

St. Bridget

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

DECEMBER 26, 2021

CHRISTMAS

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon Wed Fri 8:00 am



ST. BRIDGET MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic community welcoming all, consciously celebrating the Eucharist with joy, together personifying the compassion of God to the world.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Contact the parish office for information on the following.

RCIA JOURNEY

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic we'd love to share more about what we believe with you!

BAPTISMS: Infant/Children

Formation Session Required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

It is best to call at the beginning of a serious illness or when surgery is first scheduled.

MARRIAGE

Contact Parish Office at least 9 months prior to anticipated wedding date.

COMMUNION to HOMEBOUND

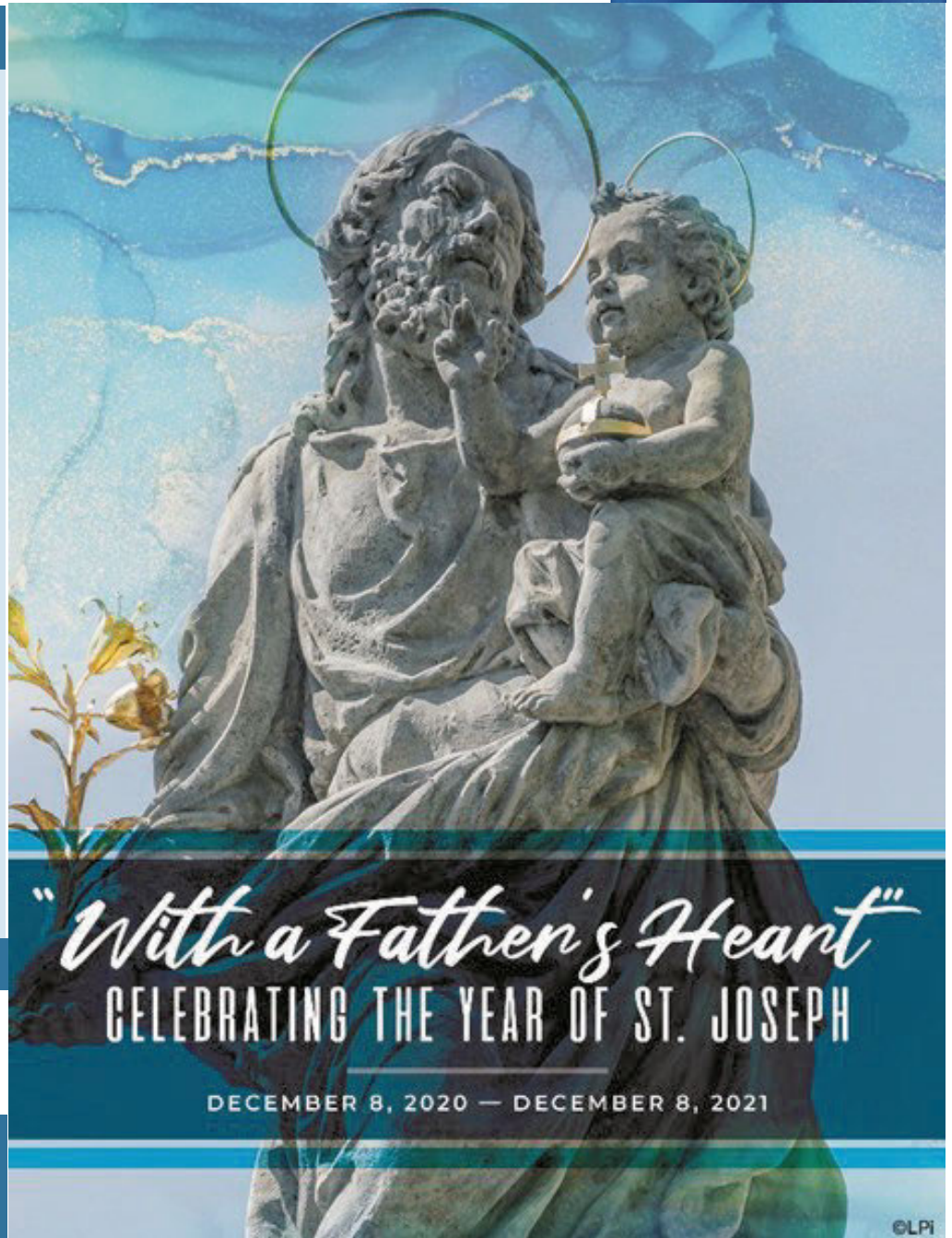
Ministers of Care will bring Communion to you when you are ill & unable to join us in Sunday worship.

