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CATHOLIC CHURCH



JANUARY 2, 2022 | LEADING LIVES FULL OF **FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE**



# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Mt 2:10-11

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## MASS TIMES

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5pm, \*Sunday 9:30am

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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

Wednesday at 6:30pm

**\*live-streamed**

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Saturday - 3:45pm - 4:30pm

or by appointment

### ANOINTING OF

### THE SICK

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# PARISH INFORMATION & NEWS

## SCRIPTURE READINGS & DAILY SAINTS

### 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**

### JANUARY 3

R1, 1 Jn 3:22-4:6  
Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a  
Gospel, Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
**Most Holy Name of Jesus**

### JANUARY 4

R1, 1 Jn 4:7-10  
Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8  
Gospel, Mk 6:34-44  
**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**

### JANUARY 5

R1, 1 Jn 4:11-18  
Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13  
Gospel, Mk 6:45-52

**Saint John Neumann**

### JANUARY 6

R1, 1 Jn 4:19-5:4  
Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17  
Gospel, Lk 4:14-22

**Saint André Bessette**

### JANUARY 7

R1, 1 Jn 5:5-13  
Ps: 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20  
Gospel, Lk 5:12-16  
**Saint Raymond of Peñafort**

### JANUARY 8

R1, 1 Jn 5:14-21  
Ps, 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b  
Gospel, Jn 3:22-30

**Saint Angela of Foligno**

### JANUARY 9

R1, Is 42:1-4, 6-7  
Ps, 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10  
R2, Acts 10:34-38  
Gospel, Lk 3:15-16, 21-22  
**Saint Adrian of Canterbury**

## A REFLECTION BY FR. WILLIAM HERIC

Dear Friends in Christ,

I draw your attention to a new addition to the Christmas decorations in our church this year which is **a star** hanging in our sanctuary above the large crucifix on the back wall. The light from a similar star the gospel tells us caught the attention of the **Magi from the east** who were gazing at the night sky to discern the ultimate meaning and purpose of life. The attraction of that star moved them to leave the safe and familiar confines of their homeland, to journey to where the light ultimately led them, to the place where Jesus was born, revealing the glory of God to all the nations. And what is the glory of God? St. Irenaeus said, **“The glory of God is the human person fully alive.”** The great **Epiphany** then and now is that Jesus, the son of God, born of Mary is the revelation of what it means to be human, to be made in the image and likeness of God, and this is a great truth that all people everywhere share in common.



That is a rather remarkable and some might claim audacious proposition, given the complex and often challenging diversity of religions, cultures, ethnicities, philosophies, and ways of life in our world. For all of our differences, and they are many, the great solemnity of the Epiphany declares that we are all beloved children of God, made for as Thomas Merton put it, **“To love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy.”** That is at the heart of the message revealed by the light of Christ to shepherds and kings and through the life of his body the church everywhere including **St. Bridget’s parish.**

We have a great opportunity to reflect on that mission in the upcoming **Synod listening sessions** you have been hearing about for the past couple of months. Our first session is coming up on **Monday, January 10**, at 7:00 pm here at St. Bridget’s. If you have not done so, please consider registering at **stbridgetchurch.org/synod** to participate in this gathering of the church, called to proclaim the light of Christ to all the nations!

A blessed and happy New Year in 2022 to all!

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

Fr. William Heric, Pastor

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS (CST)

### LIVING OUR CATHOLIC VALUES THROUGH ADVOCACY

Earlier this month, Caritas Internationalis (the official humanitarian and development organization of the Catholic Church) launched a campaign that puts two important papal encyclicals into practice to care for our common home and people living in poverty. Our campaign aims to bring people together to carry out new actions and initiatives, especially at the grassroots level, which combat poverty, restore dignity to the excluded, and protect nature in the spirit of integral ecology. Please visit [www.caritas.org/TogetherWe/](http://www.caritas.org/TogetherWe/) to get involved!



## THE LIGHT OF THE MOON

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## WHAT HAPPENS TO A CONSECRATED HOST IF IT ACCIDENTALLY FALLS TO THE GROUND?

This is a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).



# UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

## WEEK OF JANUARY 3 - 9

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
JANUARY 3	JANUARY 4	JANUARY 5	JANUARY 6	JANUARY 7	JANUARY 8	JANUARY 9
<b>9:00am-5:00pm</b> Church is open <b>9:00am</b> Daily Mass <b>11:00-1:00</b> SVDP Drop Off Food Drive <b>3:00pm</b> <b>10:00pm-</b> Adoration	<b>9:00am-5:00pm</b> Church is open <b>9:00am</b> Service of the Word with Communion	<b>9:00am-7:00pm</b> Church is open <b>5:30pm</b> Holy Rosary <b>6:30pm</b> Daily Mass	<b>9:00am - 5:00pm</b> Church is open <b>9:00am</b> Daily Mass	<b>9:00am - 5:00pm</b> Church is open <b>9:00am</b> Daily Mass	<b>9:00am - 6:00pm</b> Church is open <b>5:00pm</b> Vigil Mass	<b>9:00am - 5:00pm</b> Church is open <b>9:30am -</b> The Baptism of the Lord+

+Live-streamed



## 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](http://stbridgetchurch.org/synod)

## WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE ST. BRIDGET LISTENING SESSION ON JANUARY 10

### Small Groups.

No matter how many people show up, we'll break into groups of no more than 10 people.

### Respectful Sharing.

A small group facilitator will guide the process.

- + Each person will have 3 minutes of uninterrupted time to say what is important to them.
- + We'll reflect silently on what everyone said then have another opportunity to speak, one at a time.
- + Our emphasis will be on respectful listening. Not debating. Not making decisions. Just listening respectfully to others.

### Two Hours.

From our initial welcoming with a prayer to our final closing, we plan to spend two hours together.

### Live on the St. Bridget Campus.

We'll make use of the many spaces available, including Fireside Room, Conference Room, etc., to create peaceful, quiet spaces for listening.



# 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.

## CALLING ALL SOCIAL SENIORS!

The next gathering is Wednesday, January 12, at 11 am, in the Fireside Room. We will have plenty of time for conversation with old and new friends. We ask that all attending are fully vaccinated and wear masks.

See you there!



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## PRAYER CORNER

### 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	Jan.	3	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Tuesday	Jan.	4	9:00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion	
Wednesday	Jan.	5	6:30pm	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Thursday	Jan.	6	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Friday	Jan.	7	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Saturday	Jan.	8	5:00pm	Vigil Mass	For the Parish
Sunday	Jan.	9	9:30am	Mass	For the Parish

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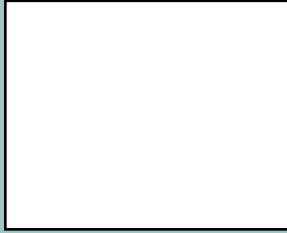
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