4 December 2011—Second Sunday of Advent

HOLY DAY DEC 8TH - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Immaculate Conception—Holyday of Obligation:

Masses for Immaculate Conception on Thursday, Dec. 8th: 7:30AM, 10AM, and 7PM.
There is no Vigil Mass on Wednesday evening and no Chapel Mass on Thursday.

GIVING TREE PROGRAM IN OPERATION

Beginning last weekend, St. Vincent de Paul is again providing the opportunity for us to share with those in need. The Giving Tree has descriptive tags requesting gifts for a "specific child" in need. Please take a tag off the tree, buy a **NEW gift** for the person listed and return the wrapped gift with the tag attached to the tree by Dec, 11th.

Please note this date: Dec. 11th.

All gift and food baskets will be delivered on Dec. 17th and time is needed to sort the gifts. If you wish to enclose a card, please use only your first name.

VIETNAMESE CHILDREN'S RETREAT

There will be an Advent Vietnamese Retreat for children 2nd grade and up. With the guidance of Fr. Olson and the leaders, the children will deepen their faith and love for God. The retreat will be held on Dec. 10, (Sat.) from 10AM—2PM and the fee is $10. Please contact Phuong Tran at 425-418-9981 or email tnphuong@yahoo.com to register or with any questions.

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!

We would like to invite all of our dedicated volunteers back on **Thursday, Dec. 22** to help prepare our church for Christmas. We also extend a special invitation to those who have not helped before!

- We ask that all those with past experience in setting up and decorating the largest wreaths and trees, and those who would like to learn this procedure, arrive between 5 and 5:30PM.
- Those people who would like to do general setup and decorating are asked to arrive around 6:15PM.

There will be a light supper provided for all decorators between 6 and 6:45PM in the Parish Hall. We look forward to working with you to prepare our church for this special & holy season.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Thurs. Dec. 8
Holyday of Obligation,
Feast of Immaculate Conception.
Masses: 7:30AM, 10AM & 7PM at SMM.

Sat. Dec. 10	Simbang Gabi Mass 5:30PM with reception following in Parish Hall
Sun. Dec. 11	3rd Sunday of Advent
Mon. Dec. 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe—7:30AM Mass 7PM Spanish Mass & reception in PH.
Sun. Dec. 18	4th Sunday of Advent SMM Choir Christmas Concert 3PM $5/person and $20/family
Sat. Dec. 24	Christmas Eve SJ Mass: 9PM; carols at 8:15PM SMM: 7PM & Midnight with readings & carols 11:30PM.
Sun. Dec. 25	Christmas Day SJ Mass: 9Am SMM Masses: 8AM, 10AM & 12 Noon.
Fri. Dec. 30	Holy Family—regular 7:30AM Mass
Sat/Sun Dec. 31,Jan 1	Feast of Mary, Mother of God Regular full weekend Mass schedule.

Parish Office closed: Friday, Dec. 23rd, Monday, Dec. 26th and Monday, Jan. 2nd.

REMAINING CONFESSION TIMES

Sat. Dec. 10	8AM and 3:30PM
Sat. Dec. 17	8AM and 3:30PM
Sat. Dec. 24	8AM only

VOCATION DISCERNMENT EVENING

All young men, 16-35 years of age, who are interested in finding out more about the life and work of the priest, are invited to attend for prayer, information, discussion, dinner and adoration every 3rd Wednesday.

We gather at 6:30PM and conclude at 8:30PM. The next session will be held Wed., December 21, 2011 at the Parish Office. For more information, contact Fr. Olson at 425-353-1211.

MASS INTENTIONS

To have a Mass said for someone deceased or for the intentions of someone living, stop in at the Parish Office with your request. The usual donation is $10—$15.

Mon. Dec. 05	Thomas Geppert —Deceased
Tues. Dec. 06	The Bui Family—Intentions
Wed. Dec. 07	Jesse Ray Brown, Jr.—Deceased
Thurs. Dec. 8	Immaculate Conception
	No chapel Mass today
Fri. Dec. 9	Kathleen Wells —Deceased
Sat. Dec. 10	Elplida C. Daquiaog—Deceased

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Mass Celebration Monday, December 12, 2011

Join us at St. Mary Magdalen Church for this special Mass in Spanish in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Blessed Mother of the Americas, on Monday at 7PM with Spanish hymns prior to the Mass. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Please bring an appetizer, fruit or pastry to share. All are invited to attend and participate in this wonderful celebration. Volunteers can contact Angie Oldershaw at 425-347-5681.

SIMBANG GABI ADVENT MASS

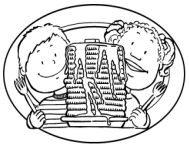
Saturday, December 10, 2011

Everyone is invited to Simbang Gabi (Advent Mass during Saturday Vigil) on Dec. 10, 2011 at 5:30PM!

