



ST. PHILIP BENIZI CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 24, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Advent



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm Mass
Sunday - 8:00am & 10:30am Mass
Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri - 8am Mass
Tuesday - 6:30pm Mass
First Saturday of each Month – 8am Mass Anointing of the Sick

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays – 4:00-5:00pm or by Appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Thursdays – 8:30am-9pm
(ends with Benediction)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

If you or someone you know is homebound, wants to receive Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing, please call the parish office, 503-631-2882.

Baptisms: Call the Parish Office.

Funerals: Call the Parish Office.

Weddings: Call Fr. Joseph Hùng Nguyễn at least 6 months in advance of the potential date.

St. Philip Benizi Mission Statement

St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church being part of the universal church shares in its mission: to proclaim Jesus Christ who came to the world to fulfill His father's will; by proclaiming the kingdom of God, building up the parish community as a witness to God's love and care for the world, helping one another to become what God has called us to be. We are therefore encouraged to work toward God's purpose of "wanting all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Tim 2:4).

Part Two: The Celebration of the Christian Mystery

Article 3. The Sacrament of the Eucharist

III. The Eucharist in the Economy of Salvation

Do This in Memory of Me

Want to listen to the Catechism with commentary/ explanation? This excerpt of the Catechism is Day 183 in the Catechism in a Year.

1341 The command of Jesus to repeat his actions and words "until he comes" does not only ask us to remember Jesus and what he did. It is directed at the liturgical celebration, by the apostles and their successors, of the memorial of Christ, of his life, of his death, of his Resurrection, and of his intercession in the presence of the Father.

1342 From the beginning the Church has been faithful to the Lord's command. of the Church of Jerusalem it is written:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.... Day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts.

1343 It was above all on "the first day of the week," Sunday, the day of Jesus' resurrection, that the Christians met "to break bread." From that time on down to our own day the celebration of the Eucharist has been continued so that today we encounter it everywhere in the Church with the same fundamental structure. It remains the center of the Church's life.

1344 Thus from celebration to celebration, as they proclaim the Paschal mystery of Jesus "until he comes," the pilgrim People of God advances, "following the narrow way of the cross," toward the heavenly banquet, when all the elect will be seated at the table of the kingdom.

IV. The Liturgical Celebration of the Eucharist

The Mass of All Ages

1345 As early as the second century we have the witness of St. Justin Martyr for the basic lines of the order of the Eucharistic celebration. They have stayed the same until our own day for all the great liturgical families. St. Justin wrote to the pagan emperor Antoninus Pius (138-161) around the year 155, explaining what Christians did:

On the day we call the day of the sun, all who dwell in the city or country gather in the same place.
 The memoirs of the apostles and the writings of the prophets are read, as much as time permits. When the reader has finished, he who presides over those gathered admonishes and challenges them to imitate these beautiful things.
 Then we all rise together and offer prayers* for ourselves . . .and for all others, wherever they may be, so that we may be found righteous by our life and actions, and faithful to the commandments, so as to obtain eternal salvation.
 When the prayers are concluded we exchange the kiss.
 Then someone brings bread and a cup of water and wine mixed together to him who presides over the brethren.
 He takes them and offers praise and glory to the Father of the universe, through the name of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and for a considerable time he gives thanks (in Greek: eucharistian) that we have been judged worthy of these gifts.
 When he has concluded the prayers and thanksgivings, all present give voice to an acclamation by saying: 'Amen.'
 When he who presides has given thanks and the people have responded, those whom we call deacons give to those present the "eucharisted" bread, wine and water and take them to those who are absent.

1346 The liturgy of the Eucharist unfolds according to a fundamental structure which has been preserved throughout the centuries down to our own day. It displays two great parts that form a fundamental unity:

- the gathering, the liturgy of the Word, with readings, homily and general intercessions;
- the liturgy of the Eucharist, with the presentation of the bread and wine, the consecratory thanksgiving, and communion.

The liturgy of the Word and liturgy of the Eucharist together form "one single act of worship"; The Eucharistic table set for us is the table both of the Word of God and of the Body of the Lord.

1347 Is this not the same movement as the Paschal meal of the risen Jesus with his disciples? Walking with them he explained the Scriptures to them; sitting with them at table "he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them."

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Thank you to all who have been sharing kind words, cards and Christmas gifts to the staff and I! They are very much appreciated. May your Christmas and New Year celebrations with family and friends be blessed with God's continuous grace!

Yours in Christ,
 Fr. Joseph Hùng Nguyễn

Thank You

Saint of the Week: St. Stephen

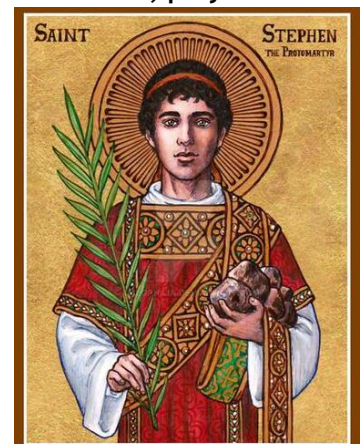
Martyred circa 36 AD

St. Stephen was one of the first believers to follow the Apostles after the crucifixion of Jesus. In Acts of the Apostles chapter 6, we hear of the calling of deacons, including Stephen, to assist with the growing number of Christians.

