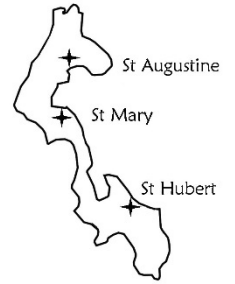


WHIDBEY ISLAND FAMILY OF CATHOLIC CHURCHES ST. HUBERT



St. Hubert, St. Mary, St. Augustine

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Priest in Residence: Father Paul Pluth (St. Hubert)

The Epiphany of the LORD January 5, 2025



The Magi Adore the Divine Child

Regular Mass Times

St. Hubert	St. Augustine	St. Mary
Sat. 5:00 pm	Sat. 5:00 pm	Sun. 11:15 am
Sun. 9:00 am	Sun. 8:00 am	Thur. 9:30 am
Wed. 10:30 am	Sun. 9:30 am	
	Wed. 9:30 am	
	Fri. 9:30 am	

Confessions

Saturday, 4:00 pm - St Augustine*

Saturday, 4:00 pm - St Hubert

(*The 3rd Saturday of each month, Vigil Mass and Confessions will only be at St Hubert)

Communion Service (St. Hubert only)

Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9:00 am



The Adoration of the Magi by Ghirlandaio

Florence, 1487. Picture Credit [here](#)

1. “Arise [Jerusalem], shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you” (Is 1:1).

Today, the Solemnity of Epiphany, this is how the prophet’s words resound. The ancient, evocative oracle of Isaiah in a way foretells the light that shone on the stable in Bethlehem on Christmas night, anticipating the angels’ song: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased” (Lk 2:14). In a certain sense, in *pointing to the light* the prophet is *pointing to Christ*. As it shone for the shepherds seeking the newborn Messiah, so this light shines today on the path of the Magi, come from the East to adore him who was born King of the Jews.

The Magi represent the peoples of the whole earth who, in the light of the Lord’s birth, set out on the way leading to Jesus and, in a certain sense, are the first to receive that salvation inaugurated by the Saviour’s birth and brought to fulfilment in the paschal mystery of his Death and Resurrection.

When they reached Bethlehem, the Magi adored the divine Child and offered him symbolic gifts, becoming forerunners of the peoples and nations which down the centuries never cease to seek and meet Christ.

2. In the second reading from the Letter to the Ephesians, the Apostle Paul comments with deep wonder on the mystery celebrated in today’s

solemnity: “Assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation.... the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that is, how the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel (Eph 3:2-3; 5-6). A son of the chosen nation, converted to Christ, Paul came to share in divine Revelation, after the other Apostles, to transmit it to the nations of the whole world. After this great turning point in his life, he understood that *all peoples have been chosen as well and that all men are called to salvation* because they are “partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel” (Eph 3:6). Indeed, the light of Christ and the universal call to salvation are meant for the peoples of all the earth. “This character of universality which adorns the People of God is a gift from the Lord himself whereby the Catholic Church ceaselessly and efficaciously seeks for the return of all humanity and all its goods under Christ the Head in the unity of his Spirit” (*Lumen gentium*, n. 13).

3. Thus we understand the full meaning of Epiphany, presented by Paul in the way in which he himself understood and practised it. The Apostle’s task is to spread the Gospel throughout the world, proclaiming to mankind the redemption wrought by Christ and to lead all humanity on the path of salvation, manifested by God on the night in Bethlehem. *The Church’s missionary activity, through its many stages down the centuries, finds its starting point and universal scope in the feast of Epiphany.*

Precisely to stress the universal character of the Church’s mission, it has been the custom for a number of years that on the feast of Epiphany the Bishop of Rome lays his hands on priests from various countries and invokes the Holy Spirit for their episcopal service.

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today... and forever” (Heb 13:8)

Pope John Paul II

Eucharistic Celebration on the Feast of Epiphany
Monday, 6 January 1996

[TheVatican](#)



December 29, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

May the peace of our Lord be with you this Christmas season.

We, the Bishops of Washington State, stand with our brothers and sisters who are immigrants and refugees. The threats of mass deportations and forced separation of families have caused great fear for refugees and migrants and their families—documented and undocumented. These threats are contrary to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the dignity of every human person that is central to the teachings of our Catholic faith.

