

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Liturgical Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass:

5:30 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Congregational Singing

11:00 a.m. Choir

5:30 p.m. Contemporary Ensemble

Daily Masses:

7:30 a.m. (except Monday) & 5:30 p.m.

Reconciliation (Confession):

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

Other times by appointment



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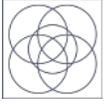
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Sunday, December 22nd, Fourth Week of Advent



ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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!

Please Consider a Charitable Bequest to St. Mary's Cathedral in your estate planning.

Have you signed up for electronic giving?

If you are interested in e-giving, please visit our website at maryscathedral.com and click on the Online Giving button. E-giving is simple, and helps our Cathedral by saving time and labor. Contact Jennifer Overbay with any questions.

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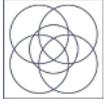
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St. Mary's Cathedral Parish Mission

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 of the Gospel to the City of Portland.



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



So, what is Christmas all about? Linus knows, and many others do as well, including Charles Dickens. Recently, I reread his great classic, *A Christmas Carol*. The story is about Christmas, but it is also about conversion. Christmas invites us not only to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but also to imitate his life. One man, Scrooge, would learn this lesson the hard way.

Scrooge. The very name says it all: tight-fisted, miserly, a curmudgeon whose response to everything is “Bah! Humbug!” But Scrooge is no match for grace, which shows up on Christmas Eve in the form of four ghosts. The first of these ghosts is his old partner, Jacob Marley. Marley arrives dragging chains, and he warns Scrooge that he, too, will carry into eternity the chains he forged in life. But Marley also reminds Scrooge that he has time to change: “I am here tonight to warn you, that you have yet a chance and hope of escaping my fate.” Marley tells Scrooge that he will be visited by three spirits: the Ghost of Christmas Past, the Ghost of Christmas Present, and the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come.

The first ghost takes Scrooge back to his childhood and young adulthood and shows him, painfully, how he changed from a happy lad to a greedy miser—choosing gain over love. The second ghost shows Scrooge the present; in particular, the hard life of his clerk, Bob Cratchit, and his family. It is here that we meet Tiny Tim, the lame, youngest son of the Cratchit family. Though the family is desperately poor, they are happy—something unfathomable to Scrooge. At the same time, Scrooge begins to see the sufferings of

the poor, and he must confront his own hard attitude. In seeing the Cratchit family, Scrooge’s heart begins to change.

The third ghost—the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come—takes Scrooge to a churchyard, where he sees his own grave. Passersby comment that “no tear was shed” at his passing. He also learns that Tiny Tim is dead. Shocked and saddened, Scrooge’s heart begins to melt, and he cries out, “Spirit! Hear me. I am not the man I was! I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year!” With that, the ghost disappears, and Scrooge wakes up. It is Christmas day.

The story concludes with the “new Scrooge,” a transformed man. Where he was miserly before, now he is magnanimous. Where he was irascible before, now he is filled with joy. Where he was a penny-pincher before, now he is indulgent. And where he didn’t care a wit about his life or anyone else’s before, now he is filled with compassion. Grace, and the spirit of Christmas, worked on Scrooge. And it can work on us as well.

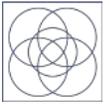
Christ was born into the world over 2000 years ago. He is born again into the world when we show the same love he did. Like Scrooge, all of us are given a second chance, and it begins today. So, what is Christmas all about? “Today, in the city of Portland, a Savior is born to us, who is Christ the Lord.” A Merry Christmas to all, and many blessings as we approach the New Year!

Msgr. Patrick S. Brennan

Monsignor Patrick Brennan is a native Oregonian and attended high school and college at Mount Angel Seminary (1965-1973). He studied theology at the Gregorian University in Rome (1973-1977; 1979-1980), and studied Canon Law at The Catholic University of America (1983-1985). He was ordained a priest in 1977, and became the pastor of St. Mary’s Cathedral in 2011. His role as pastor is to assist parishioners in living out the Gospel in their daily lives. He loves architecture, travel and digital photography.



PARISH LIFE



December Mass Intentions

- 23 5:30pm: In Memory of Leo & Nell Hogan
- 24 7:30am: In Memory of Earle A. Chiles
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 7:30am: In Memory of Larry & Lucille Carich
5:30pm: In Memory of John Ryan
- 27 7:30am: In Memory of Lois Schaubel
5:30pm: In Memory of Bronislaw Rydzik
- 28 7:30am: Blanchet House

This Week At Cathedral

- 22 Coffee and Donuts after the 9am Mass
- 25 Office Closed - Christmas Day
- 26 Office Closed
- 27 Office Closed

The Giving Tree



Financial Report for December 8, 2019

E-giving		105
Envelopes		118
Sunday Envelope	\$	8,074
E-Giving	\$	5,055
Loose Collection	\$	1,669
<u>Immaculate Conception</u>	\$	<u>409</u>
Total Parish	\$	15,207
Christmas Flowers	\$	360
Social Services	\$	87
School	\$	264
Music	\$	40
Retirement for Religious	\$	1,655
Military Service	\$	10

*Sr. Connie Furseth and Katie O'Brien,
Executive Director of Rose Haven*

Baptismal Preparation for Parents of the Infants:

There will be no class in December. The next class will be January 16, 2020.

