WHIDBEY ISLAND FAMILY OF CATHOLIC CHURCHES ST. HUBERT

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 17, 2024



Michael the guardian of the people, shall arise in a time of great distress.

St. Hubert

Sat. 5:00 pm Sun. 9:00 am Wed. 10:30 am

Regular Mass Times St. Augustine St. Mary Sat. 5:00 pm Sun. 11:15 am Sun. 8:00 am Thur. 9:30 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

Pope Francis' Homily on the Gospel

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

The Gospel passage of today's liturgy opens with a phrase of Jesus that leaves us astonished: "The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven" (Mk 13:24-25). But what now, even the Lord was a doomsdayer? No, this is certainly not His intention. He wants us to understand that sooner or later everything in this world passes. Even the sun, the moon and the stars that make up the "firmament" - a word that indicates "firmness", "stability" - are destined to pass away.

In the end, though, Jesus says what does not fall: "Heaven and earth will pass away", He says, "but my words will not pass away" (v. 31). The Lord's words will not pass away. He makes a distinction between the penultimate things, which pass, and the ultimate things, that remain. It is a message for us, to guide us in our important decisions in life, to guide us on what it is worth investing our life. In something transitory, or in the words of the Lord, something that remains forever? Obviously on these. But it is not easy. Indeed, the things that come before our senses and give us immediate satisfaction attract us, while the words of the Lord, although beautiful, go beyond the immediate and require patience. We are tempted to cling to what we see and touch and what seems safer to us. It is human, that is temptation. But this is a deception, because "heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away". So, here is the invitation: do not build your life on sand. When someone builds a house, they dig deep and lay a solid foundation. Only a fool would say that money would be wasted on something that cannot be seen. According to Jesus, the faithful disciple is the one who founds his life on the rock, which is his Word (cf. Mt 7:24-27), which does not pass away, on the firmness of the Word of Jesus: this is the foundation of the life that Jesus wants from us, and which will not pass away.

And now we wonder – always, when we read the Word of God, questions arise - what is the center, what is the beating heart of the Word of God? In short, what is it that gives solidity to life, and will never end? Saint Paul tells us. The very center, the beating heart, that which gives solidity, is love: "Love never ends" (1 Cor 13:8), says Saint Paul: love. Those who do good, are investing in eternity. When we see a person who is generous and helpful, meek, patient, who is not envious, does not gossip, does not brag, is not puffed-up with pride, does not lack respect (cf. 1 Cor 13:4-7), this is a person who builds Heaven on earth. They may not be noticed or have a career, they will not make the news, and yet, what they do will not be lost because good is never lost, good lasts forever.

And we, brothers and sisters, let us ask ourselves: what are we investing our lives in? On things that pass, such as money, success, appearance, physical well-being? We will take away none of these things. Are we attached to earthly things, as if we will live here forever? When we are young and healthy, everything is fine, but when the time comes to depart, we have to leave everything behind.

The Word of God warns us today: this world will pass away. And only love will remain. To base one's life on the Word of God, therefore, is not an escape from history, but an immersion into earthly realities in order to make them solid, to transform them with love, imprinting on them the sign of eternity, the sign of God. Here then is some advice for making important choices. When I don't know what to do, how do make a definitive choice, an important decision, a decision that involves Jesus' love, what must I do? Before deciding, let us imagine that we are standing in front of Jesus, as at the end of life, before Him who is love. And imagining ourselves there, in His presence, at the threshold of eternity, we make the decision for today. We must decide in this way: always looking to eternity, looking at Jesus. It may not be the easiest, it may not be the most immediate, but it will be the right one (cf. Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Spiritual Exercises, 187), that is sure.

May Our Lady help us to make the important choices in life as she did: according to love, according to God.

