

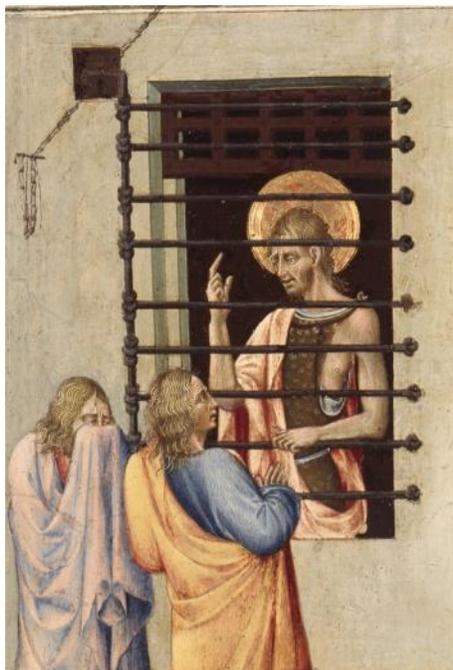
The Catholic Parish of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cottage Grove
with the Mission Church of
St. Philip Benizi, Creswell, Oregon.



DECEMBER 11, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GAUDETE SUNDAY



*St. John the Baptist in Prison Visited by Two Disciples (Detail), Giovanni di Paolo (1398-1482),
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SEE INSIDE FOR VARIATIONS TO THE LITURGY SCHEDULE
SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Saturday: 5:30pm; Sunday: 10:30am

St. Philip Benizi
Sunday 8:30am
(Bilingual English-Spanish)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Monday: 6:45pm; Tuesday: 9:00am (Latin, 1962 Missal);
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00am (English)
Saturday: 9:00am (Latin, 1962 Missal)

CONFESSIONS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Tuesday - Friday: 8:30am and after Mass.
Saturday: 9:40—10:30am; 4:00—5:15pm; Sunday: 9:45—10:15am

St. Philip Benizi
Sunday: 7:50—8:20am

Physical addresses

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OUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEKEND AMOUNTED TO:

	December 4	July 1, 2022 to date
OLPH	\$4,602	\$71,703
Goal*	\$4,732	\$106,648
Difference	-\$131	-\$34,945
Maintenance		\$3,389
SPB	\$820	\$17,471
Goal*	\$1,059	\$24,357
Difference	-\$239	-\$6,886
Maintenance	\$45	\$405

DONATIONS FOR SPECIFIC FUND**

Pastor’s Discretion		\$6,920.00
Communion Rail	\$100	\$550.00
Homeless Ministry		\$635.00
Faith Formation Gift		\$5,000

Thank you for your sacrificial offerings

* Preliminary goals until budget is completed.

** These numbers reset at the beginning of the fiscal year.



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TEXT TO GIVE

Text the word “Give” to
 541-204-8885 to set up and make
 donations to the Church and other
 funds.



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LITURGY SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

Third Sunday of Advent, (Gaudete Sunday)

Sunday Lectionary Year A

Preface of Advent I, Eucharistic Prayer I

Saturday December 10

Third Sunday of Advent, (Gaudete Sunday)

4:00-5:15pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass (+John & +Rose Slaughter)

Sunday December 11

Third Sunday of Advent, (Gaudete Sunday)

7:50am Confessions (Bilingual) (SPB)

8:30am Mass (Bilingual) (SPB)

(For the people of the parish)

10:30am Mass (+Angelina Navarro)

5:00pm Sung Vespers

Monday December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe; (Commemoration of Feria)

6:30pm Mass (Latin, 1962 Missal) (SPB) ((Friends of the
 Suffering Souls) (Fr. John Boyle))

Tuesday December 13

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr; (Commemoration of Feria)

9:00am Mass (Latin, 1962 Missal) (For the faithful
 departed)

6:30pm Advent Reconciliation/Confession Service

Wednesday December 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

9:00am Funeral Mass for Debbie Bosch

Thursday December 15

Advent Weekday

9:00am Mass (Deceased Relatives and Friends of Glyness
 Browne)

Friday December 16

Advent Weekday

7:30am Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed
 Sacrament

9:00am Mass (Juan Ruiz)

Saturday December 17

Ember Saturday of Advent

8:00am Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed
 Sacrament

9:00am Mass (Latin, 1962 Missal)
 (Our Lady’s Intentions)

followed by Confessions until 10:30am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00-5:15pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass (For the people of the parish)

Sunday December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:50am Confessions (Bilingual) (SPB)

8:30am Mass (Bilingual) (SPB) (Maria del Rosario
 Ramirez Garcia)

10:30am Mass (+Angelina Navarro)

5:00pm Sung Vespers

WELCOME!

