

# 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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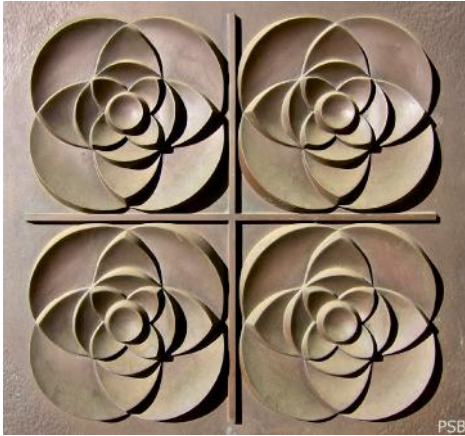
## **Sunday, December 29th, The Holy Family**



## 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](http://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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### **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



Merry Christmas! Yes, it is still appropriate to wish everyone a Merry Christmas since the Christmas liturgical season continues until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 12th (the Epiphany of the Lord is Sunday, January 5th).

During this past week, the Church gave us some rich feasts to help us ponder the meaning of the Incarnation—that Christ took flesh and dwelt among us. The first feast is St. Stephen (December 26th), the proto-martyr, or the first disciple to be martyred. One day after the birth of Jesus we are reminded of the “cost of discipleship.” To follow the new-born king is to follow him to the cross. The next day, December 27th, is the feast of St. John, the Apostle. St. John was the disciple “whom Jesus loved” and the author of the fourth Gospel. Escaping martyrdom, St. John was exiled to the island of Patmos, dying in Ephesus about 100 AD.

The feast of the Holy Innocents is December 28th. The Holy Innocents are part of the Christmas story, and some consider them the first martyrs of Christianity. You remember the story. Herod was furious at the deception of the Magi, and he “ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under” (Mt 2:16). The scene is remarkably similar to the story of Moses and pharaoh, and the evangelist means to show Jesus (who also “goes down to Egypt”) as the “new Moses” who will initiate a “new covenant” and lead his people to freedom. Having said that, Herod was certainly capable of such a cruel and deadly massacre.

Today we celebrate another martyr, St. Thomas Becket (because it falls on a Sunday this year, the Sunday celebration takes precedence). Thomas became an archdeacon of Canterbury, where he befriended, King Henry II. Seeing in Thomas the same values and worldly life that Henry enjoyed, he appointed Thomas Chancellor of the Kingdom in 1155. Henry later found it advantageous to appoint Thomas Archbishop of Canterbury, which he did in 1162. But Thomas gave Henry fair warning: as archbishop, he might not welcome Henry’s interference in church affairs. Up to this point, Thomas lived the typical life of an English courtier, leading troops into battle and carousing with the king. But when Henry appointed Thomas archbishop, Thomas—to the surprise of the king and others—underwent a spiritual conversion. In the fulfillment of his pastoral duties, Thomas found it necessary to oppose the king on any number of issues. Charged with treason, Thomas fled to France, where he remained for seven years. Eventually deciding to return to England, Thomas knew the danger he faced. When Thomas refused to lift the excommunications placed on certain bishops favored by the king, Henry shouted, “Will no one rid me of this troublesome priest!” Taking this as a command, four of Henry’s Knights murdered Thomas in his cathedral on December 29, 1170. Thomas was canonized in 1173, and Canterbury soon became a place of pilgrimage, “the holy blissful martyr there to seek” (Canterbury Tales, Geoffrey Chaucer).

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.*



**December/January Mass Intentions**

- 30 5:30pm: In Memory of Bob Brady
- 31 7:30am: In Memory of Virginia H. Chiles  
5:30pm: In Memory of Anne Tierney Angel
- 1 7:30am: In Memory of Ugo Raglione  
9am: In Memory of Daniel O’Toole
- 2 7:30am: Eileen Burns  
5:30pm: In Memory of Chi-Keun Oh
- 3 7:30am: In Memory of Susie Verdurmen  
5:30pm: In Memory of Joan Farrell Jans
- 4 7:30am: Blanchet House

**This Week At Cathedral**

- 29 Coffee and Donuts after the 9am Mass
- 1 *Solemnity of Mary*  
Masses 7:30 & 9am
- 2 Benediction & Adoration 6pm
- 4 First Saturday - After 7:30am Mass  
Confession and Rosary

**New Year's Day** is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass is at 5:30pm on Wednesday, December 31. The Masses for Thursday, January 1 are at 7:30 and 9am. There will be no 5:30pm Mass.

**Financial Report for December 15, 2019**

E-giving	97
Envelopes	111
Sunday Envelope	\$ 7,556
E-Giving	\$ 4,540
Loose Collection	\$ 1,449
<u>Immaculate Conception</u>	<u>\$ 120</u>
Total Parish	\$ 13,695
Christmas Flowers	\$ 1,292
Social Services	\$ 1,262
School	\$ 239
Retirement for Religious	\$ 500
Military Service	\$ 25

**Christmas Flowers**

**Contributions Given in Memory/Honor Of:**

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| <i>Connie &amp; Jan Angeles</i>      | <i>Jil Morby</i>                   |
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**Charitable Gifts Year-End Cutoff** According to the IRS, donors must deliver or mail checks on or by **December 31, 2019**, Checks that are mailed and **postmarked** by December 31 will be deductible for 2019.