Simbang Gabi is the Filipino spiritual tradition of a nine-day Novena of Masses. Since 1600, the Filipinos have spent their final days of Advent in the company of Mary to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth. The readings, prayers and chants during the novena days made it clear that the Simbang Gabi is the celebration of the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Father's Word: the Fruit of Mary's womb, our Savior.

Please bring non-perishable goods for the distribution by our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. A "Salo salo" (reception and fellowship) will follow after the Mass in the parish hall.

KC MONTHLY PARISH BREAKFAST



The Knights of Columbus are serving sausage, pancakes, eggs, coffee, hot chocolate & orange juice in the Parish Hall **after the 8AM and 10AM Masses on Dec. 4th.**

Suggested Donations: $4 General; $3 Seniors 65 and up; $2 children 6-12 and $0 children 5 and under. Come join us and support our parish community!

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please Pray For: Samantha Ligman (daughter of Eric & Karen), Maria Weinberger, Neileen Greff, Thomas Valenti, Margaret Van Hollebeke, Antonio Lazaro, Carol Desmarais, Nancy Wells, Louise Buley, Connie Bourque, Peter & Ann Thill, Evelyn Enstrom, Melinda Faylor, Avalee Fischer and Colin Ward.

ANNUAL SMM CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

For unto us a Child is born!

Come join the St. Mary Magdalen Choir and special guest soloists as we present the Christmas portion of *Handel's Messiah*. Sunday, Dec. 18th at 3PM in the church, followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. Tickets are $5 per person or $20 per family and are available from any choir member. We will also be selling tickets after Mass each weekend from now until the day of the Concert. Tickets are also available at the door or you may contact Dawn Myers RnD.Myers@comcast.net or 425-422-0267.

Our ticket sales are needed because we are hiring a professional chamber orchestra to accompany us for the Messiah. The funds are necessary to pay for the instrumentalists.

Come join us and let this beautiful tribute to the Birth of our Savior help prepare your hearts for Christmas!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL REPORT
(Spring pledge for support of the Archdiocese)

If you have not yet fulfilled your pledge, we encourage you to do so in order for us to maximize the final rebate for our parish. Final pledge payments are due to the Annual Catholic Appeal no later than April 20, 2012. **Parishioners—please** send payments directly to the Annual Catholic Appeal Office at 710 9th Ave, Seattle WA 98104 or make your payments on line at www.seattlearchdiocese.org/aca Thank you! We offer a special thank you to those who have already fulfilled their pledges.

A TAX Reminder to all Parishioners!

Please keep in mind that all donations received during 2011 or postmarked by Dec. 31st, **by law**, must be credited to the year 2011. Postdating a check does NOT make it a 2012 donation. Also with that in mind, if you wish to deduct donations for this year, be sure to get them in or postmarked no later than Dec. 31, 2011. And remember—earlier is ALWAYS better!

SMM SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations! The Knights of Columbus Everett Council 763 honored three of our Jr. High students last Thurs., Dec. 1. The three students were recognized for outstanding service contributions to their school, their church, and their community. One student was chosen for each month – Sept., Oct., and Nov. – and each was awarded a certificate and a check for $30. We are so proud of 6th Grader Emily Austin, 7th Grader Brittany Ligman, and 8th Grader Christina Santiago.

Parish St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank – Our students continue to help stock the shelves of the parish food bank. Every First Friday, the students bring non-perishable items to the collection barrel in the lower parking lot. Thousands of canned goods and other items have been given to the food bank since the beginning of the school year. A little competition among classrooms has begun, and at the same time, our students are aware there are others in need who will have happier holidays because of our families' generosity!

Save the Date! Our all-school Christmas program will be held Fri., Dec. 16, at 7 pm at the Everett Civic Auditorium. Under the direction of our music teacher, Mrs. Maureen McMurray, our students share the true meaning of Christmas through songs and a re-enactment of the Nativity story. Please join us!

Huge Thanks to Our Parishioners! Our SCRIP, Boxtops for Education and Campbell's Soup Labels volunteers send special thanks to all the parishioners who participate in these programs. We appreciate your continued support as these fundraisers "add up" and bring extra revenue to our school programs.

St. Mary Magdalen School has openings in some grades. Please call the school at 425-353-7559.

PROPOSED CUTS THREATEN POOR
Advocates needed

The special session of the State Legislature began Nov. 28. Citizen advocates are urgently needed because of the budget deficit. Essential human services, housing and health care face elimination. Please join the Catholic Advocacy Network to receive Action Alerts from the Washington State Catholic Conference and to help preserve safety net programs. You're just a click away:

www.thewscc.org

2011 YEAR END GIVING

With the end of the year approaching, we review all we have accomplished and set new goals. For many, such goals include charitable giving. By carefully considering what you give and when you give, you may discover you can make gifts you previously thought were impossible.

