



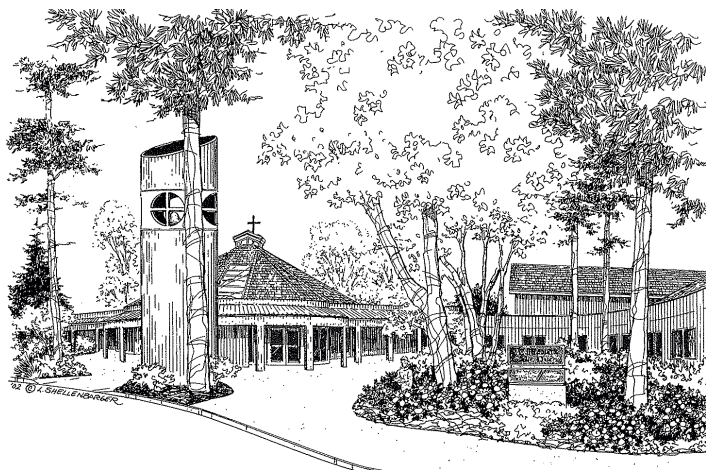
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Parish Mission Statement

Jesus calls us to conversion and discipleship. Because we believe in Jesus, we the St. Francis Parish Family minister to each other and to the larger community in holiness and justice. Our celebration of the sacraments helps us to be Spirit-filled and challenges us to enable each person, each family and the parish and world communities to promote the kingdom of God every day.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm
 Sunday 8:00 am
 10:30 am & 5:00 pm

For daily Mass schedule see the Parish Calendar inside the bulletin.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 – 5:00 pm
 and by appointment

Perpetual Adoration

24 hours a day in the Chapel

Parish Rosary

4th Thursday 7:00 pm



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Parish Calendar

Monday, December 17

10:30 am Strong for Life P.C.

Tuesday, December 18

8:30 am Mass (Emery & Antoinette Carter+) Church

7:00 pm RCIA P.C.

Wednesday, December 19

8:30 am School Mass (Mildred Nolan+) Church

9:00 am Food Pantry Old Hall

9:00 am Quilting Old Hall

10:30 am Strong for Life P.C.

5:00 pm Food Pantry Old Hall

6:30 pm School Advisory Council Meeting Library

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Church

Thursday, December 20

8:30 am Mass (Cork Jennings+) Church

9:00 am Food Pantry Old Hall

9:30 am Insights P.C.

6:00 pm Care Giver Support Group P.C.

6:30 pm School Christmas Program Gym

Friday, December 21

8:30 am Mass (End & Healing of Abortion) Church

Saturday, December 22

8:30 am Mass (Gerry & Betty+) Church

4:00 pm Reconciliation Chapel

5:30 pm Mass (Ezekiel Haliczzer+) Church

Sunday, December 23

8:00 am Mass (Betty Feltz+) Church

9:45 am Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy Chapel

10:30 am Mass (Gary Cotton+) Church

5:00 pm Mass (People of the Parish) Church

5:00 pm Hope Diner – St Francis Team 4 Old Hall

5:00 pm Hope Shelter Old Hall



Financial News

Received

12/8 & 12/9 \$11,639.13

Year to date \$263,192.89

Archdiocesan Loan Balance \$60,950.68

A NOTE FROM YOUR FINANCE COUNCIL

2019 Stewardship pledge cards have been mailed. Our goal is to have 100% of the cards returned. Your Time, Talent and Treasure are needed to have a vibrant, healthy parish.

Ken Lance (chair), Trish Killinger, Mike Irwin and Jim Carter

Next Sunday's Readings

Micah 5:1-4a

Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

Liturgical Ministers - December 22 & 23 and December 24 & 25

Readers	Ushers	Servers
Saturday 5:30 pm Mass		
Jerilyn Felton	Jeff Dennison	Reanne Guevara
Denny Devlin	David Bonfiglio	Robin Reyna
		Thomas Bui
Sunday 8:00 am Mass		
Gordon Stewart	Kevin Moore	Angelina Miller
Tim Burke	John Milroy	Charon Plumley
	1 Volunteer	1 Volunteer
Sunday 10:30 am Mass		
Jennifer Biever	KC Wilson	Joseph Conrow
Bob Biever	2 Volunteers	Kenneth Conrow
		Dylan Conrow
Sunday 5:00 pm Mass		
Will Summer	Giovi Paras	Amelia Snyder
Barbara Davis	Scott Volk	Gwenyth Snyder
		Jaden Will
Monday 5:00 pm Mass – Christmas Eve		
Tricia Killinger	Mark Cowan	Oliver Fisher
Maurissa Fisher	Joe Corello	Nicholas Fisher
	Sal Fuoti	Clare Killinger
Tuesday Midnight Mass – Christmas		
Mark Garand	Keith Blau	Grace Garand
Christine Feleciano	John Laughlin	Joseph Conrow
		Andrew Manning
Tuesday 8:00 am Mass – Christmas		
Steve Holthouse	John Milroy	Thomas Bui
Denny Devlin	Linda Shannon	Amon Cowan
		Kathryn Isaac
Tuesday 10:30 am Mass – Christmas		
Jerilyn Felton	KC Wilson	JohnPaul Grosso
Ed Hobbs	Ed Contreras	Austin Grosso
		Leo Grosso

Coffee Social Hosts - December 23

No Coffee Social – Merry Christmas!

