



**April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church**

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**Office Hours this week**

Tuesday-Thursday 9am- 5pm, Friday 9-12pm

**Ministries**

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**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: 8:30am-7:00pm

**Reconciliation**

- Saturday: 4:30-5:20pm  
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
4/18 5:30 PM	Clay Rosenau	Heather Hannam	Jeanne Hubel	Ed Schneider
4/19 8:00 AM	Scott Bible	Danielle Dryden	Kristine Bible	Clay Dryden, Claire & Grace
4/19 10:30 AM	Carla & Hugo Vazquez	Dan Sweeney	Marina Logue	Jeff Mitchael, Achilles & Ed
April Church Cleaners		April Altar Linens		Coffee Hour Servers 4/19
Caroline Greulich		Jeanne Hubel		9am: Paul & Claudia 11:30am: <i>Volunteer</i>



St. Juan Diego Catholic Church  
5995 NW 178<sup>th</sup> Ave. Portland  
Is pleased to announce an  
**E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT**  
**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am-1pm**



This event is open to the public at no charge, but we will gladly accept donations of non-perishable food for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

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**Where:** St Johns Catholic Cemetery, Cemetery Office:  
451 Warner Street  
Oregon City Oregon 97045

**Dates:** April 22th, 2026  
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
April 26th, 2026  
12:30PM- 1:30PM

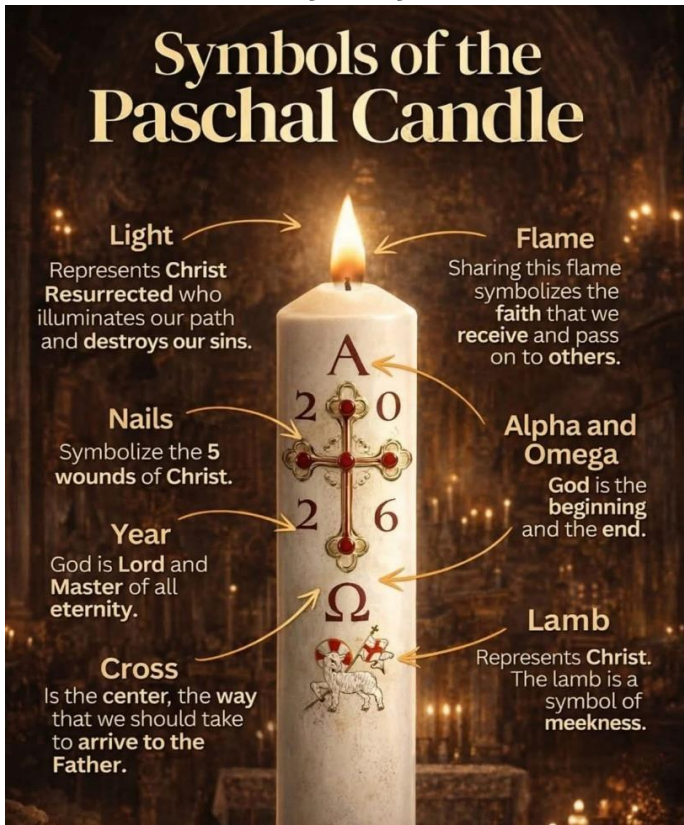
**RSVP By:** April 20th, 2026  
Call: 503-869-0222

## Liturgical Events This Week

Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday 4/12/26	
8:00am	<b>Mass:</b> + Dave Beaty (Janice & Butch Searls)
10:00am	<b>Recitation of the Rosary</b>
10:30am	<b>Mass:</b> for all our Parishioners
Monday 4/13/26	
7:40am	<b>Morning Prayer/Church</b>
8:00am	<b>Mass:</b> + Les VanDyke (Jan Alderman)
Tuesday 4/14/26	
6:00pm	<b>Mass:</b> + Gary Crane (Becky Wooten)
6:45pm	<b>Faith Sharing</b>
Wednesday 4/15/26	
7:40am	<b>Morning Prayer/Church</b>
8:00am	<b>Mass:</b> + Matthew Logue (Marina Logue)
Thursday 4/16/26	
7:40am	<b>Morning Prayer/Church</b>
8:00am	<b>Mass:</b> + Tamara Muldoon (Tom Muldoon)
8:30am- 7:00pm	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> 
Friday 4/17/26	
7:40am	<b>Morning Prayer/Church</b>
8:00am	<b>Mass:</b> + Robert & Mary Clare Muldoon (Tom Muldoon)
Saturday 4/18/26	
4:30- 5:20pm	<b>Reconciliation/Church</b>
5:30pm	<b>Sunday Vigil Mass:</b> + Attie Williams (Bob & Atalie Williams)
Third Sunday of Easter 4/19/26	
8:00am	<b>Mass:</b> + Bob Banasky (the Pattyn Family)
10:00am	<b>Recitation of the Rosary</b>
10:30am	<b>Mass:</b> for all our Parishioners



## Symbols of the Paschal Candle: What they really mean.



On the night of the Easter Vigil, in total darkness, a single flame is lit. Not for decoration. Not for tradition alone, But to proclaim something eternal.