Pope Francis Homilies - Mark Chapter 7-16



FAITH FORMATION

Installation Mass for Fr. Chris

Please join Auxiliary Bishop Eusebio Elizondo and St Augustine, St Mary, and St Hubert parishioners at St Augustine Church on Thursday, November 21 at 6:00 pm for Father Chris Hoiland's Installation Mass as Pastor of St Augustine, St Mary, and St Hubert Catholic Churches. A reception will follow at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

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 Who are the three archangels? work that has been done in this revival and join in on its final year of mission. Learn more at

Thanksgiving Mass

The Thanksgiving Mass will be on November 28, at 9:00 am. Please join us!

What are we doing about vocations in our archdiocese?

Speaker: Father Justin Ryan Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Seattle

December 5, 2024 10am – 11am | Virtual



The Crozier Society | Archdiocese of Seattle | Virtual Speaker Series

Zoom Presentation

All are welcome to this presentation to learn about the stages of priestly formation, what a typical day is like for a seminarian, how many seminarians are in formation for the Archdiocese of Seattle, ways to discern your vocation, and how you can support seminarian formation. Speaker Father Justin Ryan, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Seattle. This is a virtual event on Zoom. Pre-registration is not necessary. Just click the Zoom link to join. **Zoom link:** <u>Click here</u>

Care for Creation

Care for Creation is an intentional and prayerful effort to care for our common home, this gift from God. Consider joining St. Hubert



Green team! Check us out at our next meeting on Monday, November 18, at 3:00 pm in Read Hall.

OUTREACH St. Anthomy'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 <u>sthubert@whidbey.com</u> 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 21 is taco casserole. A Gluten free option is available upon request.

Please note that there will be no Soup Kitchen or Smile & A Meal on November 27-28. Instead, you can order a meal through the Mobile Turkey Unit.

Mobile Turkey Unit

Delivering free Thanksgiving meals to people on South Whidbey Island, plus Coupeville. The goal of the Mobile Turkey Unit is to provide a free, home-delivered Thanksgiving meal for people on South Whidbey Island, plus Coupeville, who would otherwise not have one. This includes the elderly, shut-ins, low-income and unemployed people, plus public servant employees working on Thanksgiving day. The event takes place at St. Hubert Roman Catholic Church, Langley United Methodist Church and South Whidbey School District in Langley. The Mobile Turkey Unit of Whidbey Island is a nonprofit community service organized and provided by volunteers, which has taken place each Thanksgiving since 1999. It was founded by <u>Tom Arhontas</u>, who had a special place in his heart for people in need.

Do you know someone who would otherwise go without a Thanksgiving dinner on south or central Whidbey Island? Perhaps a neighbor or acquaintance who is elderly and living alone or on a tight, fixed budget... an unemployed person barely making it... a disabled or ill neighbor... a homeless person camping in their car or the woods... or someone who doesn't drive and is unable to go anywhere for Thanksgiving? Or perhaps you know someone who works on Thanksgiving... serving our community while others feast with family. Use this link to request a meal: Request a Meal | Mobile Turkey Unit

Change in the November Grief Support Meeting

The November grief support meeting will be held on the third Thursday of the month, November 21 at 1:00 pm. This is a one-time change due to Thanksgiving falling on the usual date.

COMMUNITY

Thank you, from WOSH

Wow, another year has come and gone. The Women of St Hubert (WOSH) had a fabulous

annual Bazaar on Saturday, October 26th, from 9am till 3pm. Later, we opened a short window for parishioners after the Saturday Mass and again on Sunday after Mass.

The raffle continues to be a successful fund raiser with 3 prizes to be won. This year, the gift certificate basket was VERY popular; "Thank you" to our many generous South Whidbey businesses for their donations! Thank you to the many patrons who shopped at our Bazaar! Thank you to the many parishioners who brought Baked Goods for us to sell! The Bake Sale went well as usual!

A special "Thank you!" to all the women who participated and helped during the Bazaar! And a special "Thank you" to Dalton Realty in Clinton for listing our Bazaar on their billboard. WOSH is planning to participate in the Christmas at the Fairgrounds coming up on November 29 & 30, and December 1, 7 & 8. We expect to complete a few additional items for this show which were not available at our Bazaar.