If you are unavailable for your scheduled time, please find a replacement Minister.

Our week begins with "Gaudete Sunday." Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. It comes from the first word of the Entrance antiphon on Sunday. The spirit of joy that begins this week comes from the words of Paul, "The Lord is near." This joyful spirit is marked by the third candle of our Advent wreath, which is rose colored, and the rose colored vestments often used at the Eucharist.

The second part of Advent begins on December 17th each year. For the last eight days before Christmas, the plan of the readings changes. The first readings are still from the prophecies, but now the gospels are from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke. We read the stories of faithful women and men who prepared the way for our salvation. We enter into the story of how Jesus' life began. These stories are filled with hints of what His life will mean for us. Faith and generosity overcome impossibility. Poverty and persecution reveal glory.

Preparing our Hearts and asking for Grace

We prepare this week by feeling the joy. We move through this week feeling a part of the waiting world that rejoices because our longing has prepared us to believe the reign of God is close at hand. And so we consciously ask:

Prepare our hearts
and remove the sadness
that hinders us from feeling
the joy and hope
which His presence
will bestow.

Each morning this week, in that brief moment we are becoming accustomed to, we want to light a third inner candle. Three candles, going from expectation, to longing, to joy. They represent our inner preparation, or inner perspective. In this world of "conflict and division," "greed and lust for power," we begin each day this week with a sense of liberating joy. Perhaps we can pause, breathe deeply and say,

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my savior."

We may experience the Light shining into dark places of our lives and showing us patterns of sinfulness, and inviting us to experience God's mercy and healing. We may want to make gestures of reconciliation with a loved one, relative, friend or associate. With more light and joy, it is easier to say, "I'm sorry; let's begin again."

Each night this week we want to pause in gratitude. Whatever the day has brought, no matter how busy it has been, we can stop, before we fall asleep, to give thanks for a little more light, a little more freedom to walk by that light, in joy.

Our celebration of the coming of our Savior in history, is opening us up to experience His coming to us this year, and preparing us to await His coming in Glory.

Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit Your people. We await Your coming. Come, O Lord.

From Creighton University

Please join us as we celebrate this Advent and Christmas season

Thurs, Dec 20 – School Christmas Program at 6:30 pm in the gym

Christmas Eve Mass – 5:00 pm

Christmas Day Masses – 12 midnight, 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Mon, Dec 31– Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God at 7:00 pm

Tues, Jan 1 – Mass for the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God at 9:30 am



Advent Reconciliation Services

Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 pm St Anthony

Wednesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm St Clare

Friends and Family of an Aging Loved One: an educational support group

Most of us, at some point in our lives, will care for an aging family member or friend. A vast majority of caregivers (85%) care for a relative or other loved one. Navigating the many rewards and challenges of care giving can be difficult. Finding support from others and educational resources can make the journey a little easier.

On the 3rd Thursday of every month, please join us in the South Classroom of the parish center as we learn about topics related to care giving and find support from fellow group members who are caring for a loved one. Educational topics will incorporate the needs of the group, and may include guest speakers, relevant articles and videos.

Any person who cares for an aging loved one is welcome, no matter what kind of care situation you and your loved one experience. **Our next session is Thursday, December 20 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm in the South Classroom.**

BOOK-OF-THE-MONTH

December's Book-of-the-Month is

The Life of Christ
Bishop Fulton J. Sheen
ISBN#: 9780385132206

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Available through Amazon.com

Questions? Call Linda -
503-625-6185



Confirmation

Upcoming Confirmation dates:

December 9 at 12:00 pm:
Third Class, "The Jesus Question"
(Confirmation Information Sheets Due with
Baptism Certificate if baptized in church other
than St. Francis)

Rachel Morrow
Confirmation Coordinator
formorrow4@aol.com

The Confirmation group had a fun and faith filled "Chosen" Fall Confirmation Retreat. It took the parish, school and greater community to pull off 24 hours of speakers, service and meals.

A special thank you to Mark Garand, Debbie Puchalski and Jerry Grondin for their leadership.

To Rob Gonzales, Tricia Killinger, and Lee Johnson for sharing their passion for prayer.

To Fr. Shane and Peter Laughlin for speaking on vocations.

To parents Sombra McCaulley-Wagner, Kaite Smith, Steve Roach, Dino Guevara and Laurie Rogers-Roach for providing transportation.

To parents Cindy Monroe, Helena Valdez and Kurt Johnson for setting up, serving and cleaning up for our Sponsor/Candidate dinner.

To parents Mary Beth Bowman, Amy McIntosh, Jennifer Pitt, Sombra McCalley-Wagner, Lori Oliver, Lara Fuchs, Lindsay Manning, Laurie Rogers-Roach, Shiralee Salon, Celine Watson, Ailyn Reyna and Cindy Monroe for providing food and drink for the dinner.

