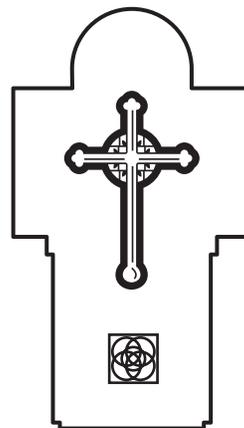


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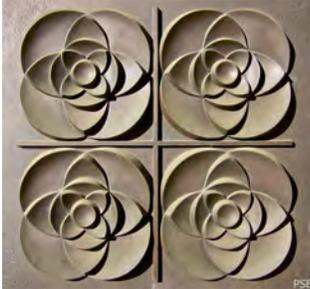
St. Mary's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception



The mother church of the Archdiocese of Portland



Welcome to St. Mary's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception



Since its dedication in 1926, St. Mary's Cathedral has stood as the mother church of the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon. The cathedral belongs to the 400,000

Catholics of the archdiocese and serves as a place of ceremony and celebration for those who come here. The cathedral is also a parish church, and as such it is home to its parishioners and a welcoming place for all visitors. You may have noticed the beautiful rose design on our doors as you came in. This rose represents Mary, Our Blessed Mother, as well as Portland, the City of Roses.

All Are Welcome!

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass:

5:30 p.m. Congregational Singing

Sunday Masses:

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Congregational Singing

11:00 a.m. Cathedral Choir

5:30 p.m. Contemporary Ensemble

Daily Masses:

7:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday 4:00 p.m. through 5:15 p.m.

Other times by appointment

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St. Mary's Cathedral Parish Mission

St. Mary's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception is a community of Christians in the Roman Catholic Tradition. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, and through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we continue the mission of Jesus Christ through liturgy, prayer, education and service toward our neighbor. As the cathedral of the Archdiocese of Portland, and as a parish community, we offer hospitality to all visitors, celebrate archdiocesan events and witness the joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to the City of Portland.



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

A long time ago, there was a council in heaven. Present were God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. With them were three archangels: Raphael, Chief of Trinitarian Staff; Michael, Chief of Heavenly Security; and Gabriel, Director of Divine Communications. A few mid-level bureaucratic angels were also present, those who see to the day-to-day operations of heaven. One of these angels said, "You know, it's been pretty lonely around here since Adam and Eve sinned, and you, God, locked the gates of paradise." "Yea," said another, "you promised us some human companions. It's been pretty boring around here without them."

A third angel, knowing what bothered God the Father most, said, "And your human creations, they have really made a mess of things down there on earth. You tried to help them by sending rescue missions, judges, prophets, kings. But what good did that do? Your people still prefer darkness to light. I hate to say it, O Blessed One, but it has been one failure after another." God winced at this. He had heard it all before, but it still hurt. He sat there silently, thumping his fingers on the council table. "No," he said, "things haven't turned out well. Any suggestions?"

One red-faced, belligerent angel spoke first, "Destroy them! Kill them all! Why do you put up with such insubordination? Let the people know who's boss!" God thought a moment, and said, "No, I can't destroy them. I *love* them! They are my children. True, they're a little unruly, and they have strayed a bit from me. But I am their God, and they are my people. I want to *save* them, not *destroy* them. The only question is how."

There was silence around the table, then Michael spoke up. "Give them a great military leader. What the people need is order and discipline. A military leader could whip them into shape. We could wage war on evil-doers and defeat them. We will be victorious—and salvation will come to your people." God thought a moment, and he shook his head. "I've tried military leaders. They wage wars, but what do these wars accomplish? Nothing but more anger, hatred, and division. You can't win people's minds and hearts by waging war. No, something more is needed, but what?"

Gabriel then spoke up. "What we need is a great communicator, a person who can preach and teach with a golden tongue. Sermons will be broadcast all over the world. Then we'll have a massive altar call, and your people will be saved." But even as Gabriel was speaking, God was shaking his head. "If they don't listen to Moses and the prophets, they are not going to listen to some preacher in a thousand-dollar suit. We need worship, not entertainment. If my message is watered down any more than it is, it will have no content at all."

