



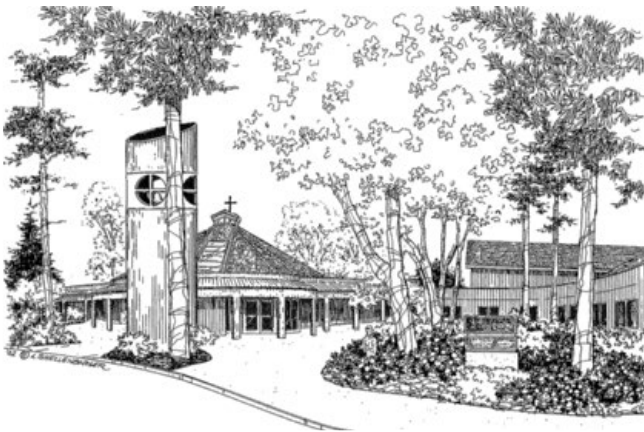
# ST. FRANCIS

## CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

15651 SW Oregon St Sherwood, OR 97140

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### Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Thursday – Saturday	8:30 am
Wednesday	1:00 pm
Saturday Vigil Mass	5:30 pm
Sunday	8:30 am, 10:30 am & 5:30 pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Saturday	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

### Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Closed for lunch	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

### *St. Francis Parish Mission Statement*

*We, the faithful Catholic community of St. Francis Parish, through the celebration of the Sacraments, the fruitful sharing of the graces from God and intentionally imparting these values through Catholic education, earnestly strive to emulate our Patron in practicing the virtues, reaching out to people in need at large and making the kingdom of God present.*

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## Parish Calendar

### Monday, December 13

Saint Lucy

### Tuesday, December 14

Saint John of the Cross

**8:30 am Mass (Stephen Gerber – I)**

6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting

### Wednesday, December 15

Blessed Mary Frances Schervier

**1:00 pm Mass (Schaefer-Hanson family – I)**

2:30 pm Women's Faith Sharing

4:00 pm Finance Council Meeting

6:00 pm SAC Meeting

### Thursday, December 16

Blessed Honoratus Kozminski

**8:30 am Mass (Tom Smith – I)**

9:30 am Women's Insights group

6:00 pm RCIA

7:00 pm Mom's Group

### Friday, December 17

Saint Hildegard of Bingen

**8:30 am Mass (Mark Allison – †)**

10:00 am Env. Comm. Christmas work party

3:00-7:00 pm Adoration

7:00 pm Advent Reconciliation Service

### Saturday, December 18

Blessed Anthony Grassi

**8:30 am Mass (Elmyra Bloudek – †)**

10:00 am Env. Comm. Christmas work party

4:00 pm Reconciliation

**5:30 pm Mass (Theresa Manikowski – †)**

### Sunday, December 19

**8:30 am Mass (Tim Mixdorf – I)**

**10:30 am Mass (James O'Neill – †)**

5:00 pm Hope Diner

**5:30 pm Mass (People of the Parish – I)**

The key for the Mass intentions is as follows:

- Deceased – †
- Healing – H
- Thanksgiving – T
- Intentions – I

To request a Mass intention, please contact the parish office.

## Next Sunday's Readings

Micah 5:1-4a

Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

## Liturgical Ministers December 18 & 19

Readers	Ushers	Servers
<b>Saturday 5:30 pm</b>		
Trish Killinger	Phil Fritz Jeff Dennison	
<b>Sunday 8:30 am</b>		
Jerry Grondin	Kevin Moore Linda Shannon	Christian Conrow Marcus Conrow
<b>Sunday 10:30 am</b>		
Julian Cangelosi	Helena Valdez Greg Parrott	Audrey Gill Alex Gill
<b>Sunday 5:30 pm</b>		
Barb Davis		Drew Knickerbocker Nate Knickerbocker
<b>If you are unavailable for your scheduled time, please find a replacement Minister.</b>		

## St. Francis Council Chairs

Finance Council	Matt Wangler
Pastoral Council	Timothy Mixdorf
Liturgy Committee	Deacon Bill Bloudek
SAC	Bill O'Sullivan
Knights of Columbus	Michael Rooke



## From the Pastor

Weekend of December 11 & 12, 2021 (Advent 3 C)

### ***Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday***

Words like joy, rejoice, dance, exult, praise, sing, shout and so on occur in the readings and psalm more than twenty times, at least. They do set the tone and give us the reasons to rejoice. Half way into this grace-filled season of Advent as we embark, there is a legitimate reason to have the overflowing joy in our heart as we get closer and closer to the Mystery of Incarnation.



Luke's Gospel reintroduces the figure of John the Baptist who advises us to do concrete acts of reparation. We could conceptualize John as the self-effacing precursor who phases out once Christ comes. Putting on the same mantle, we have a task cut out to make Jesus present in others and not claim any glory out of it. But the limitless award awaits us for bringing joy to others. Let us rejoice and be glad!

