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APRIL 30, 2023 | LEADING LIVES FULL OF **FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE**



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."
- Jn 10:9-10

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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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Please contact

Sarah & Alex Chopyak

MARRIAGE

Please contact Fr. William Heric

RECONCILIATION

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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PARISH INFORMATION & NEWS

SCRIPTURE READINGS & DAILY SAINTS

APRIL 30

R1, Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6
R2, 1 Pt 2:20b-25
Gospel, Jn 10:1-10

Saint Pius V

MAY 1

R1, Acts 11:1-18
Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4
Gospel, Jn 10:11-18

Saint Joseph the Worker

MAY 2

R1, Acts 11:19-26
Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7
Gospel, Jn 10:22-30

Saint Athanasius

MAY 3

R1, 1 Cor 15:1-8
Ps 19:2-3, 4-5
Gospel, Jn 14:6-14

Saints Philip and James

MAY 4

R1, Acts 13:13-25
Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27
Gospel, Jn 13:16-20

Blessed Michael Giedroyc

MAY 5

R1, Acts 13:26-33
Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab
Gospel, Jn 14:1-6

Saint Hilary of Arles

MAY 6

R1, Acts 13:44-52
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Gospel, Jn 14:7-14

Saints Marian and James

MAY 7

R1, Acts 6:1-7
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
R2, 1 Pt 2:4-9
Gospel, Jn 14:1-12

Saint Rose Venerini

A REFLECTION BY FR. WILLIAM HERIC

Dear Friends in the Risen Lord,

One of the things we celebrate in the Easter Season **is the birth of the church, the body of Christ.** The Risen Jesus did not appear in private revelations but to a community of his disciples. His words to them were "Peace be with you" followed by the commission to "Preach the gospel to all the nations and know that I am with you always!" Here at St. Bridget's, the mission of the church is to proclaim Christ belongs to all the baptized. As your pastor, I have a responsibility to gather our community to hear God's word and celebrate the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. That responsibility is not exclusively mine, however. I collaborate in that with our Parish Staff and lay leaders from our Pastoral Council. Sharing responsibility with the laity who represent all of you is very important to me.

Pardon the delay, but I want to take this opportunity to thank two parishioners who have ended their long service on our Pastoral Council. I am deeply grateful to **Connie Edwards** and **Jerry Martin** for their contributions to our parish as PC members. They stayed with the council through several pastors and brought valuable wisdom and perspective to me as I began my service at St. Bridget's. They remain active in our parish, especially by their faithful presence at Mass.

I am also grateful to the following parishioners who have agreed to join the council: **Joe Rinaldi** is a long-time member of St. Bridget's who regularly attends our 5:00 pm Saturday Mass. He once served on the parish staff as the coordinator for youth ministry. **Shannon Hull** and her husband Troy are relatively new members of St. Bridget's who attend our 9:30 am Sunday Mass. Their children are students at ASB, so she knows many of our school families. Shannon has a background in marketing and hosts her own podcast. Thank you Joe and Shannon for bringing your gifts to the work of our Pastoral Council!

A final word of thanks to those who continue their service on the council: **Mike Wietholter (Chair), Tim Vinopal (Vice Chair), Ilaria Hare Heiderich (Secretary), Manon Cypher, Arun Matthew, Beth Toomey, and Julie Henling.** Their names are in the bulletin with contact information for the council leadership. Please feel welcome to reach out to them and as always, myself with your thoughts, questions, concerns, or suggestions about the life of our parish.

Continued Easter blessings of peace and joy!



Fr. William Heric, Pastor



SVDP APRIL NARRATIVES

Below are excerpts from three visits recently conducted by our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers. Sometimes it is helpful to dig a little deeper and find out more about the types of calls we receive for assistance, however, no two are ever the same.

For Lalith this call was hard to make, but she said sometimes life feels a little cramped and a little overwhelming, and she was so thankful she could reach out to SVDP for support. Lalith and her significant other live in a large complex near St. Bridget's where her family of 9 people share a 3-bedroom apartment. Her seven children range in age from 2 to 20, and it is here where they not only live, but where she also home schools several of her children. Her significant other doesn't work because of epilepsy and has yet been unable to receive disability. She contacted us recently because she said she didn't know where else to turn. She usually pays her rent with her Section 8 Voucher but had another unexpected debt to pay and had additional application fees for various other needs. She had never used our services before and requested \$650 to pay 3 months back rent which we were able to support her with. When asked about future plans for rent, she said she is covered due to her Section 8 Voucher and because her application fees are now paid. I offered food and grocery store gift cards, but she was determined to handle all her other needs on her own, and she is working hard to find a larger place to accommodate her family. She was so grateful for the help with her rent and felt such relief once that burden was behind her.

Maura, whom lives independently in NE Seattle and is disabled, relies each month on a visit from a Vincentian Volunteer from the Assumption – St Bridget SVDP Conference. Since 2013 our neighbor has cheerfully welcomed volunteers into her home for her monthly delivery of food staples and pantry supplies to close the gap on her household monthly budget deficit. Maura is always grateful for the assistance and never lets a visit go answered without a kind expression of thanks. Here is a sample of a recent hand written card she wrote:

*To my dear generous Angels of Assumption-St. Bridget SVDP,
Thank you so very much for the unbelievable Christmas basket! I never had such a gorgeous gift of luxurious bath towels! The teal color is exquisite and the plush feel is an ongoing hug from you all.
Thank you deeply. Happy New Year to All! Love Maura*

Both of these neighbors expressed how thankful

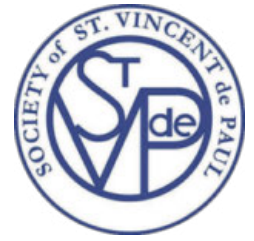
they were for the personal interactions they had with our volunteers. We are not just a phone number to call, bureaucracy to deal with and a hand-out to solve a need; we provide a face-to-face response, we are local volunteers who

meet each of our neighbors where they are at, filling a need but also providing it with a personal touch. It is this human interaction, showing compassion and dignity to all who reach out to us, that seems to be the most important part of all of our visits.

