



JUNE 18, 2023 | LEADING LIVES FULL OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE



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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

*live-streamed

SACRAMENTS

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Please contact Sarah & Alex Chopyak

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Please contact Fr. William Heric

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PARISH INFORMATION & NEWS

SCRIPTURE READINGS & DAILY SAINTS

JUNE 18

R1, Ex 19:2-6a Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 R2, Romans 5:6-11 Gospel, Mt 9:36—10:8 **Venerable Matt Talbot**

JUNE 19

R1, 2 Cor 6:1-10 Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 Gospel, Mt 5:38-42 **Saint Romuald**

JUNE 20

R1, 2 Cor 8:1-9 Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c- 7, 8-9a Gospel, Mt 5:43-48

Saint Paulinus of Nola

JUNE 21

R1, 2 Cor 9:6-11 Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 Gospel, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 **Saint Aloysius Gonzaga**

JUNE 22

R1, 2 Cor 11:1-11 Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 Gospel, Mt 6:7-15 **Saint Thomas More**

JUNE 23

R1, 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30 PS 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Gospel, Mt 6:19-23 **Saint John Fisher**

JUNE 24

R1, Jer 1:4-10 Ps, 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17 R2, 1 Pt 1:8-12 Gospel, Lk 1:5-17 **Nativity of Saint John the**

Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

JUNE 25

R1, Jer 20:10-13 Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 R2, Rom 5:12-15 Gospel, Mt 10:26-33

Blessed Jutta of Thuringia

A REFLECTION BY FR. WILLIAM HERIC

Dear Friends in Christ,

The week of June 18-22. I will be at Ocean Shores for the annual "Priest Days" convocation. This is the yearly opportunity for the priests of the archdiocese to gather together, for prayer, fellowship, and reflection on topics meant to help strengthen our service to the people of our local church. One of those topics



is the Partners in the Gospel Strategic Planning Process that has begun this year.

I ask for your prayers for me and my brother priests as we gather to discuss this bold plan to restructure parish life in Western Washington. I admit to a mix of concern and hope about the plan. The one thing I am clear about is my commitment to help St. Bridget Parish move positively into a family of parishes in July 2024. While we navigate the particular challenges that come as the plan becomes known, I think it is important to continue to grow as a faith community in all the ways outlined in our **current parish strategic plan**. As in all things, check the parish website for a recap of the plan.

I see a growing vibrancy here at St. Bridget's that I hope everyone will continue to contribute to and support. We will bring our own spirit and life into whatever family of other parishes we join. My hope is that the combined gifts of all the parishes will in time, strengthen the mission and ministry of the Catholic Community in Northeast Seattle. In the meantime, let's stay united in faith hope, and love!

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



Fr. William Heric, Pastor

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS (CST)

LIVING OUR CATHOLIC VALUES THROUGH ADVOCACY

There are 280,000 Venezuelan migrants living in Brazil. Most of them are experiencing some degree of food insecurity. With support from the USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, CRS implemented a soup kitchen that provides nutritious, culturally preferred food that tastes like home. Visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!

"Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society. This demands that we be docile and attentive to the cry of the poor and to come to their aid." ~ Pope Francis

CATHOLIC

The Toy

What does it mean to be God's "special possession"? Our world is dominated by things, objects, possessions. To say we are a materialistic culture is an understatement. In that context, it can be really hard to fully appreciate the meaning of being "possessed" by God. I have so many possessions, after all. I acquire and discard them without thought. I am even overwhelmed by them. Sometimes, it feels like they possess me.

But then I think of the week after Christmas in a house with small children. In that week, there is always The Toy. The Toy that won the heart of your child under the tree, The Toy to which they emotionally attached themselves in a whirlwind of twinkle lights and sugar cookies. For that one week, The Toy is all there is. There were many gifts, but The Toy is special, and there can only be one.

So, what does it mean to be "possessed" by God? What does it mean to be of his people? It means you will be cherished and protected in ways you do not deserve and cannot understand. It means you are distinguished not by your own merit, but by the love with which you are beheld.

