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PSALM 23

28th
Sunday
Ordinary
Time

Rooted in the Gospel of Christ, we are a Catholic parish community, welcoming all people to pray, love, and serve together.

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 3:45pm - 4:30pm

or by appointment

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SCRIPTURE READINGS & DAILY SAINTS

OCTOBER 15

R1, Is 25:6-10a
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
R2, Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel, Mt 22:1-14

Saint Teresa of Avila

OCTOBER 16

R1, Rom 1:1-7
Ps 98:1bcd-e, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Gospel, Lk 10:25-37

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

OCTOBER 17

R1, Rom 1:16-25
Ps 19:2-3, 4-5
Gospel, Lk 11:37-41

Saint Ignatius of Antioch

OCTOBER 18

R1, 2 Tm 4:10-17b
Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18
Gospel, Lk 10:1-9

Saint Luke

OCTOBER 19

R1, Rom 3:21-30
Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab
Gospel, Lk 11:47-54

Saints Isaac Jogues, Jean de Brébeuf, and Companions

OCTOBER 20

R1, Rom 4:1-8
Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11
Gospel, Lk 12:1-7

Saint Paul of the Cross

OCTOBER 21

R1, Rom 4:13, 16-18
Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43
Gospel, Lk 12:8-12

Saint Hilarion

OCTOBER 22

R1, Is 45:1, 4-6
Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10
R2, 1 Thes 1:1-5b
Gospel, Mt 22:15-21

Saint John Paul II

A REFLECTION BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Please enjoy this reflection by Bishop Robert Barron, Founder of the Word on Fire Institute while Fr. Heric is on vacation.

Sunday, October 15, 2023 | Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 22:1-14



Friends,

Today's Gospel likens the kingdom of God to a king who gives a wedding feast for his son. The biblical authors couldn't find a more apt metaphor for the coming together of divinity and humanity than a wedding banquet. God and humanity are married, and they are surrounded by joy, peace, celebration, and good food.

What was Jesus' strategy? Open table-fellowship; outreach to all, to the righteous and the unrighteous, to the healthy and the sick, to the mainstream and the marginalized. Here comes everybody. You don't have to be good to receive God's grace; that's why they call it "grace."

But then something puzzling emerges. When the king comes to welcome his guests, he finds someone not properly dressed: "The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?'" It was customary at the time (as it still is) for people to come to a wedding dressed up.

The play here is between grace and works. We can refuse the invitation altogether, or we can refuse the transformation that should follow from grace. We have to cooperate with grace, donning the wedding garment of love, forgiveness, peace, and nonviolence.

Bishop Robert Barron

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS (CST)

LIVING OUR CATHOLIC VALUES THROUGH ADVOCACY

In Pope Francis's new apostolic exhortation, *Laudate Deum*, the pope again calls us to action, highlighting the urgent need to care for our planet as the climate crisis deeply affects our global communities, especially the most vulnerable. At Catholic Relief Services, we stand with those communities facing the harsh impacts of the climate crisis, from deadly droughts to forced migration. This unity drives our push for policies that lessen climate impacts and encourage sustainable development. Visit www.crs.org for more information and visit www.vatican.va to read Pope Francis's new apostolic exhortation, *Laudate Deum*!

“The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.’ The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.”
- Mt 22:8b-10

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The prophet Isaiah speaks of a future when God will be fully present, and we will experience complete joy. What gives you hope for the future?

Second Reading

Paul shares with the Philippians that regardless of his circumstances, he has learned to draw strength and gratitude from his faith in Jesus. How does your faith sustain you in good times and bad times?

Gospel Reading

Jesus’s parable of the wedding feast offers a warning to be open to God’s invitation to answer His call. How do you stay open to God’s presence in your life?