PENANCE

1st Saturday of every month
3:30-4pm or by appointment.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm
Friday & Saturday office closed
Sunday office closed



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REFLECTION

Christmas 2021

Dear parishioners,

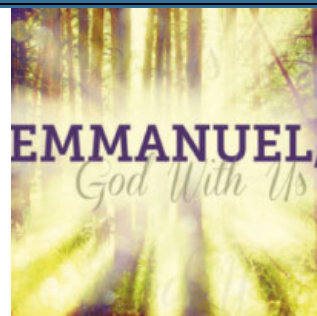
A Blessed Christmas to you all! During Advent we have been reminded that we can choose to hope, to love, to be in joy. In order for these choices to be more than fanciful wishes they need a grounding in our lived experience. As Christians we can choose these dispositions and actions, which are deeper and more sustainable than passing feelings, because we are in touch at some level with our God who acts in ways that lead us to choose hope, joy, and love. Even in the difficulties and grief of the pandemic, the choice for these can be a solid one if we experience God's love in Christ through the sacraments and a life of prayer and actions for God's Kingdom.

At Christmas we welcome Jesus as Lord, the true light of the world. The saving of the world is accomplished because God enters our experience completely, making Self entirely human and making humanity divine by our communion together. It is not mere sentiment that characterizes our least today by instead a sense of the kingdom of light in which the world has become new: "All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God."

Where can the light of Christ be discovered in our world? That is the mission of the church. The church, people who are alive and transfigured in the life of Christ, has as its holy mission to be the light of Christ throughout all the ages of unfolding history. Meditating on the Christmas mystery, Thomas Merton speaks to the point: "For Christ, invisible in his own nature, has become visible in our nature. What else can this mean, except that first he has become visible as a man and second he has become visible in his church? He wills to be visible in us, to live in us, work in us, and save us through his secret action in our own hearts and the hearts of our brothers and sisters. So we must receive the light of the newborn Savior by faith, in order to manifest it by our witness in common praise and by the works of our charity towards on another" (Seasons of Celebration, pp. 104-105). May the world find in the Christian community the light of Christ who lives in its midst.

Lumen Christi,

L. Scott



Church

Feast of the Holy Family ~ December 26, 2021

We rejoice that Saint Joseph watches over the Lord's own family on earth.

Go to Joseph and do what he tells you. Genesis 41:55

Saint Joseph, Pray for Us!

REMINDERS & UPDATES

- ◆ **MASK UPDATE** want to welcome all to the St. Bridget Church Community. We understand that wearing a mask is a personal choice for each person but for the continued protection for the Priests, our unvaccinated children and each other, we are encouraging you to continue to wear your mask and practice social distancing while on the church grounds and at Mass. We feel this is beneficial to keeping everyone safe.

We thank you for your continued support to the church and ask that you continue to show kindness and understanding to each other both on the church grounds and when you are out in the community.

WEEK AT A GLANCE—DECEMBER 26, 2021—JANUARY 1, 2022

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am Mass, Church

Thursday:

Monday: 8:00am Daily Mass, Church

Friday: 8:00am Daily Mass
4:30pm Mary Mother of God

Tuesday:

Saturday: 4:30pm Mass, Church

Wednesday: 8:00am Daily Mass, Church
8:45am—Contemplative Rosary, Spirituality Center

St. Bridget Catholic Parish

Advent and Christmas Schedule

New Years Eve

Friday, December 31, Daily Mass 8:00am

Mary Mother of God

Friday, December 31, 2021 4:30pm

Epiphany

Saturday, January 1, 2022 4:30pm
Sunday, January 2, 2022 Sunday Mass Schedule

Baptism of the Lord/Welcome Sunday

Saturday, January 8, 2022 4:30pm
Sunday, January 9, 2022 Sunday Mass Schedule
Welcome Sunday ~ Pancake Breakfast After the 8:00am & 10:00am Masses



Welcome Sunday ~ Pancake Breakfast ~ January 9th

Join us January 9th after all morning Masses for Pancakes!
Welcome back all parishioners including our winter parishioners
who we missed last year at the height of the pandemic.