"Now Stephen, filled with grace and power, was working great wonders and signs among the people" Acts 6:8. Stephen taught boldly and did not back down from the truth, despite accusations from the those in the synagogue. After being brought before the Sanhedrin, Stephen gave the longest speech written in Acts of the Apostles. In his speech, Stephen gave an overview of salvation history.

After his speech, Stephen was condemned, with Saul being amongst them. His condemners drug him outside of the city and began to stone him. "As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them"; and when he said this, he fell asleep." Acts 7:59-60

St. Stephen, first martyr of the church, pray for us!



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass will be at 5pm Sunday, December 24.
 Christmas Day Mass will be at 9am Monday, December 25.

January 1st: Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God falls on a Monday this year. In the United States it is not a holy day of obligation, but a holy day of opportunity. Holy Mass will be at 8am.

Catholic Charities Furniture Donations Needed

Government officials are calling on Catholic Charities of Oregon to resettle more refugees in the Portland area, and furnishings for the new households are in short supply.

“We are low on furniture at our warehouse. And we have a lot of apartments set-ups in January,” said Peter Vins of the Refugee Services program at Catholic Charities. Beds, couches, chairs and tables are all welcome. Catholic Charities staff will arrange for pickup.

If you have good furniture to donate, call Peter Vins at 503-780-1115.

Retrouvaille: A Lifeline for Married Couples

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? - Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you want to help to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in supporting hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication.

Visit www.helpourmarriage.org for program information and emotional testimonials.

For confidential information or to register for the January 26-28, 2024 weekend at Our Lady of Peace Retreat Center in Beaverton, Oregon, call (503) 225-9191.

Sunday, 12/24/2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00am Mass: + Charles & Ann Evers
 10:30am Mass: All Parishioners

5:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass: + John & Claire Glenn

Monday, 12/25/2023 Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

9:00am Mass: +Nicole Payne

Tuesday, 12/26/2023 Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr

6:30pm Mass: + Kevin Zak

Wednesday, 12/27/2023 Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church
 8:00am Mass: +Anna Rapaciuolo

Thursday, 12/28/2023 Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church
 8:00am Mass: +Edward Curtin

9:00am-9:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00pm: Faith Sharing Group



Friday, 12/29/2023 Memorial of St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

7:40am Morning Prayer/Church
 8:00am Mass: + Frank Foley

Saturday, 12/30/2023

4:00-5:00pm: Reconciliation/Church
 5:30pm Sunday Vigil Mass: + Al Wetzel Jr.

Sunday, 12/31/2023 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00am Mass: All Parishioners
 10:30am Mass: + Polly Klingensmith

Finance Corner

<u>Registered</u> 222	WEEK OF 12/17/23 <u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Donors</u>	\$4,422 (online \$580)	\$5,993
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	\$115,712.89	\$128,510

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the parish!
 May you and your loved ones receive blessings in return.

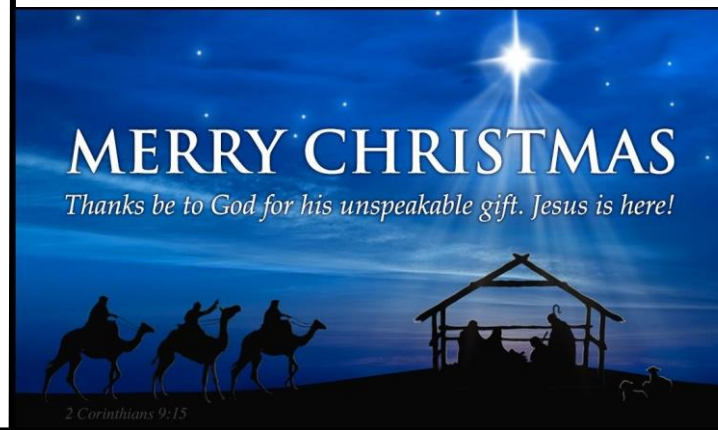


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Next Week's Assignments. Thank you for serving in this ministry!

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Lector/Commentator</u>	<u>Extraordinary Minister</u>
12/30-5:30pm	Tom Muldoon	Heather Hannam	Becky Wooten
12/31-8:00am	Jim Charriere	Kristine Bible	Jeannine Breshears
12/31-10:30am	Larry Carnahan	Nancy Carnahan	Marina Logue

December Church Cleaners: Thuc & Gail Alexander (503)-740-8312
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May you enjoy all the happiness
the season can bring, and may
His eternal love bring you peace
throughout the coming year.

God bless you, and may you
have a wonderful Christmas!

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