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DECEMBER 29, 2024 | THE HOLY FAMILY | MARY MOTHER OF GOD



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NE Seattle Catholic Community



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Thank You Advent & Christmas Volunteers

A heartfelt thank you to all who gave their time, talent, and care to prepare our churches for the Advent and Christmas seasons. From hanging wreaths and stringing lights to arranging flowers and setting up Nativity scenes, your dedication has created spaces of beauty and reverence where we can celebrate the birth of Christ together.

A special thank you to the **Uffelman, Romero, and Savage families** for their generous donation of the beautiful poinsettias at St. Bridget's for Christmas through the Seattle Prep Fundraiser. Your thoughtful contribution has added a special touch of beauty and joy to our celebration. We are deeply grateful for your kindness and support!

A REFLECTION BY FR. HERIC

Dear Friends in Christ,

The church's Christmas celebration continues this weekend with the beautiful feast of the **Most Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**. This feast reminds us that our families of origin and our families of choice are essential to experiencing Christ's peace, healing, and love in our lives.

The family of the church family is like no other. It comprises a strange but wonderful mix of characters: the rich and the poor, the happy and sad, the healthy and sick, the sophisticated and the simple, the saint and the sinner. It also includes the presence of those who have gone before us, who live in our memories but also touch us from their place in the **communion of the saints**.

We name our churches after the holy men and women whose lives and continued intercession inspire our Christian journeys. Most often, they are the officially canonized saints in our Catholic Tradition. Sometimes, we honor others who are not but whose lives and presence in our history are worthy of honor. St. Catherine Parish named their new hall and gym space "**Victoria Hall**" in honor of Victoria Ries, who served as the Parish Coordinator a few years back. Assumption Parish has a space known as "**St. Benedict Hall**" in honor of St. Martin's Abbey monks who served the parish for many years.

This Sunday, St. Bridget Parish celebrates the dedication of what, from now on, will be known as "**McEvoy Hall**." This place of fellowship, community building, and ASB drama productions was renovated in recent years through the generosity of **Catherine and Patricia McEvoy**. These two blood sisters were part of the initial community that founded St. Bridget's in 1972. Both women had successful careers in the business world and left the parish a sizeable bequest in their estates after they died. Members of their families are with us this weekend for this special dedication. We thank God for the generosity of these women and count them as beloved members of our Christian Family.

Christmas blessings of peace and joy!

Fr. William Heric, Pastor

Holy Mary Mother of God...pray for us!
St. Bridget of Kildare...pray for us!
St. Catherine of Siena...pray for us!
Live Jesus in our hearts...forever!



Mass Intentions

Our Mass celebrants will remember the following Intentions during the celebration of the Eucharist:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00am | For the Parish † - AP & STB

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00am | For the Parish† - STC

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00am | For the Parish † - AP & OLL

6:30pm | For the Parish † - STB

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

9:00am | For the Parish † - OLL & STC

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00am | For the Parish † - AP & STB

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

5:00pm | For the Parish † - OLL & STC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

9:00am | For the Parish † - AP & STB

10:30am | For the parish † - OLL & STC



Readings for the week of December 29, 2024

Sunday:

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
(see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday:

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday:

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday:

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 1:19-28

Friday:

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/
Jn 1:29-34

Saturday:

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Prayer Corner

Please pray for those who are ill:

Molly Anton
(Cousin of Pat Lass)

Ryan Corr
(Son of Pat and Jean)

Lorene Davidson

Kay Dowd

Fr. Oliver Duggan

Robert Earhart

John Ernest

Linda Fredericks

Mary Gibson

Kay LaPorte

Lily LaPorte

Daisy Lu

Jim McFarland

Mary Moore

Patrick Mulvihill

Bryan Perez Ramos

Marianne Roulet

Fr. Tim Sauer

Catherine Scott

For those who have died:

Michael J. Hanson
(Brother of Pat Bell)

Greg Lambert

05 | COMMUNITY LIFE

NE Seattle Catholic Community

Get Involved in Our Ministries!

Book Club

@ASSUMPTION

Join us on **Tuesday, January 21st** at 7:00 PM in the Cabrini Room for a lively discussion on *How to Winter* by Kari Leibowitz. Explore practical insights and strategies to embrace the colder months with a positive mindset. All are welcome—bring a friend and your favorite winter-inspired beverage!

Farewell Reception for Thomas Varas

SUNDAY, 1/5 @11:30AM - OLL

Join us as we bid farewell to Thomas Varas, our beloved Music Director, at OLL, who is moving back to Florida to be closer to family. A reception will be held following the 10:30 AM Mass on **Sunday, January 5th, 2025**, at Our Lady of the Lake. Let's come together to thank Thomas for his years of service and wish him well.

Thank You for Supporting St. Francis House!

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who has donated to St. Francis House! Your generosity has made a difference in the lives of those in need. However, our shelves are bare, and we need your help again to restock essential items for the winter season.

Current Needs:

Men's Clothing: Jeans, shoes, jackets, hats, and gloves.

Housewares: Sheets, blankets, and pots/pans.

Your donations provide warmth and comfort to those facing difficult times. Items can be dropped off in the bins at St. Bridget Church.

Grief Support Group

EVERY OTHER WED. @OLL

The Grief Support Group meets every two weeks on Wednesday evenings at the OLL office, we warmly welcome new participants. If you are interested in joining the next meeting, please email Fr. Bob Camuso - camuso@aol.com to confirm the time and location.

Young Adult Group TBD

We're thrilled to announce the start of a new Young Adult Group for those aged 21-39! This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with peers, grow in faith, and build lasting friendships. Whether you're single, married, or somewhere in between, all are welcome! For more details, please contact Gabriela at [seattle.gabriela@gmail.com](mailto:gabriela@gmail.com) or your parish office. Let's grow together!



Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ through your compassion and generosity!

Holiday Bazaar Thank you!

From St. Catherine

Belated thanks to everyone that participated in and attended the Holiday Bazaar in late November. It was great to see so many new faces! Sales supported a variety of charities including SVDP, Blessed Sacrament's Sunday Dinner, OLL Welcome Circle, Esperanza summer service trip, L'Arche Community, Indonesian Catholic Community, cancer research, St C 8th grade. Make this your new annual tradition the weekend before Thanksgiving!



Phoebe Circle, Please Join

Since May of 2023, our group has been meeting to lift up the voices of women in our church by providing reflections at Mass and highlighting women's roles in our church. St. Phoebe, who was a deacon in the early church, is our inspiration. We spend time in prayer, reflection, and fellowship and would love to have you join us. Our next regular meeting will be on **January 7th at 7 pm in Jubilee Hall at OLL**, and will continue on the first Tuesday of the month after that. If you have questions or would like to join our group, please email Liz Jackman at elizabeth.ann.jackman@gmail.com.

Esperanza Summer 2025

KICK OFF MEETING

Mark your calendars! Tell the current high school sophomores and juniors in your lives that the Esperanza 2025 Summer Service Trip kick off meeting is **Saturday January 11th @ 6:00PM in Victoria Hall, aka, the St Catherine gym.**

The trip to Tijuana takes place July 27 - August 2nd. We will discuss the details of the trip and plan our community building and fundraising.

For questions, contact Katie Fleming kjfleming1239@gmail.com or 206-354-5161. To learn more about the work we will be doing check out www.EsperanzaInt.org



Celebrating Simbang Gabi: A Beautiful Advent Tradition

St. Catherine of Siena recently hosted a joyous and vibrant Simbang Gabi Filipino Advent Mass, bringing together parishioners from Assumption, St. Bridget, Our Lady of the Lake, and St. Pius parishes.

This cherished Filipino tradition, observed during the nine days leading up to Christmas, is a beautiful way to prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ. The Mass was filled with uplifting music, heartfelt prayers, and a deep sense of community that reflected the spirit of Advent.

We were delighted to welcome so many parishioners from our neighboring parishes. It was a wonderful opportunity to unite in faith, celebrate cultural traditions, and strengthen the bonds of our



parish family.

A special thank you to everyone who participated and made this event memorable, from those who organized the Mass to those who shared their time, talents, and fellowship. May the light of Christ continue to shine brightly in our hearts as we journey through this holy season together!

Movie Night Benefit!

Cabrini: A Story of Faith and Courage

HOSTED BY NE SEATTLE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY WELCOME CIRCLE

Experience the inspiring journey of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, the first American citizen saint. This film celebrates her faith, perseverance, and lasting impact on immigrants, schools, and healthcare. A story of hope and determination!

Mark your calendars to come to OLL Jubilee Hall on **Sunday, January 12, 2:30 - 5:30 PM**, to enjoy a showing of the film, "Cabrini." Admission is free. A free will offering will be taken up to support the Rivera Family. Refreshments will be served.

Have a bulletin story or pictures to share? Scan this code to learn more.



NE Seattle Catholic Community

Tent City 4 Support Needed

Jan., Feb., March, 2025

All Parish

The NE Seattle Catholic churches provide dinner for 70 homeless adults at Tent City 4 in Lake City on the first Sunday of each month. Join us in supporting the first meals of 2025 on **Sun., Jan. 5, Feb. 2, and Mar. 2.**

Sign up by scanning the QR code or going to the link: <https://tinyurl.com/TentCity4-Meal-Signup> to bring a dish (meat, side, salad, or dessert) and deliver it to Tent City near Seattle Mennonite Church by 6 PM. Families can also sponsor a full meal by emailing tc4@sharewheel.org and selecting a date <https://www.sharewheel.org/tent-city-4>.


TENT CITY 4 IN LAKE CITY

How you can help

Approximately

70

ADULTS & FAMILIES





**SIGN UP TO HELP PREPARE
AND DELIVER MEALS**

JAN. 5, FEB. 2, MARCH 2, 2025!

https://tinyurl.com/TentCity4-Meal-Signup
OR CALL THE OLL PARISH OFFICE AT
(206) 325-6776 OR SCAN THE QR CODE



JOIN US IN SUPPORTING TENT CITY 4

Monthly Supper for Homeless Families

The four NE Seattle Catholic parishes in our parish family have committed to providing dinner to 70 homeless adults and children at Tent City 4 in Lake City on the first Sunday of the month in 2025. The next date is Sun., Jan 5, followed by Feb 2, and March 2. Simply deliver a disposable container of meat, side dish, salad, or dessert to Tent City near the Seattle Mennonite Church at 5 PM. To donate cash or other needed supplies, go to the Tent City 4 website:
ShareWheel.org/tent-city-4

Let's be super generous and fill up all the slots quickly!

About Tent City 4

Tent City 4, managed by SHARE/WHEEL, offers temporary housing for up to 100 homeless individuals and families. It is a self-managed, sober, and nonviolent community with 24/7 security, daily litter patrols, and trash removal.

3212 NE 125TH ST - SEATTLE - NEAR THE SEATTLE MENNONITE CHURCH IN LAKE CITY - UNTIL MAY 2025

Feast of the
MOTHER OF GOD

The Feast of Holy Mary, Mother of God

JOIN US FOR THIS HOLY DAY

**December 31st - Vigil for the
Feast of Mary, Mother of God
6:30 pm - St. Bridget**

January 1st - Feast of the Holy Mary, Mother of God
9:00 am - Assumption
9:00 am - OLL