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CHURCHES ST. HUBERT

St. Hubert, St. Mary, St. Augustine
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The Baptism of the LORD January 12, 2025



Jesus is Baptized in the River Jordan

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!



On this Sunday after the Epiphany, we celebrate the <u>Baptism of Jesus</u>, and we gratefully recall our Baptism. In this context, this morning I baptized 26 infants: let us pray for them!

The Gospel presents Jesus, in the waters of the River Jordan, at the center of a wondrous divine revelation. St Luke writes: "when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, 'Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased'" (Lk 3:21-22). In this way Jesus is consecrated and manifested by the Father as the Saviour Messiah and liberator.

In this event — attested by all four Gospels — is the passing from the baptism of John the Baptist, symbolized by water, to the Baptism of Jesus "with the Holy Spirit and with fire" (Lk 3:16). Indeed, the Holy Spirit is the principal artisan in Christian Baptism: it is he who burns and destroys original sin, restoring to the baptized the beauty of divine grace; it is he who frees us from the dominion of darkness, namely sin, and transfers us to the kingdom of light, namely love, truth and peace: this is the kingdom of light. Let us think about the dignity to which Baptism elevates us! "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and so we are" (1 Jn 3:1), the Apostle John exclaims. This splendid reality of being Children of God entails the responsibility of following Jesus, the obedient Servant, and reproduces his lineaments in our very selves: namely docility, humility, tenderness. This is not easy, especially when there is so much intolerance, arrogance, harshness around us. But with the strength we receive from the Holy Spirit it is possible!

The Holy Spirit, received for the first time on the day of our Baptism, opens our heart to the Truth, to all Truth. The Spirit impels our life on the challenging but joyful path of charity and solidarity toward our brothers and sisters. The Spirit gives us the tenderness of divine forgiveness and permeates us with the invincible power of the Father's mercy. Let us not forget that the Holy Spirit is a living and vivifying presence in those who welcome him, he prays in us and fills us with spiritual joy.

Today, the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, let us ponder the day of our Baptism. All of us were baptized, let us give thanks for this gift. I ask you a question: which of you knows the date of your Baptism? Surely not everyone. Therefore, I encourage you to find out the date, by asking, for example, your parents, your grandparents, your godparents, or going to the parish. It is very important to know it, because it is a date to be celebrated: it is the date of our rebirth as Children of God. For this reason, homework for this week: go and find out the date of your Baptism. Celebrating that day means and reaffirms our adherence to Jesus, with the commitment to live as Christians, members of the Church and of a new humanity, in which all are brothers and sisters.

May the Virgin Mary, first Disciple of her Son Jesus, help us to live our Baptism with joy and apostolic zeal, welcoming each day the gift of the Holy Spirit, which makes us Children of God.

Pope Francis
Feast of the Baptism of the LORD
January 10, 2016
TheVatican

FAITH FORMATION

Jubilee Year 2025



A Jubilee is a special year of prayer. Jubilees are times for forgiveness, reconciliation, and pilgrimage and are a part of the Catholic tradition. Jubilees ordinarily take place every twenty-five years. The theme of Jubilee 2025 is Pilgrims of Hope.

In the words of Pope Francis:

"Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring... For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope." To learn more about this Jubilee year, see here for the Vatican website and here for the Archdiocese of Seattle website.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

175th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Seattle



For the Archdiocese of Seattle, the year 2025 is doubly blessed. It's a Jubilee year for the Church throughout the world; it's also the 175th anniversary of our archdiocese, established on May 31, 1850. The Archdiocese will mark this anniversary with four special Masses and celebrations, from January through May. For more information, see here.



Prayer in honor of the 175th Anniversary of the **Archdiocese of Seattle**

Lord Jesus Christ,

you are the beginning and the end,

Lord of time and history.

We give you thanks for this local Church,

and for these 175 years of faith and challenge.

Give us the grace we need

to respond to the needs of our time

with wisdom and compassion.

Make us one in mind and heart,

and show us how to love all people as you love them.

You who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

Holy Angels of God, pray for us.

St. James, pray for us.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.

St. Frances Cabrini, pray for us.

All holy men and women, pray for us.



Welcome, Fr. Sauer!

Fr. Sauer will hear Confession and celebrate Mass for the weekends of January 11-12 and 25-26.



Father Sauer is a Senior Priest from Darrington, Washington.
Father Tim Sauer is a longtime pastor, community advocate, and leader whose compassionate work has had a profound impact on generations of people throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle. Ordained in 1976, Father Tim has served as pastor at parishes including St. Theresa in Federal Way, St. Joseph in Ferndale, St. Anne in Blaine, St. Joachim on the Lummi Indian Reservation, St. Bridget in Seattle, Immaculate Conception in Arlington, and St. John Vianney in Darrington.



