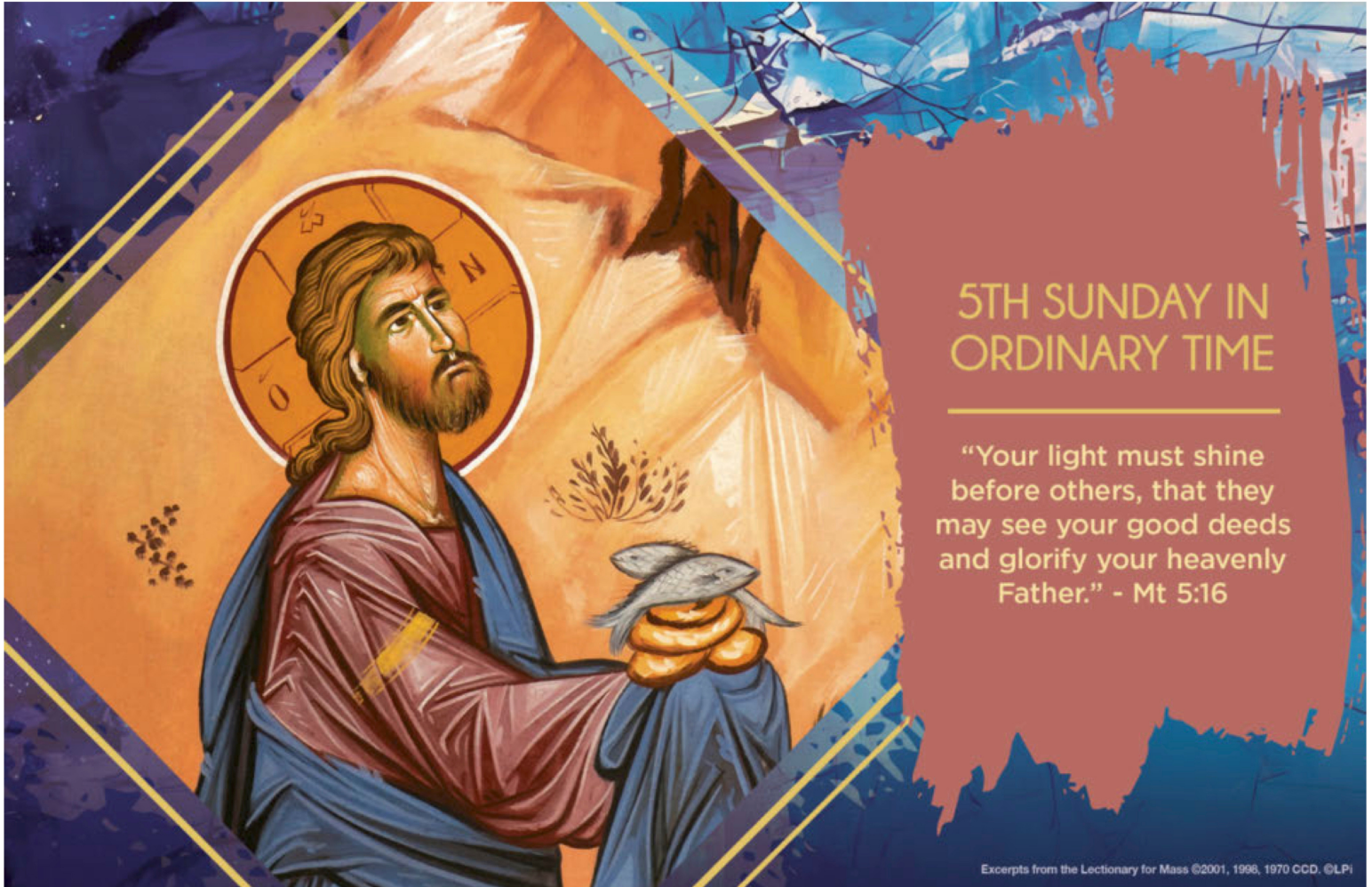




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"Your light must shine
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and glorify your heavenly
Father." - Mt 5:16

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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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CONFIRMATION & R.C.I.A.

