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# PARISH INFORMATION & NEWS

## SCRIPTURE READINGS & DAILY SAINTS

### JANUARY 30

R1, Jer 1:4-5, 17-19  
Ps, 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17  
R2, 1 Cor 12:31—13:13  
Gospel, Lk 4:21-30

**Blessed Mary Angela  
Truszkowska**

### JANUARY 31

R1, 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13  
Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
Gospel, Mk 5:1-20

**Saint John Bosco**

### FEBRUARY 1

R1, 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3  
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Gospel, Mk 5:21-43

**Saint Ansgar**

### FEBRUARY 2

R1, Mal 3:1-4  
Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10  
R2, Heb 2:14-18  
Gospel, Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Presentation of the Lord**

### FEBRUARY 3

R1, 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12  
Ps: 1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a,  
12bcd

Gospel, Mk 6:7-13

**Saint Blaise**

### FEBRUARY 4

R1, Sir 47:2-11  
Ps: 18:31, 47 and 50, 51  
Gospel, Mk 6:14-29

**Saint Joseph of Leonissa**

### FEBRUARY 5

R1, 1 Kgs 3:4-13  
Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14  
Gospel, Mk 6:30-34

**Saint Agatha**

### FEBRUARY 6

R1, Is 6:1-2a, 3-8  
Ps, 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8  
R2, 1 Cor 15:1-11  
Gospel, Lk 5:1-11

**Saint Paul Miki and Companions**

## A REFLECTION BY FR. WILLIAM HERIC

Dear Friends in Christ,

When Archbishop Sartain asked me to serve as your pastor in April of 2019, one of the first things I did was to read up on the life of **St. Bridget of Kildare**, our patron saint. I frankly did not know much about her. After two and a half years in this parish, I think St. Bridget is an outstanding patron and spiritual guide for several reasons.



The first is her decision at a young age to **consecrate her life to Christ**. Her father had arranged a marriage for Bridget that would have provided her with material comfort and security. She had given her heart already to Christ, so she rejected her family's wishes for her and made private vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. This was a counter-cultural thing to do then and now. I hope it inspires our parish to be Christ-centered and willing to challenge cultural norms and expectations that are contrary to the gospel. This is the call we share whatever our particular vocation.

Bridget in time formed several monastic communities of women and men whose lives were **dedicated to prayer and the works of mercy, especially hospitality to the poor**. Her witness spread widely, and she is now considered along with St. Patrick and St. Columba, to be one of the three founders of Christianity in Ireland. Her official feast day, February 1, will become a national holiday in 2023. May her life always inspire our parish to be a place of welcome and compassionate care to all we meet. Celebrating our patron saint is an opportunity to rejoice in the life and history of our parish community. Thanks to those who have been part of St. Bridget's from the founding of the parish in 1968. Welcome to those who have recently joined, and cheers to everyone in between. May we continually grow in the faith, hope, and love we share as a Catholic Community. **Happy Feast Day Brothers and Sisters!**

*Bridget, you were a woman of peace.*

*You brought harmony where there was conflict.*

*You brought light to the darkness.*

*You brought hope to the downcast.*

*May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious.*

*And may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.*

*Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.*

*Bridget, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.*

*Strengthen what is weak within us.*

*Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.*

*May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body, and spirit.*

*Amen.*

*Fr. William Heric*

Fr. William Heric, Pastor

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



## WHY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS?

Be it known to all who enter here, that Christ is the reason for this school. He is the unseen, but ever-present teacher in its classrooms. He is the model for its faculty and the inspiration of its students.

## EDUCATION

Catholic schools exist to provide each student with an excellent Christ-centered education to develop the whole child – mind, body, and spirit. Catholic schools fulfill the tasks of catechesis through the teaching of religion, celebration of the sacraments, engagement in missionary discipleship projects, and regular opportunities for prayer and retreat. The combination of a rigorous curriculum with active faith and values, prepares our students to confidently meet the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow. The sacredness of each human life and the dignity of each human person is the foundation of a Catholic moral vision for society locally, nationally, and globally.

## FAITH COMMUNITIES

Catholic schools are faith-filled communities that provide sources of strong institutional support as well as safe, caring environments – especially during times of local and national crises. The Catholic school collaborates with parents who are the primary educators of children. The shared faith and commitment of a Catholic school fosters a bond that enriches parents and students alike.

## MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

In order to form a life-long commitment to create a more just society and to serve the poorest, students are challenged at every age to go forth in service and love. It is only when faith meets action that our Catholic faith becomes real. All schools integrate community service, beginning in the first grade, into the school curriculum. For Catholic school students, service is not just an extra-curricular activity or a one-time subject, but the beginning of a lifetime journey to answer one's personal call to discipleship.

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Our rigorous curriculum forms students for long-term success by challenging them and providing support along the way. We are committed to the mission of preparing students for college, life, and beyond.

On average, Catholic school students at each grade level exceed national norms in math, reading, and language. Each Catholic school is fully accredited.

## ACCESSIBLE

Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Seattle are committed to diversity in our school communities because it is a moral and intellectual necessity. As a system of schools, we believe every human being possesses the dignity of being made in God's image, and every culture reflects God's grandeur. Diversity enriches our social interactions and intellectual lives by exposing all of us to approaches and frames of reference that challenge our unexamined assumptions.

