



Saint Cecilia Parish

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

Fr. Mark Kiszewski, Pastor

December 20, 2020



MASS TIMES

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

RSVP to attend at
www.saintcparish.org

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and
Friday at 9:00 a.m.
(No RSVP required)

PARISH CONTACTS

LOCATION

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Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
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Email: parishoffice@saintcparish.org

OFFICE HOURS

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(By appointment only)

ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Phone: (206) 842-2017
www.saintceciliaschool.org

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

(Please call the Parish Office)

RECONCILIATION

(By appointment only)

EUCHARTISTIC ADORATION

Exposition Friday 9:30 a.m.
Followed by Eucharistic Adoration
Through Saturday 4:00 p.m.

FUNERALS & ANOINTINGS

(Please call the Parish Office)

Welcome

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new parishioners and visitors to our church! We hope you enjoy your stay and if you would like to join our family here at St. Cecilia Parish we invite you to become a registered parishioner. Please stop by the Parish Office during the week to fill out a registration form, or find one on our website: www.saintcparish.org

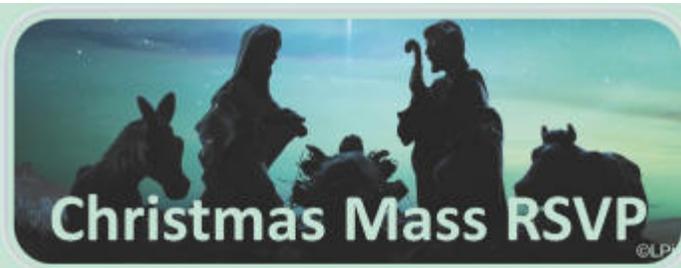
RESERVE YOUR SPOT AT MASS!

We are taking reservations Monday through Thursday for weekend Masses on Saturday at 5:00 PM, and on Sunday at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM. Go to www.saintcparish.org and click on the **MASS RSVP** button to reserve your space. Early reservations are highly encouraged!



NOT QUITE READY YET?

That's okay. The dispensation of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still in effect and you can watch Mass online by going to the parish website and clicking on the **LIVE STREAM** button.



Reservations for the Christmas Masses are now available. Go to www.saintcparish.org and look for the Christmas Mass RSVP button and click to make your reservation. Please note that overflow seating may be used in Conger Hall, if necessary. Please arrive 20 minutes early for all Christmas Masses to help our volunteers get everyone seated in a timely fashion.

FROM FR. MARK

Dear St. Cecilia Community,

Reservations for our Masses on Christmas Eve at 4PM and 7PM and on Christmas Day at 8AM and 10AM are open! The Christmas Eve Masses are mostly full, but we have some overflow seating available in Conger Hall. Mass in Conger Hall will be live-streamed on our big screen and Communion will be brought over from the church and distributed. It is our hope that even if you are seated in Conger Hall you will have a sense of community while celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord.

In order to facilitate safe and comfortable seating for those attending the Christmas Eve Masses, there will be "assigned" seating. Here's how it will work:

- **Arrive 20 minutes before your Mass time**
- Check in with the greeter who will confirm your RSVP and direct you to the church or Conger Hall
- Wait for an usher to take you to your seat
- **PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE SEATS!** Our seating charts were prepared with safe spacing based on the numbers provided and changing seats jeopardizes these safe distances.
- Remember to bring your patience so that we can all joyfully celebrate the birth of our Savior

It is not likely that we will be able to accommodate those without a reservation, so please make sure you have a reservation for ANY Christmas Mass. Assigned seating for the Christmas Day Masses is not necessary at this time, but this could change if our numbers grow significantly. If you have already made a reservation, but your plans have changed, please contact the Parish Office at your earliest convenience so we can update our lists and seating charts.

Christmas Mass attendance requires a lot of thoughtful planning and preparation in 2020, but I am grateful to be in the church celebrating Mass with as many of you as possible.

Love God, Love Your Neighbor,

Fr. Mark

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2020

- SUN 12/20** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
- MON 12/21** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
- TUE 12/22** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
- WED 12/23** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
- THR 12/24** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
- FRI 12/25** Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
- SAT 12/26** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
- SUN 12/27** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2020

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** St. John of Kanty, Priest
- Thursday:** Christmas Eve
- Friday:** The Nativity of the Lord (holy day of obligation)
- Saturday:** St. Stephen, the First Martyr
- Next Sunday:** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Does the world realize that it is waiting? As we go about all of the busyness of our lives and entertain our distractions, there are many holes and gaps in our lives that need to be filled. We are always wanting more, but not really sure what that "more" needs to be. Fulfillment, happiness, contentment, and true satisfactions are fleeting occurrences and often come to us in illusive ways. What we think is the ultimate fix to our anxious emptiness really is only a fancy trend that we entertain. The world does not realize any more today than it did over two thousand years ago that it is waiting for a Savior. We need a Savior. We need to see and embrace the God who has broken into history and become one with us. It is this union of God and man that sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals, and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. The world does not know how truly lost it is. Do you realize how lost you are and that the One you need most is here among us and within your grasp?



*O Come
All Ye
Faithful*

PARISH & COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Offertory Report



Thank you

to all who mail in their offerings
or use Online Giving!

December 13, 2020 Offertory:
\$11,095.01

The average weekly offertory *needed* to
cover the parish budget is **\$12,258**.

We humbly ask you consider
signing up for Online Giving here:
<https://osvhub.com/saintcparish/funds>

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This year, your generosity helped us to provide gift cards (for groceries and gifts), to 40 local families and residents of Manzanita House. The gift cards are being distributed this weekend and throughout the week, taking into account appropriate COVID protocols. Thank you for your marvelous support of this project as you have helped neighbors experience the love of Christ this Christmas season.



Parish elves have been busy working on a Christmas feature-length video for all our St. Cecilia Parishioners! The release date is Monday, December 21st so grab your popcorn and tune in to the St. Cecilia YouTube Channel. The link is posted on our website www.saintcparish.org and will be included in the weekly parish email.

Don't miss it! It's the biggest hit of the year!

PRINCIPAL CORNER

Baptism



We extend a warm welcome to Francis Irwin Moore, son of Seth and Alexandra Moore, who was received into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, December 12, 2020.

We also extend a warm welcome to Gemma Dixie Vasicek, daughter of Charles and Katie Vasicek, who was received into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, December 12, 2020.

Congratulations to both families!

CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:

January 10
February 28

FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASS:

January 24

All classes are Sundays, 11:00 a.m. to noon in the church following 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Questions? Email Miss Barbara at faithformation@saintcparish.org

Feeling Loved

The following is an excerpt from a note written by the parent of a 3rd grader:

An early November morning while driving to school, Kaila was sharing how much she loved being there. I asked her what it was that made St Cecilia so special. She paused for a few moments, then responded, "I feel loved there."

Optimal learning happens when students feel heard, acknowledged and loved.

Stay tuned for next week's Principal Corner to learn what is happening in our classrooms and throughout our school that reinforces our most important message to students - **You are loved.**

With joy,
Susan Kilbane



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