

# Archdiocese of Seattle Religious Education Newsletter December 7, 2015

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**Dear Catechetical Colleagues,**

As we move into the **second week of Advent**, our "Essential Concept" is the **Liturgy of the Hours/Divine Office**. Advent is a wonderful time for praying the **Liturgy of the Hours**, which is the common and public prayer of the Church. It is when our Church across the globe comes together to pray for the world. And as we are all well aware, the world is in need of our prayers!

We have included several digital and print resources for you in this week's newsletter. Beyond the Liturgy of the Hours, we have added new materials for Advent and the **Year of Mercy, which begins tomorrow, December 8th - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**. Please **check out the new Year of Mercy link on the Archdiocesan homepage for more resources and events for the Jubilee Year** that will continue to grow over the next several months!

**Please also note, we have some new events to add to your calendar for 2016. These include a Faith Formation Presentation and Luncheon on March 15th, the PAFF Workshop and Retreat on April 28-29th, and our Annual PAFF Conference on June 1st.** More information about these events will be shared in upcoming newsletters, but please mark your calendars now!

**The 2016 Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons and Weekdays from Liturgy Training Publications.** This resource provides guidance regarding the liturgical elements so that communities can prepare liturgies rooted in the vision of the Second Vatican Council. The Sourcebook is organized to help you follow the liturgical calendar.

You remain in our prayers and please let us know, how we might be of further service to all of you!

In Christ,  
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## **Upcoming Catechetical Events**

Religious Education Standards Deanery Workshops

December 1st, 2015: 12:00-3:00 | Blessed Sacrament Church, Seattle  
January 26, 2016: 10:30-12 | Pierce Deanery | Visitation Church, Tacoma  
March 9th, 2016: | St. Charles, Burlington (*Time: TBD*)  
Contact [Joseph Tancioco](#) for information, registration, and scheduling a future workshop.

### Save the Date: Mass/March for Life

The annual Mass for Life and March for Life will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. These events commemorate the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions in 1974 that legalized abortion throughout the country.

### Save the Date: Jubilee for People with Special Needs

Saturday, March 12, 2016 | 11:00 Archbishop Peter J. Sartain, Presider

### Save the Date: Faith Formation Presentation and Luncheon

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 | Chancery, Isaac Orr Conference Room | *More information to come*

### Save the Date: Best Practices for Catechetical Leaders

April 28-29, 2016 | ABRC @ Palisades | *More information to come*

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## **Formation Opportunities**

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 Formation Course

Presented by Joann Terranova, MAPS and Lynne Shioyama

January to November 2016 For more information, see [flyer](#) or contact Claudia Petursson at Holy Family Parish 452-822-0295, ext. 122 or [claudiap@hfkparish.org](mailto:claudiap@hfkparish.org)

### Holy Buckets - FREE Advent Resource

The Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) is a way to introduce Catholic youth to the Universality of our church. The MCA will help youth to understand that we belong to a world-wide church and that they are called to solidarity with youth around the world. The Holy Buckets program has undergone some changes and continues to animate young people in their missionary discipleship by learning, sharing and giving during the Season of Advent. The program launches the first week of Advent and closes on the Feast of the Epiphany (November 29, 2015 - January 6, 2016). download the FREE materials at <http://www.onefamilyinmission.org/hca/hca-reproducibles.html> Please remit any funds collected by sending one check, payable to "Missions Office" with "Holy Buckets" in the memo line, to: Missions Office | 710 9th Ave | Seattle, WA | 98104. Questions may be directed to your Missions Office: [missions.office@seattlearch.org](mailto:missions.office@seattlearch.org) (206) 382-4580

### Missionary Childhood Association Christmas Artwork Contest

Twenty-four winners will be selected in the 2015-2016 [Missionary Childhood Association Christmas Artwork Contest](#); their artwork will appear as e-greetings on the website (MCAKids.org) and displayed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. during Advent 2016 and through the Christmas Season. The official entry form is at MCAKids.org and at OneFamilyInMission.org. Open to young Catholics in grades K-8 in schools or parish religious education programs. Deadline is Saturday, January 31, 2016.