Welcome to those who are visiting our parish. Thank you for joining us for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass while you are in the Cottage Grove and Creswell areas. If you are new to the parish, please consider registering at olphcg.net

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass offered for your intention, there are special envelopes in the vestibule (please put your name on the envelope, in case of questions) or please come to the parish office during office hours for more information. Mass Cards are available in the office as well.

Summary Points from Rescued¹ - Part III: RESCUED

- God's response to our captivity to sin is shocking and unexpected.
- In short, he rescued us and released us from our chains.
- Why did Jesus come? He "landed" on the earth to fight our enemy, the devil.
- What was Jesus doing on the cross? Jesus is the hunter, not the hunted; the aggressor, not the victim. He is the ultimate Ambush Predator. The crucifixion could not have happened unless God wanted it to.
- What difference does it all make? Jesus has humiliated the enemy, destroyed death, transferred us to his kingdom, given us access to the Father, recreated us, rendered sin impotent, and given us authority over the enemy.
- He now sends us on a mission to get his world back.

Questions

- Does knowing that Jesus is not a victim but a hunter—that he is actually the Ambush Predator—change the way you see the Passion?
- Are you afraid to die? Do you feel differently about death now?
- When you hear about "the love of God," do you hear a cliché? Or do those words have a deeper meaning for you? Do you genuinely believe you're "worth the trouble"?

Key Truths

- Why Jesus came.
- What he was doing on the Cross: showing us God's love, taking on punishment and remitting sin, defeating the Enemy and being the aggressor against Sin and Death.
- Great scene in the Passion of the Christ as Jesus dies, scream of the evil one.
- What difference the Resurrection makes.
- Consider: connection to Our Lady of Guadalupe - woman clothed with the sun - how she rescued the native people of America and continues to be an instrument of rescuing people today for her Son, Jesus Christ.

Consider...

This message picks up in hope from the previous thoughts on Captured. This condition of Sin and Death into which we have been captured...has God just left us there? Has he done anything about it? The creativity of this homily is found in getting life-long Catholics to view the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ in a new way, to consider from a different angle what the Cross really means, to help them move beyond platitudes. On the Cross, Jesus is taking on punishment for sin and, in choosing to remain there, showing us the love of the Father in the depths to which love has driven him in dying for us "while we were still sinners." (Romans 5:8).

Yet, he is not just victim on the Cross but conqueror. "No one takes (my life) from me but I lay it down on my own." (John 10:18). Jesus, in the Incarnation, is able to conquer Sin and Death by taking them into himself and destroying them forever. This is the trap he lays for the Devil and how he binds the "strongman" (Mark 3:27). This is how our King has come to do battle for us, and rescue us from the captivity in which he has found us.

¹ *Rescued: The Unexpected and Extraordinary News of the Gospel*, Father John Riccardo, Word Among Us Press (September 23, 2020)

3rd Sunday of Advent - Lectionary: 7

First Reading - Isaiah 35:1-6a,10

Psalm - Psalm 146:6-10

Second Reading - James 5:7-10

Gospel - Matthew 11:2-11

Possible Verses for Focus

Isaiah 35:1-3 - "The desert and parched land will exult" ... the beginning of this passage repeats the promise of new life and restoration to original glory and splendor in creation. "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication, with divine recompense he comes to save you" (v.4); we're offered a very clear message of God's promise to rescue all those "ransomed" will be given "everlasting joy" and "gladness" (v.10)

James 5:7 - "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord." There is no doubt or speculation, only a request for patience in the assurance of Christ's rescue mission. "Make your hearts firm because the coming of the Lord is at hand." (v.8)

Matthew 11:4-6 - "Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." We will know Jesus by the fruits of his love and mercy. He asks us to pay attention to those that encounter him; to recognize him in the miraculous works of God. No one that truly encounters Christ is unchanged. He is the Word, but asks to be known by his word alone. He humbly points back to God, his merciful Father that desires healing and restoration for each of us.

Matthew 11:10 - "Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." Not only does God plan to rescue us, but his plan for redemption includes continued promises and opportunities for preparation. His love is rooted in the assurance of ultimately overcoming all that brings us pain and death in this life by taking on Satan in the battle for our souls.

