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Sunday in
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Time

MASS TIMES

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5pm, *Sunday 9:30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon., Thur. & Fri. at 9:00am

Wednesday at 6:30pm

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Saturday - 3:45pm - 4:30pm
or by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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PARISH INFORMATION & NEWS

SCRIPTURE READINGS & DAILY SAINTS

OCTOBER 2

R1, Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Ps, 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
R2, 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14
Gospel, Lk 17:5-10

Feast of the Guardian Angels

OCTOBER 3

R1, GAL 1:6-12
Ps, 111:1B-2, 7-8, 9 AND 10C
Gospel, LK 10:25-37

Saint Theodora Guérin

OCTOBER 4

R1, GAL 1:13-24
Ps, 139:1B-3, 13-14AB, 14C-15
Gospel, LK 10:38-42

Saint Francis of Assisi

OCTOBER 5

R1, Gal 2:1-2, 7-14
Ps, 117:1bc, 2
Gospel, Lk 11:1-4

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

OCTOBER 6

R1, GAL 3:1-5
Ps, LK 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75
Gospel, LK 11:5-13

Saint Bruno

OCTOBER 7

R1, GAL 3:7-14
Ps: 111:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6
Gospel, LK 11:15-26

Our Lady of the Rosary

OCTOBER 8

R1, GAL 3:22-29
Ps, 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Gospel, LK 11:27-28

Saint John Leonardi

OCTOBER 9

R1, 2 Kgs 5:14-17
Ps, 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
R2, 2 Tm 2:8-13
Gospel, Lk 17:11-19

Saint Denis and Companions

A REFLECTION BY FR. WILLIAM HERIC

Dear Friends in Christ,

One of the key features in our recent parish hall refresh was the return of the placards describing the **“Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching”** (CST). You'll find them strategically located just to the right as you enter the hall from our church.

That's not accidental. We are given the real presence of Christ to be carried into all aspects of our lives as individuals and communities. This sacred mission is guided not by personal opinions or preferences, but by principles.

The first principle in CST is titled the **“Life and Dignity of the Human Person.”**

All people are sacred, created in the image and likeness of God. Each person's life and dignity must be respected from conception to natural death. A person's dignity is not affected by disability, poverty, race, or gender.

As our American national discourse grows angrier and more contentious over the reversal of the **Roe v Wade** decision, we as Catholics, whatever our personal opinions, must stand united as a church in affirming the basic dignity of every person. Affirming the right of unborn children to live is an important priority, but so is supporting women who find themselves in difficult or seemingly impossible pregnancies. Our own patron **St. Bridget** is fondly remembered for caring for young unwed mothers who had been shunned by their families and communities.

The **“Seamless Garment Life Ethic”** also calls us to support poor families, and to reject capital punishment, euthanasia, and most forms of war. Practicing this CST first principle is no simple or easy task. People sometimes fail to live up to it which is why we must bring patience, humility, and compassion to this discourse.

Today is **Respect Life Sunday** in the U.S. Catholic Church. It begins a month of special prayer, study, reflection, and action in affirming the sanctity of all life, from the moment of conception to natural death. I invite us to come together in considering the first principle of CST above and praying for how we can best respond with conviction, compassion, and concern to all the life issues before us. You will see a flyer in today's bulletin with an invitation to participate in the **“40 Days for Life Program.”** You can also find other resources at the US Bishop's website <https://www.respectlife.org/celebrate>

St. Bridget of Kildare...pray for us! Live Jesus in our hearts...forever!



Fr. William Heric, Pastor



SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI'S STORY

The patron saint of Italy, Francis of Assisi was a poor little man who astounded and inspired the Church by taking the gospel literally—not in a narrow fundamentalist sense, but by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit, and without a sense of self-importance.

Serious illness brought the young Francis to see the emptiness of his frolicking life as leader of Assisi's youth. Prayer—lengthy and difficult—led him to a self-emptying like that of Christ, climaxed by embracing a leper he met on the road. It symbolized his complete obedience to what he had heard in prayer: "Francis! Everything you have loved and desired in the flesh it is your duty to despise and hate, if you wish to know my will. And when you have begun this, all that now seems sweet and lovely to you will become intolerable and bitter, but all that you used to avoid will turn itself to great sweetness and exceeding joy."

From the cross in the neglected field-chapel of San Damiano, Christ told him, "Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down." Francis became the totally poor and humble workman.

He must have suspected a deeper meaning to "build up my house." But he would have been content to be for the rest of his life the poor "nothing" man actually putting brick on brick in abandoned chapels. He gave up all his possessions, piling even his clothes before his earthly father—who was demanding restitution for Francis' "gifts" to the poor—so that he would be totally free to say, "Our Father in heaven." He was, for a time, considered to be a religious fanatic, begging from door to door when he could not get money for his work, evoking sadness or disgust to the hearts of his former friends, ridicule from the unthinking.