Multimedia Youth Contest "Caring For God's Creation" (Grades 7-12)  
Annual Multimedia Youth Contest Creative work of any medium (e.g. video, song, painting, drama, poetry, etc.) is welcome! Entries within the Archdiocese of Seattle must be sent to the Missions Office by March 17, 2016.



## Essential Religious Education Concepts

### Divine Office/Liturgy of the Hours [1174-1178]

*The Essential Concepts come from the Table of Contents for the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC). They have been re-organized to fit under the Six Tasks of Catechesis. CCC articles numbers associated with each Essential Concept are listed throughout this document. Referencing CCC article numbers is a recommended resource for catechist preparation.*

**TASK 2 - Liturgical Education-** *Students recognize the presence of Christ and enter into communication with Him through active, full, and conscious participation in the Liturgical celebrations and Sacraments of the Church*

## Implementation Ideas for the Classroom:

### Annotated Bibliography from the LMC\*

*\*Please note the Library's Essential Concepts list is a working document, being updated on an ongoing basis.*

### Online Resources

#### Sunday Connection from Loyola Press

Background and activities to better understand the upcoming Sunday's Scripture reading.

#### The Liturgy of The Hours-USCCB

The Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office or the Work of God (Opus Dei), is the daily prayer of the Church, marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer.

#### Divine Office Catholic Ministry

Divine Office mission is to evangelize and to nurture our Catholic relationship with God by designing and offering contents, software products, development and design services for the Catholic community.

#### Divine Office: Introduction (Advent)

Join the Dominican Sisters of Peace in praying the Divine Office during Advent (Dominican Praise version). This video introduces the Divine Office



### Praying the Liturgy of the Hours

Young Catholics share insights into the Liturgy of the Hours.

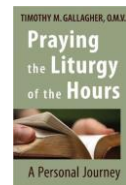


## Resources from the LMC on Divine Office/Liturgy of the Hours

***Christ, Our Love for All Seasons: A Liturgy of the Hours for Everyone*** (Ralph Wright, O.S.B.) Father Ralph Wright, a Benedictine monk, has contributed hymns of his own making to the one- and four-volume Liturgy of the Hours. In this book he includes his own prayers and poems and hymns- along with the Grail translation of the Psalter, forming a prayer book geared toward every liturgical season in the year- and each "season" of our lives (based on the sacraments). All the major feast days are featured with poems, hymns and psalms apposite to the occasion. This book also functions as a Poetry Supplement to the Liturgy of the Hours.



***Praying the Liturgy of the Hours: A Personal Journey*** (Timothy M. Gallagher) Father Timothy Gallagher shares in this informative, inspiring volume his own experiences and insights into the daily prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours, which he has prayed daily for the last 40 years. All around the world, everyday, for hundreds of years, Catholics pray the psalms, and readings from the bible and from tradition, in a formal way called the Liturgy of the Hours. Fr. Tim shares his experiences praying the Liturgy of the Hours for the last four decades and invites the reader into the beauty and possibilities of this simple way of praying.



***The Everyday Catholic's Guide to the Liturgy of the Hours*** (Daria Sockey) Sockey will answer questions like: What is the history of the Liturgy of the Hours? How can the Liturgy of the Hours fit into a busy schedule? Why is the Liturgy of the Hours relevant today? Print or digital bervaries: Which is better? There is a rhythm of prayer, not just throughout the day, but throughout the year. Sockey explores the spiritual riches of the seasons, the saints, and special feast days, which add depth and variety to prayer. She also addresses the concept of praying with the words of Sacred Scripture and helps the reader to appreciate the universal beauty of these ancient biblical prayers.