St. Leo the Great, Sermon 22

"When, therefore, the merciful and almighty Saviour so arranged the commencement of His human course as to hide the power of His Godhead which was inseparable from His manhood under the veil of our weakness, the crafty foe was taken off his guard and he thought that the nativity of the Child, Who was born for the salvation of mankind, was as much subject to himself as all others are at their birth. For he saw Him crying and weeping, he saw Him wrapped in swaddling clothes, subjected to circumcision, offering the sacrifice which the law required. And then he perceived in Him the usual growth of boyhood ... Meanwhile, he inflicted insults, multiplied injuries, made use of curses, affronts, blasphemies, abuse, in a word, poured upon Him all the force of his fury and exhausted all the varieties of trial: and knowing how he had poisoned man's nature, had no conception that He had no share in the first transgression Whose mortality he had ascertained by so many proofs. The unscrupulous thief and greedy robber persisted in assaulting Him Who had nothing of His own, and in carrying out the general sentence on original sin, went beyond the bond on which he rested, and required the punishment of iniquity from Him in Whom he found no fault. And thus the malevolent terms of the deadly compact are annulled, and through the injustice of an overcharge the whole debt is canceled. The strong one is bound by his own chains, and every device of the evil one recoils on his own head. When the prince of the world is bound, all that he held in captivity is released. Our nature cleansed from its old contagion regains its honorable estate, death is destroyed by death, nativity is restored by nativity: since at one and the same time redemption does away with slavery, regeneration changes our origin, and faith justifies the sinner"

Parte III: RESCATADO

Pedir a Dios la gracia de una confianza inquebrantable en Jesús como Señor del cielo y de la tierra

Resumen de puntos de Rescatados¹ - Parte III: RESCATADOS

- La respuesta de Dios a nuestro cautiverio al pecado es impactante e inesperada.
- En resumen, nos rescató y nos liberó de nuestras cadenas.
- ¿Por qué vino Jesús? Él “aterrizó” en la tierra para luchar contra nuestro enemigo, el diablo.
- ¿Qué estaba haciendo Jesús en la cruz? Jesús es el cazador, no el cazado; el agresor, no la víctima. Él es el depredador de emboscada definitivo. La crucifixión no podría haber ocurrido a menos que Dios lo hubiera querido.
- ¿Qué diferencia hace todo esto? Jesús humilló al enemigo, destruyó la muerte, nos transfirió a su reino, nos dio acceso al Padre, nos recreó, volvió impotente al pecado y nos dio autoridad sobre el enemigo.
- Ahora nos envía en una misión para recuperar su mundo.

Preguntas

- Saber que Jesús no es una víctima sino un cazador, que en realidad es el depredador de la emboscada, ¿cambia tu forma de ver la Pasión?
- ¿Tiene miedo a morir? ¿Te sientes diferente acerca de la muerte ahora?
- Cuando escuchas sobre “el amor de Dios”, ¿escuchas un cliché? ¿O esas palabras tienen un significado más profundo para ti? ¿Realmente crees que "vale la pena"?

Verdades clave

- Por qué vino Jesús.
- Lo que estaba haciendo en la Cruz: mostrándonos el amor de Dios, tomando el castigo y perdonando el pecado, venciendo al Enemigo y siendo el agresor contra el Pecado y la Muerte.
- Gran escena en la Pasión de Cristo al morir Jesús, grito del maligno.
- Qué diferencia hace la Resurrección.
- Considere: conexión con Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe - mujer vestida del sol - cómo ella rescató a los pueblos originarios de América y sigue siendo instrumento de rescate de personas hoy para su Hijo Jesucristo.

Considerar...

Este mensaje retoma con esperanza los pensamientos anteriores sobre Capturados. Esta condición de Pecado y Muerte en la que hemos sido capturados... ¿Dios nos ha dejado allí? ¿Ha hecho algo al respecto? La creatividad de esta homilía se encuentra en hacer que los católicos de toda la vida vean la Pasión y Muerte de Jesucristo de una manera nueva, para considerar desde un ángulo diferente lo que realmente significa la Cruz, para ayudarlos a ir más allá de los lugares comunes. En la Cruz, Jesús está asumiendo el castigo por el pecado y, al elegir permanecer allí, nos muestra el amor del Padre en la profundidad a la que el amor lo ha llevado al morir por nosotros "cuando aún éramos pecadores". (Romanos 5:8).

