

December 15, 2019

# ST. HENRY CHURCH



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## Masses

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00pm English

**Sunday:** 8:30am & 11:00am English, 1:30pm Spanish

**Monday ~ Saturday Morning:** 8:00am English

**Thursday Evening:** 7:00pm Spanish

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 3:00 - 4:30pm & Thursday 6:00pm - 6:50pm

Posadas  
December 16 to 23

Sing with Joy,  
Let your "inside child"  
have fun

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in this bulletin

## Pastoral Council

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Music...Barbara Adams

## Calendar for December 15 - 22

### Sunday December 15 Advent 3

**Masses 8:30am & 11am English, 1:30pm Spanish**  
 Everyday Strength Cancer Support 9:30am (OMT)  
 Library Open 9:45am  
 EFF & Sacra Prep 9:45am & 12:15pm (P/C)  
 English Basketball 4pm (GYM)  
 Spanish Basketball 7pm (GYM)



### Monday December 16 Mass 8am

Youth Choir 6:30pm (CH)  
 Posada 6:00pm (P/C)

### Tuesday December 17 Mass 8am

Pointers Prayer Group 8:45am (CH)  
 St. Vincent de Paul Pantry 10am (SVDPP)  
 Al-Anon 10am (RM 6)  
 Justice & Peace 1:30pm (LIB)  
 Spanish RICA 7pm (RM 6)  
 Respect Life Meeting 7pm (RM 10)  
 Choir 7pm (CH)  
 Nar-Anon 7pm (RM 7)  
 Adult Education 7pm (RM 8)  
 Posada 6:00pm (P/C)

### Wednesday December 18 Mass 8am English Penance Service 7:00pm

Adult Education 9am (RM 6)  
 O.A. 10:30am (RM 7)  
 Catholic Daughters 6:30pm (KC Hall)  
 Posada 5:30pm (P/C)

### Thursday December 19 Mass 8am Eng & 7pm Span Confessions 6pm - 6:50pm Bilingual

St. Henry Mom's Group 9:30am (RM 8)  
 Day Shelter 1:00pm (GYM)  
 Folk Group 7:30pm (CH)  
 English RCIA 7pm (RM 6)  
 Posada 6:00pm (P/C)

### Friday December 20 Mass 8am

St. Henry Library Open 9:30am (LIB)  
 Spanish Adoration 7:00pm (CH)  
 Posada 6:00pm (P/C)

### Saturday December 21 Masses 8am & Vigil 5pm Confessions 3pm - 4:30pm

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry 10am (SVDPP)  
 Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 10am (CH)  
 Posada 7:00pm (P/C)

### Sunday December 22 Advent 4

**Masses 8:30am & 11am English, 1:30pm Spanish**  
 Everyday Strength Cancer Support 9:30am (OMT)  
 Posada 6:00pm (P/C)



**If your child signed up to be in the  
 Christmas Family Mass Pageant,  
 rehearsals are  
 December 21 from 10am to 11:30am**

## Mass Intentions December 16 - 22

M	-Peggy Hietpas (Sandy & Paul Farrows BDV) +Matthew Stanford (St. Henry Staff)
T	+Man Nguyen (Loan Nguyen)
W	+An Nguyen (Loan Nguyen)
T	+Donna Harrison (Everyday Cancer Support) +Steve Miller (Everyday Cancer Support) +Michell Rose (Everyday Cancer Support) +Ha Hguyen (Loan Nguyen) +Jack Overton (Korwin Family)
F	+Te Nguyen (Loan Nguyen) +Ben Haley (Nancy Haley)
S	+Al & Dorothy Olbrich (Joseph Olbrich) +Lorraine Silva (Megan Stratman)
S	+Carol & Gary Gilbert (Joseph Olbrich) -Silva Family (Megan Stratman) +Jack Overton (Korwin Family)

## Prayer List

**“What you ask in my name, I will do” John 14:13.**  
**Please pray for...** Janell Beaudry, Deborah Beckwith, Russell Matthew Branson, Russell Bridenbeck, Imelda Broyles, Charles Brosh, Steven Burbank, Donald Caldwell, Pete Clark, Cherie Corum, Ruth Cummings, Peter D'Eath, Elizabeth Delong, Bryan Donnelly, Ruth Dornfeld, Jean Duyck, Brenda Finnerty, Vielka Franceschi, Mary Gigliotti, Michael Gigliotti, Lisa Hills, Sindi Jackson, Ramiro Jimenez, Joseph Kattanick, Lisa Kearney, Cyndi Kelly, Janna Kelly, Susan Kuckenber, Chita Lazatin, Ian MacAlevy, Sarah Marek, Chris Martin, Jim Martin, Pete Mays, Peggy McVitty, John Merz, Dr. Richard H. Miller, Ayden Mills, Patricia Mulkey, Mike Mushkin, Mary Novotny, Mike O'Neal, Connie Ostlund, Barbara Pereira, Delano Pereira, Dee Dee Pruitt, Gwen Ragnone, Norm Ragnone, Rene, Lori Rohlin, Jerry Ruff, Lori Scienski, Lyn Stevens, Donna Sullivan, Lois Swofford, Teipen Family, Serapio Tolentino, Robert Walsh, Ursula Wares,