***A Catholic Book of Hours and Other Devotions*** (William G. Storey) Storey's compilation of "The Liturgy of the Hours" is presented in language that is both dignified and contemporary, crafted in accordance with Vatican II's liturgical emphasis and promotion of scriptural prayer.

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## Library Media Center Resources of the Week

### The Season of Advent

[Waiting and Preparation: Teaching Advent and Christmas](#)

Use the rich symbols and stories of the season to help children experience Advent and lead them to a better celebration of Jesus' coming at Christmas. From Joe Paprocki's Catechist's Journey.

### You Don't Know Jack... about Advent

Christmas is coming and Busted Halo longtime friend Fr. Jack Collins, CSP, hits the streets (and the local ice skating rink) to ask people what they know about that anticipatory season of waiting and preparation... Advent.



### Arts & Faith: Week 2 of Advent, Cycle C

Arts and Faith invites you to take a deeper look at the Advent Gospels through artwork. Reflect with Mattia Preti's "St. John the Baptist Preaching" for the Second Sunday of Advent.



### What is Advent Again?

The season approaches. Get in the spirit. Banish the anxiety and embrace the preparation. Let's celebrate together the Advent season.



***People of the Nativity: Living the Christmas Story Then and Now*** (Marci Alborghetti) The people of the original Advent become powerfully and often triumphantly real as they respond to God's plan. Meet Anna, Joseph, Mary and others in this true-to-the-Scripture narrative, which includes thoughtful questions, prayers and suggested actions that resonate with the reader's own experiences.

***Light for the World*** (Tom Wall) Aquinas Ventures, LLC, 2015. This Advent, help your entire family prepare for the birth of Jesus with Light for the World: A Catholic Kid's Guide for Advent and Christmas. Written and illustrated for your entire family, this softcover book explains Catholic traditions and feast days that we celebrate throughout the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Light for the World is just what your family needs to truly know and appreciate the "Reason for the Season".

***The Advent Jesse Tree: Devotions for Children and Adults to Prepare for the Coming of the Christ Child at Christmas*** Offers 25 devotions for each day from December 1st to December 25th, Christmas Day... The day Christians celebrate that God's purpose was finally revealed in the coming of the savior, Jesus Christ. Each devotion traces the heritage of Jesus through the stories and prophecies of the Old Testament. This book enables individuals and families to engage in a more meaningful celebration of the Christmas season. These daily Advent devotions are written in two versions (one for children and one for adults) including a scripture, a story and commentary, questions to ask, a prayer, and a song.

***Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany in the Domestic Church: Activities to Celebrate the Liturgical Season*** (Catherine Fournier) This illustrated book is full of wonderful family activities to help parents and children alike better understand and

celebrate the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany seasons. The perfect book to help families learn together and share the joys of this happy time of the liturgical year. Filled with a variety of family activities, saints' celebrations and crafts, this book has something for everyone in the family. Family activities include making an Advent wreath, a Jesse Tree with all its symbols, cloth Nativity figures, words for singing 21 Advent and Christmas songs, recipes for special cakes and breads and more. Also included are stories of special saints for the season with activities and prayers.

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## Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has called the special Jubilee Year for Mercy to begin Dec. 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception and the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council. It will close on Nov. 20, 2016, the day celebrated that year as the feast of Christ the King.



### Brief History of Holy Years and Jubilees in the Church

by Fr. Thomas Rosica-Salt & Light blog.

### Archdiocesan Webpage for The Year of Mercy

It is up and now available! Please take a look at all of the resources and current information found dedicated to the Year of Mercy. Be sure to check back often for added events and resources.

### Library Media Center Year of Mercy Resources

Here is a printable annotated bibliography of resources available from the Library Media Center. Materials may be added to the list, so check back for new titles.

### CRS Year of Mercy Resources

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has developed a number of resources that illustrate how Catholics in the United States can participate in acts of mercy through CRS. These include a prayer, a primer about the Year of Mercy, adult faith sharing sessions, a slideshow presentation on the Corporal Works of Mercy, homily helps for Lectionary Cycle C and more. Click here for details.

