

Saint Brigid Parish

SENIOR NEWSLETTER
Christmas and Jan. 1, 2021!

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve:

1, 2:30, and 4 pm

Christmas Day:

9 and 11 am

Masses will be held in our parking lot at the corner of Missouri and Cass Streets. Tent covering and chairs will be provided.

Online:

Join the livestream at any of the times listed above.



Celebrate Christmas

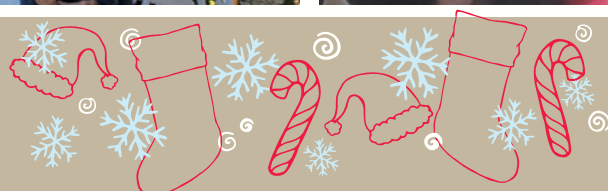
WITH SAINT BRIGID PARISH



Christmas Caroling

PICTURES!





CLERGY CORNER

By Deacon Chris Hulburt



Incarnation

Last month, I was privileged to accompany Fr. Sebastian and preach at the funeral of a 10-month old baby girl, Aviva Lilia Kullberg. I have been to many funerals, but never before had I seen a child in an open casket. Little Aviva was beautiful, wearing a white dress and flowered headband. She seemed to be asleep and looked like she might wake at any minute to start playing with her older siblings. It was extraordinarily sad.

The next day, I joined Fr. Sebastian and Dcn. Mike at the parish's Thanksgiving Day Mass. Deacon Mike offered a wonderful homily about gratitude and resisting the temptation toward complacency. I was present to celebrate the baptism of a 5-month old baby girl, Vivienne Sandra Bucci. Little Vivienne was adorable, wearing an heirloom white dress and headband. She smiled and cooed, and her family and I beamed with joy.

After recovering from the emotional whiplash of these back-to-back liturgies, I have been pondering a few questions: (1) What do these two girls have to say about each other; (2) Do they offer insight into the season of Advent; and (3) Can we give thanks for both stories?

Baptisms and funerals are directly related – the liturgical bookends of a sacramental life in the Church. Both liturgies take place under the flame of the Paschal Candle, the symbol of the eternal life and love of the Risen Christ, and both involve the use of water. At baptism, the candle points toward the child's anticipated resurrection. At the funeral, the holy water recalls baptism as the point of entry into the promised eternal life. Both celebrations are fully present in the other. Both speak to life.

Mary the Mother of God is the icon of Advent. Just weeks before the Nativity, Mary is pregnant, anticipating her birth of the Christ Child. In her receptivity and generosity, Mary is an "image and likeness" of the Trinity—fully receiving an outpouring of God's loving presence in her "let it be;" fully sharing the gift in her delivery of Christ to all humanity; and fully returning her child to God at the foot of the Cross. Mary is both Mother of God and Our Lady of Sorrows—sharing both the baptism birth and the shocking death of all humanity—because in the Incarnation accomplished through her and continued in each of us, Christ shares fully the birth and death of all humanity. God is fully present in both occasions, both birth and death, life and resurrection.

Parenting is a reckless act of love in response to love, another "image and likeness" of the very nature of God. All parents, whether natural, adoptive, or foster parents, are invited to welcome God's beloved child into their hearts and homes. These families, like Mary and Joseph and so many other parents, do so without knowing anything about how the child's life will play out. All of it is participation in the very mystery of Incarnation. And in the richness of that understanding, we can—we must—be thankful for the opportunity and privilege of caring for God's beloved children. Through both Aviva and Vivienne, just as through Jesus, God introduced new life and new love into the world, lives and loves that never existed before, lives and loves that forever change all who know them. Let us not hesitate to give thanks for these incarnations among us.

Where to find Mass on TV?

If you have questions, call Gerry Greer 858-997-5278.

EWTN

DAILY MASS TIMES: 8 am, 12 PM, 7 PM

Provider	Channel
AT&T Uverse	Channel 562
Spectrum	Channel 460
Cox	Channel 151
Dish Network	Channel 261
Direct TV	Channel 370
C-Band Satellite	Channel G1-11

<https://www.ewtn.com/tv/channel-finder>

Heart of the Nation

Provider	Channel	Day	Time
KFMB	Ch. 8.2	Sunday	8:30 AM
Cable TV			
AT&T U-Verse	Ch. 6	Sunday	8:30 AM
Cox	Ch. 6	Sunday	8:30 AM
Cox	Ch. 67	Sunday	8:00 AM
Spectrum (Time Warner)	Ch. 6	Sunday	8:30 AM
Spectrum (Time Warner)	Ch. 3	Sunday	8:00 AM

<https://www.heartofthenation.org/>

"Cultivate the power of enjoying others' joys. It is the cheapest and most satisfactory form of Happiness."
an unknown Scottish Poet

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass: 9 or 11 am

Parking lot

Chairs are available or bring your own!

Daily Mass: 7:30 am Mass

Monday - Saturday - Patio area

Between Church and Ministry Center. Chairs provided.

Online: View the livestream Mass at 5:30 pm on Saturday

or watch the recording anytime. Find link on our parish website: www.saintbrigidparish.org
From home page, scroll down to Mass Times, Select LIVE STREAM or RECORDED!

More Parish Information!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Come to the church sacristy on Saturdays at 4 pm and receive the forgiveness and healing that is especially needed during these challenging times.

There will be an additional opportunities on:

Monday, December 14, 8 -9 am

Thursday, December 17, 5-7 pm

Saturday, December 19, 9 - 10 am

Monday, December 21, 8 -9 am

Social distancing protocols will be observed.

Adoration

Thursdays: 8 am - 8 pm in the church

Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3 pm

Reconciliation: December 17, 5 - 7 pm

Come find peace and comfort in the presence of the Lord! Thank you for following social distancing protocols and many thanks to our young adult community for making the new extended hours a reality!

No Adoration Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Consider helping the leadership team by helping one hour one time a month or more.

Contact Gerry 858-997-5278

New Year Blessings!



As we look forward to celebrate the birth of our Lord, may all of you be reminded just how much you are loved!

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

We look forward to continue to offer ways to connect this coming year! Happy 2021!

Love and Prayers,
Nancy, Bev and Gerry

HOME MINISTRY

Do You Know . . .

of anyone who should be on Saint Brigid's Home Ministry List?

Provide name and phone number to Bev or Gerry Greer 858-997-5278.

Interested in a friendly phone call?

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Need Prayer?

—How can we pray for you?

Please call 858.483.3030 with any prayer intentions. If you'd like a return call from one of the members of our prayer team, please indicate that on your message!



DIVINE MERCY BILLBOARD

Dec 7 thru Jan 4

Can be seen at corner of
Grand & Ingraham!