Please contact

Sarah & Alex Chopyak

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Please contact Fr. William Heric

RECONCILIATION

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or by appointment

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PARISH INFORMATION & NEWS

SCRIPTURE READINGS & DAILY SAINTS

FEBRUARY 5

R1, Is 58:7-10

Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R2, 1 Cor 2:1-5

Gospel, Mt 5:13-16

Saint Agatha

FEBRUARY 6

R1, Gn 1:1-19

Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c

Gospel, Mk 6:53-56

Saint Paul Miki and Companions

FEBRUARY 7

R1, Gn 1:20—2:4a

Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Gospel, Mk 7:1-13

Saint Colette

FEBRUARY 8

R1, Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17

Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30

Gospel, Mk 7:14-23

Saint Josephine Bakhita

FEBRUARY 9

R1, Gn 2:18-25

Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Gospel, Mk 7:24-30

Saint Jerome Emiliani

FEBRUARY 10

R1, Gn 3:1-8

Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7

Gospel, Mk 7:31-37

Saint Scholastica

FEBRUARY 11

R1, Gn 3:9-24

Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13

Gospel, Mk 8:1-10

Our Lady of Lourdes

FEBRUARY 12

R1, Sir 15:15-20

Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

R2, 1 Cor 2:6-10

Gospel, Mt 5:17-37

Saint Apollonia

A REFLECTION BY FR. WILLIAM HERIC

Dear Friends in Christ,

This past Wednesday, February 1st was the **feast of St. Bridget of Kildare** the first Irish-born to be canonized a saint of the church. Born around 450, she felt called to dedicate her life to God as a nun at age 15. She was thought to be an attractive young woman and when her father sought to arrange a comfortable marriage for her, she prayed that her beauty would disappear. Legend has it she received the pox which disfigured her face and turned off her suitor. Her beauty returned years later when she made her final vows as a nun. Bridget is remembered for her strong spiritual leadership, becoming the abbess of a monastery for women and also for men, something unheard of in her time. She was also famous for her generosity to the poor, offering food and her special libation, beer to all who came to her. St. Bridget is the patron saint of babies, children whose parents are not married, dairy workers, farmers, Ireland, midwives, nuns, poets, printers, and sailors. Her feast day is now a national holiday in Ireland.



She is also the **patron saint of our parish!** Please join us for a **special parish celebration at 6:00 pm on February 4th** following our Saturday Mass. Soft drinks and beer will be served! This is an opportunity to celebrate the gift of our St. Bridget Parish family which has gathered in Laurelhurst for some 55 years. I offer my deep thanks to all who have shared their faith, hope, and love in any way with us over our history. Here's to the life of Christ that God calls us to share moving forward as "Partners in the Gospel."

Bridget, you were a woman of peace.

You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious.

And may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Bridget, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body, and spirit.

Amen.

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

Fr. William Heric

Fr. William Heric, Pastor



FIRST COMMUNION CLOSET

Introducing the first of its kind, the First Communion Closet.

First Communion is a big day for Catholic families. It's an exciting day of celebration but also comes with the added expense of purchasing a gown or suit that will likely be a one-wear wardrobe item. A group of us have put our heads together and have come up with a plan to take the financial burden off families by starting an Archdiocese-wide First Communion Closet.

To begin, we are asking for donations of gently used or new communion dresses and suits. If you have a dress or suit hanging in the back of your child's closet that could use a 2nd life, please consider donating it so another child could feel confident on their big day.

There will be a bin labeled First Communion Closet in your parish office starting February 1st. Please donate all goods there; they will be picked up and cataloged for checkout by the end of March. St. Bridget Parish will begin as the first housing site for the clothing. The goal is to have clothing ready for checkout by the last week of April for First Communion services in May.

Our hope is for the clothing to be used multiple times throughout the Seattle Archdiocese and for Seattle kids to be able to access clothing that they need for their important day. Big ideas have small starts and the starting point is all of you.

Please join me in helping give families the First Communion all kids deserve. Questions? Please email firstcommunioncloset@gmail.com
Thank you!



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!

The Bennion Family

Jon, Kathleen, Brodie, Molly & Rose

The Hoag Family

Dagny, Charlie & Elodie

We're so glad you're here with us!

WINTER CATHOLIC HERITAGE LECTURE:

A Spirituality of Racial Metanoia

Fr. Bryan Massingale, STD, Professor, Fordham University

4pm, Thursday, February 9, Seattle U Le Roux Room, Student Center

The rise of white Christian nationalism poses an intersectional threat to the well-being of the Black and LGBTQ communities, and to democracy itself. Inspired by the thought of Pope Francis, this presentation outlines the conversion process needed by both individuals and society for authentic racial justice and reconciliation.

Please see our website to RSVP.



UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6 - 12

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 6	FEBRUARY 7	FEBRUARY 8	FEBRUARY 9	FEBRUARY 10	FEBRUARY 11	FEBRUARY 12
9:00am-5:00pm Church is open 9:00am Daily Mass 11:00am - 1:00pm SVPD Food Drive 3:00pm - 10:00pm Adoration	9:00am-5:00pm Church is open 9:00am Word and Communion Service	9:00am-7:00pm Church is open 11:00am Social Seniors 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 5:00pm Vigil Mass	9:00am - 3:00pm Church is open 9:30am+ Mass Children's Church

+Live-streamed



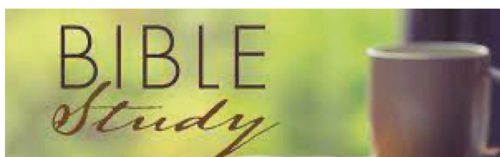
ST. BRIDGET SPRING AUCTION

Tickets available now!

Break out those boots and put on your bling...the good times at St. Bridget are in full swing! Y'all corral your friends and family and join us for St Bridget's "Boots & Bling" Auction- **Friday, April 28th. Please see our website for more information and to purchase tickets.**

Please consider helping us with our **auction wish list!**

- Wine 750ml or Magnums & Hard Alcohol (5ths) for the wine/alcohol toss valued over \$25
- Sports, Entertainment, & Art Experiences: club seats, boxes, meet and greet opportunities
- Family Vacation Homes, Hotel Stays, & Airline Miles
- Financial Contributions: We are looking for sponsors at various levels. Please email: stbridgetauction@gmail.com for more information. The donation deadline is Wednesday, March 1st, 2023.



BIBLE STUDY

Gospel of Matthew Bible Study, Part Two for **February 6, 13, 20 and 27** from 7:00pm to 8:15pm in the Patty Parlor. No prior attendance required. All are welcome. Zoom option will be available. Suggested fee is \$10 for the study guide. Please see our website to sign up.

ST. BRIDGET COLLECTION REVENUE UPDATE

July - December 2022

	Jul - Dec 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Collection Revenue	409,532.14	430,812.00	(21,279.86)	95.06%
Total Expenses	428,320.92	425,426.04	2,894.88	100.68%

Above please find the St Bridget Collection Revenue for July through December, as compared to our budgeted collection expectation, which included a 13% increase in order to cover our budgeted expenses this fiscal year. We are very grateful that our Christmas collections were very strong, and we are now at 96% of our budgeted revenue as of calendar year end. Our current expenses are very close to what we budgeted, at 101% as of December 31, 2022.

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH REGISTRATION

New to St. Bridget's? Welcome! We would love to have you join our growing community! Simply scan the QR code below to find the online form.



ASB SCRIP AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND!

ASB Scrip is a straight-forward fundraising program. Gift cards are purchased by ASB at a discount and sold to you at face value. No extra cost to you! The school receives 2% – 20% ON EACH CARD, depending on the retailer.

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**Please pray for those
who are ill:**

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Nicole Cummins
Marilyn Davis
Irene Dunphy
John Ernest
Roseanne Hart
Chris Kane
Linda Lovinger
Daisy Lu
Catherine Lubatti
John Monk
Judith Platt
Jeannie Shields
Joseph Tagaban

and the patients in Seattle
Children's Hospital

SPECIAL MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Feb.	6	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Tuesday	Feb.	7	9:00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion	
Wednesday	Feb.	8	6:30pm	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Thursday	Feb.	9	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Friday	Feb.	10	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Saturday	Feb.	11	5:00pm	Vigil Mass	For the Parish
Sunday	Feb.	12	9:30am	Mass	For the Parish

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ASB SCHOOL NEWS

EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT!

Dear Friends, please read this exciting announcement from our ASB School Principal Kathleen Conklin:

I'm excited to announce that we are in the process of purchasing additional property for the school that will be a huge asset to our future strategic planning. The Adrian Dominican Sisters' convent, located across from Assumption Parish and pictured above, was recently put up for sale as the sisters no longer reside or work in that location. Per an agreement with Assumption Parish, the parish had the first right of refusal to purchase the space. The Parish Council agreed that the school would be able to make better use of this space and passed that invitation to us. We had thirty days from the date of the notice to make a decision and offer. Over Christmas break, members of the Governance Council, School Commission, Finance Council and Facilities Committee met to review the space, value and come to a decision. The property is 15,000 square feet with a building that is 12,000 square feet. This was an easy decision as there will never be another opportunity to acquire this kind of space for the school and we have maximized our current footprint. Fortunately, we are in a position that this decision is feasible for the school and we are excited about this opportunity. It is important to note that while the decision to purchase had a very small window, we will be deliberate, thoughtful and strategic as we take time to develop a master plan for this space that is in the best interest of our programming, future needs and provide a positive impact for all students. Our staff, advisory and governing bodies will be heavily involved in this process. We also have the full support of Fr. Oliver and Fr. Bill at our parishes, and are grateful for their help with this process.

