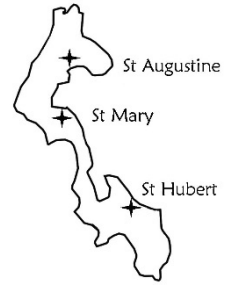


# WHIDBEY ISLAND FAMILY OF CATHOLIC CHURCHES

## ST. HUBERT



St. Hubert, St. Mary, St. Augustine

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**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**November 10, 2024**



***The widow of Zarephath shares her last with the prophet Elijah.***

### 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, Thursday, Friday 9:00 am

# Generosity

Jesus gave us the law of love: to love God and to love one another as brothers. And the Lord did not fail to explain it a bit further, with the Beatitudes which nicely summarize the Christian approach.

In the day's Gospel passage, however, Jesus goes a step further, explaining in greater detail to those who surrounded Him to hear Him. Let us look first of all at the verbs Jesus uses: love; do good; bless; pray; offer; do not refuse; give. With these words, Jesus shows us the path that we must take, a path of generosity. He asks us first and foremost to love. And we ask, "whom must I love?". He answers us, "your enemies". And, with surprise, we ask for confirmation: "our actual enemies?". "Yes", the Lord tells us, "actually your enemies!"

But the Lord also asks us to do good. And if we do not ask him, to whom? He tells us straight away, "to those who hate us". And this time too, we ask the Lord for confirmation: "But must I do good to those who hate me?". And the Lord's reply is again, "yes".

Then he even asks us to bless those who curse us. And to pray not only for my mama, for my dad, my children, my family, but for those who abuse us. And not to refuse anyone who begs from you. The newness of the Gospel lies in the giving of oneself, giving the heart, to those who actually dislike us, who harm us, to our enemies. The passage from Luke reads: "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?". It would merely be an exchange: you love me, I love you. But Jesus reminds us that even sinners — and by sinners he means pagans — love those who love them. This is why, there is no credit.

The passage continues: "And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same". Again, it is simply an exchange: I do good to you, you do good to me! And yet the Gospel adds: "And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you?". No credit, because it's a bargain. St Luke then indicates, "even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again".

All of Jesus' reasoning leads to a firm conclusion: "Love your enemies instead. Do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Without interest. And your reward will be great." And thus you will be sons of the Most High.

It is therefore evident that the Gospel is a new message that is difficult to carry forward. In a word, it means "go behind Jesus". Follow him. Imitate him. Jesus does not answer his Father by saying, "I shall go and say a few words, I shall make a nice speech, I shall point the way and then come back". No, Jesus' response to the Father is: "I shall do your will". And

indeed, in the Garden of Olives he says to the Father: "Thy will be done". And thus he gives his life, not for his friends but for his enemies!

The Christian way is not easy, but this is it. Therefore, to those who say, "I don't feel like doing this", the response is "if you don't feel like it, that's your problem, but this is the Christian way. This is the path that Jesus teaches us. This is the reason to take the path of Jesus, which is mercy: be merciful as your Father is merciful. Because only with a merciful heart can we do all that the Lord advises us, until the end. And thus it is obvious that the Christian life is not a self-reflexive life but it comes outside of itself to give to others: it is a gift, it is love, and love does not turn back on itself, it is not selfish: it gives itself!

The passage of St Luke concludes with the invitation not to judge and to be merciful. However, it often seems that we have been appointed judges of others: gossiping, criticizing, we judge everyone. But Jesus tells us: "Judge not and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven". And so, we say it every day in the Our Father: forgive us as we forgive. In fact if I do not first forgive, how can I ask the Father to forgive me?

