



ST. HUBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH

OUR MISSION

As Roman Catholics centered in the Eucharist, our mission is to live Christ's Gospel message to love, teach, pray, and serve.

OUR VISION:

St. Hubert, the heart of South Whidbey's Catholic community, is the magnet which draws us together as a welcoming body alive in our faith. Led by the Spirit through our laity, we work to realize God's kingdom on earth through joyful worship, inclusivity, and service to others.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent March 10, 2024

*Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord;
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with Thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to Him.
Psalm 95:1-2*



Church Hours

Open for private prayer:
Monday-Friday: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.
Saturday: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
Sunday: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Mass Schedule

Sundays: 9:00 am.
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm.
Wednesday: 10:30 am.

[Livestream Link](#)

Communion Service

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
At 9:00 am.

At this midpoint in Lent, we catch our first sight of Jerusalem, our destination, our homeland, the place of death, burial, and resurrection.



Lent: Encounter

Are you and I being saved? If so, how?

When I was going to Catholic elementary school a long time ago, Christian teaching was taught by the question-and-answer method. One question the catechism asked was this: 'Why do we call Good Friday "good"?' It answered in these words: 'We call that day "good", on which Jesus Christ died, because his death has shown how much he loves us, and has brought us so many blessings.' The answer endorses the famous and treasured saying in the gospel of John today: 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life' (3:16) So St Paul of the Cross, Founder of the Passionists, has called the Passion and Death of Jesus, 'the greatest and most overwhelming work of God's love'.

But in telling and re-telling the story of what Jesus did and what happened to him, not everyone has highlighted God's love. Take the stirring hymn, 'How Great Thou Art', which ranks in the top five of nearly every survey of most-loved hymns in the English-speaking world! (It rocketed to fame in Billy Graham's 1954 London Crusade). I can comfortably join in the singing about wandering through the forests, looking down from lofty mountain grandeur, feeling the gentle breeze, and praising the greatness of their Creator. I can join in the fourth verse about looking forward to the joy of that day, when Jesus will come to take me home to God. But when it comes to the third verse, I have to stop singing the words, because they seem to suggest that Jesus died as a substitute sacrifice for my sins!

And when I think that God his Son not sparing
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the Cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.

No! God the Father did not send his Son into the world to die on the cross. Only a monster God would do such a thing. The Father sent his Son to live and love – to show and tell everyone, just how real and deep, how everlasting and unchanging, is God's love for all human beings, bar none.

On the part of Jesus, his response to God was to be faithful to his mission from God – to make God's kingdom of truth, love, healing, peace, and joy, happen everywhere on earth.

No matter what happened to him, Jesus would not take back his commitment to that mission. But the response of his enemies was to reject God and kill Jesus. So, it was not God who created the cross, but human beings. Human malice, scorn, and hatred put Jesus on the cross. So, the cross is, first of all, a symbol of human sinfulness. In the second place, it is also a symbol of continuing divine love and fidelity. In fact, 'God the Father both inspired Jesus with courage and love and waited on his free decision to suffer for mankind' (Gerald O'Collins, echoing Thomas Aquinas).

The response of God the Father to the rejection of Jesus by human beings, and to the fidelity of God's Son, was to raise him from the dead. So, God remained loving and faithful, despite human infidelity, and hostility. Indeed, in raising Jesus to life and glory, 'God transforms the brutal and wicked act of crucifixion into an event that brings healing and liberation' (Denis Edwards) to all who connect to the cross.

It would be a big mistake to isolate the death of Jesus from his life and ministry before it. It must be seen as the climax of the way he lived, the result of all he did and endured for the coming of the kingdom of God. The evidence of the bible suggests that Jesus was expecting both a premature and violent death, the lot of the prophets before him. It even seems that he adopted a kind of 'bring it on' attitude when he drove out the buyers and sellers from the Temple. But, as he saw it, what awaited him was not disaster but destiny. He accepted his cruel and unjust death, trusting that not only was it necessary for the kingdom of God to happen, but that his beloved Father (his Abba), would vindicate him, and do so personally. His trust, of course, was richly rewarded, rewarded when he rose in his body from the grave.