### Advent Moments of Mercy from Loyola Press

Advent Moments of Mercy Jim Campbell writes daily messages to help us explore the Scripture and feast days of Advent, especially paying attention to themes of mercy and incorporating the words of Pope Francis each day. Sign up to receive the daily messages via e-mail from the First Sunday of Advent through Christmas Day.

### Archdiocese of Seattle Year of Mercy Prayer Card

Here is a printable prayer card for use in your parish. The prayer card can be printed out using Avery 8387 labels.

### Year of Mercy App

Our Sunday Visitor's FREE 365 Days to Mercy app, is designed to accompany you on a spiritual journey during the Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis. The official Year of Mercy is December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016, but daily inspiration, stories, and news will be in the app beginning November 20, 2015, giving you a full 365 Days to Mercy.





## Beginning of the Year of Mercy on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 8, 2015 | St. James Cathedral | Mass at 5:30 pm | Fr. Michael G. Ryan, Presider

## Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent with the Solemn Opening of the Holy Doors

December 13, 2015 | St. James Cathedral | Mass at 12:00 Noon | Archbishop Peter J. Sartain, Presider.

## St. James Cathedral Tours

St. James Cathedral is inviting both parishes and school groups to set up visits for the Year of Mercy, which can be just a time of prayer and pilgrimage, or can include a guided tour as well. Corinna Laughlin [claughlin@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:claughlin@stjames-cathedral.org) or 206-264-2086

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## Archdiocesan News

### NW Catholic Movie & Book Reviews

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### Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades

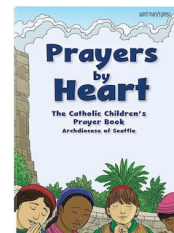
The Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades provides guest rooms and exceptional meeting facilities in a beautifully secluded but convenient setting for retreats, spiritual growth and professional formation. For more information or to view the upcoming retreats scheduled, visit the Retreat Center [website](#).



### Prayers By Heart: The Catholic Children's Prayer Book

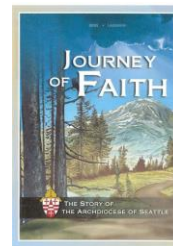
Daily prayers, memorized by heart, are a wonderful way for children to stay close to God. Prayers by Heart: The Catholic Children's Prayer Book, only from Saint Mary's Press, was created to support the Archdiocese of Seattle's Faith Formation Standards and designed to introduce young children to the beautiful prayers of our Catholic faith. Incorporating these prayers and family blessings in their daily life will help children learn to talk to and listen to God while being reminded of how He is always with them, and how much He loves and cares for them.

Order copies [here](#)



## Journey of Faith: An Illustrated History

Journey of Faith is an extraordinary telling of our remarkable story. With richly-colored illustrations, this history of the Archdiocese of Seattle brings our inspiring Catholic story to life, from the days when thousands of Native peoples called this land holy ground, to the first explorers and missionaries, to the building of our churches and schools, to the present day. The graphic novel format makes it appealing for all ages. To view sample pages and order copies, visit the Faith Formation Events & Resources [webpage](#)



## MyUSCCB

This Week in Ministry provides timely content every week formatted for use in a variety of ways: parish bulletins, websites, E-newsletters, social media and more.



**Featured This Week (Second Week of Advent):** On December 12, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. Here is the story of how she revealed herself to a devout Mexican man whom we now know as St. Juan Diego.

[English](#) or [Spanish](#)

For Reflection: Lectio Divina for the Second Week of Advent

For Advent and the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we offer Lectio Divina guides for each week of Advent for personal or group use. [English](#) or [Spanish](#)

To learn more about MyUSCCB and to sign up for this helpful resource, visit the [USCCB website](#) for more information.

## Catechetical Weekly-NCCL

The National Conference of Catechetical Leaders publishes a weekly newsletter following the Six Tasks of Catechesis.