In his encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis reminds us, “If every human being possesses an inalienable dignity, if all people are my brothers and sisters, and if the world truly belongs to everyone, then it matters little whether my neighbor was born in my country or elsewhere” (#55).

While we uphold that we are a nation of laws, as we’ve stated in the past, we also know that the U.S. immigration system is severely flawed and in need of a comprehensive overhaul. As Christians we know our love for God is measured by our love of neighbor, particularly the most vulnerable. Rooted in Scripture, the Catholic Church has a long tradition of standing with those forced to migrate, “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me” (Mt 25:35). Therefore, we cannot separate our love for God from our love for others, as we echo Pope Francis’ call to welcome, protect, promote and integrate immigrants (*Fratelli Tutti* 129).

Even the Statue of Liberty reminds us that migration is part of the fabric of our nation, with a line from Emma Lazarus, a Jewish-American immigrant author, engraved on its pedestal: “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.”

During this time of uncertainty and fear, we stand with our immigrant and refugee brothers and sisters. May all our brothers and sisters on the margins, especially migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, know that our parishes are open for prayer, comfort and solace. May each of us embrace the Gospel teaching and Pope Francis’ call to recognize the dignity of others as we welcome the stranger.

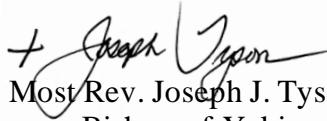
As pilgrims of hope entering into a Jubilee year, we journey together through these uncertain times knowing Our Lady of Guadalupe walks with us.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

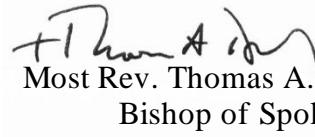
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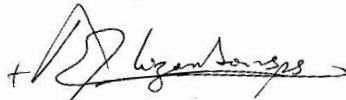
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Archbishop of Seattle



Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima



Most Rev. Thomas A. Daly
Bishop of Spokane

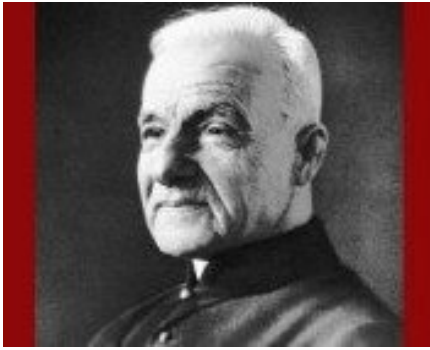


Most Rev. Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S.
Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle



Most Rev. Frank Schuster
Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle

LITURGICAL CALENDAR



St. André Bessette

The superior of the Holy Cross Brothers in Montreal could not help but doubt the vocation of 25 year-old Alfred Bessette (1845-1937), who showed up at his door asking to enter religious life. The young man, orphaned at twelve, was desperately poor. He had been an itinerant worker most of his life, in Quebec and in factories in the United States. The jobs he had held had been brief, for Alfred suffered poor health from birth and could not work as much as an ordinary laborer.

Moreover, what was an illiterate man doing asking for admission into an order of teaching brothers? Everything told the superior to reject such an applicant.

But there was a note from the young man's pastor: "I am sending you a saint...."

The superior hesitated, at first turning Alfred away. But the bishop of Montreal intervened, and the Holy Cross Brothers accepted this sickly young man. "Brother André," he was called, taking on a new name for his new life. His community could not think of anything for him to do other than answer the door of their boarding school. "At the end of my novitiate," Brother André joked later, "my superiors showed me the door, and there I stayed for forty years."

Something happens when the same person answers the door for hundreds of people day in and day out, for years. They come to know him, and some come to intuit that this brother prays more than most. They begin to tell him their sufferings. He prays with the sick, asks God to heal them, and commends them to St. Joseph, whom he loves. The word begins to spread quietly through the city: That simple brother who doesn't know how to read? God has given him the gift of healing. People at the door no longer come to see those inside; they want the porter.

The other brothers begin to grumble. He's a fraud, some say. A danger to the order. But that is a level of complexity that Brother André cannot understand. Of course I don't heal, he tells them. I pray to St. Joseph, and he intercedes for them with his foster Son. So many people come asking for healing that Brother André's superiors ask him to receive visitors at the nearby trolley station. Soon, 80,000 letters arrive for him a year.