There is also another really beautiful image in the Gospel reading: "Give and it will be given to you". And here "Jesus' heart can be seen to grow and he makes this promise which is perhaps an image of heaven. The Christian life as Jesus presents it truly seems to be "folly". St Paul himself speaks of the folly the cross of Christ, which is not part of the wisdom of the world. For this reason to be a Christian is to become a bit foolish, in a certain sense. And to renounce that worldly shrewdness in order to do all that Jesus tells us to do. And, if we make an accounting, if we balance things out, it seems to weigh against us. But the path of Jesus is magnanimity, generosity, the giving of oneself without measure. He came into the world to save and he gave himself, he forgave, he spoke ill of no one, he did not judge.

Of course, being Christian isn't easy and we cannot become Christian with our own strength; we need "the grace of God". Therefore, there is a prayer which should be said every day: "Lord, grant me the grace to become a good Christian, because I cannot do it alone."

A first reading of Chapter Six of Luke's Gospel is unnerving. But, if we take the Gospel and we give it a second, a third, a fourth reading, we can then ask the Lord for the grace to understand what it is to be Christian. And also for the grace that He make Christians of us. Because we cannot do it alone.

PLEASE  
PRAYERFULLY  
CONSIDER  
GOD'S GIFTS  
TO YOU AND  
MAKE YOUR  
PLEDGE  
TODAY.

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Understanding this, embracing the joy of stewardship, is what creates in us a "need" to give. We give not because there is a need to give — but because our heart points us to give as a part of our faith journey. We give because we are grateful for what we have been given.

**If you haven't already decided on your parish stewardship commitment, please prayerfully consider God's gifts to you** and make your pledge today. Good things happen when you share. Seeing everything before us as gift — we joyfully accept the responsibility to grow and return our gifts to God.

**Click or scan the QR code to go to the Stewardship page for St. Hubert. There you can enter your pledge and optionally set up a one-time or recurring donation. Thank you for your generous support to St. Hubert Parish**





+ November 4, 2024

To All My Brothers and Sisters,

Our nation faces challenges and difficulties beyond what we ever imagined. This new moment in history gives us an opportunity to ask who we are and what future we want. Regardless of the outcome of this election, we have a choice to make.

I invite each one of us to defeat divisiveness with understanding, rancor with amicability, hatred with compassion, mistrust with greater willingness to listen. Let us counter the downward spiral with renewed efforts to respect the diversity and dignity of each of our neighbors.

All of these lofty goals are possible when we live out our gospel values. St. Paul told the Philippians: "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also everyone for those of others." (2: 3-4)

We have the opportunity to shape the world we live in. Each of us plays a part. Each of us can make decisions every day to recognize the good in people and bring more love, joy, and unity into the world.

It should not be a surprise that I am greatly inspired by Pope Francis, who wrote in his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, "In this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity."

In his most recent encyclical, *Dilexit Nos*, our Holy Father reflects that our world appears to be losing its heart. The remedy is for each of us to reflect upon the love that is ours in Jesus Christ, and to live this love more fully in our lives.

It is this universal call for unity and love that I hope we not only hear but act upon.

Sadly, we no longer know our neighbor. We've lost our focus on people — on each other. We've become isolated and unwilling to have authentic encounters and dialog with those who are different from us — whether that difference is the color of our skin, where we come from or our political points of view. We must remember we are all brothers and sisters. Our diversity is what makes our community, our nation, and our world beautiful.

We need to break out of our silos, get to know one another, recognize the good in each other and see how we are interconnected. This is how we unite and begin to shape the future.

It starts with each of us. We can no longer complain and let frustrations fester. Instead, each of us must act – every day. Every day we can make choices that bring more love, more joy, more patience, more understanding and more tolerance in our world. I encourage each of us to think about this. How can we start with our family, our friends, our neighbors, and the larger community?

The election results will inevitably evoke bitterness, anger, hatred, and unrest. You can feel this way, or you can choose differently and focus on compassion and love. You can recognize that divisiveness is not the answer for our future. Love is the answer. Love for our neighbors – for each other – is the answer. How can you spread more love in the world? This is the only way we'll rebuild our communities and our nation.