MENU: Pancakes & Bacon, Coffee & Orange Juice

Donations Welcome but not required Hosted by TEEN Ministry. Proceeds go to fund Teen Ministry

Wear your nametag so we can call you by name...

or order your St. Bridget nametag that day!

Want to learn more about ministries at St. Bridget?

Ministry tables will be on display, see what interests you and how you can participate.

St. Bridget's Women of Faith - Epiphany Celebration
LIVING GRACE

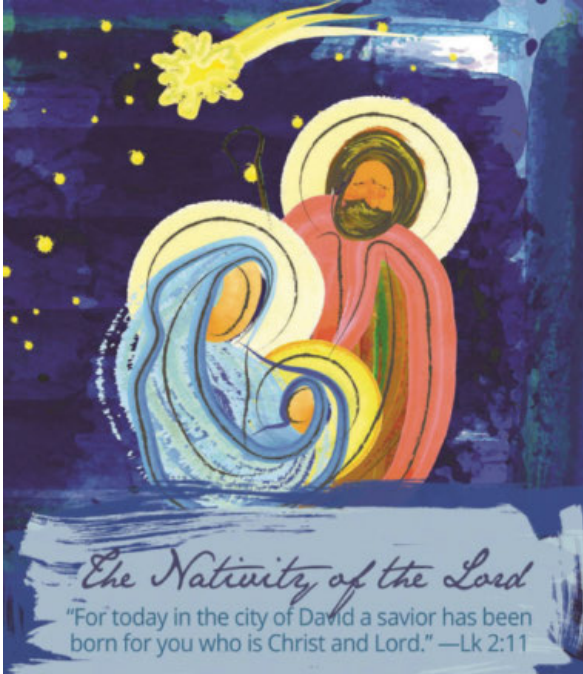
A Day to Reflect, Refresh and Reconnect

Saturday, January 15, 2022
11:00am—2:00pm in Collins Hall
\$5 Includes Lunch

Register to reserve your spot by signing up in the church office
Watch for sign up tables after Mass in the coming weeks

All Women are Welcome

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



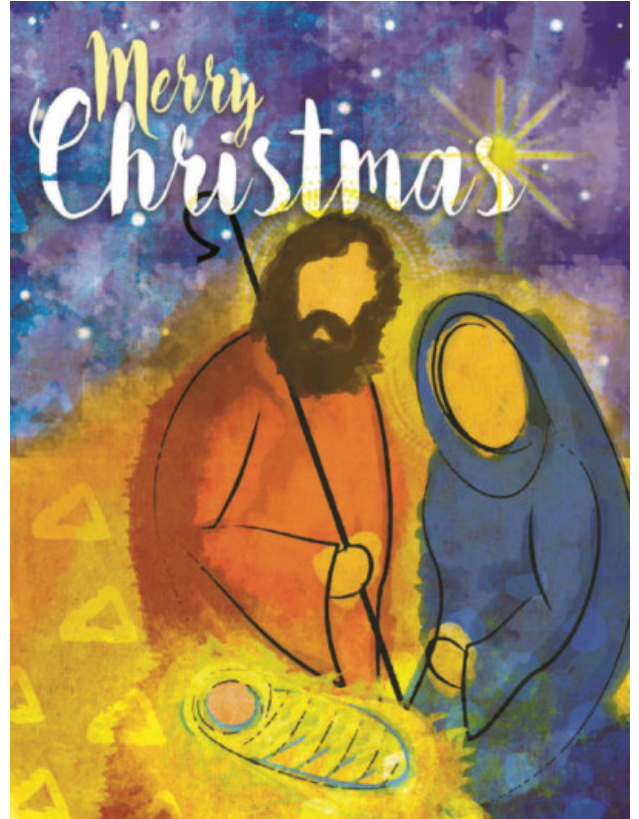
Class Schedule

Wednesday Formation Class resumes Jan 12, 2022

Sacrament Prep Class begins Jan 9, 2022 in the Plaza

Email Diana Rosales for more information

HIGH SCHOOL TEEN MINISTRY



**Next Teen Ministry Meeting
January 2**

**Praying the Contemplative Rosary
Wednesdays at the
Spirituality Center @ 8:45am**



Rosary prayer offers an opportunity to cultivate solitude while contemplating the way and life of Jesus. Rosaries are provided if you need one. For more information contact Kathy Perrin at willowroad1862@outlook.com.

