

December 8, 2019

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Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm English

Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am English, 1:30pm Spanish

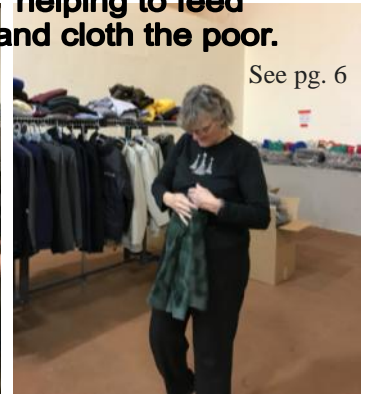
Monday ~ Saturday Morning: 8:00am English

Thursday Evening: 7:00pm Spanish

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:00 - 4:30pm & Thursday 6:00pm - 6:50pm

St. Henry Parishioners helping to feed and cloth the poor.



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...We accept the mission from Jesus Christ to love God above all else and to love our neighbor as ourselves. - St. Henry Mission Statement

Pastoral Council

Chair...Glenn Zmuda; Organization...Sharon Williams; Vocations...Doug Klein; Outreach/ Catholic Action...Don Schantz
Spanish Liaison...Guillermina Hernandez; Education...Terry Tygielska; Communication...Art Abbott
Board Membership...Marcy Marlow; Evangelization...Gerald McAfee

Administrative Council

Development...Vicky Leliefeld, Kathy Thompson; Finance... Rod Moritz, Jesús Torres;
Build/Grounds....Tom Barrie, Shane Tercek, Raul Ramirez

Staff:

Pastor...Fr. Charles Zach

Deacon...Larry Loumena

Business Manager...Claire Clow

Maintenance / Grounds...Ed Kurtz

Liturgy / Sacraments...Sara Wise

RCIA / Adult Ed...Connie Ostlund

Music...Barbara Adams

Parochial Vicar / Habla Español...Fr. Julio Torres

Deacon / Habla Español...Lou De Sitter

Administrative Assistant...Terri Heitzman

Parish Secretary...Veronikka Mayer

Faith Formation...Jeanne Chambers

Youth Ministry / Habla Español...Dave Crepeau

Calendar for December 8 - 15

Sunday December 8 Advent 2

Masses 8:30am & 11am English, 1:30pm Spanish

Everyday Strength Cancer Support 9:30am (OMT)

Library Open 9:45am

EFF & Sacra Prep 9:45am & 12:15pm (P/C)

Coffee & Donuts 9:30am (GYM)

Spiritual Enrichment Presentation 9:40am (KC Hall)

English Basketball 4pm (GYM)

Spanish Basketball 7pm (GYM)



Monday December 9 Mass 8am

Spanish Marriage Prep 6pm (FSR/RM's 6 & 7)

Tuesday December 10 Mass 8am

Office Closed at 10:45am today

Pointers Prayer Group 8:45am (CH)

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry 10am (SVDPP)

Al-Anon 10am (RM 6) Spanish RICA 7pm (RM 6)

Spanish Planning Meeting 7pm (OMT)

Choir 7pm (CH) Nar-Anon 7pm (RM 7)

Wednesday December 11 Mass 8am English

9pm Misa de Vigiliade N.S. de Guadalupe

10:20pm Kermes Solidaria, Ventas de Ricos Platicos y Tradicionales 11:30pm Mañanitas (CH) Spanish

Adult Education 9am (RM 6)

O.A. 10:30am (RM 7)

Youth Ministry 7pm (P/C)

Thursday December 12 Mass 8am English

5pm Rosario, 6pm Recepción de Las Flores con Música, 7pm Spanish Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe Reception to Follow in the Gym

St. Henry Mom's Group 9:30am (RM 8)

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 12noon (LIB)

Day Shelter 1:30pm (GYM)

English RCIA 7pm (RM 6)

Friday December 13 Mass 8am

St. Henry Library Open 9:30am (LIB)

Empty Nesters Christmas Party 4:30pm Appetizers (FSR)

Saturday December 14 Masses 8am & Vigil 5pm Confessions 3pm - 4:30pm

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry 10am (SVDPP)

Christmas Children's Pageant Rehearsal 10am (CH)

Sunday December 15 Advent 3

Masses 8:30am & 11am English, 1:30pm Spanish

Everyday Strength Cancer Support 9:30am (OMT)

Library Open 9:45am

Coffee & Donuts 9:30am (GYM)

EFF & Sacra Prep 9:45am & 12:15pm (P/C)

