

St. Frederic Catholic Church

175 S. 13th St., St. Helens, Oregon

Advent Retreat 2020

A Time to Revive Topics

Dec. 9: Liturgy
Dec. 16: Sanctity
Dec. 23: Mission



Mission Statement

St Frederic is a Catholic Christian Community that works and prays together to deepen our love of God and to share that love by ministering to each other and the extended community in holiness and justice.

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OFFICE HOURS: Available by phone

December 13, 2020
3rd Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule by appointment only:

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

Adoration: Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Call 503-397-0148 or go to <https://stfredericchurch.org/reopen> to sign-up.

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass is still in effect.

Masses can still be seen online or on TV:

Mass can be seen on EWTN at 5:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.
4:00 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 9:00 p.m. & 9:45 p.m.

Mass can be listened to on Mater Dei Radio (88.3 FM) at 5:00 a.m., noon & 8:00 p.m.

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Financials

Financial Report for December 6, 2020

The budget for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 is \$3,713 per week. These are expenses to maintain our liturgy, ministries, personnel, and facilities throughout the church compound.

Week 23	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Need:	\$ 3,713.00	\$ 85,399.00
Collection:	\$ 3,110.00	\$ 64,946.35
	\$- 603.00	\$-20,452.65

Online Giving for November \$1,575.69

Thank you for your Support

BEQUESTS

I give, devise, and bequeath the sum of \$_____ to the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon for the sole benefit of St. Frederic Catholic Church located at 175th S. 13th, St. Helens, Oregon to be used under the direction of the priest at the time of my death.

Capital Campaign

<u>Total Rec'd</u>	<u>Total Pledged</u>
\$ 250,868.95	\$ 286,608.00

The Year of Saint Joseph

Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021. You can view the Apostolic Letter at http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html

Vocation Talk

JESUS COMMANDED US to pray for vocations with his words, "Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Mt. 9:38). Take on prayer for vocations as your personal effort to increase the number of priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers.

Third Sunday of Advent

Recognizing the Almighty

"I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." John 1:26-27

These are words of true humility and wisdom. John the Baptist had quite a following. Many were coming to him to be baptized, and he was gaining much notoriety. But his notoriety did not go to his head. Instead, he understood his role of preparing the way for "the one who is coming." He understood that he needed to decrease as Jesus began His public ministry. And, thus, he humbly points others to Jesus.

In this passage, John was speaking to the Pharisees. They were clearly envious of John's popularity and questioned him about who he was. Was he the Christ? Or Elijah? Or the Prophet? John denied all of that and identified himself as one who is not worthy to even untie the sandal straps of the one who is coming after him. Thus, John sees himself as the "unworthy one."

But it is this humility that makes John truly great. Greatness does not come by self-elevation, or self-promotion. Greatness comes solely by fulfilling the will of God. And, for John, the will of God was to baptize and to point others to Him Who was coming after him.

It's also important to note that John said to the Pharisees that they "do not recognize" the one who is coming after him. In other words, those who are filled with pride and self-righteousness are blind to the truth. They cannot see beyond themselves, which is an incredible lack of wisdom.

Reflect, today, upon your calling to imitate these virtues of St. John the Baptist. Do you see your duty in life as one that is singularly focused upon putting your eyes on Christ and pointing others to Him? Do you humbly recognize that it is Jesus Who must increase and that you are nothing more than His unworthy servant? If you can seek to serve the will of God with complete humility, you also will be truly wise. And like through John, many will come to know Christ because of your holy service.

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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome back! It is so nice to see more than 25 people in our Church again!

The Governor has assigned our county to a “High Risk” level which allows for St. Frederic to have 25% capacity! This is great news! It allows us to go back to our old “Covid” schedule. You are on the list for the Mass that you were attending before the statewide “Freeze”.

Please be on time to Mass. Due to contact tracing requirements we will be locking the doors after Mass starts. Please plan accordingly.

Watching Mass on TV is not receiving the Sacraments. If you are able, you should be attending Mass. I hope to see all of you at Mass soon.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Marandu

Advent Schedule

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- Saturday 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Adoration:

- Friday 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation:

- Saturday, Dec. 12, & Dec. 19 at 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Christmas Mass Schedule

- Thursday, Dec. 24, 5:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. (midnight)
- Friday, Dec. 25, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sign-ups in the front of the church, on the website, or call the office to attend.

Second Collection

Next week's second collection is for Retirement for Religious. St. Vincent de Paul's collection is on December 27.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe is December 13 at 11:00 a.m.

This week's **FORMED.org Pick of the Week** is SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA: A STUDY IN PERSEVERANCE. Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Ávila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.

Advent Retreat

We've been gaining more people, and there is still room for more on Zoom! Join us this Wednesday at 6:30. It's easy and fun. For week 2, we discussed how important **Liturgy** is and especially how dear the Mass is to us, as Catholics. It's very different from the Evangelical/Baptist types of Sunday services that popular culture thinks of when they hear the word, “Christian”. And yet we were the original Christians, and in fact still use the same rituals and language at Mass that the Church fathers used! This week, we'll be discussing **Sanctity** and why we make such a big deal about the Saints. If you don't already have your Zoom invitation in your email, call the office or send an email to timari@q.com. All you need is a computer with a microphone (camera optional, but encouraged), and internet service. We meet on Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m.

Youth Group will have their last class until after Christmas in Room 5 this Sunday evening from **6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

December 13—Church

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St Helens Liquor Store

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Weekly Readings (December 14—December 20)

Monday: [Numbers 24](#): 2-7, 15-17a; [Psalms 25](#): 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; [Matthew 21](#): 23-27

Tuesday: [Zephaniah 3](#): 1-2, 9-13; [Psalms 34](#): 2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; [Matthew 21](#): 28-32

Wednesday: [Isaiah 45](#): 6c-8, 18, 21c-25; [Psalms 85](#): 9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; [Luke 7](#): 18b-23

Thursday: [Genesis 49](#): 2, 8-10; [Psalms 72](#): 1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; [Matthew 1](#): 1-17

Friday: [Jeremiah 23](#): 5-8; [Psalms 72](#): 1-2, 12-13, 18-19; [Matthew 1](#): 18-25

Saturday: [Judges 13](#): 2-7, 24-25a; [Psalms 71](#): 3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; [Luke 1](#): 5-25

Sunday: [Second Samuel 7](#): 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; [Psalms 89](#): 2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a); [Romans 16](#): 25-27; [Luke 1](#): 26-38

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