You read about veterans being in need all the time—many are homeless and have been the subject of discrimination (in particular those who were in Viet Nam). Veterans have benefits available but some don't know how to access them. There are, of course, certain conditions.

Recently a fellow Vincentian and I visited such a man. He hadn't been in Viet Nam—purely by chance as he told us. Some of those in his draft cohort went there, others didn't. He says he was one of the lucky ones. But, here he is, in his late 70's, on low-income health insurance, children in another state not available for much help. After he pays his rent, he has about \$300 to live on for the rest of the month. He is a real reader with a library of books ranging from novels by Thomas Mann to the fables of LaFontaine, and everything in between. His college diploma is on the wall along with his certificate of honorary discharge from the military. His landlord is exceptionally kind and compassionate. He assured us that even though Jack probably couldn't pay his rent in full every month (his situation when we visited), he would not evict him as he knew he needed medications and, well, food.

We were able to help with about ½ of his back rent, brought him food (he especially asked for Cheerios) a few hygiene products and a Safeway card. We also made sure he had a copy of the little pamphlet of resources our conferences developed over time. We gave him sites for the Veterans Administration so he could investigate what benefit he might be eligible for. He was grateful and seemed to us just a little bit lost. In a way he's lucky. We can help him with food on a regular basis, he has a list of nearby food banks and an understanding landlord. Still, is there anyone of us who would want to be Jack? A man who served his country, is in need and is trying to live with dignity. We are happy to help Jack and those like him and ever grateful to your generosity so that we can help. Thank you! Pray for him, pray for us as we go about our work.



UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

WEEK OF MAY 1 - 7

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
MAY 1	MAY 2	MAY 3	MAY 4	MAY 5	MAY 6	MAY 7
9:00am-5:00pm Church is open 9:00am Daily Mass 11:00am SVDP Food Drive 3:00 - 10:00 pm Adoration	9:00am-5:00pm Church is open 9:00am Word and Communion Service 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	9:00am-7:00pm Church is open 11:00am Funeral - Bev Coco 5:30pm Holy Rosary 6:30pm Daily Mass	9:00am - 10:00pm Church is open 9:00am Daily Mass 3:30pm Auction set up	9:00am - 9:00pm Church is open 9:00am Daily Mass 9:30am Anointing of the Sick	9:00am - 10:00pm Church is open 10:00am First Communion 3:45-4:30pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass 6:00pm Anointing of the Sick	9:00am - 3:00pm Church is open 9:30am+ Sunday Mass 10:30am Anointing of the Sick <i>+Live-streamed</i>



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL STARTS NOW!

Join along with thousands of other Catholics across Western Washington to make a gift to the ACA to support the many ministries and services offered by our regional church. Archbishop states in his letter about 'the abundance of God is infinite as Luke writes in his gospel', "Give and it will be given to you." Thank you for supporting this year's 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. Give online at www.archseattle.org/GiveACA.

It is safe, secure, and convenient. If you already made a gift, thank you so much.

CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Looking for ways to get involved at St. Bridget's? You're in luck! Please see our current list of opportunities to get involved below:



- **Hospitality Ministers** - Contact Luanne Johnson - luanne@stbridgetchurch.org
- **Coffee and Donut Hour Help** - Contact Luanne Johnson - luanne@stbridgetchurch.org
- **St. Vincent de Paul Help Needed** - Contact Mary Kay Beeby - marykay@beebyclark.com
- **Welcome Committee Help** - Contact Susie Lane - susie@stbridgetchurch.org
- **Tent City 3 Help Needed** - please see the sign up information below.



TENT CITY 3 HELP NEEDED

What does the camp need from us? TC3 appreciates donations of evening meals for their 45-50 residents. Fr. Heric has agreed that St. Bridget parish should try to provide 5 evening meals during the 3 months that the encampment is in our area. The evenings that we'll be responsible for are, 4/30, 5/12, and 5/21. If you'd like to contribute to this effort please sign up here: <http://bit.ly/3Km8Uow>

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.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

An open invitation to anyone who would like to learn more about the catholic faith in a casual, no-pressure environment to ask questions and inquire. Please contact Sarah and Alex Chopyak if you are interested in learning more. rcia@stbridgetchurch.org



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Linda Lovinger

Daisy Lu

Catherine Lubatti

Fr. Tim Sauer

Barbara Sauntry

Julie Scott

Jonathan Spencer

The patients in Seattle

Children's Hospital

SPECIAL MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	May	1	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Tuesday	May	2	9:00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion	
Wednesday	May	3	6:30pm	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Thursday	May	4	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Friday	May	5	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Saturday	May	6	5:00pm	Vigil Mass	For the Parish
Sunday	May	7	9:30am	Sunday Mass	For the Parish

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