English Basketball 4pm (GYM)

Pg 2 Spanish Basketball 7pm (GYM)



If your child signed up to be in the
Christmas Family Mass Pageant,
rehearsals are
December 14 & 21 from 10am to 11:30am

Mass Intentions December 9 - 15

M	+Evelyne S. Evans (V. Mayer) +Roger Vonderharr (Vivian Vonderharr)
T	-Quang & Family (Loan Nguyen)
W	+Marion Garbarino (Joseph Olbrich) +Gary (Joe & Anne Schoenheit)
T	+Steve Bigelow (Pat & Kathy Bigelow) +Gary (Joe & Anne Schoenheit) Nguyen & Family (Loan Nguyen) +Ai Nguyen (Loan Nguyen) -Guadalupe Coronel (Vielka Franceschi)
F	+Clarence Dingman (Harry & Patty Dingman) +Gary (Joe & Anne Schoenheit)
S	+Gert & Ted Frazee (Joseph Olbrich) -Vu & Family (Loan Nguyen)
S	-Peggy Hietpas (Sandy & Paul Farrows BDV) +Florence Decker (Carol O'Bill) +Ben & Bernice Olbrich (Joseph Olbrich) -Vielka Franceschi (Vielka Franceschi)

Prayer List

"What you ask in my name, I will do" John 14:13.
Please pray for... Janell Beaudry, Deborah Beckwith, Russell Matthew Branson, Russell Bridenbeck, Imelda Broyles, Charles Brosh, Steven Burbank, Pete Clark, Ruth Cummings, Peter D'Eath, Elizabeth Delong, Bryan Donnelly, Ruth Dornfeld, Brenda Finnerty, Vielka Franceschi, Mary Gigliotti, Michael Gigliotti, Lisa Hills, Sindi Jackson, Joseph Kattanick, Lisa Kearney, Cyndi Kelly, Janna Kelly, Susan Kuckenber, Chita Lazatin, Ian MacAlevy, Sarah Marek, Chris Martin, Jim Martin, Pete Mays, Peggy McVitty, John Merz, Dr. Richard H. Miller, Ayden Mills, Patricia Mulkey, Mike Mushkin, Mary Novotny, Mike O'Neal, Connie Ostlund, Barbara Pereira, Delano Pereira, Dee Dee Pruitt, Gwen Ragnone, Norm Ragnone, Rene, Lori Rohlin, Jerry Ruff, Lori Scienski, Lyn Stevens, Donna Sullivan, Lois Swofford, Teipen Family, Serapio Tolentino, Robert Walsh, Ursula Wares,

Please call the office if you would like to be included on this list.

Out of respect for an individuals privacy, we print only the names of those who give their permission to have their names published.

~ Pastors Note ~ Immaculate Conception 2019



Although it was only on Dec 8th 1854 that Pope Pius IX solemnly declared that Our Lady was conceived free from original sin and that this was then a dogma of faith to be believed by all the faithful, it had been the belief of the faithful for centuries before that. When Our Lady appeared in Lourdes four years later in 1858 she said to St. Bernadette, "I am the Immaculate Conception" confirming the Pope's decision to declare the dogma of the Immaculate Conception four years earlier. Our Lady herself confirmed the Pope's declaration that she was immaculate.

We look on the purity of Mary with admiration. She is the first believer in Jesus. She is the first Christian. We look on Mary as a model for us. Every day we struggle against temptation and sin, or because of events in the past that have hurt us. We can and should pray to Mary to help us on our journey, to help us fight temptation and sin. In our first reading we heard about Eve leading Adam into sin. Mary is the New Eve because at the Annunciation and all through her life Mary restored the relationship broken by the first Eve. She is the New Eve because she is the mother of all those born into new life through the grace in Christ. For this reason another translation of Gen 3:15 reads Mary crushing Satan's head. In our moments of trial let us turn to Mary for help. She like us had to struggle with what it means to be a follower of Jesus. In the temple Simeon predicted that a sword of sorrow would pierce her soul (Luke 2:35). When Jesus was lost she had to learn that Jesus' heavenly Father comes first (Luke 2:49). Mary too had to take up her cross after Jesus even though she was immaculate.

On December 8th we celebrate Our Lady's Immaculate Conception, and not just because of this special grace given to her but also because we regard Mary in a special way a mother to all of us, a mother whom we love and a mother who loves us, a mother to whom we can tell everything, a mother who wants what is best for us. "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen."

