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December 1, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am

10:30am

Daily Mass:

Monday: 8:00am

Tuesday: 6:00pm

Wed-Fri: 8:00am

First Saturday of the Month:

Anointing of the Sick Mass: 8:00am

Holy Days:

Mass: 8:00am

Mass: 6:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays: 9:00am-9:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00-5:00pm

or any day by appointment

Anointing of the Sick and Communion to the Homebound

If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office.

Baptisms, Funerals, and Weddings

Call the parish office. (For weddings, please contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance of a 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).

NEXT WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Ushers	Lectors	EMHCs	Altar Servers
12/7 5:30 pm	Clay Rosenau	Tom Muldoon	Heather Hannam	Ed Schneider
12/8 8:00 am	Paul Lowry/ William Person	Kristine Bible	Claudia Evers	Clay Dryden Claire & Grace Pattyn
12/8 10:30 am	Larry Carnahan	Dan Sweeney	Marina Logue	Jeff Mitchael Achilles C. Oli Friedman
Dec. Church Cleaners		Dec. Alter Linens	Coffee Hour Servers 12/8	
Elaine Keavney		Pam Erickson	9:00 Pat & Elaine 11:30 Alexanders	

Saint of the Week: St. Nicholas

Feast day: 12/6



St. Nicholas is celebrated as the patron saint of several classes of people, especially, in the East, of sailors and in the West of children. The first of these patronage is most likely due to the legend that during his lifetime, he appeared to storm tossed mariners who invoked his aid off the coast of Lycia and brought them safely to port. The legend of the "three children" is credited to his patronage of children and various observances, ecclesiastical and secular, connected there with; such were the boy bishop and especially in Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands, the giving of presents in his name at Christmas time.

This custom in England is not a survival from Catholic times. It was popularized in America by the Dutch Protestants of New Amsterdam who converted the popish saint into a Nordic magician (Santa Claus = Sint Klaes = Saint Nicholas) and was introduced into this country by Bret Harte. It is not the only "good old English custom" which, however good, is not "old English," at any rate in its present form. The deliverance of the three imperial officers naturally caused St. Nicholas to be invoked by and on behalf of prisoners and captives, and many miracles of his intervention are recorded in the middle ages.

Curiously enough, the greatest popularity of St. Nicholas is found neither in the eastern Mediterranean nor north-western Europe, great as that was, but in Russia. He is also the patron saint of Greece, Apulia, Sicily and Loraine, and of many cities and dioceses (including Galway) and churches innumerable. At Rome the basilica of St. Nicholas in the Jail of Tully (in Carcere) was founded between the end of the sixth and the beginning of the seventh centuries. He is named in the preparation of the Byzantine Mass. St. Nicholas became recognized as a saint long before the Roman Catholic Church began the regular canonizing procedures in the late 10th century. Therefore, he does not have a specific date of canonization, rather records of him exist in a gradual spread until his stories became widely known and celebrated. St. Nicholas' feast day is December 6.

Liturgical Events This Week

Sunday 12/1/2024 (First Sunday of Advent)	
8:00am	Mass: + Ray & Mary Lou Silvander <i>(Janice Searls)</i>
10:30am	Mass: All Parishioners
Monday 12/2/2024	
7:40am	Morning Prayer & Rosary
8:00am	Mass: + Penny Stevens <i>(Jim Stevens)</i>
Tuesday 12/3/2024	
6:00pm	Mass: + Dan Stevens <i>(Jim Stevens)</i>
7:00pm	RCIA
Wednesday 12/4/24	
7:40am	Morning Prayer & Rosary
8:00am	Mass: + Tim Stevens <i>(Jim Stevens)</i>
Thursday 12/5/24	
7:40am	Morning Prayer & Rosary
8:00am	Mass: + Pat Stevens <i>(Jim Stevens)</i>
9:00am-9:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Rosary
6:00pm	Faith Sharing Group
Friday 12/6/24	
7:40am	Morning Prayer
8:00am	Mass: + Brian Stevens <i>(Jim Stevens)</i>
Saturday 12/7/24	
8:00am	Mass: + Kevin Alderman <i>(Tim & Jan Alderman)</i>
4:00pm-5:00pm	Reconciliation/Church
5:30pm	Sun. Vigil Mass: All Parishioners
Sunday 12/8/24 (Second Sunday of Advent)	
8:00am	Mass: + Leslie Lowry <i>(Paul Lowry & Claudia Evers)</i>
10:30am	Mass: +Mary Wetzel Anderson <i>(Joyce Wetzel)</i>

Religious Education

RE Class: Dec. 8. Dec.15

No RE Class Dec. 1, Dec. 22, Dec. 29

Confirmation Class resumes : Dec. 8

**RCIA/OCIA Classes meet each Tuesday at
7pm in the Parish Hall.**



HELPING HANDS GIVING TREE

\$25 or \$50 GIFT CARDS.