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

Catholic schools strive to be accessible to all families seeking a Catholic education. Our schools are not-for-profit and, on average, are 50% the cost of comparable independent schools. For families unable to afford full tuition, assistance is often available. We strongly encourage you to contact a local school principal to schedule a tour and have a conversation about tuition assistance options.



## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Parents trust our schools to provide school environments where students are safe to develop, intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually. We take this responsibility seriously and strive to provide physically and emotionally safe environments for young people to learn and grow in confidence into future leaders of our communities. We challenge each student to look beyond themselves and, with Jesus as their most important teacher, develop hearts of kindness, courage, and compassion for others.

## ASSUMPTION - ST. BRIDGET OPEN HOUSE

Assumption-St. Bridget School is now enrolling PreK- 8th grade. Join us for our Winter Open House event on **Thursday, February 3, 9:30 am**. RSVP to [admissions@asbschool.org](mailto:admissions@asbschool.org).

# UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

## WEEK OF JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 6

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<i>JANUARY 31</i>	<i>FEBRUARY 1</i>	<i>FEBRUARY 2</i>	<i>FEBRUARY 3</i>	<i>FEBRUARY 4</i>	<i>FEBRUARY 5</i>	<i>FEBRUARY 6</i>
<b>9:00am-5:00pm</b> Church is open <b>9:00am</b> Daily Mass <b>3:00pm - 10:00pm</b> Adoration	<b>St. Bridget of Kildare Feast Day</b> <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>9:30am</b> Anointing of the sick	<b>9:00am - 6:00pm</b> Church is open <b>5:00pm</b> Vigil Mass <b>6:00pm</b> Anointing of the sick	<b>9:00am - 5:00pm</b> Church is open <b>9:30am</b> Mass <b>10:30am</b> Anointing of the sick

+Live-streamed

## OUR PATRON SAINT - ST. BRIDGET OF KILDARE

FEAST DAY - FEBRUARY 1



Bridget or Brigid of Kildare as she is commonly known (c. 451–525), was a nun and abbess who founded several monasteries in Ireland. Christians believe that God performed miracles through Brigid during her lifetime, most of which had to do with healing. Brigid is the patron saint of babies, midwives, children whose parents aren't married, scholars, poets, travelers (especially those who travel by water), and farmers (especially dairy farmers).

Legend also has it that she also turned bathwater into beer. Channeling a little divine intervention, she answered the prayers of the thirsty lepers under her charge by turning the water they used to bathe into not just any beer, but a genuinely brilliant beer that was enjoyed by one and all.

### SAINT BRIGID CROSS

A special type of cross known as "Saint Brigid's cross" is popular throughout Ireland. It commemorates a famous story in which Brigid went to the home of a pagan leader when people told her that he was dying and needed to quickly hear the gospel message. The man was delirious and upset when Brigid arrived, unwilling to listen to what she had to say. Brigid sat with him and prayed, taking some of the straw from the floor and weaving it into the shape of a cross. Gradually, the man quieted down and asked Brigid what she was doing. She explained the gospel to him, using her handmade cross as a visual aid. The man then came to faith in Jesus Christ, and Brigid baptized him just before he died. Today, many Irish people display a Saint Brigid's cross in their homes, since it is said to help ward off evil and welcome good.

**This weekend we will honor our patron saint with two celebrations; a reception following our Saturday Vigil Mass and on Sunday, following our Mass at 9:30 am.** Please join us on our tented patio and classroom area off of the parish hall for these festivities.



### LABOR OF LOVE AUCTION

Coming soon to your computer and smart phone: The ACC's 20th annual Labor of Love online auction! Starting at 9:00 a.m. **Friday, February 4th**, a delightful array of items will be available online at: <https://LaborofLove2022.ggo.bid>.

The auction ends Monday, **February 14th**. Sponsored by Advocacy and Caring for Children, proceeds with benefit children and families in need across Western Washington. Accepting online donations at: Labor of Love Auction ([advocacyandcaringforchildren.org](http://advocacyandcaringforchildren.org)). Be a winner by being a bidder!

# PARISH INFORMATION



## Welcome

NEW PARISHIONERS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new parishioners and visitors to our church!

Visitors, we hope that you've enjoyed your time with us. If you would like to join our family here at St. Bridget we invite you to become a registered parishioner.

Please stop by the parish office during the week to fill out a registration form or register online:  
[stbridgetchurch.org](http://stbridgetchurch.org)

**Welcome to the following new members of our St. Bridget Family:**

**The Auriemma Family  
 Anthony and Geraldine**

**The Bendt Family  
 Dana and Raymond**



## PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Mike Wietholter** Chairman  
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- Jean Marie Shields**
- Robert Skinner**

## PRAYER CORNER

**Please pray for those who are ill:**

- Mary Gibson
- Leah Counts-Goldy
- Phil Hart
- Frank Holland
- Chris Kane
- Bill Mitchell
- Betty Anne Smith
- Jonathan Spencer

and the patients at Seattle Children's Hospital



## SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Monday	Jan.	31	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Tuesday	Feb.	1	9:00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion	
Wednesday	Feb.	2	6:30pm	Daily Mass	For RCIA Catechumens and Candidates
Thursday	Feb.	3	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Friday	Feb.	4	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Saturday	Feb.	5	5:00pm	Vigil Mass	For the Parish
Sunday	Feb.	6	9:30am	Mass	For the Parish

## PARISH STAFF

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