What about us?! Belief in the Immaculate Conception of Mary is belief in a provident God, i.e., a God who provides for the future, who prepares His children for their assigned task in life even before they are born, a God who foresees and equips us with all the natural and supernatural qualities we need to play our assigned role in the drama of human salvation. God anoints them already in the womb those men and women whom He created to be His prophets. As He told Jeremiah, "**Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations**" (Jeremiah 1:5). God does not just throw us into this world wide wilderness and then leave us to fight it out among ourselves. As we rejoice with Mary, God's most favoured one ("full of grace") on the feast of her conception, let us thank God for His love and mercy which embraces us right from the moment of our own conception. As Scripture says, "**For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?**" (1Corinthians 4:7). Everything is gift, everything good in us is God's grace. For we all, children of God, are also favoured ones and heirs of God's grace. Yet Mary remains the most favoured one, the mother of all favoured ones, the one that enjoys the fullness of grace.



Advent Penance Services

St. Michael / Sandy Dec. 17 @ 7pm	St. Rita / Portland Dec. 17 @ 7pm	St. Henry / Gresham Dec. 18 @ 7pm
The Grotto / Portland Saturdays 11am - 12noon		St. Joseph the Worker / Portland.....Individual Dec.15 3pm - 5pm or Dec.17 3pm - 5pm



Christmas Family Mass with Pageant

December 24 ~ 4:00pm English

Christmas Spanish Mass

December 24 ~ 6:30pm

Traditional Christmas Evening Mass

December 24 ~ 11:00pm English

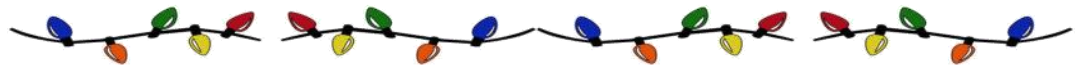
Christmas Day

December 25 ~ 8:30am English
11:00am English

Donation to the Capital Campaign as a Christmas Gift



If you were considering remembering someone with a Christmas gift, please consider donating to the St. Henry Capital Campaign in his or her name. The donating process is easy, you will receive a tax deduction statement for your charitable donation, he or she will receive a warm Christmas card from St. Henry describing your thoughtful gift, and we all will have a chance to bring more of Christ into our Christmas season. Go to <https://sthenrygresham.org/christmas-gifting-a-donation> for more information.



Widows, Widowers and Singles ATTENTION: Something new for our December get together. Hope to see all of you there. **Place:** Imm Dee Thai Restaurant 2009 NE Burnside, Gresham (behind Shari's) **Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2019 (Note the change in day) **Time:** 1:00 pm **PLEASE call Ilene at 503-667-2500 by Sunday, December 15 so a reservation can be made**

~ Stewardship ~ December 8, 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." (Matthew 3:10) Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent, and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter, and junk. Our time, our talent, and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

8 de diciembre de 2019 - 2do domingo de Adviento

"Por lo tanto, todo árbol que no dé buen fruto será cortado y arrojado al fuego". (MATEO 3:10)

Stewardship

is heart work



¿Das buenos frutos para Cristo? ¿O gastas tu tiempo, talento y tesoro constantemente adquiriendo más juguetes, desorden y basura? Nuestro tiempo, nuestro talento y nuestro tesoro son regalos que Dios nos ha dado. Lo que hacemos con ellos es nuestro regalo a Dios. ¿Qué regalos piensas darle al Señor durante esta próxima temporada navideña?

Catholic Family Life ~ Guest Speaker

Please join us for a guest speaker on December 15th in the library. Evelyn Brush will be our presenter. Come enjoy an interesting topic and good conversation. The presentation will start at 9:50 a.m. All are invited.



St. Henry Women's Group

St. Henry Women's Group will not be meeting in the month of December. Our next gathering is on **January 11**. All women (ages 18 and older) are invited to be a part of a faith sharing and friendship group. The group meets monthly on the second Saturday from **9-11 AM in the Parish Center (room 8)**. Mass and Rosary are also available at 8 a.m. in the church. Bring a treat/dish to share and join us for friendship and a continuing discussion/reflection on the Beatitudes (Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. (Matthew, 5: 6). **Remember, January 11 is our next meeting.**

The Traveling Crib

Through the month of December the Traveling Crib will be in the back of the church to receive your new or gently used baby items. All St. Henry parishioners are invited to fill our baby crib with much needed necessities for pregnant women and their babies during this Advent season. All of the donations go directly toward helping clients receiving services through Pregnancy Support Services; a program of Catholic Charities. This is a way we can reach out and help women in difficult situations who are saying "yes" to new life. You will find a list of suggested items in the vestibule. ***Diapers are always greatly appreciated throughout the year. No car seats please.