Year End Tax Deductions: You can make a gift of stock or roll your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to St. Mary's Cathedral and realize unique tax savings. For more information, please see our website maryscathedral.com/donate or contact Jennifer Overbay in our office.

A Note of Caution: Please do not leave anything of value visible in your car while attending Mass. There has been a rash of car break-ins in our NW neighborhood.





Christmas Schedule

Tuesday, Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Family Mass

6:00 pm Vigil of Christmas

11 pm Lessons & Carols

Mass at Midnight with

Archbishop Alexander Sample

Wednesday, Christmas Day

7:30 am, 9 am, and 11 am

No 5:30 pm Mass

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Tuesday, Dec. 31

5:30 pm Vigil Mass

Wednesday, January 1, New Year's Day

7:30 am - 9 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 18,

Thursday, December 19

Friday, December 20

4 pm - 5:15 pm

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THE ANGEL'S HYMN AND ALL THAT CAME AFTER

A carol is a dance, and an ancient one at that, known for thousands of years in Europe to mark changes in seasons and other special occasions, as people danced and sang around stone circles. Carols for the different seasons survive today, but the most well-known are Christmas carols.

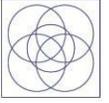
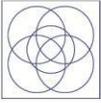
There were no Christmas carols in the early days of Christianity, although in AD 129, Bishop Telesphous of Rome ordered that music called “Angel’s Hymn” should be solemnly sung at Christmas. Over the next few centuries, other hymns were written, but they were in Latin. We still sing some of these early hymns, such as O Come, O Come Emmanuel, or Of the Father’s Love Begotten. They are beautiful, whether in Latin or translated for us.

Finally, after 1223, when St. Francis began the tradition of the Nativity Play, people danced and sang in their own languages to carols, some of which were earlier dances made Christian and many of which were written over time into the present day. During the European Middle Ages, the Christmas season was full of dancing, singing, and general merriment. Later in England, of course, the Puritans stopped the celebration of Christmas and the singing of carols altogether. But they did not succeed in stamping out the joy of the occasion, and by the 1800’s, carols were back, sung in private, in public, in churches, in schools, in theaters, and in pubs, in countries around the world. We are the fortunate heirs of this musical tradition, especially here at St. Mary’s, where, thanks to our music program, we lift our voices in the most joyful manner possible during our festive Christmas services.

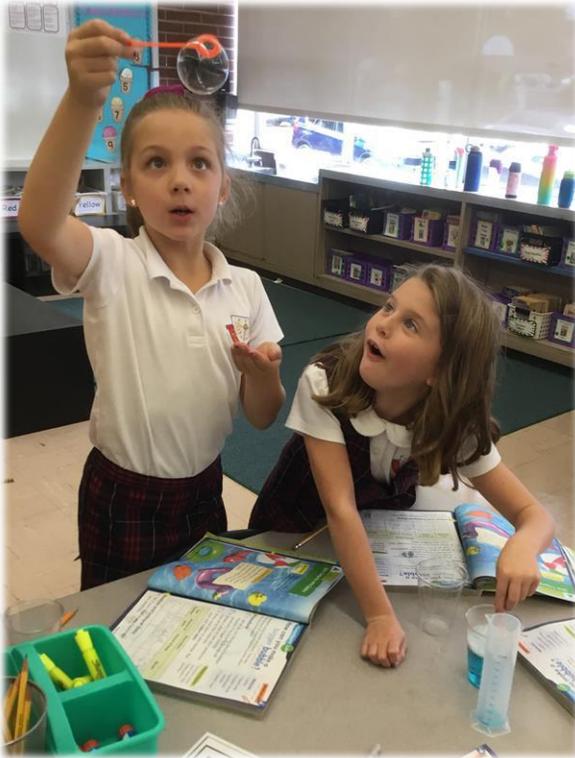
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For More Information, see: Les Hewitt. The History of Christmas Carols. www.historicmysteries.com.





Second Grade Bubbles



In science, second graders are learning all about the properties of matter. Second graders became scientists and observed how the amount of soap compared to water can affect the size of a bubble! We found that the best bubble mixtures have more parts water to soap, how interesting!

Now Accepting Applications

Cathedral School is now accepting applications for all grades for the 2020-2021 school year. Go to www.cathedral-or.org to apply today! Mark your calendar to attend the Cathedral School Open House Sunday, January 26, 2020, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



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