC PARISH.

Please remember St. Genevieve Parish in your Will
THANK YOU for your donations!

Weekly Budget: \$1,255.00

11/23/25: \$1,646.00

11/30/25: \$778.00

Building Fund Donations: none last week

***** UPCOMING EVENTS *****

Mon, Dec 8, **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, Mass at 11:00 AM
Thurs, Dec 18, **Advent Reconciliation Service**, 5:00 PM
Wed, Dec 24, **Christmas Eve Vigil Mass**, 4:00 PM
Thurs, Dec 25, **Christmas Day Mass**, 11:00 AM
Wed, Dec 31, **No Mass**
Thurs, Jan 1, **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**, 11:00 AM



BUILDING COMMITTEE

People with ideas about the new parish hall, especially those with building skills, are welcome to Contact the Building Committee.

PARENTS: Please do not allow your children to play on/around the new block retaining wall. Thank you!



The Cove is, again, in need of toilet paper. Donations can be left in the basket at the side door.

MANGER MALL THANKS YOU for your donations of presents!

Mass Schedule:

Sunday, Dec 7 @ 11:00 am, Second Sunday of Advent, Rosary @

10:20 am

Monday, Dec 8 @ 11:00 am Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, Dec 10 @ 9:30 am, Rosary 9:00 am

Sunday, Dec 14 @ 11:00 am, Third Sunday of Advent, Rosary @ 10:20 am



Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 11:1-10 The wolf shall be a guest of the lamb.

Psalm 72 “Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.”

Romans 15:4-9 God, the source of patience, enables us to live in harmony.

Matthew 3:1-12 Prepare the way of the Lord!

Each Sunday of Advent this year, the first reading is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah and the Gospel is from Matthew. Matthew's Gospel consistently portrays Jesus and his mission as a fulfillment of the promise God made to the Chosen People. Therefore, Matthew strives to connect the dots between Isaiah, the paramount prophet of the Hebrew scriptures, and Jesus Christ. Today we hear Isaiah and John the Baptist describe in terms poetic and practical the coming of God's chosen one. May their words strengthen our anticipation of and preparation for the Lord's coming.

Question of the Week: How can my family live together more harmoniously? What can I do to help make this happen?



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please remember Catholic Charities of Eastern Washington Christmas Collection envelopes are at the entrances/exits



There is a strong possibility that **St. Nicholas**, the patron saint of children will be visiting us after Mass today. Altar Society is providing the refreshments downstairs. All are welcome.

Endow, the women's scripture study on Monday evenings has ended for the year. The program will resume in January after Epiphany. Watch for information on the date and time. Thanks to April for starting this program and encouraging participation among St. Genevieve families!



HOPE | LOVE | JOY | PEACE

A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse...and... a bud shall blossom...



John the Baptist – Titan
“Prepare the Way of the Lord”



Please Remember in Your Prayers

Wannita Knox
Kylee's nephew
John Spannuth
Joseph Carbajal
Mark Crum
Roland Cruz
Duncan Bronson
Brooke Stendera
Lupe Garcia
Bill Wilburn
Sheila Kerr
Jonathan Kessler
Fr. Sean Thomson
Thomson Family
Evangeline Grace Knox
Melissa Larson
Howard Burcham
Terry & Barb Anderson
Bernice Morgan



Repose of the Soul of