

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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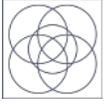
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Sunday, January 12th, Baptism of the Lord



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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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



Today is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord—the end of the Christmas season. The feast celebrates the fact that Jesus Christ took flesh and became one with us. To fully identify with humanity, Jesus underwent the baptism of John in the Jordan. Like a “lamb to the slaughter,” Jesus carried our sins to the cross and brought salvation to the world.

The “baptism of The Lord” is a part of the Epiphany mystery—the mystery of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. This Jesus is recognized as the Christ, the anointed one, the Messiah, not just for Israel, but for all the nations. We are included in those “nations”; and, like the Magi of old, we are seekers for the Truth, for all that is Good, for a Savior who can free us from sin and bring us salvation. As St. John says, “From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.” What an unfathomable gift!

Because I love my Catholic faith—and the Christmas season always strengthens it—I am a bit mystified by people who say that they are “spiritual” but not “religious.” I’m sure that all of us have a family member or a friend who is “spiritual” but not a part of any religious institution. This is particularly true of the generation we call the “millennials,” or, perhaps better, the “nones” (no religious affiliation).

Perhaps it’s not surprising given the number of popular writers and speakers who say that belonging to any religious group is divisive, only leading to fights and wars and violence. It is better to be “spiritual,” taking what is good from all religions and simply living a good life—not getting involved with

the “institution.”

Those who are spiritual describe themselves as “seekers” rather than believers. And they seek God in all sorts of places: in nature, in art, in work, in service, in other people. And this is good! For, in fact, God dwells in all things—the spark of the divine, the “hints and guesses.” By the mystery of the Incarnation we find aspects of God wherever we look.

But here’s the thing, and the problem: in none of these general spiritualities is one ever addressed by a personal and living God. We are always seeking; we are always doing the speaking. God is perceived as a distant, abstract force—something called “Truth” or “The Good.” Our search is more like a science project than a spiritual journey. And we decide what and whom we are seeking; i.e., a god who makes no appeal or demand on us. The god of our “spirituality” turns into the god of our own making.

Here’s the bottom line: the biblical conviction is that God is not a distant force but a person who reveals his mind and purpose to us—who seeks us! We don’t need to seek because our loving God has found us! In other words, being “spiritual” will only take us so far. It must give way to something much deeper, transcendent, revealed.

The Magi followed the star (nature) as far as they could, but then they needed the Revelation of Scripture to bring them to Jesus. So do we. Yes. We have been found.

Msgr. Patrick S. Brennan

Monsignor Patrick Brennan is a native Oregonian who attended high school and college at Mount Angel Seminary (1965-1973). He studied theology at the North American College and the Gregorian University in Rome (1973-1977; 1979-1980). He later studied Canon Law at The Catholic University of America (1983-1985). Msgr. Brennan was ordained in 1977 and has held a number of positions in the archdiocese: president-rector of Mount Angel Seminary, Vicar for Clergy, and presently, Judicial Vicar. He was appointed pastor of St. Mary’s Cathedral in 2011. His interests include Scripture, travel, architecture, photography, and swimming.



January Mass Intentions

- 13 5:30pm: In Memory Joseph Rheel
- 14 7:30am: In Memory of Ruth Ann Gorsky
5:30pm: The Brennan Family
- 15 7:30am: Brady Family
5:30pm: Fr. Richard Hinkley
- 16 7:30am: Steve & Antoniette Waldram
- 17 7:30am: In Memory of Susie Verdurmen
5:30pm: In Memory of Caroly Beckford
Morlin
- 18 7:30am: Blanchet House

This Week At Cathedral

- 12 Coffee & Donuts after the 9am Mass
High School Confirmation Class 3:30pm
- 13 Bible & Salvation History 6pm
- 15 RCIA 7pm
- 16 Baptismal Preparation Class 7pm
- 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Mass 5:30pm



Financial Report for December 29, 2019

E-giving	87
Envelopes	224
Sunday Envelope	\$ 8,468
E-Giving	\$ 5,755
Loose Collection	\$ 1,585
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 125
Christmas	\$ 24,880
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Total Parish	\$ 40,813
Christmas Flowers	\$ 70
School	\$ 54
Social Services	\$ 9,025

Baptismal Preparation for Parents of Infants: The next session will be this Thursday, January 16, at 7pm in St. Joseph Hall at the Cathedral Center. Enter from 17th Street.