Salvation in Jesus may lead us to reflect with Christopher Monaghan CP: 'God loves us with a love that is so deep that we cannot even begin to plumb its depths... In John's gospel, Jesus is lifted up to lead us home, not to judge or condemn, but to give us life. We all need beacons in the dark that point us in the right direction, and Jesus lifted up on the cross is that beacon that will bring us safely home.'

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FAITH FORMATION

Cabrini

Cabrini is now out!

This Lent, we have the opportunity to grow inspired by St. Frances Cabrini, the patron saint of immigrants, whom God worked His miracles through right here in Seattle.



St. Frances Cabrini was an Italian immigrant who arrived in New York City in 1889, only to be greeted by disease, crime, and more impoverished children than she could count. From there she set out on a daring mission to convince the hostile mayor to secure housing and healthcare for societies most vulnerable. While struggling with a new language and poor health St. Frances Cabrini managed to build an empire of hope, unlike any the world had ever seen.

Cabrini is currently only showing in theaters but will soon be streaming on paid subscription services.



What are the Scrutinies?

The word scrutiny in our modern-day connotation evokes the idea of criticism. More specifically

negative criticism. However, the origin of this word is from the Latin word meaning “to search.” In ancient Roman times it was used to denote the practice of looking through discards for something of value. This ancient definition fits what is happening in the Scrutinies, a process of close examination of sin, what Jesus offers as the redeemer, and what you can obtain by turning away from sin and following Christ.

The gospel for the first scrutiny is the story of the woman at the well. Jesus knows very well her history. This rite helps one to review their own life, acknowledge one’s sinfulness and yearn for that living water that redeems in Baptism.

The second reading is the story of the man born blind. Christ cures him from his blindness which relates to seeing clearly who Jesus Christ is.

The third reading is the raising of Lazarus, where Jesus declares He is the resurrection and the life, the truth that spurs the elect on to open their hearts to receive the gifts of the Savior.

The Rite then is intended to seek out and heal what is weak, or sinful in the hearts of the elect and find and strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good, progressing toward conversion and salvation. This practice for those seeking initiation into our faith existed before the practice of Lent. It is what became the basis for all of us during the season of Lent: namely, to search out, by prayer, fasting and alms. To find those areas in our lives that need revision and to strengthen those areas that lead us to holiness.

Please pray for our catechumens Aodhan O’Boyle and Chuck Dunigan as they prepare to receive the sacraments on Easter Vigil.

Divine Mercy Prayer Circle

We are a newly formed online circle of folks who are committed to praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet for souls who are in the process of dying or who have died. We pray for the dying and when they pass to their heavenly reward, they in turn pray for us, hence the circle.

To join the Divine Mercy Circle, email Orlanda Enriquez grammy1854@icloud.com. Once you join you will receive prayer requests via email.

Prayer request should be sent to:

grammy1854@icloud.com and

cc: sthubert@whidbey.com.

What Happened to the Prayer Corner?

The prayer corner is undergoing renovation to ensure that we are praying for everyone who needs prayers and celebrating those whose prayers have been answered. If you are looking for a name or looking to add a name, please visit the parish website and fill out the [form](#), come and visit the parish office, or call and we can help you to fill out the form.

Marriage Encounter

Let us learn to listen better to each other and God by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: April 12-14, 2024, at LaQuinta in Tacoma, WA, and on Mar 8-10, 2024, at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, Spokane, WA, and finally on Apr 26-28, 2024, in Everett, WA. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter or to register please visit: www.wwme.org.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Catholic Summer Camp!

Archdiocese of Seattle's Camps are Open for Registration!

Spend an exciting week at one of the Archdiocese summer camps or choose to spend a weekend with the family. Choose from two different locations in Washington for an exciting week of faith, fun, and friendship. Scholarships are available! See the [CYO Camps](#) for more information and to register or contact Olive Sichel at the parish office.

CYO camps are also hiring youths over the age of 16 to work as counselors. See the same website for more information.

COMMUNITY

WOSH Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, March 12th

The Women of St Hubert have their monthly meeting scheduled for Tuesday morning, March 12 starting at 10:00 am.

