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MASS TIMES

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5pm, *Sunday 9:30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon., Thur. & Fri. at 9:00am

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RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 3:45pm - 4:30pm

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THE SICK

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PARISH INFORMATION & NEWS

SCRIPTURE READINGS & DAILY SAINTS

DECEMBER 26

R1, Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.

R2, Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Gospel, Lk 2:41-52

Saint Stephen

DECEMBER 27

R1, Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12

Gospel, Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Saint John the Evangelist

DECEMBER 28

R1, 1 Jn 1:5—2:2

Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8

Gospel, Mt 2:13-18

Holy Innocents

DECEMBER 29

R1, 1 Jn 2:3-11

Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6

Gospel, Lk 2:22-35

Saint Thomas Becket

DECEMBER 30

R1, 1 Jn 2:12-17

Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10

Gospel, Lk 2:36-40

Saint Egwin

DECEMBER 31

R1, 1 Jn 2:18-21

Ps: 96:1-2, 11-12, 13

Gospel, Jn 1:1-18

Saint Sylvester I

JANUARY 1

R1, Nm 6:22-27

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

R1, Gal 4:4-7

Gospel, Jn 1:1-18

Mary, Mother of God

JANUARY 2

R1, Is 60:1-6

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.

R2, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel, Mt 2:1-12

Saint Basil the Great

A REFLECTION BY FR. WILLIAM HERIC

Dear Friends in Christ,

A blessed and happy Christmas to you all! I offer a special welcome to all guests and visitors joining us this year. It is an honor to celebrate with you the great mystery of the **Incarnation**, of our God who does not dwell in someplace light-years away but is **Emmanuel, God with us** in the body, blood, soul, and divinity of our savior Jesus Christ. As Christians, we are to embody this mystery in the living of our lives, or as Helen Steiner Rice put it, "Peace on earth will come to stay when we live Christmas every day."



A friendly reminder that the church's celebration of the birth of Christ begins on **Christmas Eve**, continues with the **Holy Family, Mary the Mother of God, the Epiphany**, and concludes with the feast of the **Baptism of the Lord**, this year on Sunday, January 9th. So, let's savor the deepest meaning of Christmas which Hamilton Wright Mabie describes this way. "**Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.**"

Yours in Christmas joy and love!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. William Heric".

Fr. William Heric, Pastor

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Please note, the **parish office will be closed Monday, December 27 and Friday, December 31**. We will be offering limited office hours; Tuesday, December 28 - Thursday, December 30, 9:30am - 12:00pm. In addition, there will be no Adoration on Monday, December 27 and no Vigil Mass on January 1. Thanks and Merry Christmas!

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS (CST)

LIVING OUR CATHOLIC VALUES THROUGH ADVOCACY

Last year, Rosa lost 30% of her harvest because of the rain from Hurricanes Eta and Iota. With support from us, Rosa learned techniques to cope with the effects of Climate Change. Now, she hopes to get 50 sacks of corn with this year's harvest. Visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

INVITE PARISHIONERS TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING:

The prophet Isaiah offered a song of praise in seeing the Lord's return and the salvation of his people. How will you celebrate today the birth of the Messiah?

SECOND READING:

The opening prologue of the Letter to the Hebrews is similar in poetic structure and theology to the prologue of the Gospel of John (today's Gospel reading). Both texts place heavy emphasis on the divinity of Jesus. In the birth of Jesus where do you see his divinity present?

GOSPEL:

The opening prologue to the Gospel of John offers a beautiful portrait of Jesus: "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." How does the celebration of Christmas help you sense God's presence in the world?



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - STEWARDSHIP TIES

There is a lot of imagery around Christmas that has to do with adoption — or, more specifically, with a child being loved by another as if they belonged to that person and loved in such a profound way that in time, they do come to belong to that person.

We see this with Joseph and the infant Jesus. Joseph is not Jesus' biological father. But through a series of actions, and through his faithfulness in small, everyday matters, Joseph becomes the foster father of Jesus.

Perhaps we are parents who have adopted children, or we ourselves were adopted. We have also seen how, through a series of actions of love and sacrifice, someone can become the parent of a person who is not their "blood." A lot of times these families celebrate the day of the adoption. I've heard it called a "gotcha day," and it's marked joyously, like a birthday.

Most of us are not descended from the Israelites, God's Chosen People. But through a series of extraordinary actions of love and sacrifice, God has made Himself our parent,

too. And through our own actions, and through faithfulness in small and everyday matters, we are His children.

But in this family, instead of blood ties, we have stewardship ties. It's not about who we look like, it's about how we treat one another. How we take care of one another.