Catholic Communication Campaign: Next weekend, January 18 & 19, we will have a second collection for this campaign. Through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print, the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally. Half of all donations to the CCC collected in your diocese stay in your diocese to support your local communications needs, such as radio and television programming and diocesan publications.

Christmas Flowers

In Memory/Honor of:

Carl & Alma Helfrich
Joseph & Florence Lalli

Bible and Salvation History: Want to learn more about what's in the bible and about God's plan as seen through Scripture? Join Deacon Scott on Monday evenings, at 6:30pm in St. Joseph Hall. All are welcome.

Please make your checks out to **St. Mary's Cathedral** with a note in the memo line indicating the collection to which you are donating.



PARISH LIFE



WeShare We use WeShare to process online gifts. It's fast and easy and provides you with many options regarding how your donation will be used. You can even schedule your 2nd collection giving. If you need assistance with WeShare, please feel free to call us at (503) 228-4397.

Confirmation class begins today for 34 of our parish high school students. We will have eight classes, ending on March 15. Confirmation will be held in the cathedral on Wednesday, April 22. Please pray for our students as they prepare for this sacrament. Thank you!

Lift UP: needs volunteer gleaners to pick up food from the Amazon warehouse. The job requires driving and lifting up to 40 pounds. A copy of your driver's license is required to run a DMV check. If you are interested in more information please contact Abby Morris, Lift UP Volunteer Manager, at 503-221-1224 or abby@lifturbanportland.org

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Financial Report for January 5, 2019

E-giving	155
Envelopes	79
Sunday Envelope	\$ 8,197
E-Giving	\$ 14,637
Loose Collection	\$ 1,669
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 1,770
Christmas	\$ 85
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Total Parish	\$ 26,358
Sunday School of Religion	\$ 25
School	\$ 4,983
Social Services	\$ 1,093

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WATER AND FIRE: THE BAPTISMAL FONT

If you have taken the time to study our baptismal font at the entrance to the cathedral, you have probably noticed the beautiful symbols embedded in the tile. The central cross is surrounded by the palms carried at the beginning of Holy Week. It is also enhanced by rosebuds, some of many cathedral rose symbols honoring the Blessed Mother. The blue of the tiles remind us of the waters of baptism, and the surrounding images remind us of some of our beliefs. For example, the entwined fish and the triangle are ancient reminders of the Holy Trinity, while the dove represents the Holy Spirit. A shell is often used to pour the waters of baptism over the person being baptized.

Before the Second Vatican Council, an altar rail separated the congregation from the sanctuary. When the cathedral was restored in the 1990's, pieces of the altar rail became the base of the new altar, the base of the chapel altar, the base of the ambo, and the enclosure around the baptismal font. The gates were originally the gates set into the altar rail. At the Easter Vigil, the people to be baptized often choose to walk through the gates into the water which floods the font at that time. During the remainder of the year, baptisms are conducted over the small font, the same font into which we dip our fingers when we enter the cathedral, so that we are always reminded of our baptism.



The paschal candle, first lit at the Easter Vigil, remains at the baptismal font as a sign of the fire of our faith. The candle is brought forward during the funeral Mass for the same reason. Our baptismal font and paschal candle stand at the entrance to the cathedral, directly in line with the altar. We enter the Church through baptism and walk towards the altar, the table of the Eucharist, two great sacraments of our salvation connected by our journey from water and fire to bread and wine.

- Sr. Constance Furseth, OSF



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