The Giving Trees are up in the Narthex

and at the side door of the church. We are asking for \$25 or \$50 gift cards from either Fred Meyer, Target, Walmart or VISA. Each child will receive \$50 in gift cards to purchase their desired gift. Please take a tag off the Giving Tree for donating a \$25 or \$50 gift card, turkey, or ham. Return the gift cards to the labeled box under the tree in the Narthex or drop off at the office. If easier, you can give money donations to Helping Hands in the collection basket or with your ConnectNow online giving. **DEADLINE** to return items is Sunday, December 15th. Thank you for providing gift cards to local children in need!

Helping Hands Food Closet needs food and personal

hygiene donations for Christmas baskets for an estimated 40 families. **Items needed include:** flour, sugar, stuffing mix, dry beans, chili, spaghetti sauce, canned meats, canned fruit, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, laundry and dish soap. Drop off food donations near the doors of the church or bring to the hall. **DEADLINE** to return items is Sunday, December 15th. Thank you for your generosity!

ADVENT IS WAITING IN PRAYER

Dear friends, as we begin this period of advent, we are beginning a time of waiting, a time of longing, a time of hoping, a time of watching, a time of yearning and expecting ... seems like life is all about that. Life is Advent. Advent means coming and simply put, Advent is the season when we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Advent is the time when we get our hearts ready for the greatest Christmas gift – namely Jesus Christ. We believe that Christ comes in three ways. Yes, He has come already at Bethlehem on that first Christmas. This is the first coming of our Lord, the one we are most familiar with and celebrate every Christmas.

He also comes to us now, every day, in such mysterious ways, as in prayer, grace, word, and sacraments. These are other ways that Our Lord comes to us. The word for the celebration of the Lord's birth, "Christmas" – literally, "Christ's Mass" – hints at that coming as well. Then there is yet another coming of Jesus. Christ will come at the end of time, as judge of the living and dead. So, there are three comings of Jesus Christ. Christ did come in the past, Christ does come right now, and Christ will come in the future. If you don't mind me saying it in a poetic way, our Lord comes to us in history, Our Lord comes to us in mystery and our Lord comes to us in majesty. He comes in history as the Holy Infant of Bethlehem. He comes to us now in mystery – in words, sacrament, grace, and mercy. He will come in majesty at the end of the world as judge of the living and dead. This is the threefold coming of Christ that we contemplate during this blessed Season of Advent. May we have a grace filled season of Advent, prepare well our hearts to receive our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

FR, PETER, AJ.

Giving Tuesday- Dec. 2

This is a great time to donate to your favorite charities, like CYO and Camp Howard. Most charities receive double your gifts from corporate donors. Your gift goes twice as far on Dec. 2!

Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass will be held on Monday Dec. 9, at 8am and 6pm. **This is a Holy Day of Obligation!**

Advent Day Retreat

Wed. Dec. 4th at 9am-2:30 pm. **See flyer on bulletin board in the Narthex for more information.**

Special Advent edition copies of The Word Among Us and Advent Newsletter are available at the doors of the church. Please pick up your copy.

Please look on the back of the bulletin for more information!



DECEMBER 8, 2024

**6:30 pm/ Free will
Offering**

**Holy Family Catholic Church
7525 SE CESAR E. CHAVEZ
BLVD. PORTLAND, OR 97202**



Finance Corner

11/24/24	Actual	Budget
This Week, General Fund	\$4,427 Online \$1,945	\$5,125
Fiscal Year (YTD)	\$91,320	\$106,100

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the parish! May God's continued blessings be upon you and your loved ones.

For Sale: Whole & 1/2 Cornish Cross Chickens



New Vendor Products
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Closed Thanksgiving Weekend!

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Join Oregon Retrouvaille as we host a working weekend for couples struggling in their marriages by couples who have been there in the struggle. Come January 31-February 2, 2025 at Canby Grove Retreat Center in Canby, Oregon.

For confidential information or to register for the program call 1-503-225-9191 or email: portland@retrouvaille.org or visit us at Helpourmarriage.org



ADVENT 2024

HOLY LEAGUE

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE
THEHOLYLEAGUE.ORG

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7, 2024 7AM TO 4PM

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