To everyone to come, Brother André's message was the same: "Go to Joseph. He will help you. Come, we'll pray together." In 1904, Brother André asked the Archbishop of Montreal for permission to build a small chapel to honor St. Joseph across the street from the school. You can build only what you have money for, the bishop replied. Brother André did not have any money. So he began to give haircuts, at 5 cents apiece. In a few years he had enough to build what was essentially a small roofless hut. Over many years came better walls, a roof, heating, and thousands of pilgrims – so many that plans were made for the little wooden chapel to become a basilica. To this place of miracles, where God visited the broken, those who came brought the wounds of their hearts, the sufferings of their bodies, and their faith to St. Joseph and to his friend, this simple brother who received them and helped them to pray.

When Brother André was ninety years old, he asked some of his coworkers to place a statue of St. Joseph in the unfinished church. They carried him, old and sick, up the hill so that he could see it. When he died on January 6, 1937, those hundreds of thousands of pilgrims who had come over the years came again, despite the frigid Quebec winter. They came in gratitude: in a week, one million people filed past the coffin of the illiterate brother who had accompanied them through their sorrows and sufferings, and who had been for them a kind of doorway to heaven.

St. Joseph's Oratory, completed after Brother André's death, still attracts over two million pilgrims a year. It is filled with crutches, notes of gratitude, prayers – the signs of Brother André's friends then and now.

Article and Image credit [here](#).

FAITH FORMATION

Upcoming Masses Announcement

Fr. Pluth's last Mass until his surgery will be celebrated on January 1. Since Fr. Pluth will be recovering from his surgery, St. Hubert will have visiting priests here to celebrate Mass for Saturday nights and Sunday mornings. In the event where a priest is unavailable, a communion service will be held instead. There will be no weekday Masses. Unfortunately, the Bilingual Mass will not be celebrated until Fr. Pluth's return. Thank you for understanding.

Prayer Team Ministry

Prayer team ministry will be available after the Divine Mercy prayers on Wednesday, January 8, for anyone who would like more prayer.

Friday Rosary Changes

The Friday Rosary session will be moved from 10:00 am to 9:30 am. Please consider joining us!

Return of the Vatican II Study Group

Our study of the Vatican II documents will resume on Sundays at 11:30 on January 5. Once again, we will be looking at Gaudium Et Spes. This document is the most comprehensive look at how the Church carries forward the work of Christ in this modern world. The document will be available on the parish website. We will be sending out study questions as we read each chapter of the document.

If you are not on the distribution list, please contact Mary Beth at

Faithformation@whidbey.com

Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom

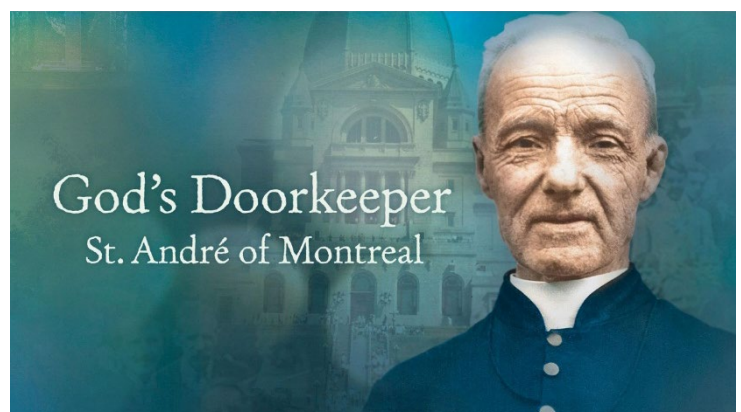


The second ten sessions for the Bible study, Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom, begins January 8. It will again be at 11:30 am in the Help Services Center. Contact Dan Ashburn for more information.

FORMED

Enjoy some of the FREE offerings on Formed. As a parishioner of St. Hubert, YOU can access all of FORMED programs for FREE!! To sign up or to access these programs visit [Sign in - FORMED](#), and register or log in as a member of St. Hubert.

God's Doorkeeper



This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!

To watch God's Doorkeeper, see [here](#).