**Please call the office if you would like to be included on this list.**

**Out of respect for an individuals privacy, we print only the names of those who give their permission to have their names published.**

~ Pastors Note ~ 3rd Advent ~ Fr. Charles Zach



John the Baptist is almost a New Testament figure; he is a kind of honorary member of the new community. The Church does not refer to Isaiah or Jeremiah or any of the great prophets as ‘Saint’, but we call John ‘Saint John the Baptist’. Yet, as Jesus said to the crowd, “the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.” Jesus, like John, came from the desert and appeared at the edge of society. But unlike John, he came in and sat down with sinners and outcasts. He created a new kind of society in which the values of the old were inverted: success/failure, first/last, even death/life. If John had lived he would surely have embraced the new society and its paradoxes; he would not have run from Calvary as the others did; it was not in his nature to be a reed shaken by the wind. His raging fire would long since have been transformed into intense love, his judgments into compassion.

Blind, deaf, lame, and mute. This is how Isaiah, the psalmist, and Matthew the evangelist help us describe life without God. Nearly lifeless, it would seem! All these words imply being cut off in some way, longing for connection.

If I couldn’t see, I may not know where I am in relation to the world, or to others. Light would not touch me through my senses. Figuratively speaking, I may be closed in on myself and my own perceptions, unable to acknowledge the presence of another.

If I couldn’t hear, my world may be silent save my own thoughts. Figuratively, I may not be able to receive the message someone wants to give me.

If I couldn’t move, I may be unable to walk with someone. I may not feel free, but rather captive and confined.

If I couldn’t speak, I may be unable to share my thoughts and feelings with others. I may not be able to respond when asked a question, or when called.

Dark, silent, and still: a world defined by absence, albeit a world in which many of us could finally listen and rest, given our often hectic lives. Isaiah, the psalmist, and Jesus say that with God, our world is defined by presence. Where there was dryness, abundant life! Where there was blindness, light and vision! Where there was deafness, understanding and relationship! Where there was paralysis and captivity, dancing and leaping in freedom! Where there was not even speech, singing in joyful response! Rejoice! *Gaudete!* During Advent, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe shows our lady waiting on the Lord. She is our model, ready to rejoice at the coming of her Son, Jesus the Christ.

I am glad for James reminding me in the second reading that such joy is worth waiting for. We are still in the midst of Advent, the season of waiting, of preparing in joyful anticipation. The rose vestments today are a reminder of the first rays of dawn. In the meantime, before the sun is up, we are called to “make our hearts firm” in order to walk with God through the desert, and to work with God on the fields that will bear fruit.



## Advent Penance Services

St. Michael / Sandy Dec. 17 @ 7pm	St. Rita / Portland Dec. 17 @ 7pm	St. Henry / Gresham Dec. 18 @ 7pm
The Grotto / Portland Saturdays 11am - 12noon		St. Joseph the Worker / Portland.....Individual Dec.15 3pm - 5pm or Dec.17 3pm - 5pm

**Christmas Family Mass with Pageant**  
December 24 ~ 4:00pm English

**Christmas Spanish Mass**  
December 24 ~ 6:30pm

**Traditional Christmas Evening Mass**  
December 24 ~ 11:00pm English

**Christmas Day**  
December 25 ~ 8:30am English  
11:00am English

### Gathering

**Widows, Widowers and Singles, ATTENTION:**  
Something new for our December get together. Hope to see all of you there. **Place:** Imm Dee Thai Restaurant 2009 NE Burnside, Gresham (behind Shari's) **Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2019 (Note the change in day) **Time:** 1:00 pm **PLEASE call Ilene at 503-667-2500 by Sunday, December 15 so a reservation can be made.**

*Merry Christmas from*  
St Henry Church

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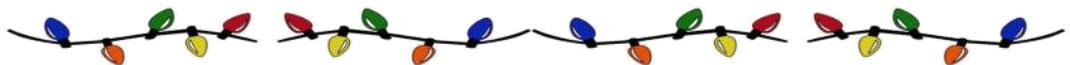
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If you were considering remembering someone with a Christmas gift, please consider donating to the St. Henry Capital Campaign in his or her name. The donating process is easy, you will receive a tax deduction statement for your charitable donation, he or she will receive a warm Christmas card from St. Henry describing your thoughtful gift, and we all will have a chance to bring more of Christ into our Christmas season. Go to <https://sthenrygresham.org/christmas-gifting-a-donation> for more information.



