# WHIDBEY ISLAND FAMILY OF CATHOLIC



# CHURCHES ST. HUBERT



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



### Second Sunday in Advent December 8, 2024



### "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His path."

### Regular Mass Times

St. Hubert St. Augustine
Sat. 5:00 pm
Sun. 9:00 am
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Sat. 5:00 pm
Sun. 8:00 am

St. Augustine St. Mary Sat. 5:00 pm Sun. 11:15 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



Advent is a season of hope and joy as we prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ and his second coming. This Advent is especially hopeful and joyful as Pope Francis will start the 2025 Jubilee on December 29 with the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope." Check back each week for a reflection that connects back to the Gospel reading.

### **Advent Week 2 Scripture:** *Pray*

Read the Scripture passage below, followed by a reading from Pope Francis, then open Reflection questions and prayer.

From the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians. Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

### Brothers and sisters:

I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now.

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord

# Reading from *Spes Non Confundit*, for the Jubilee 2025

Pope Francis writes: "By virtue of the hope in which we were saved, we can view the passage of time with the certainty that the history of humanity and our own individual history are not doomed to a dead end or a dark abyss, but directed to an encounter with the Lord of glory.

As a result, we live our lives in expectation of his return and in the hope of living forever in him. In this spirit, we make our own the heartfelt prayer of the first Christians with which sacred Scripture ends: 'Come, Lord Jesus!"

### **REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

- How does the coming of Christ change the way I love my daily life?
- Am I comfortable with prayer?
- Are there things that I need to/want to get done before that day comes?
- What are the "good works" which God has begun in us or in our Church which we have not yet seen to completion?

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### **FAITH FORMATION**



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is considered a Holy Day of Obligation this year. St. Hubert will be celebrating Mass at 9 am on December 9. What saint is often depicted holding a plate with her eyes? For more information about this please visit Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - Archdiocese of Seattle.



### **Tom East Presentation**

The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement in the United States to restore understanding and devotion to the Real Presence in the Eucharist. It was launched by the USCCB on June 19, 2022 and will conclude on the Solemnity of Pentecost on July 21, 2025.

If you were unable to attend a recording of Tom's presentation will be available on the parish website. Look for the link in next week's bulletin.

### **FORMED**

Enjoy some of the FREE offerings on Formed, this week the focus is Our Lady of Guadalupe. As a parishioner of St. Hubert, YOU have the opportunity to access all of FORMED programs for FREE!! To sign up or to access these programs visit <u>Sign in - FORMED</u>, and register or log in as a member of St. Hubert.

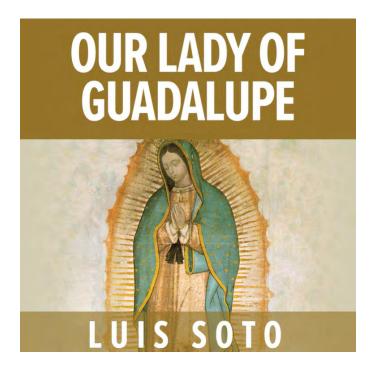
Click on the images below to sign up and/or view the video.



A boy, his sneakers, and a giant sombrero take up the story of St. Juan Diego's miraculous encounter with the Blessed Virgin Mary. How far will Our Lady ask him to reach out in faith, trust, and confidence?



The Miracle and the Message traces the history of this transformative event from the 16th century to the present. Featuring interviews with leading theologians, historians, and experts on the scientific inquiries into the miraculous image, this gripping film explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image, and the continued relevance of the Guadalupe apparition to the modern world.



In this talk, speaker and catechist Luis Soto shares the little-known history and life-changing importance of Mary's appearance to a peasant man named Juan Diego, and the miraculous image she left behind.

### The Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe



The Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego four times in December 1531 in what is now Mexico City. Appearing as a brown-skinned woman and speaking in Juan Diego's native language, Mary asked him to go to the bishop and request in her name that a shrine be built on the site.

The bishop asked for a sign as proof. On Dec. 12, Mary appeared to Juan Diego, directing him to

gather roses from the site. She placed them in his cloak and sent him back to the bishop. As Juan Diego opened his cloak, the flowers fell to the ground, revealing the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe impressed on the fabric.

The icon is displayed at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, visited by some 20 million people each year. Canonized in 2002, St. Juan Diego is the first Catholic saint indigenous to the Americas.

Many of the 45 parishes in the archdiocese with Hispanic ministries honor Our Lady of Guadalupe on or near her December 12 feast day. Check with parishes near you for celebrations you can join.

### **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 December 12 breakfast casserole. All entrees include fresh fruit and a sweet treat. A Gluten free option is available upon request.

Please note the kitchen will be closed on December 26, and January 2 for the holidays.



## **2024** APPEAL FOR THE POOR

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For over 105 years, Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services have served the most vulnerable individuals, families, and communities in western Washington. Thanks to your generous support, we continue to bring hope to over 100,000 people in need each year.

### **OUR IMPACT**



Served 109,109 of the most vulnerable people in our region thanks to the dedication of 4,070 staff members and 2,816 volunteers.



Twelve Regional Family Centers offered **43,260** people access to diverse programs, including outreach and walk-in services; transitional and permanent housing; medical, mental health, and substance use disorder treatment; and case management and volunteer services.



Our Long Term Care System provided **5,784** individuals with **2,045,392** hours of home care, including help with walking or mobility, bathing, foot care, transferring, chores, meal preparation, and nurse-delegated care.



Transportation, senior nutrition, and home care programs helped **22,312** individuals maintain their independence.



Catholic Housing Services provided **3,016** units of permanent affordable housing for individuals, families, veterans, seniors, and people with disabilities.



**40** shelters and repurposed motels offered **306,986** emergency bed nights for single adults and families experiencing homelessness.



