



# ST. PHILIP BENIZI CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 12, 2023  
32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



## PARISH INFORMATION

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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).

The following article provides great reflection to what it is to be part of the community of faith on Earth. We have received permission from Catholic author and speaker, Marcel LeJune, to share the following article over the next several weeks in the bulletin. May the Holy Spirit bless our parish community and each individual within our parish, that we may draw nearer to Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar.

### “The Messy Necessity of Authentic Catholic Community”

<https://catholicmissionarydisciples.com/news/the-messy-necessity-of-authentic-catholic-community>

by Marcel LeJeune

(Continued from last week...)

#### AUTHENTIC CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

In fact, Catholic community is supposed to look more like a family than a club. It isn't about always agreeing with or getting along with others. It isn't about always being friends. It is about loving and caring for each other, even those that don't like you (and/or you don't like).

This is what the community of the early Church looked like. They spent time together, in fact they spent a lot of time together. We may not be able to spend as much time together, but without time there is no community. Look at how believers gathered together in Acts 2. Read the epistles of Paul and imagine spending that much time with other people you go to Mass with and yet wouldn't dream of being friends with. Paul and his companions argued and yet still served together. Sometimes they parted ways. But, they still supported the mission of the Church. They lived in community, where they met regularly, prayed together, served side-by-side, held each other accountable, and knew one another.

The community of the early Church doesn't generally look like our parishes currently do. First of all, authentic Catholic community isn't a bubble. It is supposed to reach out to others. It is supposed to draw others to the Sacraments. It is supposed to be for the good of the world, not just those going to Mass. It also needs more intention. More trust, so we can be accountable to one another. More time.

This might shock many - but community is NOT the goal.

- Jesus is the goal.
- Heaven is the goal.
- Holiness is the goal.

But, we can't fully achieve these goals without authentic Christian community. When we focus our lives on Jesus, heaven, and holiness, (and find others who are doing the same), community can follow. Notice, it doesn't necessarily happen, but it is possible. The table is set for it to happen. Still, there has to be initiative and intention.

This is why we have so little community in Catholic circles today. We focus on “fellowship”, “community”, “relationships”, “small groups”, etc. We have events and programs, but little investment. Even less do we have intention and initiative in relationships. We then miss out on real community (because we have probably never really experience what it is supposed to look like ) AND we focus on something less than what our real goal ought to be - Communion with Jesus, alongside one another.

We are not complete without others. We need each other. We are part of the Church, which Paul calls the “body of Christ”.

#### THE SHIFTING TIDE

It happens to everyone. Like being caught in a tide you didn't feel until you notice that you are far away from the shore - our spiritual lives, friendships, prayer, virtuous living, habits, etc - can all drift on us. Think of the changes you see when you go to a class or family reunion. But, the spouses of those you see the change don't see it the same way, because they see that person every day. We may not even realize radical change has happened for a long time.

This drifting has happened in our culture as well. We are drifting farther and farther away from the Christian understanding of community, holiness, sexuality, charity, morality, etc. Furthermore, our parishes and Catholic groups are not immune from this drifting. We see our parishes and organizations drifting along in the cultural current and it sometimes takes a prophetic voice to show us that the way we are living isn't what God wants from us.

Our own desires, feelings, thoughts, and comfort are sometimes substituted for Catholic teaching, holiness, and mission. If it makes us too uncomfortable, we shun it. I am certainly not immune from such things.

So, what does authentic Catholic community look like? It is a difficult mess, wrapped up in grace. More like a family.

(To be continued in next week's bulletin.)

**This week at SPB and upcoming Parish/Archdiocesan Events**

**Women's Christmas Tea**

The Women's Christmas Tea is Saturday, December 9, 6:30-9pm.  
Can you volunteer? Contact Loretta Payne 503-632-4370  
To host a table contact Elaine Keavney 503-939-5620

**Book of Souls & All Souls Day Envelopes**

This is the last weekend that pages for the Book of Souls and All Souls envelopes will be out. Please return the pages for the Book of Souls in the marked boxes by the doors and All Souls envelopes to the collection basket or parish office. Masses for the All Souls envelopes are offered throughout the year. Suggested donation for each Mass intention is \$10.

