

St. Frederic Catholic Church

175 S. 13th St., St. Helens, Oregon



Mass Schedule by appointment only:

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

Adoration: Friday at 9:00 a.m.

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OFFICE HOURS: Available by phone

December 25, 2020

Merry Christmas

Financials

Financial Report for December 20, 2020

The budget for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 is \$3,713 per week. These are expenses to maintain our liturgy, ministries, personnel, and facilities throughout the church compound.

Week 25	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Need:	\$ 3,713.00	\$ 92,825.00
Collection:	\$ 3,712.00	\$ 70,482.35
	\$- 1.00	\$-22,342.65

Maintenance **250.00**

Thank you for your Support

BEQUESTS

I give, devise, and bequeath the sum of \$ _____ to the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon for the sole benefit of St. Frederic Catholic Church located at 175th S. 13th, St. Helens, Oregon to be used under the direction of the priest at the time of my death.

Capital Campaign

<u>Total Rec'd</u>	<u>Total Pledged</u>
\$ 250,868.95	\$ 286,608.00

Vocation Talk

PRAYER is a moving force in vocation development. Prayer is effective; prayer is powerful; prayer is essential. Few are called to priesthood or religious life, but all are called to pray for vocations. "Lord, your Church is in need. Touch the hearts of many within our parish with the desire to serve you. Call forth from this community sisters, brothers, deacons, priests and lay leaders. Help us to live lives that will nurture childhood trust into adult commitment. May this parish be a source of hope and a source of ministers for your Church, your people and your world. Amen."

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. [Luke 2:39-40](#)

Today we honor family life in general by pausing to ponder the particular and beautiful hidden life within the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In many ways, their daily life together would have been very similar to other families at that time. But in other ways, their life together is entirely unique and provides us with a perfect model for all families.

By God's providence and design, the family life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph was spoken of in the Scripture very little. We read of the birth of Jesus, the presentation in the Temple, the flight into Egypt and the finding of Jesus in the Temple at age twelve. But other than these stories of their life together, we know very little.

The line from today's Gospel quoted above does, however, give us some insight worth pondering. First, we see that this family "fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord..." Though this is in reference to Jesus being presented in the Temple, it should also be understood to apply to all aspects of their life together. Family life, just like our individual lives, must be ordered by the laws of our Lord.

The primary law of the Lord regarding family life is that it must share in the very unity and "communion of love" found in the life of the Most Holy Trinity. Each person of the Holy Trinity has perfect respect for the other, gives selflessly to each other without reserve, and receives each person in their totality. It is their love that makes them one and enables them to act together in perfect harmony as a communion of divine Persons. Though Saint Joseph was not immaculate in his nature, the perfection of love did live in his divine Son and in his immaculate wife. This overwhelming gift of their perfect love would have daily drawn him into the perfection of their lives.

Ponder your own closest relationships today. If you are blessed with a close family, ponder them. If not, ponder the persons put into your life who you are called to love with familial love. Who are you to be there for in good times and in bad? Who are you to sacrifice your life for without reserve? Who are you to offer respect, compassion, time, energy, mercy, generosity and every other virtue? And how well do you fulfill this duty of love?

Reflect, today, upon the fact that God wants you to share in a communion of life, not only with the Most Holy Trinity but also with those around you, especially your family. Try to ponder the hidden life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and seek to make their family relationship the model for how you love others. May their perfect communion of love be a model for us all.

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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas, the Lord is born! This is a time to pray and reflect on the Lord. Please continue to pray for our parish community. Please stay safe during this Christmas season!

Until further notice, we will continue to contact trace, clean after each Mass, wear masks, and keep a 6 foot distance from others not in our household.

Watching Mass on TV is not receiving the Sacraments. If you are able, please consider attending Mass. I hope to see all of you at Mass soon.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Marandu

12 Days of Christmas Song

The song's gifts are hidden meanings to the teachings of the faith. The "true love" mentioned in the song doesn't refer to an earthly suitor, it refers to God Himself. The "me" who receives the presents refers to every baptized person. The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge which feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings, much in memory of the expression of Christ's sadness over the fate of Jerusalem: "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered thee under my wings, as a hen does her chicks, but thou wouldst not have it so..."

The other symbols mean the following:

- 1 Partridge in a Pear Tree = Jesus Christ, Son of God
- 2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments
- 3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues
- 4 Calling Birds = the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists
- 5 Golden Rings = The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch", which gives the history of man's fall from grace.
- 6 Geese A-laying = the six days of creation
- 7 Swans A-swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments
- 8 Maids A-milking = the eight beatitudes
- 9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 10 Lords A-leaping = the ten commandments
- 11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful apostles
- 12 Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed

Mass for the Solemnity of Mary

Friday, January 1, 2021 Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. There will only be one Mass. Sign up at Mass, on the website or by calling the office.

Second Collection

This week's collection is for St. Vincent de Paul.

Youth Group

Youth Group is on Christmas break until January 10. Youth Group will resume on Sunday, January 10 at 6:45 p.m. using Chosen.

This week's **FORMED.org Pick of the Week** is FORMEDNOW! WHOISSAINTSTEPHEN? This past week, we celebrated the life of St. Stephen, heroic leader of the early Church. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the first Christian martyr.

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Weekly Readings (December 28—January 3)

Monday: [First John 1:](#) 5 – 2: 2; [Psalms 124:](#) 2-3, 4-5, 7b-8; [Matthew 2:](#) 13-18

Tuesday: [First John 2:](#) 3-11; [Psalms 96:](#) 1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; [Luke 2:](#) 22-35

Wednesday: [First John 2:](#) 12-17; [Psalms 96:](#) 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; [Luke 2:](#) 36-40

Thursday: [First John 2:](#) 18-21; [Psalms 96:](#) 1-2, 11-12, 13; [John 1:](#) 1-18

Friday: [Numbers 6:](#) 22-27; [Psalms 67:](#) 2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a); [Galatians 4:](#) 4-7; [Luke 2:](#) 16-21

Saturday: [First John 2:](#) 22-28; [Psalms 98:](#) 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; [John 1:](#) 19-28

Sunday: [Isaiah 60:](#) 1-6; [Psalms 72:](#) 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; [Ephesians 3:](#) 2-3a, 5-6; [Matthew 2:](#) 1-12

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