To the Knights of Columbus for providing breakfast to Candidates and Leaders.

Please keep our 28 Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they continue their faith journey in the upcoming year.

Get Involved with Social Action

Bobbi Fallon | Social Action Coordinator
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Food Pantry Hours: Wednesday 9:00 am – 11:00 am
and 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Hope Diner Host: St Francis Team 6

Guests for December 9:

Hope Diner: 47

Hope Shelter: 27

Pantry Items Needed: Hand Warmers, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Lotion, Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Powdered Creamer, Cider Packets

Christmas Food Box Sign-ups are in the narthex. We will be starting to put the boxes together Monday, December 17 and boxes will be distributed Wednesday, December 19 and Thursday, December 20.

Nonperishable items can be dropped off during normal pantry hours; Wednesdays 9:00 – 11:00 am, 5:00 – 7:00 pm and Thursdays 9:00 – 11:00 am.

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Feeding The Holy Family

St. Francis Advent Food Drive

The Pantry Shelves Are Bare!

What you do for the least of his people you do for Him.



- Dec 02** Please bring canned vegetables or fruits
- Dec 09** Please bring proteins (tuna, ham, peanut butter)
- Dec 16** Please bring dry starches (cereal, noodles, rice)
- Dec 23** Please bring baby food for the Baby Jesus

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PARISHIONERS WELCOME!

Thursday, December 20th 6:30 p.m.



Christmas Program Medieval Christmas Carols

- "The Holly and the Ivy"
- "A Litany for Advent"
- "The Friendly Beasts"
- and many more!

Drama Club Performance



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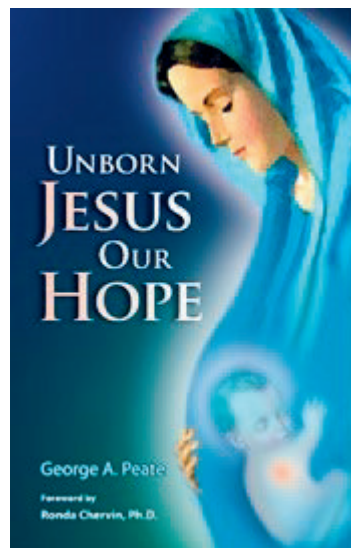
Catholic Corner

How can a Catholic sin against faith? A Catholic sins against faith by joining a non-Catholic church, by denying a truth of faith, by being indifferent to the Catholic religion, and by taking, in some cases, active part in non-Catholic worship. *St. Paul Family Catechism.*

...Fight the good fight and hold fast to faith and a good conscience. Some men, by rejecting the guidance of conscience, have made shipwreck of their faith (1 Tm. 1:19 NAB).

Next week: How can we protect our faith against dangers?

Respect Life



"This pregnancy - like all pregnancies - gives glory to God and hope to humanity! But this pregnancy - unlike all others - will bring forth the only begotten Son of God!"

~Unborn Jesus our Hope

by George Peate

Announcements

Happening this Week:

The **Advent Giving Tree is up in the narthex.** Please choose a tag off the tree and bring unwrapped presents, with the tags attached, and put in the bassinet in the narthex. Items are due by **Sunday, January 6 (Feast of the Epiphany).** Your gifts/donations will go to families in need with babies/toddlers in their households. We are grateful for your generosity!

Immediately after Mass we will have our **7 minute talk.** You are invited to stay and learn more about our faith.

If you have signed up for either the **children's choir for the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass or the Living Nativity Scene during the Gospel at the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass,** the practices will be on Sunday, December 16. The choir practice is at 9:15 am in the church and the Living Nativity Scene practice is at 11:30 am in the church.

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To honor the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ the 10:30 am Mass musicians will present a Prelude Concert in the church at 11:00 pm, December 24, prior to the midnight Mass. All are invited to hear choral pieces, solo works and join carol sing-alongs. Come help us welcome our King!

The parish office will be closed the week of Christmas.

The Strong for Life exercise class will NOT meet the week of Christmas, December 24 & 26.

We are always looking for volunteers for the Hope Shelter. Are you looking for a great way for the whole family to experience volunteer work? Sunday afternoons, families may set up the shelter for that evenings guests. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Bobbi at bobbi@stfrancissherwood.org.

Out of Parish:

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 18-20, call 1-503-225-9191 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

A special gift idea for the women on your Christmas list! The Franciscan Missionary Sisters at Our Lady of Peace Retreat, 3600 SW 170th Ave., Beaverton, will be hosting Our Lady's Luncheon Tea and Silent Auction on Saturday, February 2. The Auction begins with bidding at 11:00 am followed by a Luncheon from Noon to 2:00 pm. It is \$40 per person and tables for 6 OR 8 are available for purchase. To reserve tickets, please call 503-649-7127 or email sisters@olpretreat.org. This event is a fundraiser for the future needs of the retreat house ministry.

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