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MASS TIMES

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5pm, *Sunday 9:30am
*live-streamed

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon., Thur. & Fri. at 9:00am
Wednesday at 6:30pm

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PARISH INFORMATION & NEWS

SCRIPTURE READINGS & DAILY SAINTS

JANUARY 14

R1, 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
R2, 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Gospel, Jn 1:35-42

Saint Gregory Nazianzen

JANUARY 15

R1, 1 Sm 15:16-23
Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
Gospel, Mk 2:18-22

Saint Devasahayam Pillai

JANUARY 16

R1, 1 Sm 16:1-13
Ps, 89:20, 21-22, 27-28
Gospel, Mk 2:23-28

Saint Berard and Companions

JANUARY 17

R1, 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10
Gospel, Mk 3:1-6

Saint Anthony of Egypt

JANUARY 18

R1, 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Ps, 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13
Gospel, Mk 3:7-12

Saint Charles of Sezze

JANUARY 19

R1, 1 Sm 24:3-21
PS 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11
Gospel, Mk 3:13-19

Saint Fabian

JANUARY 20

R1, 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27
Ps, 80:2-3, 5-7
Gospel, Mk 3:20-21

Saint Sebastian

JANUARY 21

R1, Jon 3:1-5, 10
Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
R2, 1 Cor 7:29-31
Gospel, Mk 1:14-20

Saint Agnes

A REFLECTION BY FR. WILLIAM HERIC

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last Sunday, on the Feast of the **Epiphany**, we did something at Mass we hadn't done for a while. We heard the formal proclamation for the **date of Easter** this year which will be **March 31**. What a wonderful reminder that the reason we can celebrate Christmas is because Jesus died and rose from the dead. The resurrection is the reason for our hope in the face of all adversity and injustice, that "We shall overcome someday" as we sing on the commemoration of the life of **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. this Monday, January 15**.



An important prelude to the announcement of the date for Easter is the proclamation of the date for the **beginning of Lent** on Ash Wednesday, this year February 14th which also happens to be **Valentine's Day**. The consumer industry began their marketing efforts for Valentine's Day on Dec. 26th, the day after Christmas. That's just business as their avatars might say. But the business of the Christian life in the big picture is ultimately more important than that. That's why I want to suggest that we start even now to enter the **"Lenten Season."**

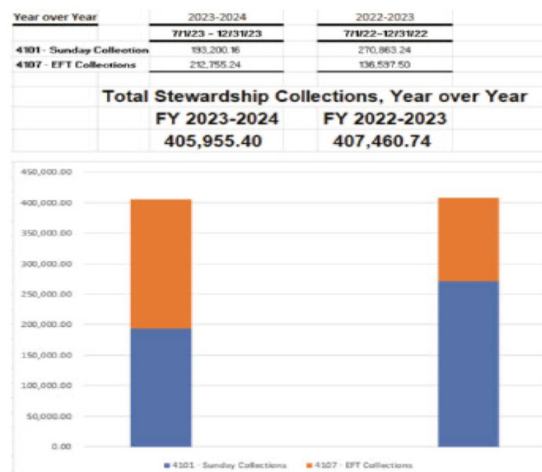
Lent calls us to embrace in a deeper way the spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. "To turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel" as we will hear on **Ash Wednesday**. We don't have to wait until February 14th to do that, so let's begin to reflect even now on how we will embrace the Lenten season this year. Mark your calendars! Lent and Easter are coming!

Blessings of peace,

Fr. William Heric

Fr. William Heric, Pastor

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE YEAR OVER YEAR



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Those Who Seek the Truth

In my work as a freelance writer, I have a regular column in the archdiocesan paper writing profiles of ordinary people in the local church. Laity, religious, and clergy alike — I hound them all to give me an interview, and when I do, the answer is almost always this: “You don’t want to talk to me. There’s nothing special about me.”

I always try to convince them that there is something remarkable about everyone who is searching for the truth. It is easy to think we are not made for holiness because we are ordinary people with ordinary habits, ordinary abilities, and ordinary sins. It is easy (and very convenient) to designate holiness as something belonging to Better People. People like the saints. People like the Disciples.