Sin embargo, no es solo víctima en la cruz, sino vencedor. “Nadie me quita (mi vida), sino que la doy por mí mismo.” (Juan 10:18). Jesús, en la Encarnación, es capaz de vencer el Pecado y la Muerte tomándolos en sí mismo y destruyéndolos para siempre. Esta es la trampa que le tiende al Diablo y cómo ata al “hombre fuerte” (Marcos 3:27). Así ha venido nuestro Rey a dar batalla por nosotros, y rescatarnos del cautiverio en que nos ha encontrado.

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3er Domingo de Adviento - Leccionario: 7

Primera Lectura - Isaías 35:1-6a,10

Salmo - Salmo 146:6-10

Segunda Lectura - Santiago 5:7-10

Evangelio - Mateo 11:2-11

Posibles versos para Focus

Isaías 35:1-3 - "¡Regocíjese el desierto y la tierra reseca...!" el comienzo de este pasaje repite la promesa de nueva vida y restauración a la gloria y esplendor original en la creación. ¡Sean fuertes, no teman: ahí está su Dios! Llega la venganza, la represalia de Dios: ¡él mismo viene a salvarlos!" (v.4); se nos ofrece un mensaje muy claro de la promesa de Dios de rescatar a todos aquellos "rescatados" se les dará "una alegría perpetua " y "gozo" (v.10).

Santiago 5:7 - "Tengan paciencia, hermanos, hasta que llegue el Señor." No hay duda ni especulación, sólo un pedido de paciencia en la seguridad de la misión de rescate de Cristo. "Tengan paciencia y anímense, porque la Venida del Señor está próxima." (v.8)

Mateo 11:4-6 - "Jesús les respondió: «Vayan a contar a Juan lo que ustedes oyen y ven: los ciegos ven y los paralíticos caminan; los leprosos son purificados y los sordos oyen; los muertos resucitan y la Buena Noticia es anunciada a los pobres. ¡Y feliz aquel para quien yo no sea motivo de escándalo!»" Conoceremos a Jesús por los frutos de su amor y misericordia. Nos pide que prestemos atención a los que se encuentran con él; reconocerlo en las obras milagrosas de Dios. Nadie que verdaderamente se encuentra con Cristo permanece inmutable. Él es la Palabra, pero pide ser conocido sólo por su palabra. Humildemente señala a Dios, su Padre misericordioso que desea sanación y restauración para cada uno de nosotros.

Mateo 11:10 - "Yo envío a mi mensajero delante de ti, para prepararte el camino." Dios no solo planea rescatarnos, sino que su plan de redención incluye promesas continuas y oportunidades de preparación. Su amor está enraizado en la seguridad de vencer finalmente todo lo que nos trae dolor y muerte en esta vida al enfrentar a Satanás en la batalla por nuestras almas.

San León Magno, Sermón 22

"Por lo tanto, cuando el misericordioso y todopoderoso Salvador dispuso el comienzo de Su curso humano de tal manera que ocultó el poder de Su Deidad, que era inseparable de Su humanidad, bajo el velo de nuestra debilidad, el astuto enemigo fue tomado por sorpresa y pensó que la natividad del Niño, que nació para la salvación de la humanidad, estaba tan sujeta a sí mismo como todos los demás en su nacimiento. Porque lo vio llorando y llorando, lo vio envuelto en pañales, sometido a la circuncisión, ofreciendo el sacrificio que la ley ordenaba. Y entonces percibió en Él el crecimiento habitual de la niñez... Mientras tanto, infligía insultos, multiplicaba injurias, se valía de maldiciones, afrentas, blasfemias, injurias, en una palabra, derramaba sobre Él toda la fuerza de su furor y agotaba todas las variedades. de prueba: y sabiendo cómo había envenenado la naturaleza del hombre, no tenía idea de que no tenía parte en la primera transgresión cuya mortalidad había comprobado con tantas pruebas. El ladrón sin escrúpulos y el salteador codicioso se empeñaron en agredir a Aquel que no tenía nada propio, y al ejecutar la sentencia general sobre el pecado original, traspasó el vínculo sobre el que descansaba, y exigió el castigo de la iniquidad de Aquel en Quien no halló nada. culpa. Y así se anulan los términos malévolos del pacto mortal, y por la injusticia de un sobrecargo se cancela toda la deuda. El fuerte está atado con sus propias cadenas, y cada artimaña del maligno retrocede sobre su propia cabeza. Cuando el príncipe del mundo es atado, todo lo que tenía en cautiverio es liberado. Nuestra naturaleza limpia de su antiguo contagio recobra su estado honroso, la muerte es destruida por la muerte, la natividad es restaurada por la natividad: ya que al mismo tiempo la redención acaba con la esclavitud, la regeneración cambia nuestro origen, y la fe justifica al pecador."