The Paschal Candle represents Jesus Christ - risen, victorious, and present among His people. Every symbol placed on it is not random. Each one is a message, carefully preserved by the Church through centuries of worship.

### THE CROSS: THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING

#### At the heart of the candle is the Cross.

This is not symbolic placement, It is theological truth. The Cross stands at the center because it is the way through which salvation came. Christ did not rise apart from the Cross; He rose through it. The Church places it at the center to remind us that there is no resurrection without sacrifice, no victory without surrender.

### A & Ω: THE BEGINNING AND THE END

#### Above and below the Cross are the Greek letters Alpha and Omega.

They declare that Christ is not bound by time. He is the beginning of all things and the end toward which everything moves. Before anything existed, He is. After everything passes, He remains. This is why the priest proclaims: "Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end."

### THE YEAR: LORD OF THIS MOMENT (2026)

#### Inscribed on the candle is the current year.

This is one of the most overlooked but powerful signs. It reminds us that Christ is not only Lord of history, but Lord of now. He reigns in this present time - in our world, our struggles, and our lives today. The Resurrection is not a past event; it is a present reality.

## Finance Corner

4/5/26	Actual	Budget
<b>This Week, General Fund</b>	\$9,043 (includes \$1,155 Online)	\$5,000
<b>Fiscal Year (YTD)</b>	\$201,436	\$185,000

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



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### THE FIVE GRAINS OF INCENSE: THE WOUNDS THAT REMAIN

Five grains of incense are inserted into the Cross.

They represent the five wounds of Christ – His head, His body, His hands, His feet and His side. Even in His risen glory, the marks of His Passion remain. This teaches us that His victory did not erase His suffering, it fulfilled it. The wounds are no longer signs of defeat, but signs of love.

### THE FLAME: THE LIGHT THAT CANNOT BE OVERCOME

When the candle is lit, the priest proclaims: "The Light of Christ."

This flame represents the risen Christ who conquers darkness. From this one flame, all other candles in the church are lit. This is not just a ritual; it is a proclamation that faith is received and shared. Light spreads, not by division, but by giving.

### THE LIGHT: CHRIST AMONG US

#### The candle itself stands and burns throughout the Easter season.

It is placed near the altar, then near the ambo, and later near the baptismal font. It appears at baptisms and funerals, reminding us that the same Christ who rose from the dead is the one who gives life, accompanies us, and leads us into eternity.

### THE LAMB: MEEKNESS AND SACRIFICE

#### Often, the image of the Lamb is placed on the candle.

This points to Christ as the Lamb of God - gentle, silent, and offered for the salvation of the world. It is a reminder that His power was not shown through force, but through sacrifice. The Lamb reveals the true nature of divine strength.

### FINAL THOUGHT

The Paschal Candle is not just a symbol. It is a declaration. That the Cross still stands... that Christ still reigns... and that His light...can never be overcome.

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Retreat Theme  
"My Soul Proclaims the  
Greatness of the Lord!" - Luke 1:46

### Our 2026 Presenters & Topics



**FATHER THEODORE LANGE**  
Parochial Vicar,  
St. Anthony Church Tigard  
"Discovering Mary in the  
Gospels, the Early Church and  
Popular Pious Devotions"



**BROTHER LOUIS DE  
MONTFORT NGUYEN, O.S.B.**  
Monk, Mount Angel Abbey  
"Am I Not Your Mother?  
The Miracle, Message and  
Mission of Guadalupe"



**CHRISTINE THUM  
SCHLESSER**  
Executive Director,  
Classical Iconography Institute  
"Behold, All Generations:  
Mary in Iconography"



**RYAN MAINARD**  
Asst. Director of Catholic  
Education, Archdiocese of  
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Seminary Tea Committee



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91<sup>st</sup> Annual

# Archbishop's Seminary Tea

April 22, 2026 | 3-6pm

Portland Golf Club

5900 SW Scholls Ferry Road

Portland, Oregon 97225

Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased in advance. To  
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**seminarytea.org**

or

mail a check to Seminary Tea Committee

9239 NW McKenna Drive

Portland, OR 97229



For more information, please email  
**seminaryteacommittee@gmail.com**

## Upcoming 2026

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