“Joy is doubled”, in the words of Mother St. Teresa, “when it is shared”. By sharing the joy, we feel the presence of God among us and that is the joyful moment of Christmas. What is it that brings me joy? What would be the best way to bring joy to others? As we are familiar with, the order of preference in our relationship brings **JOY** to us: **J**esus, **O**thers and **Y**ou! We live in a world that is torn by strife and forces us to reverse the order which eventually and evidently throws us off. Let us be very intentional in committing to the right order of relationship to guarantee ourselves with that great gift of joy.

Fr. Amal

### Advent Reconciliation Services

Tuesday, December 14 at 7:00 pm	St Anthony, Tigard
Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 pm	Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Oswego
Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 pm	St Clare, Portland
Thursday, December 16 at 6:30 pm	St Peter, Newberg

*Please join us as we celebrate this Advent and Christmas season*

**Friday, December 17** – Parish Reconciliation Service at 7:00 pm in the church

**Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve Masses** – 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm

**Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day Masses** – 12 midnight, 8:30 am and 10:30 am

**Saturday, January 1** – Mass for the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God at 8:30 am

# Advent Food Drive

*Collect food items everyday of Advent and  
at the end of Advent donate all items to  
the St. Francis Food Pantry*

## Week 3

December 12- Chicken Broth

December 13 - Beef Broth

December 14 - Cream of Mushroom Soup

December 15 - Spam

December 16 - Chicken Noodle Soup

December 17 - Tomato Soup

December 18 - Pears



## St. Francis Stephen Ministry

### Only two weeks' notice!

For years you were the wage earner. Now each morning is the same. It's harder to get out of bed, harder to tie your tie, harder to shine your shoes. A cup of coffee, scan the want ads, make a few phone calls. The search goes on. While you look - you need someone to listen. Someone you can trust. A Stephen minister can be that person. To find out more about the St. Francis Stephen Ministry or to receive a Stephen Minister's care, contact the parish office at 503-625-6185 and ask to speak with a Stephen Minister.

## Prayer REQUESTS

Prayer requests from the St. Francis website, [stfrancissherwood.org](http://stfrancissherwood.org):

Please pray for the prayer intentions of:

- All the souls in purgatory
- For all those recovering from sickness and surgeries
- Kaylees personal intentions
- Courtney for Sylvia's return to health
- Fran's personal intentions
- Steph for Sam's eternal rest and healing for his family



### Catholic Corner

**Did Jesus Christ ever sin?** Jesus Christ was always free from all sin, both original and personal sin, because He is God. *St. Paul Family Catechism*

*"Can any one of you convict me of sin?" (Jn. 8:46 NAB)*

**Next week: How many Persons are there in Jesus Christ?**

### Respect Life



Virgin of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, grant to our homes the grace of loving and respecting life in its beginnings, with the same love with which you conceived in your womb the life of the Son of God. Protect our families, so that they may always be united, and bless the upbringing of our children. ~Adapted from His Holiness John Paul II's "Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe," Mexico January 1979

Father of love and mercy, you sent your Son to take on human flesh through the consenting love of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Grant that Our Lady of Guadalupe may watch over the needs of all peoples under her patronage, especially the peoples of the Americas, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

## St. Francis School

We began Advent with an all school assembly led by Mrs. Huber and her Third Graders, while Mrs. Neary led us in song. Four students created a “Living Advent Wreath” representing the 4 candles on a traditional Advent Wreath. The rest of the class led us in prayers that helped us reflect on the Advent Season.

Each student then traced their hand on green paper and we created an Advent wreath of all the hands that is displayed at the front doors of the school.

The students and Mrs. Neary are busy practicing for the Christmas Program later this month.



# Announcements

## Happening this Week:

**The Church Environment Committee (CEC) is looking for elves!** There will be two work parties to work on decorations for the church for Christmas. If you would like to learn to make swags or arrangements please join the CEC in the Parish Hall this Friday, December 17 and Saturday, December 18 at 10:00 am. If you have any questions please call Barb at 503-639-8134 or Judy at 503-380-5358.

The Mom's Group will meet this Thursday, December 16 in the parish center at 7:00 pm.

**The St Francis Advent Reconciliation Service is this Friday, December 17 at 7:00 pm in the church. Eucharistic Adoration will end at 7:00 pm.**

We are **having 7 - minute talks** after the weekend Masses during Advent. These talks consist of simple Catholic "things". As you may recall from the past, these talks start immediately after Mass in the Church and conclude abruptly 7 minutes later. The talks are informative and sometimes even entertaining.

## Parish Announcements:

Next weekend, December 18 & 19 will be the **Retirement Fund for Religious Collection**. Your donation helps elderly religious with medications, nursing care and more. Envelopes can be found in the narthex.


**We are putting together a children's choir for the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass on Friday, December 24.** If you are in elementary school, and would like to be part of the choir for the Christmas Eve Mass, please call the parish office to sign up. We will have one practice before Christmas Eve. The practice will take place on Tuesday, December 21 at 5:00 pm in the church. Thank you for singing in our choir on Christmas Eve.

## Out of Parish:

**Is your marriage going down the wrong track?** Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated and looking for a better way? The commitment to our marriage sacrament can become difficult, and our marriages can face serious challenges. Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship.

Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team at 503-225-9191, email [portland@retrouvaille.org](mailto:portland@retrouvaille.org) or visit [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org).

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