

# St. Frederic Catholic Church

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



## 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 20, 2020  
4th Sunday of Advent

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## 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.

# Financials

## Financial Report for December 13, 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>
<b>Need:</b>	<b>\$ 3,713.00</b>	<b>\$ 89,116.00</b>
<b>Collection:</b>	<b>\$ 1,824.00</b>	<b>\$ 66,770.35</b>
	<b>-\$ 1,889.00</b>	<b>-\$ 22,346.65</b>

Maintenance \$2,089.00

Christmas Flowers \$350.00

**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

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died

Especially Victorico Sanchez, husband of Paula Sanchez, who died Wednesday, December 16, 2020.

Rosary for Victor will be Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Funeral Mass will be Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Please keep Victor and his family in your prayers.

# Vocation Talk

A MISCONCEPTION among some Catholics is that the priest has an ideal job: he works one day each week, Sunday. They forget that the other six days a week, the priest works long and hard behind the scenes: bringing communion to the sick and elderly, counseling troubled families, visiting school classes, preparing individuals for sacraments. Often the job is frustrating, exhausting and thankless, but always of vital importance. Take some time this week and express

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” [Luke 1:38a](#) (Year B)

What does it mean to be a “handmaid of the Lord?” The word “handmaid” means “servant.” And Mary identifies herself as a servant. Specifically, a servant of the Lord. Throughout history, some “handmaids” were slaves without any rights whatsoever. They were property of their owners and were required to do what they were told. In other times and cultures, a handmaid was a servant more by choice, enjoying certain rights. However, all handmaids are inferiors serving a superior.

Our Blessed Mother, however, is a brand new type of handmaid. Why? Because the one she was called to serve was the Most Holy Trinity. She was certainly an inferior serving one who is superior. But when the one you perfectly serve has perfect love for you, and directs you in ways that edify you, elevate your dignity, and transform you in holiness, then it is wise beyond description to not only serve this superior but to freely become a slave, lowering yourself as deeply as possible before such a superior. There should be no hesitation in this depth of servitude!

Our Blessed Mother’s servitude, therefore, is new in that it is the most radical form of servitude, but it is also freely chosen. And the reciprocal effect upon her from the Most Holy Trinity was to direct all her thoughts and actions, all her passions and desires and every single part of her life to glory, fulfillment and holiness of life.

We must learn from the wisdom and actions of our Blessed Mother. She submitted her life completely to the Most Holy Trinity, not only for her own good but also to set an example for each one of us. Our deepest and daily prayer must become that of hers: “I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Following her example will not only deeply unite us with our Triune God, but it will also have a similar effect upon us by making us instruments of the Savior of the World. We will become His “mother” in the sense that we will bring Jesus into our world for others. What a glorious calling we have been given to imitate this most holy Mother of God.

Reflect, today, upon your call to pray this prayer of our Blessed Mother. Reflect upon the words, consider the meaning of this prayer, and strive to make it your own prayer today and every day. Imitate her, and you will begin to more fully share in her glorious life of grace.

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# From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

We are well into the Advent season.

I will be praying for all of you during this Advent/Christmas season. Stay healthy and be smart about the people that you see for Christmas.

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

### Mass Times:

- 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:

- 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 these Masses. Please make sure to include all household members that will be attending with you so that we can plan accordingly. If you have other friends and family coming with you, please sign them up in their own household.**

### Mass for the Solemnity of Mary

Friday, January 1, 2021 Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. There will only be one Mass.

This week's **FORMED.org Pick of the Week** is CHRISTMAS IN ROME: A CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus in Bethlehem.

## Advent Retreat

During the third week of Advent, we discussed **Sanctity**, using Formed.org's *A Time to Revive*. We are all called to be holy, following the narrow road to get to heaven. At the same time, we are human and fail. One way we rectify this dichotomy is to study the lives of and pray to the Saints. We gain inspiration from their hardships, know that they took advantage of the sacraments, especially Reconciliation, and that they are able to pray for us, just as our friends and family on earth do. We've got one more week of the Advent Retreat left. The topic will be **Mission**. Join us! If you don't already have your Zoom invitation in your email, call the office or send an email to [timari@q.com](mailto: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.

## Second Collection

This week's second collection is for Retirement for Religious. Next week's collection is for St. Vincent de Paul.

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## Weekly Readings (December 21—December 27)

**Monday:** Songs 2: 8-14 or [Zephaniah 3](#): 14-18a; [Psalms 33](#): 2-3, 11-12, 20-21; [Luke 1](#): 39-45

**Tuesday:** [First Samuel 1](#): 24-28; [First Samuel 2](#): 1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; [Luke 1](#): 46-56

**Wednesday:** [Malachi 3](#): 1-4, 23-24; [Psalms 25](#): 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; [Luke 1](#): 57-66

**Thursday:** [Second Samuel 7](#): 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; [Psalms 89](#): 2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; [Luke 1](#): 67-79

**Friday:** [Isaiah 52](#): 7-10; [Psalms 98](#): 1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c); [Hebrews 1](#): 1-6; [John 1](#): 1-18

**Saturday:** [Acts 6](#): 8-10; 7: 54-59; [Psalms 31](#): 3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; [Matthew 10](#): 17-22

**Sunday:** [Genesis 15](#): 1-6; 21: 1-3 or [Sirach 3](#): 2-6, 12-14 [Psalms 105](#): 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (7a, 8a) [Hebrews 11](#): 8, 11-12, 17-19 or [Colossians 3](#): 12-21; [Luke 2](#): 22-40

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