After a moment, Raphael cleared his throat, and said, "I am a little hesitant to suggest this, but what about a political leader? A political leader could network with people, get them excited, win them over. I can hear it now, "A vote for me is a vote for God!" But the look on God's face stopped Raphael in his tracks. "I'm speaking of *saving* humanity, not driving them crazy," God said irritably. The conversation dragged on, with one suggestion after another. One angel, with spiked, purple hair said, "How about a rock star?" A burley angel in sweat pants said, "How about an athlete?" God closed his eyes and said, "How about a break?"

As chairs began to rustle, a little angel, new to the council, said, "How about a baby?" At first, there was silence, then everyone laughed. "That's what we need," said Michael, "some comic relief. How preposterous, a baby!" And everyone continued to laugh, except God. "I'm interested," he said. "Tell me more."

A little embarrassed, the little angel explained. "You've tried power. It didn't work. Maybe you should try weakness, vulnerability, poverty. You need to identify with your people, not lord it over," he boldly suggested. "If you show them that you love them and want to serve them, they will be shocked. It will make them think . . . and everyone loves a baby."

All eyes were riveted on God. To the council's surprise, God said, "There is something appealing about this idea. In fact, I'm going to take it one step further. I will not only send a baby—I will send my Son." He glanced over at God the Son, who was already nodding. "This will prove once and for all that I love my people, my creation, and I truly wish to save them."

With that, God looked at Gabriel and said, "What are waiting for? Make haste! Salvation is at hand." In a flash, Gabriel was gone, to a town called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. And the virgin's name was Mary. "Rejoice, O highly favored daughter," Gabriel said. "The Lord is with you." Merry Christmas!

Msgr. Patrick S. Brennan



PARISH LIFE

DECEMBER MASS INTENTIONS:

- 24 Parishioners of St. Mary's Cathedral
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 In Memory of Bob Brady
In Memory of Mary Jacobberger Noel
- 27 In Memory of Virginia H. Chiles
In Memory of Leo & Nell Hogan
- 28 In Memory of John Patton
In Memory of Tom Rask
- 29 Blanchet House

Financial Report for December 16

Due to the printing deadline, the Financial Report for December 16, 23, and 30 will be in the January 6 bulletin.

CHARITABLE GIFTS YEAR-END CUTOFF

According to the IRS, donors must deliver or mail checks on or before **December 31, 2018**. Checks that are mailed and postmarked by December 31 will be deductible for 2018.

YEAR END TAX DEDUCTIONS

Did you know you can gift shares of appreciated stock to St. Mary's Cathedral? Although cash is always a welcome donation, a gift of stock can offer unique tax savings. By donating appreciated securities you have held more than a year, you maybe able to take a tax deduction for the full market value and avoid the capital gains tax (consult your tax advisor). Cathedral website (<http://maryscathedral.com>) provides a form (Authorization for Transfer Gift of Securities) that can assist you. For more information, contact Jennifer Overbay in the parish office.

THIS WEEK AT CATHEDRAL:

December

- 23 Coffee & Donuts
- 25 *Christmas Day*



CATHEDRAL STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES

You may have noticed that our staff emails have changed. We are moving to a new website the week of Christmas. You can still email us at the old addresses,. They will be forwarded to our new accounts-- but please note our new addresses will be @cathedralpdx.org. Please reference the inside cover of the bulletin to see our addresses.



**FAITH IN ACTION: FREE
FOOD MARKET
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR JANUARY 9th
7 am-10 am**

We are seeking 5-10 volunteers to work the Lift Urban Portland Free Market event on Wednesday Jan. 9th from 7 am- 10 am. Volunteers will distribute produce and food items to community members in the Northwest Neighborhood. If you are interested in participating please contact Kristin Romaine at kromaine@cathedralpdx.org or 503-228-4397 ext.225.