Creation Care Networking Summit

On March 16th at 9 am-4 pm join the Creation Care Networking Summit to pray, learn, and to act on our collective commitment to environmental justice.

<https://ipic.org/let-justice-and-peace-flow-registration/>

Are We Old Yet?

Engaging with Aging Series at St. Augustine in the Woods

Join Grethe Cammermeyer and Stef Christensen on Thursday, March 21, from 1:00-2:30 pm to continue a series on aging and the concerns that come with aging. This discussion is based on the blog they edited, resulting in a book called *Engaging with Aging*. All are welcome.

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. The entrée choice for March 14th is Pork Roulade with Applesauce and salad - includes Bread & Dessert.

A Gluten free option is available upon request.

STEWARDSHIP

Online Giving

Changes are coming to our online giving platform. The Archdiocese is moving to a new service provider, Pushpay. Pushpay is fully integrated with our office software, reducing our workload. Additionally, Pushpay's fee schedule is lower than our current service provider, Vanco, so more of your donation will come to us rather than the service provider.

For now, we will be using both services. However, for those of you that are currently giving electronically we would like to transition as many of you as possible over to the new platform. If you are not donating electronically, please consider doing so. It's a wonderful timesaver for both you and the office.

Have You Made Your Pledge for 2024?

Please fill out and return your pledge card or go to the parish website sthubertchurch.org/stewardship and make your pledge there.

DONATE

Ministry: Funeral Hospitality

One of the most important aspects of our planning a funeral is the tenderness and love which we provide for the grieving family.

Following the funeral, many families and friends would like to host a reception in Read Hall. It is our privilege to provide the ambience, the warmth, and the food to allow them to share stories, remember the good times of life with the various guests and enjoy a meal. The funeral puts the deceased in the loving arms of our Lord and followed up by sharing and remembering with family and friends the gifts that person brought to their own lives. It is an important part of the day.

If you would like to join this ministry, please email Kathy Childs at kathycchilds@hotmail.com. Leave your name and number, and Kathy will get back with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALERT!! SCAMS!!

Several parishioners have received emails claiming to be from Fr. Pluth or Susan Walker asking them to purchase gift cards. They are **SCAMS!** We will **NEVER** be sending out emails or text messages requesting you to purchase gift cards for any reason.

These emails or text messages will look convincing, but if you look at the email address of the sender, or the phone number if it is a text message it will not be correct. They will ask you once you've purchased the cards to send them the account numbers on the back of the card. At that point they have your money.

Please don't be a victim to these scammers.

Shred-It Truck and Parking Lot Sale!

Save the date for the Parking Lot Sale and the Shred-It Truck happening on July 20th! Bring all your old files and important documents for a safe and reliable way to dispose of your documents.

The Parking Lot Sale will also be happening on the same day. Please begin considering saving anything that you wish to sell.

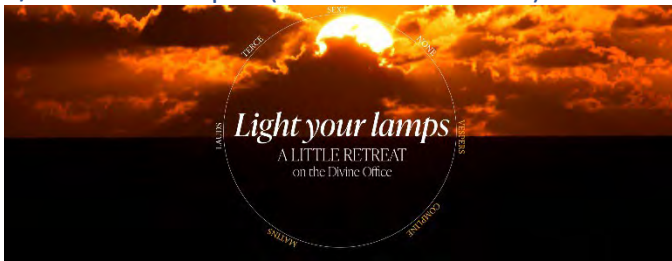


EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

3/8-14 All Parishes (Online Event)



3/10 3:00-6:30 pm (St. James Cathedral)



3/14 7:00-9:00 pm (St. Andrew Catholic Church)



3/16 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (Seattle University – Student Center)



For more information on events, or to register visit [Events List - Archdiocese of Seattle](https://www.archseattle.org) ([archseattle.org](https://www.archseattle.org))



Each year during Lent Rice Bowls are filled with spare change and bills. Once Lent is over, they are then collected by the Archdiocese and the money is distributed to communities all over the world. 75% of the money is sent to communities in El Salvador, Uganda, and Indonesia. These funds are then distributed to help impoverished families provide for themselves.

