



# St. Barbara Catholic Church

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Fr. Dave Rogerson - Pastor  
Office Hours: Mon. - Fri., 9:00am - 2:00pm

Masses: Sat. 5:30pm; Sun. 8:00 & 10:00am  
Weds., Thurs., Fri. - 9:00am  
Reconciliation: 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. 4:30 - 5:00pm  
Rosary: 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. 9:15am  
Eucharist Adoration: 1<sup>st</sup> Fri. 9:45 - 10:45am  
Historic Church



### Pastor's Corner

A September some years back I was staying in Borrego Springs in the desert area near the Sultan Sea in Southern California. Being a morning person I would get up each day to get out early for a hike or bike ride before the heat of the day hit. One morning, I climbed a steep butte offering a view of the entire surrounding valley. As I stood alone, in the immense quiet, it occurred to me that many had stood in this spot before me. Countless native young men likely stayed there overnight proving themselves as they entered manhood, likely many local teen revelers, other travelers, and local residents. This vantage point offered an insight into the desert. The spacing of the scant plants below was striking. Each plant needed about six feet to capture whatever water and nutrients it could to survive. It was as if an engineer had laid out the pattern. During Advent we are invited into the desert. It is not a blank

wilderness, but one laid out with the great engineer's purpose. We face our deepest longings. We attune our ears to the whispered words of God carried on the wind. We await love made flesh in the Son of God. And we look to the horizon with steadfast hope. Advent Blessings,

*Fr. Dave*




**Eucharistic Adoration**  
First Friday  
December 7<sup>th</sup>  
9:45 - 10:45 am  
*in the Historic Church*

**Holy Day of Obligation**  
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Saturday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am  
Mass will be celebrated in the Historic Church

**SPECIAL ADVENT CELEBRATION**  
Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
St. Barbara Parish Hall  
After 10 am Mass

- \* Enjoy a Holiday Lunch to Celebrate St. Barbara Feast Day!
- \* Listen to Wonderful Music of the St. Barbara Choir!
- \* Make and take home Beautiful Christmas Ornaments!
- \* Have your Picture taken with St. Nicholas!!


**COME & ENJOY THIS EXCITING EVENT!!!**  
*This is an Advent gift to Parishioners from the Circle of Joy, Helping Hands, The Knights of Columbus, St. Barbara Choir, & the Parish Staff.*



**Advent Parish Communal Penance Service**  
Sunday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 9:15  
In song, prayer, communal examination of conscience and Scriptural reflection we will celebrate the new life we have in the Lord through our baptism and the forgiveness of our sins.

**Christmas Cards**  
For anyone that is interested, the **Knights Keep Christ in Christmas** cards are available in the entryway of the church. A free will offering will be accepted.

**Giving Tree Program!**  
The Giving Tree Program brings holiday cheer to those in need this Christmas season.  
Gift tags are available at all Masses. Bring your **unwrapped gifts with the tag attached** to St. Barbara Church and place them under the tree in the main entrance no later than **Sun., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>**.  
*If you have any questions, please contact Deb Melton at [deb-melton@hotmail.com](mailto:deb-melton@hotmail.com) or phone 425-281-1447.*  
Thank you for your kindness!



### St. Barbara Parish Staff

**Fr. Dave Rogerson, Pastor** - Sacraments (including Wedding & Funerals), Mass announcements, Mass intentions  
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**Andrea Shimek** - Administrative Assistant/ Receptionist - Scheduling, general inquiries, prayer chain requests, Mass prayer cards  
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**Parish Phone number:** 360-886-2229

The Parish Offices are located in the mobile unit.



### Next Sunday's Readings 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Baruch 5:1-9  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11  
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

*"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

### St. Barbara Prayer Chain Ministry

Please pray for the Spiritual, Emotional, Physical, and Financial needs of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ, especially:

Betsy Swenarski, Michael Utley, Deryl Sleigh, Dianna Camoza, Betty Dougherty, Kristen McTighe, Kiersten Emmett, Richard Hosmun, John Mergens, Michele Kosteckly, Margarethe Halliday, Tim Carstens, Ted Glandon, Jon Brumbach, Sr., Diane & Ralph Mitchell

*All those listed in the St. Barbara prayer book.*



**Family Movie Night**  
Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:30 pm  
Downstairs Classrooms

Please join us in celebrating the Christmas Season as we watch The Polar Express.  
*Pizza dinner will be provided.*  
RSVP to Sara at [re@stbarbarachurch.org](mailto:re@stbarbarachurch.org)

### Black Diamond Food Bank Special Needs:

chili and one can meals

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Please check expiration dates!**