> COUNTRY CHRISTMAS 2024 AT THE FAIRGROUNDS



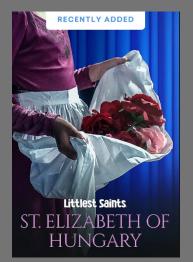
819 Camano Avenue, Langley WA 98260 WHIDBEY ISLAND HANDMADE GIFTS AND STOCKING STUFFERS

Opens Black Friday November 29 9AM-6PM November 30, December 1 December 6, 7 & 8 9AM- 4PM COOKIES, COFFEE & HOT CHOCOLATE CHILDREN'S CRAFT TABLE SANTA CLAUSE

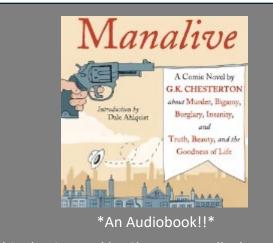
> Fairgrounds Main Office (360) 221-4677 staff@whidbeyislandfair.com

FORMER ON

As a parishioner of St. Hubert, you have access to all of Formed's programming for free!! Consider using this opportunity to grow your faith by signing up or logging in <u>Sign in - FORMED</u>. Rember to register as a member of St. Hubert for your programming to be 100% free!



A group of kids stages a play about St. Elizabeth of Hungary, focusing on her love for the poor and her devotion to serving others. The episode highlights her life, including the Miracle of the Roses, where her hidden acts of charity are revealed.



This classic novel by Chesterton tells the rollicking tale of Innocent Smith, a man who may be crazy or he may be the sanest man of all.

MOTHER TERESA

Calcutta, the selfless missionary who brought hope, love, and salvation to the poorest of the poor.

The movie examines the fundamental moments of Mother Teresa's life from her childhood in Albania in the 1920s to her first calling as a nun, the decision to leave her order and live with the poorest of the poor, the challenges of founding the Congregation of the Missionaries of Charity, and her great work of service in Calcutta and the rest of the world.

The film follows her through the slums of Calcutta as she mingled closely with her people, dispensing help, joy, and smiles to everyone, and also shows her stubbornness with the people who wanted to block her way.

Do you have a Formed recommendation, or something you enjoyed? Send an email to <u>bulletin@sthubert.org</u> and it might be featured in the next bulletin! PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER GOD'S GIFTS TO YOU AND MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE.



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Gratitude starts when we recognize that we have received a gift.



Everything we have is a gift from God and we're called to share these gifts with others. This is stewardship.

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



PRAYER CORNER

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

11/16- St. Hubert Church 11/17- Maria Kelly (RIP) 11/20- Bae Ann Yinger (RIP) E



11/20- Rae Ann Yinger (RIP), Earl Mitchell (RIP)

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, Maria Kelly, 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



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 <u>DevineMercyCircle@aol.com</u>. Prayer requests should be sent to <u>DevineMercyCircle@aol.com</u> and cc: <u>sthubert@whidbey.com</u>.

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.

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9a Mass 17 10:30a Youth Group	9a Communion 18 Service 3p Green Team	9a Communion 19 Service 12:30p W.O.S.H. Crafting 3p Living Light Prayer Group	10:30a Mass2011a Divine MercyChaplet11a St. A SoupLunch11:30 Acts: BibleStudy	9a Communion 21 Service 1p Grief Support Group 3p Writers Group	9a Communion 22 Service 9:30a Friday Adoration 10a Rosary Parish Office Closed	4p Confession 5p Mass	23
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St. Hubert Office Contact

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administrator@sthubertchurch.org 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

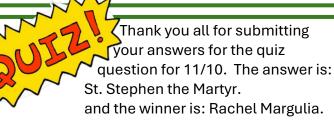
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Addresses

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 98277

St. Hubert - 804 3rd Street, Langley, WA 98260 Mailing Address - P.O. Box 388, Langley, WA 98260







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Greg and Theresa Martinez welcome you! Noon-6:00 pm Wednesday-Sunday 360.331.3544 www.holmesharborcellers.com

