

## Ministries

**Visiting the sick and home bound:** Regular visits are made to those who are home bound or sick. Please call the Parish Office at (253) 383-4549 ext. 100 if you or a loved one would like a visit.

**Prayer Line:** Our confidential prayer line may be reached at (253) 383-4549 ext. 100.

**St.. Vincent de Paul Society:** If you need assistance with food, clothing, or furniture please call 383-4549, ext. 170. Our office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30AM.

**Religious Education:** For students in grades K–8 not attending Holy Rosary School, we offer religious education, as well as our Confirmation program, which we have every two years. We share resources with St. Martin of Tours in Fife for our religious education program.

### Want to learn more about the Catholic Church?

If you or anyone you know has expressed an interest in the Catholic Church and would like to learn more about Catholic beliefs and practices, you are invited to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It is a process that encompasses the study of Scripture, Catholic teaching, Christian values, and the development and deepening of a life of prayer and action. Classes begin in the Fall and you will receive your Sacraments at Easter!

### Register

If you would like to become involved in serving our parish, please call the parish office at (253) 383-4549 and we will assist you in matching your interests and gifts to the needs of our community.



Tacoma's German Catholic community built the first Holy Rosary church on this site in 1891 with volunteer labor because they wanted a church where sermons were given in their native language. They sent a petition to Bishop Aegidius Junger of Nisqually requesting that a German-speaking Benedictine priest from St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota be appointed as pastor. When Father William Eversmann, OSB arrived in Tacoma, he was struck by the number of roses blooming near the church, and he suggested the church be dedicated to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary.

Due to Tacoma's rapid growth, the small wooden church soon became inadequate, and plans were laid for a larger structure. The last Mass in the original church was celebrated on December 8, 1912. For the next decade, Mass was celebrated in the school auditorium while funds were collected for a new church.

On May 30, 1920, the cornerstone of the magnificent present church was laid, and it was completed the following year. The beautiful stained glass windows were imported from Belgium. As a finishing touch, the parish installed an excellent eleven rank, electro-pneumatic action pipe organ. The new church was dedicated on November 13, 1922. The church's architecture is Frankish or Norman Gothic, built in a European cruciform. It is 175 feet long and 92 feet wide, with a seating capacity of 500. The bell tower rises 210 feet above the ground and was originally topped with a cross of plate glass underlaid with gold leaf.

When the parish celebrated its Diamond Jubilee in 1966, the Register and Tribune wrote "And so for 75 years Our Lady of the Holy Rosary has bloomed like the roses which inspired her name way back in 1891." One of the highlights of the Jubilee celebration was the hoisting of a new cross to the top of the bell tower to replace the original cross, which had toppled in the 1965 earthquake. The 16-foot cross is made of heavy aluminum plate, underlaid with gold leaf. It weighs some 200 pounds.

The Benedictine presence ended in 1998, and Holy Rosary is now an archdiocesan parish.

Welcome to  
Holy Rosary Parish

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish

Tacoma, Washington

Consecrated  
November 13, 1927

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### Mass Celebrations

**Saturday** 9:30AM and Vigil 7:00PM

**Sunday** 8:00AM and Noon

**Monday, Thursday, Friday** 9:00AM

### Sacrament of Penance

**Saturday** 3:00 to 4:00PM or by appointment

If you would like to hold your wedding at Holy Rosary, or have your baby baptized, please contact our Parish office at (253) 383-4549, ext. 100.

### Holy Rosary School

We offer a rich, Catholic academic program for children in Pre-Kindergarten through the 8th grade. Please call 272-7012 for more information.

### Organizations

**Men's Club:** We promote our parish spiritually, socially and financially. We strive to put our faith into action in all our endeavors. We have monthly meetings and raise funds for our parish and school by serving two breakfasts and by selling Christmas swags at the Christmas Bazaar. We assist in the upkeep of our Church. Our social events include bowling, pizza feeds, and attending Rainiers baseball games. If you are interested in joining the Men's Club, please contact the Parish Office at (253) 383-4549 ext. 100.

**Women's Club:** We are a social and fund-raising organization that draws the women of the parish closer together in friendship and service to the church and school. We are an intergenerational group that hosts confirmation and funeral receptions, sponsors children from the school on various activities, holds bake sales, and has a booth at the Christmas bazaar. We often bring speakers to the parish, and we maintain a prayer chain. We welcome all women of the parish to join the club in friendship and God's love. If you are interested in joining the Women's Club, please contact the Parish Office at (253) 383-4549 ext. 100.

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