**NO Rice, Beans, Cake Mixes or Frosting.**



### St. Barbara Advent and Christmas Activities and Mass Schedule

#### Liturgical Schedule:

December 1 4:15 pm – 5:00 pm, Reconciliation, Main Church  
December 1 & 2 St. Barbara Feast – Our patronal feast weekend celebrated at all liturgies  
December 7 9:30 am – 10:30 am, Eucharistic Adoration, Historic Church  
December 8 Immaculate Conception (Holy Day), 9:00 am Mass, Historic Church  
December 9 Communal Penance Service, 9:15 am, Main Church  
December 22 & 23 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent: Regular weekend Mass schedule  
December 23 9:15 am, Rosary, Main Church  
December 24 Christmas Eve: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, and Midnight  
December 25 Christmas Day: 9:00 am  
January 1 Mary the Mother of God, 9:00 am Mass, Historic Church

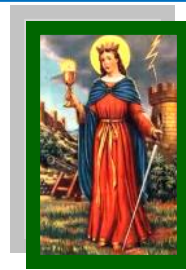
#### Social Events Schedule:

December 2 After the 10:00 am Mass, All Parish Advent Celebrations, Parish Hall  
December 16 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, Faith Formation Christmas Celebration, Parish Hall  
December 18 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, Movie Tuesday, Christmas Oranges, Lower Level of the Main Church  
December 19 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm, Faith Formation Movie, The Polar Express, Lower Level of the Main Church

## Welcome to St. Barbara Church!

Saint Barbara is a welcoming parish that consciously provides spiritual growth for everyone, and advocates the relationship of Christ and family within the home and the community. We are glad that you came today.

*If you would like to register to become a member of St. Barbara Church, please fill out the "New Parishioner Registration Form", located in the narthex of the church and return them to the collection basket or to the Parish Office.*



CENTENNIAL APPEAL FOR THE POOR

175 Programs - One Mission  
A Mission of Mercy



Catholic Community Services Centennial Appeal for the Poor is here! St Barbara will be participating in this year-end appeal to support our Catholic Charities Agency in Western Washington. The CCS Centennial Appeal for the Poor is a tangible way you can partner with us to provide essential, life-sustaining services to families in need. Please know that your gifts can translate into innovative housing solutions for the homeless, basic need items such as food, clothing and hygiene supplies, recovery and mental health counseling, and support for veterans, farmworkers, youth, the elderly, and those living with disabilities. Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services serve people of all beliefs and offer more than 175 programs and services to nearly 100,000 people in need each year — and it's all because of you. We ask you to prayerfully consider making a financial gift to the CCS Centennial Appeal for the Poor in support of our mission of compassion. 25% of all the funds raised through this appeal will be returned to St. Barbara to use in our own community. Thank you!! To donate online, please go to <https://www.ccsww.org>. Also, check your employer for corporate matching, to double your gift.

### Holiday Food Bag Success!

Thank you to everyone who returned a Thanksgiving food bag. We collected over 75 bags of food and many monetary donations. Thank you for your support of the Maple Valley Food Bank.

*Thank you for your generosity!!*



## Youth Faith Formation

Lower Level of Church

### Preschool - Grade 1

Sunday morning  
During the 10 am Mass



### Grades 2 - 5

(Includes Communion Preparation)

Wednesday evening  
7 - 8:15 pm

### Grades 6 - 12

Sunday evening  
6:30 - 8 pm



### Confirmation 1

Tuesday evening  
7 - 8:30 pm



## Adult Faith Formation

### Catholic Stuff

Wednesday 7 - 8:30 pm

Parish Office

Topic: Christmas



### R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian  
Initiation of Adults

Monday evening  
7 - 8:30 pm



## Called to Serve as Christ Campaign

Jesus asks us to make our mark on this world and to serve the Lord by sharing His gifts with others. A gift to *Called to Serve as Christ* is a way of doing so. Your gift to the campaign will take care of a retired priest, support a sister and provide assistance to your parish. Funding each of these goals with the financial resources we have been blessed with will, in turn, multiply those blessings back to us and to God. The Archdiocese of Seattle is fortunate to have thousands of Catholic families who actively participate in their faith life. We have an obligation to make our Archdiocese, and our world, better for those who follow us. We want to make the formative experience we received from our priests, sisters and parishes available to future generations. Thank you to all of you who have answered the challenge to participate in this historic campaign! In the spirit of the Advent season, consider making a pledge and send in your decision before Friday, December 16. If you would like more information or to donate online, please visit the campaign website at [www.calledtoserveaschrist.org](http://www.calledtoserveaschrist.org).