Family Behavioral Health System provided **255,827** hours of in-home behavioral health services to **18,449** children, youth, and family members.



An additional **19,763** individuals accessed mental health services, and **3,280** individuals received addiction recovery counseling from regional CCS providers.

# 5 Ways to Share THE LIGHT OF HOPE

- Volunteer: Serve meals, help seniors, tutor youth, and more at ccsww.org/volunteer
- Advocate: Be a champion for those in need!
  Contact you local
  Network Builder at
  ccsww.org/advocacy
- Donate: Visit
  ccsww.org/donatenow
  to make a gift of cash or
  stock or leave a legacy gift
  through your estate.
- 4 Stay Informed: Sign up for monthly CCS/CHS updates at ccsww.org/join-us
- Follow on Socials:
  For more frequent updates,
  follow us @ccsww
  (facebook, linkedin,
  youtube, instagram)



Give online at sthubertchurch.org/give, and select fund: CCS Appeal for the Poor







In a continuing effort to

"share with those who have none
so that all may have some,"

St. Hubert Church Outreach invites
you to donate this holiday season
so we can help local charitable

endeavors year 'round.

# THANK YOU

for your generous support of our South Whidbey neighbors in need.

Please, take an envelope from the tree in the narthex, fill it with cash or a check made to St. Hubert Church and note Outreach or St. A's in the memo. Return the envelope to the collection basket or bring it to the office.

Make your pledge to St. Hubert Parish today! Scan or click the QR code below, or go to the parish website at: sthubertchurch.org/stewardship

# PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE.







Stewardship asks that we help each other recognize the gifts God has blessed us with and the ways in which we have been blessed through the gifts of others.

And then return those gifts with increase to further the mission of our Church.

WE ARE
CALLED TO
SHARE OUR
TREASURE
WITH OTHERS.

**Everything we have is a gift from God** and we're called to share these gifts with others. Stewardship is our response to God's generosity.

Stewardship starts in our parish. It challenges us to share our gifts beyond what we may have done in the past so we can grow, individually and collectively, as God desires. As you renew your gift of treasure, please consider taking a step in this journey of faith.

Please prayerfully reflect on your many blessings and return your 2025 pledge card today. Embracing stewardship allows us to experience profound joy in serving others that comes from developing, using and sharing our gifts.

# Attention all Women of St. Hubert Parish!!!

You are all invited to attend a gathering of all Women of St. Hubert Parish. This is a gathering for you to attend just for fun! We will have snacks, sweets and most of all, a time to share with each other. Share memories of Christmas past, family information, plans for the holidays, the joys of the church events and more!

When: Wednesday, December 11th

Time: 12:30 PM Following our Soup Kitchen

Place: Help Service Center 815 Saratoga Road

(the old rectory)

This event is sponsored by the Women of St. Hubert. You do not need to be a member to attend, it is for all women of the parish, we truly want to visit with you and kick off the joys of Christmas.

Although we will provide coffee, tea and juice and some snacks, please consider bringing an hors d'oeuvre or snack or even something sweet to share.

RSVP by December 9th:

Email the Parish Office at: <u>StHubert@Whidbey.com</u>

Or phone the Parish Office: 360-221-5383

We look forward to seeing you!



In keeping with our tradition, we invite you to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one.

These plants will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.

Choose red or white poinsettias.

Try to find plants that are wrapped in gold foil.

Please leave your plant on the rolling cart in Read Hall between December 19<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Attach a tag to your plant with the name of your loved one.

### PRAYER CORNER

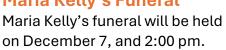
June Brown, Stephen Berard, Alexandra Crawford, Charlie Childs, Terri Desrosiers, The Drnec Family, Ian Francis, Jim Grilliot, Catherine Holman, Ed LaBissoniere, Georgia Loe, Megan Kukuk, Kathleen O'Guin, Jo Petterson, Maria Rudman, Lori Stewart, John Scehovic, Duffy Schoeler, Donald Shull, Amy Stuart,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

12/07- St. Hubert Church Maria Kelly's Funeral





### **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, Rick 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

# 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 <a href="mailto:DevineMercyCircle@aol.com">DevineMercyCircle@aol.com</a>. Prayer requests should be sent to <a href="mailto:DevineMercyCircle@aol.com">DevineMercyCircle@aol.com</a> and cc: <a href="mailto:sthubert@whidbey.com">sthubert@whidbey.com</a>.

### **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: December 8 - December 21 13 12 14 9a Mass (Bilingual) 9a Immaculate 9a Communion 10:30a Communion 3p Writers 9a Communion 4p Confession Conception - Holy **5p** Mass Service Service Group Service **12:30p** WOSH 9:30a Friday **Day of Obligation** 11a Divine Mercy **4p** Penance Crafting Chaplet Service Adoration **3p** Living Light 11a Soup Lunch **6p** Penance 10a Rosary Prayer Group Service **Parish Office** 6p RE Class Closed 19 20 15 21 16 17 18 9a Mass 9a Communion 9a Communion 10:30a Mass **3p** Writers 9a Communion 4p Confession 10:30a Youth Group Service Service 10a WOSH Monthly Group Service 5p Mass 12:30p WOSH 9:30a Friday Meeting Crafting 11a Divine Mercy Adoration **3p** Living Light Chaplet 10a Rosary Prayer Group 11a Soup Lunch **Parish Office** Closed

### St. Hubert Office Contact

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Website: www.sthubertchurch.org
Bulletin: bulletin@sthubertchurch.org

**Administrator: Susan Walker** 

(360) 221-7953

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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

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### 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

98277

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

Thank you all for submitting your answers for the quiz question for 12/01. The answer is: Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews The winner is: Carolyn Uculmana-French