ST. BRIDGET'S SPIRITUALITY CENTER

We invite you to discover and enjoy all that this unique space has to offer! Our primary purpose is to provide a Gathering Space that fosters a Culture of Encounter ~ that is, an encounter with one another, with sacred practices, and with the beauty of nature & art.



Spirituality Center Grounds and Gardens: The garden is now open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 7:30am to 12:00noon. Please come and enjoy the St. Bridget Self-Guided Prayer Walk.

Please contact Kathy Perrin for more information, willowroad1862@outlook.com

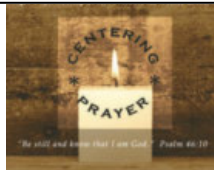
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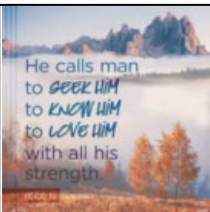
Adult Spirituality Virtual Library:
Take in some good wisdom and learning from our Adult Spirituality Library on our website at stbridget.org.

All are Welcome!

Centering Prayer meets in the Prayer Chapel Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm.



RCIA will not meet on Dec. 28, 2021
Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:00pm
RCIA resumes in the Prayer Chapel



BAPTISMS- baptism@stbridget.org
We are now accepting registrations for our Lenten Series of infant Baptisms.



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Spiritual

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.

At Christmas this year, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the joy and hope to our “brothers and sisters” in need by assisting families with food, utility and rent bills. Thank you!

Gratitude

Thank you for your contributions and support. Because of your generosity SVDP was able to provide Thanksgiving food boxes to 45 families which provided healthy meals to 249 people!! We also wish to recognize all those who assisted with the Angel Tree and Adopt A Family. The recipients are very appreciative of the gifts you lovingly donated. Thank you for being a shining light this holiday season.

Charitable Tax Credit for 2021

Year-end gifts to St. Vincent de Paul may qualify you for an AZ state tax credit.

As part of the Credit for Contributions to Qualifying Charitable Organizations provision, the maximum credit allowed is \$800 for married filing joint filers and \$400 for single, heads of household, and married filing separate filers.

Your donation must be received by 12/31/2021 and can be sent to St. Vincent de Paul, c/o St Bridget Church, 2213 N. Lindsay Rd., Mesa, AZ 85213. Receipts will be sent in January 2021.

Thank you for partnering with us to feed, clothe, house, and heal those in need. Your continued support is deeply appreciated!! For more information, please contact the office at 480-807-1493.

Common Good



In many Latin American countries, and across the US, there is a beautiful Catholic tradition called “Las Posadas.” ... People depicting the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph ... are taken in procession from house to house begging for a place to stay... The hymn begins with St. Joseph knocking and asking, “In the name of Heaven please give us some shelter...” [Only] after St. Joseph identifies his wife as “the Queen of Heaven” and “Mother of God’s”, the owner of the house then has a change of heart and confesses “I was not aware!” and he bids them to enter...

The hymn and the whole “posadas” tradition help those who participate to experience what it must have been like for the pregnant Mary and Saint Joseph to repeatedly hear that there was no place for them. It makes us wonder under what conditions would most of us be moved to open our doors and lives to strangers. Notice that the change of attitude of the owner occurs when he recognizes that among those who were asking to be admitted was - despite all appearances - “Someone special and worthy of respect.”