OUTREACH

St. Anthony's
Soup Kitchen



All you who are thirsty, come to the water.
~Isaiah 55:1

St. Anthony's Kitchen Service

Wednesday Soup Lunch, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Thursday Meal Service – A Smile & A Meal.
Email sthubert@whidbey.com or call the parish kitchen at (360) 221-5303 by Tuesday and leave a message to request the Thursday meal service. The menu is on our website. This week, the meal will be Stir Fry with Pork. All entrees include fresh fruit and a sweet treat. A Gluten free option is available upon request. When picking up your meal, please come to the parish office and one of our staff will get it for you.

PREPARES

Pregnancy & Parenting Support

Dear Parishioners of St. Hubert Catholic Church,

We are excited to share the progress of the St. Hubert PREPARES mission and to acknowledge the tremendous support we have received from all of you. Your involvement is vital, and together, we can create a meaningful impact on our community. As a dedicated team of volunteers, our goal is to provide constructive and unconditional support for mothers, fathers, and families as they navigate the journey of pregnancy and early childhood. This mission invites each of us to be a part of something greater, allowing us to give back to those in need. In the past four months, we successfully organized a Baby Shower for 15 pregnant mothers and young families at the Catholic Community Services Farm Workers Center in Mt. Vernon. We were able to provide essential items such as safe car seats, clothing, diapers, and more, which made a real difference in their lives.

During the Christmas and Epiphany seasons, we also distributed high-quality strollers to these families, ensuring they have the resources they need. Additionally, the St. Hubert Knights of Columbus hosted a Pancake Breakfast that raised funds for our PREPARES program, while the Women of St. Hubert made beautiful baby quilts for young families. We sincerely appreciate all of your contributions and prayers, as they are crucial to our mission's success. Looking ahead to 2025, we are eager to plan new initiatives that will further support our community's families. If you are interested in contributing your time or resources, please don't hesitate to reach out to John Joynt at john@johnjoynt.com. Your engagement is invaluable as we work together toward a brighter future for those we serve.

Thank you for being a vital part of this journey.

Blessings and charity,
The St. Hubert PREPARES Team





“Tent City Nativity”

“Jesus was born in a makeshift shelter, too—
A place not really meant for human dwelling—
And yet it was there that he met us, in the
lowliest refuge.

Two thousand years later, it’s good to remember
That Christ is still being born, here and now,
Most especially in places we’d rather not go,
Places from which we’d rather look away.
God of illumination and incarnation,
Open not only our eyes, but our hearts,
That we may open, too, our hands And make
generous offerings of love,
As your holy light reflects from nylon tent flaps,
Your holy song rises from a crackling campfire,
Lit against the cold, against the night.
Amen.”

Prayer Written by Cameron Bellm

COMMUNITY

Calendars

Calendars are on their way! They were ordered in combination with the rest of our parish family, and unfortunately there has been a delay in shipping. Thank you for understanding, and we will let you know as soon as they arrive!

Coming Soon...

For the past couple of years, our parish has primarily used Flocknote to communicate with parishioners. Flocknote has been used to communicate changes in Mass schedules as well as weekly bulletins. Soon, our parish office will transition to using a new program called Community Builder. Community Builder is part of ParishStaq, and is a more efficient way of communicating with everyone. It is also being used by the other two parishes in our parish family, St. Mary and St. Augustine. Please be sure to check your inboxes and spam folders for messages from us via Community Builder.

Thank you!

With grateful hearts, our parishioners thank all the Holy Spirit liturgical ministers for their help in making the Masses so prayerful and beautiful especially during this Christmas Season. Thank you to our dear priests for their love and commitment to each of us, our deacons and altar servers for assisting our priests at the altar, our EMHCs for helping us to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, our lectors for proclaiming the Word of God to us, our sacristans and altar society who do behind the scenes work and keep the altar linens clean, our ushers for their friendly assistance, our musicians for helping us glorify God through song, our live streamers who help those who are unable to attend Mass be a part of our community, and our arts and environment helpers for bringing us beauty to help us focus on our Newborn King! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

AED/CPR TRAINING

January 25, 2025

Mark your calendars, and prepare yourself to assist in an emergency. We will once again be hosting AED/CPR classes on January 25, 2025, at 8:00 am-12:00pm. A fee of \$60 will be required, contact the parish office to register. The registration deadline is the 15th of January! What did St. André Bessett do to make money for the church he wanted to build?