The Bible gives us next to no personal information about the disciples. There is no archdiocesan newspaper profile on Andrew and Simon that can give us insight into who they were before they became St. Andrew, Inaugural Disciple and Announcer of the Messiah, and St. Peter, First Pope and the Rock-Upon-Which-Christ-Built-His-Church.

Yet I find myself insatiably curious about it. What was their childhood like? What games did they play with each other as the sun set, before their mother called them into bed? What did they think of as they fell asleep at night? What secret jokes did they share to make each other laugh? What were they afraid of? What did they hope for? Who did they want to be?

Before they were towering figures of salvation history, Simon and Andrew were just two men searching for the truth. When they looked at Christ, there was something that made it click. Perhaps they themselves could not identify what it was, but their hearts whispered it nonetheless: *There it is. We finally found it.*

Isn’t that the best we can all hope for?

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” — John 1:38

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?

Answer:

The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone.

The opportunity is presented to us to better learn and understand each part of the Mass, which in turn should help us deepen our appreciation for its beauty and meaning. We will be a better Church if we have a clearer understanding and knowledge of Who and what we celebrate.

UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

WEEK OF JANUARY 15 - 21

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
JANUARY 15	JANUARY 16	JANUARY 17	JANUARY 18	JANUARY 19	JANUARY 20	JANUARY 21
MLK Day - Parish Office Closed 9:00am-10:00pm Church is open 9:00am Holy Mass	9:00am-5:00pm Church is open	9:00am-7:00pm Church is open 5:30pm Holy Rosary 6:30pm Holy Mass 6:30pm OCIA	9:00am - 5:00pm Church is open 9:00am Holy Mass	9:00am - 5:00pm Church is open 9:00am Holy Mass	9:00am - 6:00pm Church is open 3:45-4:30pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass	9:00am - 3:00pm Church is open 9:30am+ Sunday Mass & Children's Church 10:30am Coffee and Donuts <i>+Live-streamed</i>

UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

ST. BRIDGET FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars! Join us on **Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 6:00 pm**, immediately following our Vigil Mass, to commemorate the feast day of our patron saint, St. Brigid of Kildare. Delight in delectable bites and refreshments for the entire family. Let's extend a warm welcome to the 56 new families who became part of the St. Bridget's community in 2023.



As we gather to celebrate, let us reflect on the incredible work and vibrant community flourishing in our beloved parish. May the spirit of St. Brigid continue to guide us in the amazing endeavors and community-building initiatives underway. Together, let's foster the warmth and unity that define our cherished St. Bridget's community. Please scan the QR code to RSVP for food/beverage count.

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. It's easy and fast.



FIRST COMMUNION & FIRST RECONCILIATION REGISTRATION

A reminder that registration is open for First Communion. Registration will close on January 15, 2024.

Children traditionally make their First Communion in 2nd grade, at the age of 7 or 8. To prepare, they first celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We combine these two sacraments in our Faith Formation program known as "Sacramental Prep."

Our program includes regular attendance at Children's Church, in-person family sessions, and engagement at home with program materials. First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday, March 2 and First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, April 20. Please register on our website, asap.

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

The Bible Study Part Two of the Gospel of Mark will resume on **Mondays, January 22 through February 19th in the Fireside Room from 7:00-8:15pm**. Anyone is welcome to join even if they did not attend part one. Please see our website for more information.

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

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Please pray for those who are ill:

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Joseph Daniel
Marilyn Davis
Irene Dunphy
John Ernest
Mary Gibson
Pat Henwood
Gary Hill
Linda Lovinger
Daisy Lu
Catherine Lubatti
Fr. Tim Sauer
Jonathan Spencer
The patients in Seattle
Children's Hospital

Please pray for those who have passed:

Lou Cannatti

SPECIAL MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Jan.	15	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Wednesday	Jan.	17	6:30pm	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Thursday	Jan.	18	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Friday	Jan.	19	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Saturday	Jan.	20	5:00pm	Vigil Mass	For the Parish
Sunday	Jan.	21	9:30am	Sunday Mass	For the Parish

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