*“Las Posadas” is not only a powerful allegory for the current crisis of immigration ... but also a palpable reminder of the Christ-centered truth behind the social teaching of the Church...: **Every human person has inherent dignity and is created in the image and likeness of God and, therefore, possesses infinite value and worth.** As a result, in every suffering person we are challenged to see “someone special and worthy of respect” - to see the face of Jesus.*

Excerpt from Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted’s speech at the Catholic Coalition for Migrant Justice on Oct. 10, 2021.

Have a blessed, Merry Christmas!

Knights of Columbus Council #9800

Men of St. Bridget’s Parish, are you interested in supporting our priests, our parish and your family, as well as all of our community?



The K.O.C. and their families have been doing just that since 1882, and *you can be part of it all.* Come join the largest Lay Catholic Men’s organization in the world and see how fantastic it is to be with your fellow Catholic men serving our parish and our community.

Just stop and ask any Brother Knight about the benefits and the fraternity available to *you and your family*. **For more information on the Knights go to www.kofc.org**

Grand Knight Dennis Schauer, at 480-363-8791 or djschauer@cox.net. Business meetings are at 7:00 PM in Collins Hall the first Thursday of every month.

Charity—Unity—Fraternity—Patriotism

St. Bridget Safe Environment

**To those who serve in Ministry....
login to phoenix.cmgconnect.org and complete your Safe Environment Training.**



Please call Pat or Caroline with any questions.



Working with:
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Epiphany Celebration
A Day to Reflect, Refresh & Reconnect
January 15th 11am – 2pm in Collins Hall
See page 3 for more details

CONSTANT CONTACT FROM ST BRIDGET

If you would like to receive Constant Contact emails from the parish, please be sure we have your updated email address. Contact: Finance@stbridget.org

COMMUNITY PRAYER & STEWARDSHIP



Dec. 24, 2021-January 1, 2022

Friday	4:00pm + <i>Deceased members of the Hassan & Dolan Families</i>
	5:30pm + <i>Garnet Bryan</i>
Saturday	9:00am <i>Rosie Bisselle</i>
Sunday	8:00am + <i>Bernice Hassan</i>
	10:00am + <i>Deceased Family Members of the Holy Family Ministry</i>
Monday	8:00am
Wednesday	8:00am + <i>Karen Duffy</i>
Saturday	4:30pm <i>For the Parishioners of St. Bridget</i>

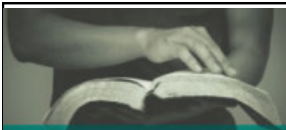


For all in our parish community who are in need of our prayers:

- ◆ Shirley Wolterman
- ◆ Bobby Duro
- ◆ Shawn Busby
- ◆ Carmen Canez
- ◆ Keith Vaughn



Please pray for all the deceased of our parish, their family and friends.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Dec 27, 2021

- Monday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
- Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
- Friday:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
- Saturday:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
- Next Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52

To stay informed visit our web site at www.stbridget.org
Click on our parish **You Tube** Page and subscribe.

Financial Information

December 11-12, 2021

Plate & Mail In	\$ 4,796.00
Tithley On-line	\$ 2,863.32
ACH Checks	\$ 530.00
Total	\$ 8,189.32

POPE	\$530.00
Christmas	\$160.00
Christmas Flowers	\$125.00

Thank you for your continued support to the parish!

**Think about making a Year-End Gift?
There are many ways to give.**

www.stbridget.org/click on Online Giving
Collection Baskets in the church
Drop off or mail to the office
2213 N. Lindsay Rd, Mesa AZ, 85213

If you would like more information, please contact
Pat Shaneyfelt at finance@stbridget.org

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

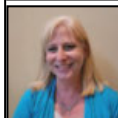
PARISH DIRECTORY



Fr. Scott Brubaker, Pastor



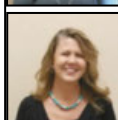
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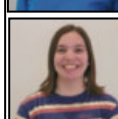
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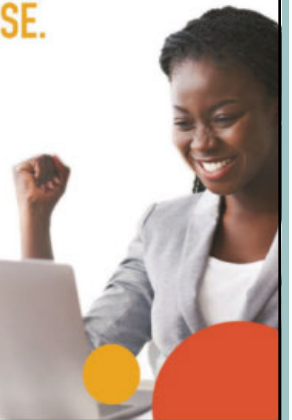
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