HELPERS NEEDED

Seeking volunteers in a variety of capacities; Mass Greeters, Gift Bearers, Ushers, Help with Coffee and Donuts, Eucharistic Ministers and more. Please see our website under Parish Life > Get Involved > Volunteer Opportunities

PARISHSTAQ & PUSHPAY TRANSITION

The Archdiocese is migrating all parishes to a new database called ParishStaq which will replace our PDS and Flocknote systems. Eventually, this system will change the way we communicate with you, offers a new giving site, and a new way to sign up to volunteer, including a useful parish app for your smartphone. In addition, there will be a new online giving platform called PushPay, which is a part of ParishStaq. More information to come soon about how you can transition your online giving to PushPay from OSV.



PREPARES BABY SUPPLIES DRIVE

October is Respect Life Month! St Bridget's will be holding a drive for baby supplies from October 14th - October 29th. All supplies will be donated to PREPARES for distribution to needy parents and children. Donation bins and needs lists will be located in the Narthex by the Parish Office window. Thank you so much for your support!



FATHER BILL HERIC ON VACATION

Fr. Bill Heric will be on vacation Oct. 4-16. Please welcome the visiting priests who will serve us while he is away. Thank you!



UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 16 - 22

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
OCTOBER 16	OCTOBER 17	OCTOBER 18	OCTOBER 19	OCTOBER 20	OCTOBER 21	OCTOBER 22
9:00am-5:00pm Church is open 9:00am Daily Mass 3:00pm-10:00pm Adoration 7:00 BPSG	9:00am-5:00pm Church is open	9:00am-7:00pm Church is open 5:30pm Holy Rosary 6:30pm OCIA Meeting 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 5:30pm Pumpkin, Pizza and Prost Party!	9:00am - 10:00pm Church is open 3:45-4:30pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass 6:00pm ASB Scrip Sale	9:00am - 3:00pm Church is open 9:30am+ ASB Led Sunday Mass 10:30am ASB Scrip Sale 10:30am Coffee and Donuts 11:00 am Confirmation Class #4

+Live-streamed

UPCOMING EVENTS



ASB LED MASS & SCRIP SALE

October 22, 9:30 am

Join us as we celebrate our parish school, Assumption St. Bridget, with a school led Mass on Sunday, October 22. Following Mass both Saturday and Sunday, ASB scrip will be

available for purchase. Students, show your school pride by wearing your ASB uniform to Mass. Go Bulldogs!

BEREAVED PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Monday, October 16

7:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR

7:30 MEETING



We provide a safe environment for parents to express their feelings, talk about their child's life as well as death, the feelings related to their grieving and the reactions of loved ones.

Contact: Liz Houlihan, lizabethhoulihan@gmail.com
(206)-527-1393

PUMPKINS, PIZZA & PROST PARTY!

Please join us for a cherished tradition – our annual Pumpkin Carving Party at St. Bridget's! We'll gather on **Friday, October 20th, starting at 5:30 pm**. Don't forget to bring your pumpkin and carving tools to join in on the creative fun for the whole family!

We have a delightful spread planned for everyone, including pizza, salads, and a variety of festive beverages suitable for both kids and adults. Admission is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child, and for those looking for adult beverages, they can be enjoyed for just \$5 each. We can't wait to see you there! Registration closes on 10/18. Please see our website to sign up or scan the QR code:



PARISH INFORMATION

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN ON THE PARISH WEBSITE!

Classes will continue on **Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm.** All are welcome! For information please contact Alex Chopyak at RCIA@Stbridgetchurch.org

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Ronnie Cross
Joseph Daniel
Marilyn Davis
Irene Dunphy
John Ernest
Mary Gibson
Gary Hill
Linda Lovinger
Daisy Lu
Catherine Lubatti
Henry Lubatti
Judith Platt
Fr. Tim Sauer
Jeanne Shields
Jonathan Spencer
Doug Woods
The patients in Seattle
Children's Hospital

SPECIAL MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Oct.	16	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Wednesday	Oct.	18	6:30pm	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Thursday	Oct.	19	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Friday	Oct.	20	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Saturday	Oct.	21	5:00pm	Vigil Mass	For the Parish
Sunday	Oct.	22	9:30am	Sunday Mass	For the Parish

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