So this Christmas, let's think about how we will celebrate our adoption. As much as it is Jesus' birthday, it's also our "gotcha day" — the day we received the gift of eternal family.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 20 - 26

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
DECEMBER 27	DECEMBER 28	DECEMBER 29	DECEMBER 30	DECEMBER 31	JANUARY 1	JANUARY 2
9:00am - 5:00pm Church is open 9:00am- Daily Mass Parish Office Closed 3:00pm - 10:00pm- No Adoration	9:00am-5:00pm Church is open 9:30-12:00pm- Parish Office Hours 9:00am - Service of the Word with Communion	9:00am-7:00pm Church is open 9:30-12:00pm- Parish Office Hours 5:30pm- Holy Rosary 6:30pm - Daily Mass	9:00am - 5:00pm Church is open 9:00am - Daily Mass 9:30-12:00pm- Parish Office Hours	9:00am - 5:00pm Church is open Parish Office Closed 5:00 pm - Mass of Mary, Mother of God+	9:00am - 6:00pm Church is open 5:00pm - No Vigil Mass	9:00am - 5:00pm Church is open 9:30am - Epiphany of the Lord+
						+Live-streamed

CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

JOIN THE EMAIL LIST

While we are unable to gather for Children's Church in person at this time, we are offering a vibrant Children's Church ministry lead by our Director of Children's Church, Amanda Cahill.

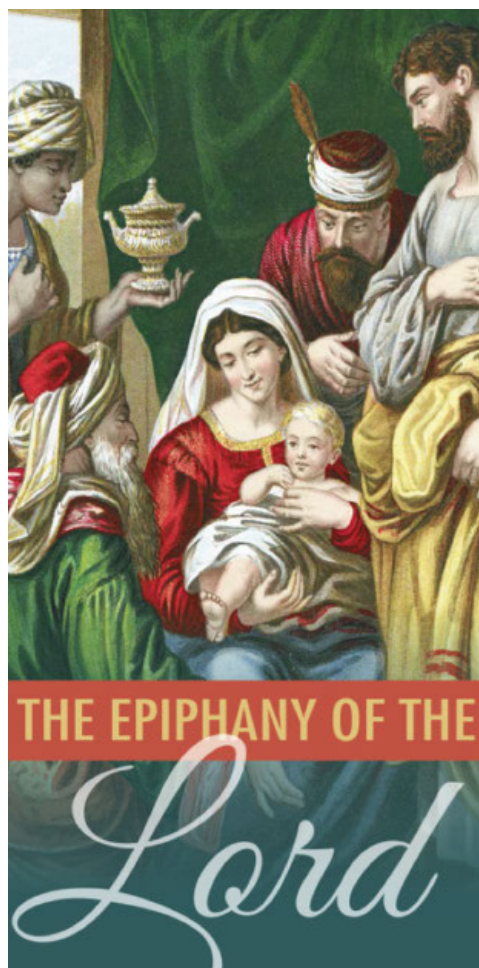
Be inspired each week with thoughtful messages and family activities that relate to the Gospel readings of the week.

Join the Children's Church email list here:

<https://rss.flocknote.com/566161>



Director of Children's Church, Amanda Cahill with her children.



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
 SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 9:30AM

Join us for The Feast of The Epiphany of the Lord at St. Bridget's. All are welcome! **Please note, there will not be a Vigil Mass on Saturday, January 1, 2022**



SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS

Have you ever wondered what you would say to Pope Francis if you were to meet him?

He is listening.

Join us on January 10, 7:00pm at St. Bridget's for our first of three Synod Listening Session opportunities

Come Holy Spirit

Please see our website for more information:

stbridgetchurch.org/synod

PARISH INFORMATION



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament will be offered after Mass on the first Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of each month with **January 7-9** as the next opportunity at St. Bridget's.

This sacrament is meant for anyone living with serious illness or injury of any kind, physical, emotional, or spiritual. Senior citizens living with the various challenges of older age are also welcome to receive this sacrament of healing.

PARISH REGISTRATION

New to St. Bridget's? Welcome! We would love to have you join our growing community! Simply fill out our online form found on our website.

stbridgetchurch.org/join-our-parish



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Please pray for those who are ill:

Jamie Gibson
Mary Gibson
Phil Hart
Frank Holland
Chris Kane
Bill Mitchell
Terry Scott
Jonathan Spencer
David Swan
and the patients at Seattle Children's Hospital



SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Monday	Dec.	27	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Tuesday	Dec.	28	9:00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion	
Wednesday	Dec.	29	6:30pm	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Thursday	Dec.	30	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Friday	Dec.	31	5:00pm	Mary Mother of God	For the Parish
Saturday	Jan.	1		NO VIGIL MASS	
Sunday	Jan.	2	9:30am	Mass	For the Parish

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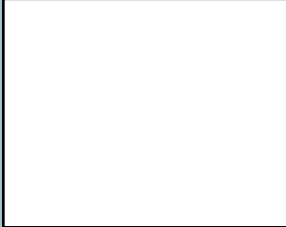
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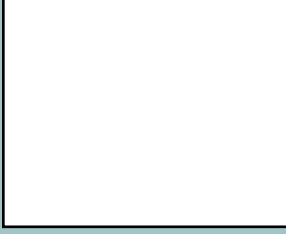
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