**Time, Talent & Treasure**

Thank you to all who have completed the Time, Talent & Treasure! If you missed the opportunity to complete Time, Talent and Treasure last Sunday, please pick one up in the narthex or parish office. Take the time to pray with it and consider how God might be calling you to service. Please return completed forms to the collection basket or parish office. Even if you are unable to serve in any ministries at this time, it is valuable to ensure the parish office has your up-to-date contact information. Thank you!

**C.A.S.E. Training**

Any adults working or volunteering in any ministry that involves contact with minors are required to complete C.A.S.E. (Creating a Safe Environment) Training. Trainings will be held Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 12-2pm and Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm.  
Please contact Melissa Bear to register.

**Thanksgiving Day Mass**

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9am on Thursday, November 23. The collection on this day will be for Helping Hands. Bring your bread to be blessed and canned foods for Helping Hands.

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection**

Next weekend there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection. Please see the insert in this bulletin for more information about this fund.

**Healing the Whole Person Conference**

The Healing the Whole Person Conference will be held November 30- December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Our Lady of Lavang in Happy Valley. Speakers include Dr. Bob Schuchts and St. Miriam James. Register online at <https://jpiihealingcenter.org/event/11-29-23-hwp/>

**Finance Corner**

Registered Households 222	WEEK OF 11/5/23 & All Saints Day Actual	Budget
<u>Donors</u>	\$6,362.16 (online \$1,920)	\$5,993
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	\$85,403.41	\$98,545

Thank you for your generous contribution!  
May God continue to bless you and your loved ones.

**Sunday, 11/12/2023**

8:00am Mass: All Parishioners  
10:30am Mass: + Kathryn Bernert

**Monday, 11/13/2023 Memorial of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church  
8:00am Mass: + Mike & Barbara Planton

**Tuesday, 11/14/2023**

6:30pm Mass: + Lauren Miller  
7:00pm: RCIA/Hall

**Wednesday, 11/15/2023 Memorial of St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

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

**Thursday, 11/16/2023 Memorial of St. Margaret of Scotland**

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church  
8:00am Mass: + Jacek Bartosiewicz

3:00pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Rosary

6:00pm: Faith Sharing via Zoom

8:30am-9:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration



**Friday, 11/17/2023 Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

7:40am Morning Prayer/Church  
8:00am Mass: Fr. Robert

**Saturday, 11/18/2023**

4:00-5:00pm: Reconciliation/Church  
5:30pm Sunday Vigil Mass: All Parishioners

**Saint of the Week: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**

July 15, 1850- December 22, 1917

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini is the first U.S. citizen to be canonized. Born in Italy, Francesca first became a teacher, but desired to join a religious order. However, she was turned away from the religious order that helped her become a teacher. A local bishop encouraged her instead to start her own religious community, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She had a great desire to serve as a missionary in China, but Pope Leo XIII urged her, "Not to the East, but to the West." She traveled to New York and began her work caring for immigrants, the uneducated, sick, and poor. She founded 67 institutions, including schools and hospitals! St. Frances died in Chicago of malaria. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, patroness of immigrants, pray for us!



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**Next Weeks Assignments.**

**Ushers**

11/18~5:30pm Tom Muldoon  
11/19~8:00am Paul Lowry  
11/19~10:30am Larry Carnahan

Thank you for serving in this ministry!

**Lector/Commentator**

Heather Hannam  
Kristine Bible  
Nancy Carnahan

**Extraordinary Minister**

Becky Wooten  
John Buxman  
Janet Tankersley

November Church Cleaners:Larry Sullivan (503-701-8752)  
November Altar Linens: Michelle Harrington (971-409-5664)

11/ 12 9:00am: Erin & Ross  
11:30am: VOLUNTEER



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