Spiritual Enrichment



The Spiritual Enrichment Committee of the Knights of Columbus will have a presentation on Catholic Answers; "Advent: The Season and the Lectionary" December 8, 2019 at 9:40am in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Presenter is Father Charles Zach. Coffee will be offered. Please join us.

Holiday Giving Opportunities

Are you looking to help feed and clothe the poor? Here are some ways you can help...
St. Henry's Holiday Dinner for the poor is Thursday, December 19th. If you would like to participate here are some ideas.... Set up and serve – dinner is at 4:00 pm Dishes and clean up – 5:00 pm until 7ish

Donate items for gift giveaways

Batteries Hand warmers Sleeping bags Hoodies Socks and underwear
Perfume and deodorant Hand sanitizer Razors Flashlights Knitted hats
Warm gloves Box of chocolates

Call Sara at the office to coordinate your generosity with the needs of the poor in our community! 503-665-9129

Festival of the Lights Put this on your calendar for the entire family.

Now through December 30, 2019 9:30pm

Location: The Grotto (The National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother)

Rediscover the true meaning of Christmas. (Closed Christmas day)

Retirement Fund for Religious

Support aging religious. Our second collection today is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please give generously.

Best Advent Ever

Please join your fellow parishioners for Dynamic Catholic's Best Advent Ever. It is super easy and quick to sign up. You will receive a short inspirational video each day to help you slow down, think and pray and apply the ideas to your life. These videos come straight to your emails and will help you prepare for Christmas. Go to BestAdventEver.com

Franciscanathome.com

The Archdiocese of Portland is partnering with the Franciscan University of Steubenville and is sharing this free program to all the Catholic Churches in the Diocese. St. Henry is offering this to all people at St. Henry. Log into <https://franciscanathome.com/free-sign-up>. Follow the directions and enjoy this online learning tool.

Vehicle Donations

VEHICLE DONATION – If you have a vehicle you might like to part with the parish has now signed up with Volunteers of America Vehicle Donation to handle car donations. Just go to the home page of our website and click on the tab that is titled **SUPPORT OUR PARISH and a link to vehicle donations will drop down from that link**. Fill out the form and Volunteers of America will contact you. The parish receives 60% of whatever the car sells for. Please call Claire Clow in the parish office if you have questions at 503-665-9129.

Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Miércoles, Diciembre 11

9:00pm Misa de Vigilia 10:20pm Kermes solidaria 11:30pm Tradicionales Mañanitas

JUEVES, Diciembre 12 “Vestir con Orgullo nuestros trajes regionales”

5:00pm El Rosario de los Niños vestidos de Indio Juan Diego

6:00pm Recepción de las Flores con Música

7:00pm Misa de la Solemnidad de Ntra. Sra. De Guadalupe

8:20pm Fiesta en el Gimnasio Parroquial. Música de Banda.

9:00pm Danzas 9:45pm Balle Popular

10:45pm Invitación próximo año y despedida



Wednesday, December 11

9:00pm Vigil Mass 10:20pm Solidarity Kermes

11:30pm Traditional Mañanitas

THURSDAY, December 12

5:00pm The Rosary with Children dressed as Juan Diego

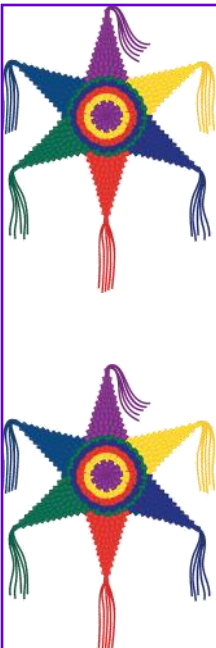
6:00pm Reception of Flowers with Music

7:00pm Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:20pm Party in the Gymnasium. Band music.

9:00pm Dances 9:45pm Balle Popular

10:45pm Invitation next year and farewell



Posadas

December 16 to 23rd, 2019

Come and Join Mary and Joseph in their adventure to find a place for Jesus.



Ask for a posada, Sing with Joy,
Let your “inside child” have fun..
Break piñatas, Get candy..
...let’s have a good time.



“We Are One in St. Henry”

At the Gym and the Fire Side Room
at 6:00p.m..

