



# ST. PHILIP BENIZI CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 10, 2023  
Second 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

II. What is This Sacrament Called?

1328 The inexhaustible richness of this sacrament is expressed in the different names we give it. Each name evokes certain aspects of it. It is called: Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. The Greek words *eucharistein* and *eulogein* recall the Jewish blessings that proclaim - especially during a meal - God's works: creation, redemption, and sanctification.

1329 The Lord's Supper, because of its connection with the supper which the Lord took with his disciples on the eve of his Passion and because it anticipates the wedding feast of the Lamb in the heavenly Jerusalem.

The *Breaking of Bread*, because Jesus used this rite, part of a Jewish meal when as master of the table he blessed and distributed the bread, above all at the Last Supper. It is by this action that his disciples will recognize him after his Resurrection, and it is this expression that the first Christians will use to designate their Eucharistic assemblies; by doing so they signified that all who eat the one broken bread, Christ, enter into communion with him and form but one body in him.

The *Eucharistic assembly (synaxis)*, because the Eucharist is celebrated amid the assembly of the faithful, the visible expression of the Church.

1330 The *memorial* of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection.

The Holy Sacrifice, because it makes present the one sacrifice of Christ the Savior and includes the Church's offering. The terms *holy sacrifice of the Mass*, "*sacrifice of praise*," *spiritual sacrifice*, *pure and holy sacrifice* are also used, since it completes and surpasses all the sacrifices of the Old Covenant.

The *Holy and Divine Liturgy*, because the Church's whole liturgy finds its center and most intense expression in the celebration of this sacrament; in the same sense we also call its celebration the *Sacred Mysteries*. We speak of the *Most Blessed Sacrament* because it is the Sacrament of sacraments. The Eucharistic species reserved in the tabernacle are designated by this same name.

1331 *Holy Communion*, because by this sacrament we unite ourselves to Christ, who makes us sharers in his Body and Blood to form a single body. We also call it: *the holy things (ta hagia; sancta)* - the first meaning of the phrase "communion of saints" in the Apostles' Creed - *the bread of angels, bread from heaven, medicine of immortality, viaticum...*

1332 *Holy Mass (Missa)*, because the liturgy in which the mystery of salvation is accomplished concludes with the sending forth (*missio*) of the faithful, so that they may fulfill God's will in their daily lives.

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Saint of the Week: St. Juan Diego

1474-1548

St. Juan Diego was born in Cuautlilan, which is today part of Mexico City. Juan Diego is one of the first indigenous saints to be canonized.

Despite the violence Juan Diego and his wife, Maria saw from the Spanish conquistadors, they saw something special in the Franciscan friars who evangelized to the Chichimeca people. At the age of 50 Juan Diego was baptized along with his wife.

In December 1531, Mary began to appear to Juan Diego. On December 9<sup>th</sup>, as he was walking to church, he heard a bird calling him on Tepeyac Hill. Juan followed it and was astonished to see Our Lady appearing to him. Mary spoke to Juan Diego in his native

language, telling him to ask Bishop Zumarraga to build a church on Tepeyac Hill.

Juan Diego spoke with Bishop Zumarraga twice, pleading with him to build the church that Mary had requested. Finally, the skeptical Bishop Zumarraga asked for a sign. On December 12<sup>th</sup> 1531, as Juan was on his way to deliver last rites to his uncle, Juan purposefully avoided Tepeyac Hill, and Our Lady, in order to reach his uncle quickly. However, she appeared to him anyways. She instructed Juan to climb the hill and pick roses she had left for him in the snow. Juan Diego gathered the roses in his tilma to bring as a sign to Bishop Zumarraga. When Juan Diego lowered the roses in front of the Zumarraga, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared.

St. Juan Diego, pray for us!



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Did you Know?

On Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Get to know more about Our Lady's miraculous apparition with these fun facts!

1. The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared on St. Juan Diego's tilma when he brought roses gathered in the middle of winter to Bishop Zumarraga, as a sign from Mary. Studies have found that the image is not painted or drawn on.
2. Our Lady's image has remained, despite incidents. In the 1700's acid was accidentally spilt on the image and in 1921 a bomb was placed near the image, but no damage was done.
3. Our Lady of Guadalupe's eyes reflect people, as if she were looking at them. Microscopically, St. Juan Diego and Bishop Zumarraga can be seen in her eyes, along with others.
4. The black ribbon around Our Lady of Guadalupe's waist indicates that she is pregnant, and analysis from doctors have determined her to be in her 9<sup>th</sup> month of pregnancy.
5. The stars on the image align with the constellations in the sky on December 12, 1531, which is when the image appeared on the tilma.

**Helping Hands Christmas Baskets**

All are welcome to join the Helping Hands work parties to prepare and assemble the food baskets and stocking gifts this Thursday Dec 14 and Friday Dec 15 starting at 6pm. Assistance distributing food to the families is needed Saturday Dec 16 from 9am-12 noon.  
Questions, contact Bill or Jeannine Breshears, 503-709-7488.

**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. Training will be held this Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm in the fireside room of the parish hall.  
Please contact Melissa Bear to register.

**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.

**Advent Retreats**

Advent is a great time to prepare our hearts for Christ's arrival on Christmas. There are many upcoming retreats posted on the bulletin board in the narthex and parish hall to consider.

**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.

**Finance Corner**

Registered 222	WEEK OF 12/3/23 Actual	Budget
<u>Donors</u>	\$4,348 (online \$820)	\$5,993
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	\$104,588	\$116,524

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

**Sunday, 12/10/2023** Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am Mass: + Claudia & James Lindsey Jr.  
10:30am Mass: + Jesse Stanchfield

**Monday, 12/11/2023** Memorial of St. Damasus I, Pope

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church  
8:00am Mass: + Paul Welle

**Tuesday, 12/12/2023** Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30pm Mass: + Brian Waverly  
7:00pm: RCIA/Hall

**Wednesday, 12/13/2023** Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

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

**Thursday, 12/14/2023** Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church  
8:00am Mass: + Ray and Jim Horace  
9:00am-9:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00pm: Faith Sharing Group



**Friday, 12/15/2023**

7:40am Morning Prayer/Church  
8:00am Mass: + Mike Bible

**Saturday, 12/16/2023**

4:00-5:00pm: Reconciliation/Church  
5:30pm Sunday Vigil Mass: + Josie Welle


**Reflection Questions For Discussion from the USCCB**

1. What has been your experience of Mass at various times in your life? What has helped you to become a more active participant in the celebration of the Eucharist?
2. Who are the people who have influenced your appreciation of the Eucharist? What do we mean when we speak of the Real Presence of Jesus? What can draw you to visit the Blessed Sacrament more frequently and spend time there in the adoration of Christ?
3. The *Catechism* reminds us that the Eucharist commits us to care for the poor (see CCC 1397). How do you live this commitment during the week? How are you the "Body of Christ" at work, at home, at school?



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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>
12/16-5:30pm	Clayton & Brenda Rosenau	Tom Muldoon	Heather Hannam
12/17-8:00am	Paul Lowry	Kristine Bible	John Buxman
12/17-10:30am	Larry Carnahan	Nancy Carnahan	Marina Logue
<b>December Church Cleaners:</b> Thuc & Gail Alexander (503)-740-8312			
<b>December Altar Linens:</b> Debbie Fassel (503)-515-7567			
		 12/17 9:00am: Pat & Elaine	11:30am: VOLUNTEER

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