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESKTOP

From *The Church's Year of Grace* by Dr. Pius Parsch
REFLECTIONS ON THE INTROIT.

“Because of its important bearing on the Sunday, the Introit merits further consideration. It has three parts: the lead idea: the Lord is near; the exhortation to rejoice; and the moral lesson.

“*The Lord is near.* This ‘nearness’ constitutes the focal point of today's liturgy and is our primary motive for joy. Yet, we may ask, what is its specific implication, from a practical viewpoint? Earlier, I suggested that instead of the word Lord we should say the kingdom of God. It is easier for us to desire grace (the kingdom of God) than to await the Savior. Therefore, today's message is: the kingdom of God is near, it is in our midst; in fact, it is within us. This kingdom is not something externally visible but something entirely interior, holy, supernatural. It is neither morality nor virtue nor freedom from sin. It is Life, that higher Life which is unaffected by physical death. It is that spiritual Light which banishes blindness from the soul. It is peace and love and truth. It is the most precious treasure imaginable and carried in our frail bodies! It is the Triune God Himself who abides in this kingdom, its vivifying soul being the Holy Spirit.

“Now this kingdom is not far distant—it is within us. Where two or three members of the Mystical Body are gathered, there the Body is also, for the members cannot exist apart from the Body. This holds true for the family, the community, the parish, the diocese, the entire Church. And where the Body is, there also is the Head, there also is Christ. Let us cultivate a lively awareness that the kingdom of God is actually tangible in the Church and in the family; that Christ stands in our midst.

“*Rejoice!* The above reflections give solid basis to our rejoicing. The kingdom of God is our highest good. Had we but a strong faith in this doctrine, all the troubles of life could not dampen our joy. The kingdom of God is the foundation of Christian optimism. The Christian then, should be a bearer of peace, radiating joy. Only a person in the state of grace can experience true joy. And who, if not the Christian, can be expected to preserve this heavenly gift for the world? A true, deep joy here is the earnest of heavenly joy hereafter.

“*The moral lesson.* It is not theologically accurate to place the full essence of Christianity in upright, moral living, doing good and avoiding evil. Morality is not the ultimate. The essence of Christian life is the kingdom of God, supernatural grace. Morality is a necessary sequel. Since we are privileged to have God living in our hearts and to have His kingdom developing within us, it follows that we must live virtuously. How nobly we would live if we were convinced of bearing God's kingdom within us. We would be models of that *modestia* spoken of in the Introit. The word almost defies translation—modesty, decency, good conduct; let your noble Christian bearing be known to all men. That lofty conviction would produce a second effect, viz., absence of anxious concern over daily needs. God, our Father, will provide! Seek first the kingdom of God and all the rest will be added. One final admonition. If you really have cares, you still retain a powerful means of help—prayer. Lighten your heavy heart through prayer. God lives in His kingdom within your soul; He will not ignore you.”

In order to be sure of being in the state of grace that Parsch mentions, please take the opportunity of making a good confession before Christmas, perhaps at our Advent Reconciliation Service this Tuesday evening. *Fr. John*

THANK YOU JULIAN GOOSSENS

Julian has served in a variety of ministries over many years, most recently as parish MC. I have really appreciated his support. He has been an excellent mentor to our young altar boys and a great partner with the men. Julian has decided to step back from liturgical ministry and return to the pews and be with his wife at Mass, at least for a while. Thank you Julian. You have played an important role in building up our impressive team of altar servers. *Fr. John*

HELP AGING RELIGIOUS.

Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously.

AYUDEN A LOS RELIGIOSOS ANCIANOS.

Hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas de edad avanzada han dedicado su vida a la oración, el servicio y las obras de misericordia. La mayoría sirvieron con poco o ningún pago. En la actualidad, sus comunidades religiosas carecen de ahorros suficientes para su jubilación. Su donativo al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos de hoy ayuda a suministrar medicamentos, cuidados de enfermería y cubrir otras necesidades. Sean generosos.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST

December 12th

Come and celebrate this magnificent feast in honor of our Blessed Mother at St. Philip Benizi Church, Creswell.

December 12th - 5:30am: Mañanitas to Our Lady followed by delicious hot chocolate, champurrado, coffee, and Mexican pastries.

5:00pm: Procession begins at Creswell Community Center, 99 South 1st Street

6:30pm: Mass (Latin, 1962 Missal) followed by a pot luck in the church hall.