The Archdiocesan Planned Giving Office is pleased to provide information to you and your advisors as you consider making year-end gifts. You may reach us at 206-748-7984 or toll free at 1-800-752-5902 or via email at plannedgiving@seattlearch.org. You are also welcome to visit our webpage at www.seattlearchpg.org.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mon. Dec. 05—8AM—3PM—St. Andrew reserved
7PM—Rel. Ed/OSS—Prayer Service—CH

Tues. Dec. 06: 4-5:30PM—AHG Meeting—PH
6PM—Cub Sct. Pack Meeting—PH
6:30PM—SJ Choir—SJ choir loft
7PM—B Sct PLC—Room 6A
7PM—SMM Choir practice—Music Portable
7:30PM—Knights of Columbus—ERB

Wed. Dec. 07: 1:50PM—School Orchestra—MP
2PM—Girl Scts #155—Room 7A
2PM—Girl Scouts #43488—Parish Hall
4PM—Jubilate! - Loft/MP—CH
7PM—Infant Baptism class—St. Andrew Rm.
7PM—Adult Choir—Church choir loft

Thurs. Dec. 08—Holy Day: Immaculate Conception
Holyday Masses: 7:30AM, 10AM 7PM at SMM
No chapel Mass today
1PM—Bulletin Crew—St. Andrew
1-4PM—Library Committee—St. Joseph Rm
1:30PM—School confession—CH
3-7PM—Setup for RCIA—Parish Hall
6:30PM—Cub Scout Den #3—ERB
7PM—Endowment Committee—Faculty Room
7PM—RCIA—Parish Hall
7PM—Sch. Activitiy—School Library

Fri. Dec. 09: 8AM—Noon—Sch. Cookie Exch. —PH
7PM—Viet. Cl: ERB, KB, 3B, 6A/B, 7A, 8B
7PM—Simbang Gabi practice/dec.—CH/PH

Sat. Dec. 10: 8AM—Confessions
8-9:30AM—Church Cleaning
8:15-10AM—Serra Club—St. Joseph
9:30-2:30PM—Viet. Yth Grp. Retreat Rm 7A/B
10-12PM—Youth Group in Church
1PM—Simbang Gabi—practice/decorate—CH
3:30PM—Confessions at SMM Church
5:30PM—Simbang Gabi Mass/Recep.—CH/PH

Sun. Dec. 11—8 & 10AM Mass—Coffee—Outreach
9AM—Boy Scout medal class—Rm 7A
9:45AM-1:30PM Viet RE Kr3A/Yth—ERB
10AM Mass—RCIA/RCIC Dismissal—SL/7B
10AM—Rel. Ed. Classes—1A/2A/2B/3B
11:15AM—Teen Choir—CH
2PM—Wedding at St. John Mission
6:30PM—Youth Group/Confirmation—PH

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Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mass Celebration, Monday, December 12, 2011

Program

5:45pm	Las Mañanitas
	*Mariachi Coro Internacional
	*Marysville St Mary Choir
7:00pm	Mass
	*Procession
	*Readings, Spanish hymns
	*Blessing of religious objects
8:00pm	Reception in Parish Hall

Please bring an appetizer, fruit or pastry to share. You are encouraged to wear traditional Mexican attire. All are invited to attend and participate in this wonderful celebration.

For Unto Us a Child is Born!

The St Mary Magdalen Choir presents the Christmas portion of

Handel's

Messiah

Sunday, December 18, 2011
3:00 pm
St Mary Magdalen Church
Followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Come join us and let this beautiful tribute to the birth of our Savior help prepare your hearts for the coming Christmas Season.

Tickets $5 / person or $20 / family
Tickets available after masses from any choir member or contact Dawn Myers ~
RnD.Myers@Comcast.net or 425-422-0267

What have I given back to God for all He's given me?

A THANK YOU FOR PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus and Pro Life would like to thank all of those who donated to Pro Life on the Nov 6 Breakfast. We raised $465 for Pro Life!!

Thank you for your great support!!

BIG PROBLEM

When confronted by a Goliath-sized problem, which way do you respond? He's too big to hit, or like David, he's too big to miss!

1 Samuel 17:37

- Dcn. Dave

ProLife Corner:

Gabriel Project News: Erica gave birth to her beautiful baby girl at 5am on Thanksgiving morning. Praise God for a safe delivery and thank you all for your prayers and support!

Calling All Teens to 'Discover True Life in Jesus Christ'

Notice for Teen Confirmation:

All teens who will be 16 years of age by May 2012 are invited to start Confirmation preparation classes at St. Mary Magdalen. Classes are in the Parish Hall after the 5:30PM Mass each Sunday. Registration forms are available in the back of the Church and due now!

All teens 9-12th grade are invited to Youth Group for food, fun, fellowship, and faith formation on Sundays at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Hope to see you there! Contact Christian Spencer 425-353-1211 for more information.

Help support St. Mary Magdalen School.
Purchase SCRIP after the 10AM Sunday Mass.
A list of venders is posted in the vestibules.