GATHER TOGETHER

CATHEDRAL PROJECT UPDATE

Cathedral Parish in 2016 began the process of launching a capital campaign project towards the renovation of the building to the east of the Cathedral that previously served as the Archbishop's residence and prior to that the convent and school. In 2017, we completed the first phase of the seismic upgrades to the school. In 2018, we selected and began work with a new architect- Emerick Architects who are re-envisioning our plan and design to meet the various challenges of the slope and elevations in the building. We have had several meetings discussing the use of the space as well as how best to overcome the elevation obstacles. We plan to share some of the new concepts and drawings with the parish in 2019. In the meantime, we would like to start having some gatherings to bring to light what is going to happen inside the space.



The Cathedral Project will serve as our primary gathering place for our parish community and we want to be sure that you all have input on the various ways that we plan to use the building to grow in faith and community.

Beginning in January 2019, we will be offering various GATHERING opportunities for groups of 12 parishioners with shared interests to come together and discuss how the new space can serve to grow our faith and put that faith into action.

The GATHERINGS will be posted in the bulletins, in the back of church as well as on our website.

Our goal is that every parishioner will participate in at least one of these gatherings where we will share with you our new scope of the project and how we can begin to prepare our community for the new space that will be provided for us to gather in faith and action.

Are you interested in being a co-facilitator for a gathering? All training will be provided. Please contact Kristin Romaine at kromaine@cathedralpdx.org or 503.228.4397 ext.225.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FAITH FORMATION

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM FAMILY VIGIL MASS
6:00 PM VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS
11:00 PM LESSONS AND CAROLS
MASS AT MIDNIGHT, ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER
K. SAMPLE

TUESDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY

MASS AT 7:30 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM
*NO 5:30 PM MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Mass at 7:30 AM
9:00 AM

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

Thank you to all of the parishioners who have provided contributions towards our Christmas flowers. Contributions given in memory or honor of: *Lisa Bonaduce, Serge D'Rovencourt, James Edward Smirl and the Martinez Family.*



CATHEDRAL BEAUTY SPOTLIGHT:

It is the Fourth Sunday of Advent and you will notice that the animals are beginning to appear in the stable. Can your child or grandchild name all of the animals in the stable?



ART & FAITH ADVENT RETREAT:

Be sure to follow us on Instagram @smcathedralpdx where we are sharing the Art & Faith Sacred Art Advent Retreat series. Henry Ossawa Tanner's realist depiction of the Visitation invites us around Elizabeth's table at her house, at the moment when Mary arrives and greets her. Mary is just entering the house. Her face is kind and joyful, her bodily presence already humming the Magnificat before she utters the words that will come to sing her praise to the Lord. She is a familiar Mary, a relative to us all, and her warm presence recalls the homecomings and joyful arrivals of loved ones that we experience, especially around the holidays. Find the full reflection on our Facebook page.

Please send feedback or comments on the new bulletin format to: bulletin@cathedralpdx.org

We would love to hear what you think and how we can have it serve you better!

A special thank you to Catholic Printery for donating the additional pages at no charge to the Cathedral.



CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

MISSION

The mission of Cathedral School is to provide an excellent academic education grounded in Catholic religious principles and values, thereby creating a life-long love for learning and respect for each person and all creation as gifts of God.

8TH GRADE MASS



The eighth grade students led the School's weekly liturgy on Wednesday, December 12. They demonstrated their Spanish speaking ability at a special Mass honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe.

COAT DRIVE

Thank you to Irena and Zuzi Langer and the Cathedral School Student Council for organizing the coat drive for NW Children's Outreach. They collected many warm coats, gloves, scarves and boots for children in need.

OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues to our annual Open House Sunday, January 27, 2018, 10:00-12:30. Our entire staff will be on hand to visit with prospective families, and we will be offering tours of the school. This is a great opportunity for interested families to learn all about the superior education and many benefits Cathedral has to offer.

APPLICATIONS FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

We are currently accepting applications for all grades for the 2019-2020 school year. Applications, as well as other information, are available on the Cathedral School website. www.cathedral-or.org.



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