New call-to-action

But genuineness will tell. A few people began to realize that this man was actually trying to be Christian. He really believed what Jesus said: "Announce the kingdom! Possess no gold or silver or copper in your purses, no traveling bag, no sandals, no staff" (Luke 9:1-3).

Francis' first rule for his followers was a collection of texts from the Gospels. He had no intention of founding an order, but once it began he protected it and accepted all the legal structures needed to support it. His devotion and loyalty to the Church were absolute and highly exemplary at a time when various movements of reform tended to break the Church's unity.



Francis was torn between a life devoted entirely to prayer and a life of active preaching of the Good News. He decided in favor of the latter, but always returned to solitude when he could. He wanted to be a missionary in Syria or in Africa, but was prevented by shipwreck and illness in both cases. He did try to convert the sultan of Egypt during the Fifth Crusade.

During the last years of his relatively short life, he died at 44, Francis was half blind and seriously ill. Two years before his death he received the stigmata, the real and painful wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side.

On his deathbed, Francis said over and over again the last addition to his Canticle of the Sun, "Be praised, O Lord, for our Sister Death." He sang Psalm 141, and at the end asked his superior's permission to have his clothes removed when the last hour came in order that he could expire lying naked on the earth, in imitation of his Lord.

Reflection

Francis of Assisi was poor only that he might be Christ-like. He recognized creation as another manifestation of the beauty of God. In 1979, he was named patron of ecology. He did great penance—apologizing to "Brother Body" later in life—that he might be totally disciplined for the will of God. Francis' poverty had a sister, Humility, by which he meant total dependence on the good God. But all this was, as it were, preliminary to the heart of his spirituality: living the gospel life, summed up in the charity of Jesus and perfectly expressed in the Eucharist.

Saint Francis of Assisi is the Patron Saint of:

Animals
Archaeologists
Ecology
Italy
Merchants
Messengers
Metal Workers

UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 3 - 9

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
OCTOBER 3	OCTOBER 4	OCTOBER 5	OCTOBER 6	OCTOBER 7	OCTOBER 8	OCTOBER 9
9:00am-5:00pm Church is open 9:00am Daily Mass 11-11:1 SVdP Food Drive @ Assumption 3:00 pm - 10:00pm Adoration	9:00am-5:00pm Church is open 9:00am Service of the Word with Communion	9:00am-7:00pm Church is open 5:30pm Holy Rosary 6:30pm Daily Mass	9:00am - 5:00pm Church is open 9:00am Daily Mass	9:00am - 5:00pm Church is open 9:00am Daily Mass	9:00am - 6:00pm Church is open 3:45pm - 4:30 pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass 6:00pm ASB Scrip Sale	9:00am - 3:00pm Church is open 9:30am+ Sunday Mass -Children's Church 10:30am ASB Scrip Sale

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FAREWELL FOR THOMAS VARAS

October 2



Please gather in the hall for a reception after this Sunday's Mass to thank Musical Director, Thomas Varas for his service to St. Bridget's.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Join us following Mass on October 7, 8 and 9 to receive this sacrament meant for anyone living with serious illness or injury of any kind, physical, emotional or spiritual. Senior citizens living with the various challenges of older age, are also welcome to receive this sacrament of healing.

QR CODE FOR STEWARDSHIP COMING SOON!

For those who would like to make a gift on Sunday, but don't have cash on hand, simply point and click your phone camera to make a donation, or text to give. Easy peasy!





Welcome

NEW PARISHIONERS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new parishioners and visitors to our church!

Visitors, we hope that you've enjoyed your time with us. If you would like to join our family here at St. Bridget we invite you to become a registered parishioner.

Welcome

Christine Horsman

UPCOMING CONFIRMATION DATES:

All classes begin at 11am and are held in the Fireside Room, unless otherwise noted

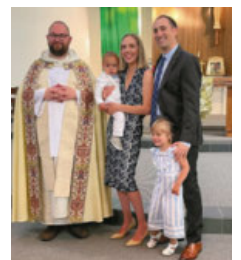
10/9, 10/23, 11/13, 12/4

Confirmation Rehearsal 12/4 at 6pm in the church

Confirmation - 12/7 at 6:30pm



Congratulations to the Kelly Family and the baptism of their son, Connor on Friday, September 23, 2022.



PARISH INFORMATION



ASB OPEN HOUSE

October 6, 2022 - 9:30 am

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Please pray for those who are ill:

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Sandy Counts
Nicole Cummins
Marilyn Davis
John Ernst
Phil Hart
Roseanne Hart
Chris Kane
Daisy Lu
Jeannie Shields

and the patients at Seattle Children's Hospital



SPECIAL MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Oct.	3	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Tuesday	Oct.	4	9:00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion	
Wednesday	Oct.	5	6:30pm	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Thursday	Oct.	6	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Friday	Oct.	7	9:00a	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Saturday	Oct.	8	5:00pm	Vigil Mass	For the Parish
Sunday	Oct.	9	9:30am	Mass	For the Parish

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