So this election you have a choice: Will you spread love? Will you spread joy? Will you care for your neighbor? Will you see the good in each person? Will you help unite our communities and build the future we all want?

I pray we will choose love and help spread the love of our Lord in the world. God has only one family – the human family – and each of us has a role to play in strengthening these bonds to build a better society.

As always, I remain,

In the Heart of Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul D. Etienne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL  
Archbishop of Seattle

# FAITH FORMATION

## Guest Speaker – December 1

The Faith Formation Commission has invited Tom East, a Parish Liaison with the Archdiocese of Seattle, to come speak to us about the Eucharist, the Eucharistic Revival, and its connection to Partners in the Gospel. The presentation will take place on December 1 at 10:30 am. Come and hear about the work that has been done in this revival and join in on its final year of mission. Learn more at <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>

## America's Real Sister Act

Seattle U, November 14 @ 4:30PM.

Shannen Dee Williams, PhD, associate professor of History at Dayton University will speak about her award-winning book on the history of Black Catholic Sisters in the United States. Her research unveiled a remarkable history of determination and a commitment to service. This opportunity to learn is presented by two departments of Seattle U. The event is free. Come at 4:00 pm for an informal reception and a chance to meet the author.

If you are interested, please register using this link. <https://events.seattleu.edu/event/dr-shannen-dee-williams-lecture>

## November Healing Mass

Wednesday, November 13, 10:30 am

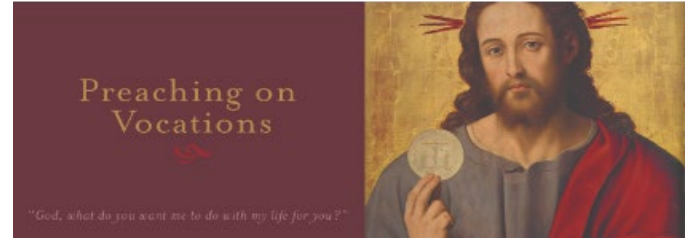
"Is any among you sick? Let him call for the presbyters of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven" James 5:14-15.

The Sacrament of the Sick is offered to those who are experiencing chronic and serious conditions, for those who are elderly and frail, and before surgeries.

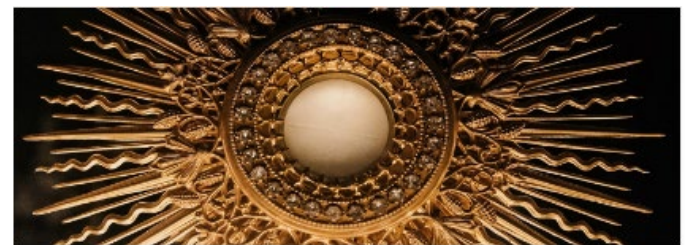
Fr. Paul Pluth will offer the Sacrament of the Sick after the Gospel reading during the Mass on

Wednesday, November 13. After Mass prayer teams will be available for those who want further prayer.

## What's going on in the Arch?



November 16-17, St. Elizabeth Anne Seton



Holy Hour for Vocations, 7:00-8:00pm, Sacred Heart Lacey

For more information about any of these events and/or to register, click on the images above. To see a list of all upcoming events please visit the Archdiocese website at [archseattle.org](http://archseattle.org).

# 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](mailto: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 November 14 is sausage and peppers. All entrees include fresh fruit and a sweet treat. A Gluten free option is available upon request.

# NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

NOVEMBER 3 – 9, 2024  
(and continues year-round!)

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, You call each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. Inspire your people with **desire** to know you, the **grace** to understand your will, and, with the strength of the Holy Spirit, the **courage** to respond with love and freedom. Who was the first christian martyr? Send workers into your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

### MARRIAGE

Many are called to marriage – to wholeheartedly love their spouse and joyfully welcome children. Like all vocations, marriage must be discerned, not assumed.