Many parishioners have asked me whether on three-week focus on parish finances had any impact of Offertory giving. The answer is “yes.” Since the beginning of October, when we began our three-week series on finances and stewardship, I am pleased to announce that 21 new donors have signed up for recurring giving via WeShare and another 22 donors have increased their recurring gifts. Assuming that these donors hadn’t been participating in Offertory giving via cash/check, these changes could have an \$88,000 impact on our annual bottom line. We also received several generous one-time gifts. I want to thank everyone for their generosity and assistance as we face the realities of our finances. I am hopeful for the future!

*Msgr. Pat*





**Thank You**

**With deep appreciation to the many who have contributed to the Cathedral celebration of Advent and Christmas:**

**Liturgical Ministers, Sacristans, Ushers, Greeters, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers at all the Masses**

**\*Asia Spilotros, who coordinated the 4pm Christmas Eve Family Mass**

**\* Our Choir and Instrumentalists**

**\* All who contributed so generously to our Advent giving tree.**

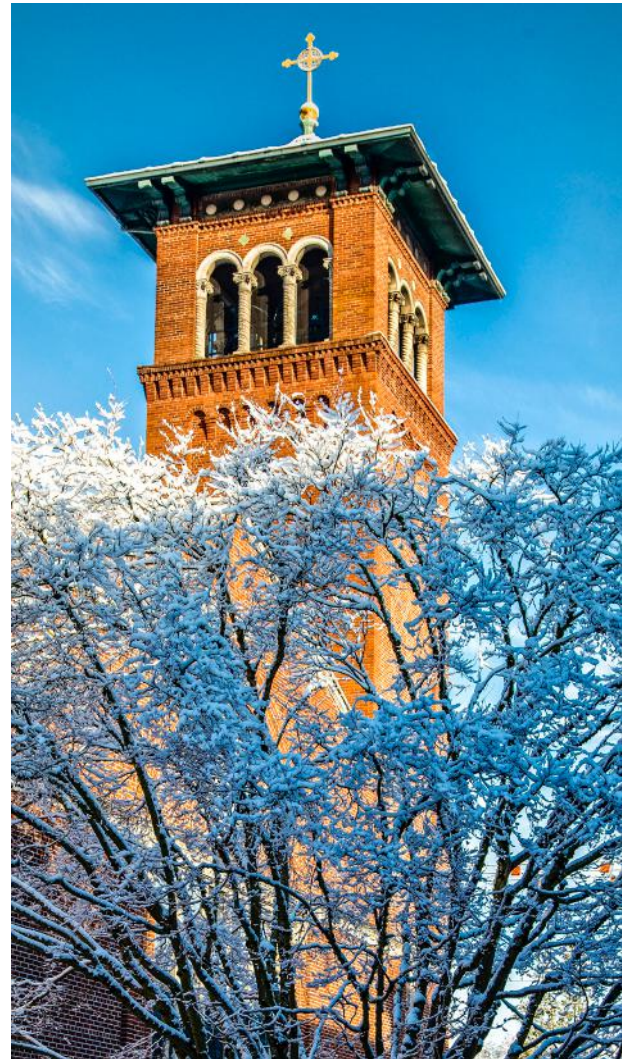
**Thanks from Catholic Charities, Northwest Catholic Counseling Center, Portland Teen Parent Program, and Rose Haven. Thanks also for contributions to the Lift Urban Portland Christmas dinner at Congregation Beth Israel.**

**\*All who contributed to the St. Vincent de Paul food drive for Lift Urban Portland.**

**\*Zupan's on Burnside and Al's Garden Center for the beautiful floral arrangements.**

**\*Our parish staff and generous volunteers who lovingly coordinated, orchestrated, and directed our parish celebrations.**

**Thank You and God Bless You All!**





## THE DAYS GROW LONGER

Here at the cathedral, we are just beginning the Christmas season, with liturgies filled with beautiful readings and music, with the colors of the season all around us, and with our parish crèche in its place to delight the child in everyone. The season continues through the solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on January 12, 2020.

As far back as the eighth century in the western world, according to the Venerable Bede (672 -735), the first day of winter was observed on November 7, with midwinter celebrated between December 21 and December 25. In those days, February 2 signaled the end of winter. But, of course, the weather remained cold for some time after that!

This brings us to a lovely midwinter hymn, written in the nineteenth century, by Dr. John Mason Neale, but influenced by the medieval carols of England. This hymn and others like it, especially from the western Middle Ages, honor the coming of Christ at Christmas, but refrain from the sentimentality of some of our contemporary holiday music. Life was short and winter was cold, and people acknowledged joy, sorrow, and hope in their poetry and in their songs.

In the following stanza, from Neale's carol, "Earth Today Rejoices," we recognize that, even though the days are growing longer, and the cold weather is not finished with us, we rejoice always in the true Light of the World:

*Though the cold grows stronger,  
Though the world loves night,  
Yet the days grow longer,  
Christ is born, our light.*

- Sr. Connie Furseth, OSF





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