PRAYER CORNER

Charlotte Blackwell, June Brown, Stephen Berard, Alexandra Crawford, Charlie Childs, Terri Desrosiers, The Drnec Family, Ian Francis, Jim Grilliot, Catherine Holman, Ed LaBissoniere, Georgia Loe, Megan Kukuk, Kathleen O'Guin, Jo Petterson, Maria Rudman, Lori Stewart, John Scehovic, Duffy Schoeler, Donald Shull, Amy Stuart, Tom Sulich, Kathey Von Doran, Trish Zapinski.

Do you have an addition to the prayer corner?

Please call the parish office, visit the office, or fill out this [form](#) online and the prayer will be added to the next bulletin.

Mass Intentions

1/4 - St. Hubert Church



REST IN PEACE

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May They Rest in Peace:

Braulio Herrera Abuan, Giovanni Carosi, David Barrett, Richard Egge, Paul Firnstahl, Maria Kelly, Karen Johnson, Eloisa Murphy, Gary Poland, Will Surface, Laddie Taylor.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Communion for the Homebound

Please call the parish office at (360) 221-5383 to arrange to have Communion brought to you.

Divine Mercy Prayer Circle

Join the circle of prayer by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet for those who are dying, and in return once they pass on into heaven, they will pray for us. To join the Divine Mercy Circle, email DevineMercyCircle@aol.com. Prayer requests should be sent to DevineMercyCircle@aol.com and cc: sthubert@whidbey.com.

Living Light Prayer Group

You are invited to pray with us on Tuesdays at 3:00 pm in the church, for an hour of praise, reflections, and intercession. We pray for each other, and for special intentions.

St. Hubert Counseling Services

We all find ourselves at a point in our lives when we need help coping. It may be relationship problems; death or illness of a loved one; difficulties with children; or feeling sad, anxious, or depressed. Professional counseling can provide the support and help needed to get to a place of mental, emotional, and spiritual health. To make an appointment with Alice Thull, please call her at (360) 221-0746. All fees are on a sliding scale.

Grief Support Meeting

If you have lost a loved one, please join us for the monthly meeting of the St. Hubert Grief Support Group. Meetings are 1:00pm on the fourth Thursday of the month in the Help Services Center located at 815 Saratoga Road. The group provides a place for people to connect with others who have also had a death in their lives, and to share their unique grief journey in a safe, supportive environment. Connecting with others who have this common bond of experience can be a source of comfort and helpful in building momentum toward healing. Please contact Alice at (360) 221-0746 if you would like more information.



ST. HUBERT COUNSELING SERVICES

Alice Thull, LICSW,

is now available to provide individual, couple, & family counseling at St. Hubert.

For more information or to schedule a visit, call 360.221.0746.

Fees are on a sliding scale.



Calendar: January 5 – 18

5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9a Mass 10:30a Youth Group	9a Communion Service	9a Communion Service 3-4p Living Light Prayer Group 6p RE Class	11a Divine Mercy, Prayer Team Ministry afterwards 11a St. A's Soup 7p Taizé Prayer Service	3p Writers Group 5:30p Whidbey Climate Action	9a Communion Service 8:30a Friday Adoration 9:30a Rosary Parish Office Closed	4p Confession 5p Mass
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9a English Mass – No Bilingual Mass	9a Communion Service 4:30p KofC Officers Meeting 5:30p KofC General Membership Meeting	9a Communion Service 3p Living Light Prayer Group 6p RE Class	9a Communion Service 11a Divine Mercy 11a St. A's Soup	3p Writers Group	9a Communion Service 8:30a Friday Adoration 9:30a Rosary Parish Office Closed	4p Confession 5p Mass

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Church Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
 Saturday: 3:00pm - 6:30 pm
 Sunday: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

St Augustine Parish Office Hours

Monday: Closed to the public
 Tuesday - Friday: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
information@staugustineoh.org

St. Hubert Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
 Friday: Closed to the public

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 Mailing Address for both parishes - P.O. Box 1319, Oak Harbor, WA 98277
 St. Hubert - 804 3rd Street, Langley, WA 98260

QUIZ!

No winner yet for last week's quiz. Since I chose a particularly difficult question, you may use the internet to answer last week's question. THIS IS A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY! First response to last week's question wins, but you must tell me who was involved, when it happened, and why it happened. Finally, **no complaining allowed** in the future! For this week's question, and all questions going forward, **you may NOT use the internet.**

The game's afoot!

The Quiz Master



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