### PRIESTHOOD

Priests bring Jesus to people and people to Jesus through the Sacraments, homilies, teaching, counseling, administration, and more. Many surveys say that priests are among the happiest people in the world!

MARRIAGE

PRIESTHOOD



RELIGIOUS LIFE

SINGLE LIFE

### RELIGIOUS LIFE

Life and work of religious orders varies vastly – from primarily devoted to prayer to working in orphanages, hospitals, and schools, etc. Common to all orders are vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

### SINGLE LIFE

As a single person without taking vows, many “live in the spirit of the Beatitudes, serving God and neighbor in exemplary fashion” (CCC1658), contributing greatly to the good of the human family.

## PRAYER CORNER

June Brown, Stephen Berard, Alexandra Crawford, Charlie Childs, Terri Desrosiers, The Drnec Family, Ian Francis, Rick Egge, Jim Grilliot, Catherine Holman, Maria Kelly, Megan Kukuk, Kathleen O'Guin, Cleveland Riley, 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

11/9- St. Hubert Church

11/10- Paul Firnstahl (Healing)  
Claire Rich (RIP)

11/13- For Parishioners in need of healing



## REST IN PEACE

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

**May They Rest in Peace:**

David Barrett, Cody Crowley, Donna Chan, Kevin Conroy, Lois Haynes, Karen Johnson, Elsie Mullinaux, Eloisa Murphy, John O'Phelan, Gary Poland, Jonathan Spitzer, Will Surface, Laddie Taylor, Jose Zuardi.

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

**There will be a graveside service for Gary Poland at 11:00am on Monday, November 11 at the St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery. The cemetery is located at 6309 S Wilson Place in Clinton.**

### 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.



### 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](mailto:DevineMercyCircle@aol.com). Prayer requests should be sent to [DevineMercyCircle@aol.com](mailto:DevineMercyCircle@aol.com) and cc: [sthubert@whidbey.com](mailto: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: November 10 – November 16

<b>9a Mass (Bilingual) 10</b> 9a Communion Service <b>4:30p</b> KofC Officers Meeting <b>5:30p</b> KofC General Meeting	<b>9a Communion 11</b> Service <b>12:30p</b> W.O.S.H. Crafting <b>3p</b> Living Light Prayer Group <b>6p</b> RE Class	<b>9a Communion 12</b> Service <b>12:30p</b> W.O.S.H. Crafting <b>3p</b> Living Light Prayer Group <b>6p</b> RE Class	<b>10:30a Mass 13</b> (Healing Mass) <b>11a</b> Divine Mercy Chaplet <b>11a</b> St. A Soup Lunch <b>11:30</b> Acts: Bible Study	<b>9a Communion 14</b> Service <b>3p</b> Writers Group	<b>9a Communion 15</b> Service <b>9:30a</b> Friday Adoration <b>10a</b> Rosary  Parish Office Closed	<b>10:30a South 16</b> Whidbey at Home Workshop <b>4p</b> Confession <b>5p</b> Mass
<b>9a Mass 17</b> <b>10:30a</b> Youth Group	<b>9a Communion 18</b> Service <b>3:30p</b> Green Team	<b>9a Communion 19</b> Service <b>12:30p</b> W.O.S.H. Crafting <b>3p</b> Living Light Prayer Group	<b>10:30a Mass 20</b> <b>11a</b> Divine Mercy Chaplet <b>11a</b> St. A Soup Lunch <b>11:30</b> Acts: Bible Study	<b>9a Communion 21</b> Service <b>1p</b> Grief Support Group <b>3p</b> Writers Group	<b>9a Communion 22</b> Service <b>9:30a</b> Friday Adoration <b>10a</b> Rosary  Parish Office Closed	<b>4p Confession 23</b> <b>5p</b> 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](mailto: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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**QUIZ!**

Thank you all for submitting your answers for the quiz question for 11/03. The answer is: St. Anthony and the winner is: Larry Jesmer



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