FIESTA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

12 de diciembre

Ven y celebren esta magnífica fiesta en honor de nuestra Santísima Madre en la Iglesia St. Philip Benizi, Creswell.

12 de diciembre— 5:30: Mañanitas a Nuestra Señora seguido de delicioso chocolate caliente, champurrado, café y pastelería mexicana.

17:00: La procesión comienza en Creswell Community Center, 99 South 1st Street

18:30: Misa (Latín, Misal 1962) seguida de un pot luck en el salón de la iglesia.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION/

CONFESSION SERVICE

TUESDAY DECEMBER 13TH, 6:30PM

Visiting priests (so far Fathers Ron Nelson and Edgar Rivera) will be available to hear confessions. The service will be followed by the English traditional Mulled wine/cider and Mince Pies, perfect for a winter's evening!

SERVICIO DE CONFESIÓN/

RECONCILIACIÓN DE ADVIENTO

MARTES 13 DE DICIEMBRE, 18:30

Los sacerdotes visitantes (hasta ahora los padres Ron Nelson y Edgar Rivera) estarán disponibles para escuchar confesiones. El servicio será seguido por la tradición inglesa de vino/sidra cálido especiado y Mince Pies, iperfecto para una noche de invierno!

ROSARY AT SPB

Wednesdays at 6:30pm: a Rosary will be prayed for the grace of discernment concerning the mission of the community in Creswell and St. Philip Benizi Church as it relates to the wider mission of the whole parish.

FRIDAY HOLY HOUR AT SPB - 6:30PM

Come and spend some time with the Lord in the Tabernacle. Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Quiet Time & Eucharistic Devotions.

APOLOGETICS: HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

Next class: December 15th, 3:30pm in the Newman Room.

OFFER YOUR VOICE TO SING GOD'S PRAISES

More voices are needed for our parish Masses, particularly as Christmas approaches. Contact our pianist Jim Dunn, Father John or the parish office if you would like to join or know more.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Donations of poinsettias and trees

On December 18th after the morning Masses, each church will be decorating for Christmas—volunteers are needed to share the fun and work of this annual event. Donations of poinsettias (on sale in many stores around the area) and/or Christmas trees are welcome (as are monetary donations). Please bring your donations to the respective churches. If you wish to donate a tree, please contact the office or speak to Ausencia Alexander (SPB) so arrangements may be made to set them up and keep them watered.—4 trees at OLPH and 1 at SPB.

PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

All parishioners are invited to the annual Christmas dinner December 18th after the 10:30am Mass sponsored by the Knights of Columbus who will provide the turkeys, stuffing, potatoes and cranberry sauce. We ask that you bring your favorite Christmas side and/or dessert. This is also a call out to those Knights who haven't attended a meeting in many months that we need your assistance and we need 8 or 9 turkeys, stuffing and cranberry sauce donated, please! Thank you all and hope to see you there! Anything "left over" will be used for the Community Christmas Dinner.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas day from 2:00pm—?

The parish will be hosting a community Christmas Dinner

on Christmas Day. Contributions of side dishes and/or desserts will be welcome as well as volunteers to help with preparing, serving and clean up. More information to follow!

2022 SEMINARIAN APPEAL

As of December 2nd, 2022, generous supporters have pledged \$658,388.34 to support the formation and education of priests in western Oregon. In that time, twenty-eight members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help have donated a total of \$4,465 and eight members of St. Philip Benizi have donated a total of \$675. If you would like to know more about the appeal or donate, pick up an envelope at the back of the church (ask an usher) or visit osd.archdpx.org/sem. Thank you for supporting the formation of our future priests.

PRO-LIFE REFLECTION

From *Pro-Life Reflections for Every Day*
By Father Frank Pavone

December 11

For He will save the poor who cry out and the needy who have no one to help them. — Ps 72:12

When God works among His people, He overcomes isolation, division, and abandonment. He is the God who gathers together, unites, and bonds.

When there are needy people around, that problem is made worse when they "have no one to help them." That's where God comes in to make the difference by inspiring people to do something.

Lord, help us to come to the aid of those who have no help and whose lives are endangered.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th

8:00am Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00am Mass (Latin, 1962 Missal)
(Our Lady's Intentions)
followed by Confessions until 10:30am

5:30pm Christmas Vigil Mass

December 25th

12:00 Midnight: Mass in the Night (Low Latin Mass, 1962 Missal)
8:30am Dawn Mass at SPB
10:30am Day Mass at OLPH

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