It means that you are always The Toy, and every day is Christmas.

"Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine." — Exodus 19:5

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I've noticed that when I go to Mass at different parishes, sometimes people say and do different things. Why is that?

Answer:

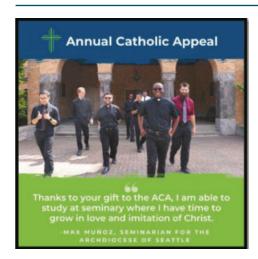
he Mass in its current form has taken shape over the course of 2,000 years. Over time, traditions, structures, and prayers have been put into place. There are certain rubrics for the Mass that are normative wherever you go. This means you could attend Mass in Malawi or Thailand or Italy and still watch the same basic liturgy unfold, even if you don't understand the language. There may be some cultural differences from place to place, things that aren't specifically listed. For example, in the United States most people go up for Communion in a nice, neat line. In Europe, everyone gets up around the same time. It's a bit of a free-for-all!

Some people might take it upon themselves to change things individually. People may not like something that feels too "liberal" or "conservative," and they may take a well-meaning stance in the opposite direction. When people (including the presiders) do things that are distracting or change the liturgy, it introduces an element that breaks the unity of the assembled community. The important thing to remember is that we gather as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Eucharist. If you are confused, ask! If you are frustrated, pray for the spirit of charity.

UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

WEEK OF JUNE 19 - 25

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|--|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| JUNE 19 | JUNE 20 | JUNE 21 | JUNE 22 | JUNE 23 | JUNE 24 | JUNE 25 |
| Juneteenth Parish Office is Closed 9:00am- 5:00pm Church is open 9:00am Word and Communion | 9:00am- 5:00pm Church is open 9:00am Word and Communion Service 7:00pm Choir | 9:00am- 7:00pm Church is open 5:30pm Holy Rosary 6:30pm Daily Mass | 9:00am - 10:00pm Church is open 9:00am Daily Mass | 9:00am - 9:00pm Church is open 9:00am Daily Mass | 9:00am - 10:00pm Church is open 3:45-4:30pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass | 9:00am - 3:00pm Church is open 9:30am+ Sunday Mass 10:30am Coffee and Donuts Hour |



Rehearsal

Service

7:00pm **BPSG**

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL HAPPENING NOW!

The Annual Catholic Appeal supports vocations in Western Washington, helping men and women discern the call to religious life. Please give today through the ACA link on your parish home page or at archseattle. org/GiveACA. Thank you! #AnnualCatholicAppeal

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ACA GIVING UPDATE

As of our weekly report obtained last week, we currently have received the following gifts toward our goal \$77,221:

Pledges made: 14.07% of parish participation

One time gifts + pledges received to date: \$37,523.27



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New to St. Bridget's?
Welcome! We would love to have you join our growing community! Simply can 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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Please pray for those who are ill:

Betty Anne Coady **Nicole Cummins** Marilyn Davis Irene Dunphy John Ernest Mary Gibson Jenny Lindstrom Linda Lovinger Daisy Lu Catherine Lubatti Sharon MacTavish John Monk Fr. Tim Sauer Barbara Sauntry Julie Scott Jonathan Spencer The patients in Seattle Children's Hospital

SPECIAL MASS INTENTIONS

| Monday | June | 19 | 9:00am | Service of Word & H | oly Communion |
|-----------|------|----|--------|----------------------|----------------|
| Tuesday | June | 20 | 9:00am | Service of Word & H | oly Communion |
| Wednesday | June | 21 | 6:30pm | Service of Word & H | oly Communion |
| Thursday | June | 22 | 9:00am | Service of Word & Ho | oly Communion |
| Friday | June | 23 | 9:00am | Daily Mass | For the Parish |
| Saturday | June | 24 | 5:00pm | Vigil Mass | For the Parish |
| Sunday | June | 25 | 9:30am | Sunday Mass | For the Parish |

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