



# ST. PHILIP BENIZI CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 17, 2023  
Third 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**

The signs of bread and wine

1333 At the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that, by the words of Christ and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's Body and Blood. Faithful to the Lord's command the Church continues to do, in his memory and until his glorious return, what he did on the eve of his Passion: "He took bread...." "He took the cup filled with wine...." the signs of bread and wine become, in a way surpassing understanding, the Body and Blood of Christ; they continue also to signify the goodness of creation. Thus in the Offertory we give thanks to the Creator for bread and wine, fruit of the "work of human hands," but above all as "fruit of the earth" and "of the vine" - gifts of the Creator. the Church sees in the gesture of the king-priest Melchizedek, who "brought out bread and wine," a prefiguring of her own offering.

1334 In the Old Covenant bread and wine were offered in sacrifice among the first fruits of the earth as a sign of grateful acknowledgment to the Creator. But they also received a new significance in the context of the Exodus: the unleavened bread that Israel eats every year at Passover commemorates the haste of the departure that liberated them from Egypt; the remembrance of the manna in the desert will always recall to Israel that it lives by the bread of the Word of God; their daily bread is the fruit of the promised land, the pledge of God's faithfulness to his promises.

The "cup of blessing" at the end of the Jewish Passover meal adds to the festive joy of wine an eschatological dimension: the messianic expectation of the rebuilding of Jerusalem. When Jesus instituted the Eucharist, he gave a new and definitive meaning to the blessing of the bread and the cup.

1335 The miracles of the multiplication of the loaves, when the Lord says the blessing, breaks and distributes the loaves through his disciples to feed the multitude, prefigure the superabundance of this unique bread of his Eucharist. The sign of water turned into wine at Cana already announces the Hour of Jesus' glorification. It makes manifest the fulfillment of the wedding feast in the Father's kingdom, where the faithful will drink the new wine that has become the Blood of Christ.

1336 The first announcement of the Eucharist divided the disciples, just as the announcement of the Passion scandalized them: "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" The Eucharist and the Cross are stumbling blocks. It is the same mystery and it never ceases to be an occasion of division. "Will you also go away?": The Lord's question echoes through the ages, as a loving invitation to discover that only he has "the words of eternal life" and that to receive in faith the gift of his Eucharist is to receive the Lord himself.

The institution of the Eucharist

1337 The Lord, having loved those who were his own, loved them to the end. Knowing that the hour had come to leave this world and return to the Father, in the course of a meal he washed their feet and gave them the commandment of love. In order to leave them a pledge of this love, in order never to depart from his own and to make them sharers in his Passover, he instituted the Eucharist as the memorial of his death and Resurrection, and commanded his apostles to celebrate it until his return; "thereby he constituted them priests of the New Testament."

1338 The three synoptic Gospels and St. Paul have handed on to us the account of the institution of the Eucharist; St. John, for his part, reports the words of Jesus in the synagogue of Capernaum that prepare for the institution of the Eucharist: Christ calls himself the bread of life, come down from heaven.

1339 Jesus chose the time of Passover to fulfill what he had announced at Capernaum: giving his disciples his Body and his Blood:

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the passover meal for us, that we may eat it...." They went ... and prepared the passover. and when the hour came, he sat at table, and the apostles with him. and he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you I shall not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.".... and he took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." and likewise the cup after supper, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the New Covenant in my blood."

1340 By celebrating the Last Supper with his apostles in the course of the Passover meal, Jesus gave the Jewish Passover its definitive meaning. Jesus' passing over to his father by his death and Resurrection, the new Passover, is anticipated in the Supper and celebrated in the Eucharist, which fulfills the Jewish Passover and anticipates the final Passover of the Church in the glory of the kingdom.

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**Christmas Mass Schedule**

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

**Advent Holy Hour & Reconciliation Service**

On Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> the JPIL Young Adult Crew will be hosting a Eucharistic Holy Hour with praise & worship 6-7pm. Fr. Joseph will be available following the Holy Hour 7-8:45pm. The Advent Penance service for 2023 is cancelled due to the recent opportunities for Confession in our vicariate, both at the Healing the Whole Person at Our Lady of Lavang and the Healing Holy Hour with Archbishop Sample at Christ the King. If you are unable to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession during this time or 4-5pm on Saturdays, please contact the parish office to schedule a time.

**Christmas Church Decorating**

If anyone would like to lend a hand to help prepare the church for Christmas, please join us after the 10:30 Mass on December 24<sup>th</sup> to set up the manger and Christmas trees.

**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](http://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, 12/17/2023** Third Sunday of Advent

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

**Monday, 12/18/2023**

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

**Tuesday, 12/19/2023**

6:30pm Mass: + Dorla Payne  
7:00pm: RCIA/Hall

**Wednesday, 12/20/2023**

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church  
8:00am Mass: Claire Pattyn

**Thursday, 12/21/2023** Memorial of St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church  
8:00am Mass: All the Souls in Purgatory

9:00am-9:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00pm: Faith Sharing Group  
6:00pm: Holy Hour with Praise & Worship  
7-8:45pm: Reconciliation

**Friday, 12/22/2023**

7:40am Morning Prayer/Church  
8:00am Mass: + Pete & Jean Jenquin

**Saturday, 12/23/2023**

4:00-5:00pm: Reconciliation/Church  
5:30pm Sunday Vigil Mass: + Thomas Dale



**Saint of the Week: St. Peter Canisius**

May 8, 1521-December 21, 1597

Peter Canisius was born in a Dutch village in 1521. As a child, he was told that he was idle too often, but this did not continue throughout his life. In 1543 Peter joined the Jesuits after participating in the Spiritual Exercises under St. Peter Favre.



In 1547 Peter attended the Council of Trent, which was prompted by the Protestant Reformation. Peter made it his mission to revitalize the spiritual roots of each person, in order to bring life into the Catholic Church.

In 1562 Peter was called by the Bishop of Augsburg to speak for a congregation of theologians. After spending time in Augsburg, he was sent across Europe to spend time preaching and attending councils. Eventually, Peter was sent to Bavaria, where he worked at the University of Ingolstadt. He was well known to be a great preacher, especially to the Germans, earning him the name as the second apostle of Germany. St. Peter Canisius was an important figure in reforming the Catholic Church through his speaking and writings.

St. Peter Canisius, Pray for us!

**Finance Corner**

Registered 222	WEEK OF 12/10/23 Actual	Budget
Donors	\$6,702.89 (online \$2,297.80)	\$5,993
Fiscal Year	\$111,290.89	\$122,517

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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>
12/23-5:30pm	Tom Muldoon	Heather Hannam	Jeanne Hubel
12/24-8:00am	Butch Searls	John Buxman	Claudia Evers
12/24-10:30am	Kevin Horace	Nancy Carnahan	Janet Tankersley

December Church Cleaners: Thuc & Gail Alexander (503)-740-8312  
December Altar Linens: Debbie Fassel (503)-515-7567

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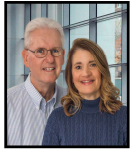
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