**~ Stewardship ~ December 15, 2019 - 3rd Sunday of Advent**

*"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."* (James 5:8) Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

Offertory ~ November 2019		
	Month to Date	Year to Date
Actual	\$66,479.50	\$333,035.32
Budget	\$71,520.00	\$353,345.00
Difference	\$-5,040.50	\$-20,309.68

"Tú también debes ser paciente. Haz que tus corazones estén firmes, porque la venida del Señor está cerca". (SANTIAGO 5:8) La paciencia es otra de esas cosas con las que muchos de nosotros luchamos. Queremos que las cosas salgan de acuerdo con nuestro plan y nuestro horario. Cualquier cambio trae ansiedad y miedo. A través de la oración diaria, nos alineamos mejor con la voluntad de Dios y su plan, que es mucho mejor que cualquier cosa que podamos inventar por nuestra cuenta.

**Mom's Group**

Mom's Group Christmas Party: Time for our annual Christmas party!! Join us on December 27, 7 PM in room 8 of the parish center. It's a potluck so you can bring a snack or dessert to share. There will also be a white elephant gift exchange. No pressure to join in on the gift exchange but if you want to, we are "making" our gifts. Please join us for a fun night even if you haven't joined us for the meetings. Friends are welcomed.

**St. Henry Women's Group**

**St. Henry Women's Group** will not be meeting in the month of December. Our next gathering is on **January 11**. All women (ages 18 and older) are invited to be a part of a faith sharing and friendship group. The group meets monthly on the second Saturday from **9-11 AM in the Parish Center (room 8)**. Mass and Rosary are also available at 8 a.m. in the church. Bring a treat/dish to share and join us for friendship and a continuing discussion/reflection on the Beatitudes (Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. (Matthew, 5: 6). **Remember, January 11 is our next meeting.**

**The Traveling Crib**

Through the month of December the Traveling Crib will be in the back of the church to receive your new or gently used baby items. All St. Henry parishioners are invited to fill our baby crib with much needed necessities for pregnant women and their babies during this Advent season. All of the donations go directly toward helping clients receiving services through Pregnancy Support



Services; a program of Catholic Charities. This is a way we can reach out and help women in difficult situations who are saying "yes" to new life. You will find a list of suggested items in the vestibule. \*\*\*Diapers are always greatly appreciated throughout the year. No car seats please.



**Best Advent Ever**

Please join your fellow parishioners for Dynamic Catholic's Best Advent Ever. It is super easy and quick to sign up. You will receive a short inspirational video each day to help you slow down, think and pray and apply the ideas to your life. These videos come straight to your emails and will help you prepare for Christmas. Go to [BestAdventEver.com](http://BestAdventEver.com)

## Holiday Giving Opportunities

Are you looking to help feed and clothe the poor? Here are some ways you can help... St. Henry's Holiday Dinner for the poor is Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate here are some ideas.... Set up and serve – dinner is at 4:00 pm Dishes and clean up – 5:00 pm until 7ish

### Donate items for gift giveaways

Batteries    Hand warmers    Sleeping bags    Hoodies    Socks and underwear  
Perfume and deodorant    Hand sanitizer    Razors    Flashlights    Knitted hats  
Warm gloves    Box of chocolates

Call Sara at the office to coordinate your generosity with the needs of the poor in our community! 503-665-9129

## Festival of the Lights Put this on your calendar for the entire family.

Now through December 30, 2019 9:30pm

Location: The Grotto (The National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother)  
Rediscover the true meaning of Christmas. (Closed Christmas day)

## Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



Religious give thanks. "Thank you' hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's second collection.

## Advent Wreath Festival



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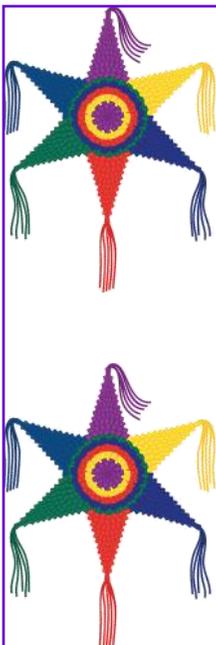
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2019 - 3er domingo de  
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Si deseas Bautizar a tu (a) Los pasos son:  
1) Llenar la Aplicación en la Oficina,  
2) Traer los documentos Necesarios y 3) Asistir a las...



Platicas pre-Bautismales  
Las clases son el primer del mes de Sábado 9am a 1pm  
Padres y padrinos entran a la clase presentando la copia de su aplicación ya hecha en la oficina Parroquial.



## Posadas

December 16 to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Come and Join Mary and Joseph in their adventure to find a place for Jesus.

Ask for a posada, Sing with Joy,  
Let your "inside child" have fun...  
Break piñatas, Get candy...  
...let's have a good time.

At the Gym and the Fire Side Room  
at 6:00p.m..

"We Are One in St. Henry"