**Featured This Week (Second Week of Advent):** Celebrate the Rite of Opening the Door of Mercy-Our Sunday Visitor is making available for free [download](#) to every English-speaking diocese worldwide a PDF of the "**The Rite of the Opening of the Door of Mercy in Local Churches.**" It includes "The Rite of Introduction in the Stational Church"- "The Opening of the Jubilee Year in Churches and Shrines Designated by the Diocesan Bishop"- "The Closing Celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee in Local Churches."

For archived newsletters and to learn more about this organization visit the [website](#).

## Featured Websites



## Elements of the Catholic Mass Weekly Video Series

Elements of the Catholic Mass is designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass. Featuring experts from the **Liturgical Institute**, the program consists of beautifully produced weekly short videos of 2-5 minutes. These free videos will be available online and on demand. Because they will be released with a discussion guide with references, they are ideal for personal faith formation or group discussion. To see a listing of all available episodes, visit the "Episodes" page of the Liturgical Institute's [website](#).



The **World Meeting of Families** website has a new section where **Select Congress Keynote Presentation and Breakout Session Videos** can be viewed for free. More videos are planned to be added so check back frequently for new content.



## Los Angeles Religion Education Congress

February 25, 2016 (Youth Day) & February 26-28, 2016  
Theme: "Boundless Mercy" | "Misericordia Inagotable"  
Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, California  
<http://www.recongress.org/>



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## Catholic Publishers

[Loyola Press](#)

[St. Mary's Press](#)

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[RCL Benziger](#)

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## Helpful Links

### [21st Century Catholic Evangelization](#)

Serving Catholic leaders in their ministry of evangelization with curated knowledge, approaches, strategies, and resources to reach out to those who have never heard the gospel proclaimed, to re-engage those who have lost a living faith in their daily lives, and to engage those who are faithful and need to be renewed with increased catechesis

[Garaventa Center](#)

The Garaventa Center from the University of Portland explores and deploys the fruits of faith, reason and imagination that constitute the Catholic intellectual tradition to illuminate and enliven something that is implicit but often unregarded: the working of grace in human communities. Weekly podcasts are available by visiting the website or subscribing to their weekly newsletter.

### Catechist Journey

Sharing the Journey of Teaching the Catholic Faith. Joe Paprocki's blog that features practical tips and resources on sharing the gift of the Catholic faith.

### eCatechist

eCatechist.com is a blog from Dan Pierson, that provides ideas, inspiration, and learning resources for catechists, parish catechetical leaders, and parents.

### NACFLAM-National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministries

In response to God's word revealed through all generations and impelled by our belief in the intrinsic sacredness of family life we, the members of the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers, join together to be a prophetic voice for family in Church and society, to foster professional development, and to provide mutual support for those who minister with families.

### TeamRCIA

TeamRCIA.com is a free online resource for Catholic parishes and dioceses that want to form Christians for life. Offers a variety of online and in-person training for church ministers and volunteers, through webinars, e-mail courses, downloads, discussion forums, and training events led by experts in the field of initiation ministry.

### Teaching Catholic Kids

Teaching Catholic Kids is a valuable tool for parents, teachers and catechists. Free downloadable activities and teacher resources are updated each month and made available from the best of Our Sunday Visitor books, workbooks and writers.

### Vibrant Faith at Home

Vibrant Faith @ Home supports Christian leaders and families who are intentional about their faith and religious practice as they raise the next generation of committed Christians.

### Word On Fire

Word on Fire Catholic Ministries is a nonprofit global media apostolate that supports the work of Father Robert Barron and reaches millions of people to draw them into- or back to- the Catholic faith. Word on Fire is evangelical; it proclaims Jesus Christ as the source of conversion and new life. Word on Fire is Catholic; it utilizes the tremendous resources of the Roman Catholic tradition-art, architecture, poetry, philosophy, theology, and the lives of the saints- in order to explain and interpret the event of Jesus Christ.

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