NEWS FROM THE VATICAN

Pope appoints Sr. Simona Brambilla as Vatican's First Female Prefect



Pope Francis appoints
Sr. Simona Brambilla,
an Italian-born religious
sister from the
Consolata Missionaries,
as Prefect of the
Dicastery for Institutes
of Consecrated Life and
Societies of Apostolic

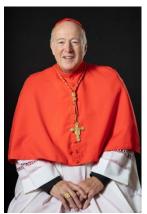
Life, along with Cardinal Ángel Fernández Artime as Pro-Prefect. Sister Simona Brambilla, who will turn 60 on March 27, previously served as the Superior General of the Consolata Missionaries. Pope Francis appointed her on Monday, the Solemnity of the Epiphany, as Prefect of the Dicastery for Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

She has served as Secretary of the same Dicastery since October 7, 2023, and becomes the first woman to be appointed Prefect of a Dicastery of the Holy See. (...)

Sister Simona Brambilla has a background that includes missionary experience in Mozambique. She was a professional nurse before joining the Consolata Missionary Sisters Institute, which she led from 2011 to 2023.

On July 8, 2019, the Pope for the first time appointed seven women as members of the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. Later, Sister Brambilla was first chosen as Secretary of the Dicastery and now as Prefect. To continue reading, see here.

Cardinal McElroy in Washington D.C.



After accepting the resignation from the pastoral governance of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Washington by Cardinal Wilton Daniel Gregory, Pope Francis has appointed Cardinal Robert Walter McElroy, who has led the diocese of San Diego since March 2015, as the new Metropolitan Archbishop.

Born on 5 February 1954 in San Francisco, California, the Cardinal attended Saint Joseph Minor Seminary, earning a baccalaureate degree from Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and a Master's degree in History from Stanford University in Palo Alto, California.

After completing his ecclesiastical studies at Saint Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park, he received a Doctorate in Moral Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and a Doctorate in Political Science from Stanford University.

He was ordained a priest on 12 April 1980 for the Metropolitan Archdiocese of San Francisco. Appointed titular Bishop of Gemelle di Bizacena and Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco on 6 July 2010, he received episcopal ordination on 7 September 2010. While leading the Diocese of San Diego, Pope Francis created him a Cardinal in the consistory of 27 August 2022.

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Seven Sisters Apostolate

Currently, women of St Mary's and St Augustine churches are part of an international organization called <u>The Seven Sisters</u>
<u>Apostolate</u>, which invites women to pray one hour per week on a self-determined day for their pastor. We are hoping at least 7 women from St Hubert Church would pray for Father Paul Pluth for one hour per week on a different day of each week. If interested, please contact the office.

Friday Rosary Changes

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

Youth Retreat

From January 18-19, the youth of our parish family will attend an overnight retreat here at St. Hubert. Please pray that the experience will provide inspiration and growth in their faith journey.

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

Marriage Encounter

Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage. Sign up today to attend the next upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: Feb 14-16, 2025, La Quinta Inn, Tacoma, WA. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit www.wwme.org. For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Experience, feel free to contact: Jeff and Sandy Corneil 360-930-2321.

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.

Interior Life



We all worship something, whether we know it or not. We are called to put God first, and that means giving him our time in prayer. The focus of this episode is developing a consistent prayer life. To watch Interior Life, see this link.

OUTREACH



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 Ham and Potatoes. 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.

STEWARDSHIP

As co-workers in the vineyard,

We give thanks for you and all that you do.

Thank you for helping us to carry out the mission of the Church in the Archdiocese of Seattle and at St. Hubert.

Every picture tells a story, do you know the story?



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...



CHURCH COMMUNITY BUILDER

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. What is your homework for this week? 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. The logo above will be at the bottom of the message.

Martin Luther King Jr. Mass



Join us for Mass to celebrate Martin Luther King Junior on Monday, January 20 at 11 am, at the St. Ignatius Chapel at Seattle University. Rev. Crespin A. Okoth will be presiding.

AED/CPR TRAINING

January 25, 2025

Change in start time! The class will now begin at 11:30 am on January 25. 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 11:30 am. A fee of \$60 will be required, contact the parish office to register. If you cannot pay the fee, scholarships are available from an anonymous donor. For this date, there are only four spots available! The registration deadline is the 15th of January!

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 <u>form</u> online and the prayer will be added to the next bulletin.

Mass Intentions

1/11 - St. Hubert Church 1/12 – Henry Joseph Kroll



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

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.

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.

Calendar: January 12 – 25						
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	9a Communion Service 11a Divine Mercy 11a St. A's Soup	3p Writers Group	9a Communion Service 9:30a Friday Adoration 9:30a Rosary Parish Office Closed	4p Confession 5p Mass Youth Group Overnight Retreat
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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

Addresses

St. Augustine - 185 N. Oak Harbor Street, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

St. Mary - 207 North Main Street, Coupeville, WA 98239

Mailing Address for both parishes - P.O. Box 1319, Oak Harbor, WA

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St. Hubert - 804 3rd Street, Langley, WA 98260

The winner for last week's quiz question is Rachel Sullivan!

Last week's question was:

What did St. André Bessette do to make money for the church he wanted to build? The correct answer is he gave haircuts for 5 cents apiece. Have you found this week's question yet?