Please consider either using a personal Rice Bowl, which can be obtained in the Narthex, or using the donate button to donate your money directly to CRS.



Prepares was founded in October of 2014 to help support new families or impoverished families with the birth of their new baby. Ten years later, in 2024 Prepares has expanded to reach all over Washington State. Last year, Prepares served a record number of 14,120 families across the state.

Please join us in donating to Prepares to support families in need. Your small donation will help make a big change in a young child's life. To donate visit the link below or pick up an envelope in the Narthex.



PRAYER CORNER

Eamonn Boyle, Bill Carruthers, Terri Desrosiers, Jim Grilliot, Catherine Holman, Maria Rudman, Lori Stewart, Amy Stewart, Tom Sulich, Chuck Dunnigan, Braxton Evans, Judith and Sixto Martinez.

Please see the Faith Formation Section for an announcement about the Prayer Corner!

If there is any mistake in the prayer corner, please contact the parish office and they will fix the problem as soon as possible.

Mass Intentions

3/10- Cathy Holman; Healing

3/10- Claudia Ramsey; RIP

3/13- Bill Good; RIP



REST IN PEACE

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

May They Rest in Peace:

Donna Chan, Kevin Conroy,
Cody Crowley, Lois Haynes, Karen Johnson,
Elsie Mullinaux, John O'Phelan, Jonathan Spitzer,
Barbara Williamson, Dorea Woods, Jose Zuardi and
Jean Duffy.

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

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Communion for the Homebound is available! Please call the parish office at: (360) 221-5383 to arrange to have communion brought to you.

TAIZÉ

Please consider joining the Taizé prayer service group on the first Wednesday of the month. The prayer service is livestreamed and can be joined by using this link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88142620837>

LIVING LIGHT PRAYER GROUP

Join the Living Light Prayer Group on Tuesdays at 3pm in the Church for an hour of reflection, praise, and prayer with Him. We pray for each other, and for those who are in our prayer box.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Join the cycle 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 Orlanda Enriquez grammy1854@icloud.com. Once you join you will receive prayer requests via email.

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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 held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm. No RSVP necessary.

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.

The advertisement features a background image of a stack of smooth, light-colored stones on a rocky shore, with a body of water and a clear sky in the background.

EVENTS CALENDAR:

March 10th - March 17th

Sunday 3/10

8:15 am: Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am: Sunday Mass (Bilingual)
10:00 am: Coffee Hour-Hosts Clark, Knackstedt Families, Jodi Crane.
10:30-11:30am: Choir Rehearsal
10:30-12:00pm: Youth Group
3:00 pm: First Communion Preparation

Monday

9:00 am: Communion Service
4:00 pm: RCIA

Tuesday

9:00 am: Communion Service
10:00 am: WOSH Monthly Meeting
12:30 pm: WOSH Crafting
3:00 pm: Living Light Prayer Group
3:00 pm: Call/Email to reserve Smile & Meal

Wednesday

10:30 am: Wednesday Mass
12:00 pm-1:30: Synod Listening Session
11:00 am-12:30 pm: Soup Lunch
5:00 pm-6:30 pm: Synod Listening Session
6:30 pm: Rosary

Thursday

9:00 am: Communion Service
Smile and a Meal Pickup/Delivery
10:00 am: Divine Mercy Rosary
3:00 pm: Writers Group
4:00 pm: South Whidbey at Home
6:30 pm: Choir Rehearsal

Friday

9:00 am: Communion Service
9:00 am: Friday Adoration
10:00 am: Rosary
3:00 pm: Stations of the Cross
The parish office is closed.

Saturday

4:00 pm: Confession
5:00 pm: Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday 3/17

8:15 am: Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am: Sunday Mass
10:00 am: Coffee Hour- Hosts WOSH Parishioners
3:00-5:00pm: First Communion Preparation

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Office Hours

Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 am-4:30 pm

Thursday: 9:30-1:30 pm

Closed on Fridays – Voicemails and emails are monitored. Due to limited staff, please, make appointments when possible.

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