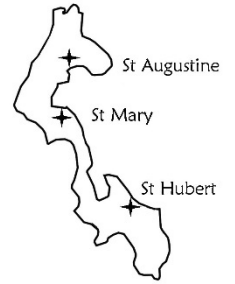


# WHIDBEY ISLAND FAMILY OF CATHOLIC CHURCHES ST. HUBERT



St. Hubert, St. Mary, St. Augustine

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

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 29, 2024



**God dwells among and within us.**

### 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



## January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



Image Credit [here](#).

“Mary is the one who was chosen to be Mother of the Redeemer, sharing intimately in his mission. In the light of Christmas, the mystery of her divine motherhood is illumined. Mary, Mother of Jesus who was born in the Bethlehem cave, is also the Mother of every man and woman who comes into the world. How is it possible not to commend to her the year that is beginning, to implore a time of serenity and peace for all humanity? On the day when this new year begins under the blessed gaze of the Mother of God, let us invoke the gift of peace for each one and all.”

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

**HOMILY OF POPE JOHN PAUL II**

*World Day of Peace*

*Wednesday, 1 January 1997*

[TheVatican](#)

## January 2 - Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzus, Bishops and Doctors of the Church



**Saint Basil**, born in Caesarea in 329, belonged to a family of saints: his sister Macrina and his brothers Peter, bishop of Sebaste, and Gregory of Nissa (Nazianzen) were also elevated to the honors of the altars. The young Basil had from his father his first training in the rudiments of Christian doctrine, and he continued his studies first in Constantinople and then in Athens. At the same time, he undertook the study of rhetoric, starting a brilliant career. He soon decided, however, to abandon that path and follow his true vocation, to a life of silence, solitude and prayer.

He traveled for a long time, first in Pontus, then in Egypt, in Palestine and in Syria, drawn to the life of the monks and hermits. Returning to Pontus, he reunited with Gregory of Nissa, who he had known in Athens, and with him founded a small monastic community, based on the rules that Basil had elaborated during the experiences acquired during his travels.

**Saint Gregory Nazianzen** also had a sister, Gorgonia, and a brother, Cesarius, both of whom are venerated as saints. He was the son of a presbyter, and in Athens, where he studied, he met Basil, to whom he was bound by profound friendship and with whom he shared the hermitage in Cappadocia. However, he too had to abandon that peace to assist his elderly parents. His father, in particular, wanted him by his side in the presbyterate at Nissa, but Gregory, who had let himself be convinced in spite of himself, regretted his choice and sought refuge again with Basil. Basil instead convinced him to return to his father to be his advisor in the difficult government of the Church of Nissa. Later, Gregory was sent by the emperor Theodosius to Constantinople, with the task of fighting the spread of the Arian heresy. Received upon arrival by a hail of rocks, Gregory stopped outside the walls of Constantinople in a small church, which he dedicated to the Resurrection. Thanks to his eloquence and to the solidity of his doctrine, but above all thanks to his exemplary life, Gregory brought the city back to orthodoxy. Despite this, opposed by a faction that was against him, he did not become bishop of Constantinople. Leaving the city to which he had dedicated his life with countless efforts, he pronounced a long, moving farewell speech. Returning to Nissa, he devoted himself above all to writing, and left a copious collection of spiritual verses. “Everything is hard for mortals,” he wrote, “everything is ridicule, shadow, appearance - and that everything should be unstable, O Word, which hast created us, we owe to Thy wisdom, that we might learn to turn our love to that which is stable and firm.” Image and Text Credit [here](#).

## Archbishop Etienne on becoming a Synodal Church

Catholics around the world participated in the global Synod on Synodality, which just completed this fall at the Vatican. Archbishop Paul D. Etienne was one of the delegates reflecting on everything shared by the People of God. In this video, he shares his experience of the synodal process, highlights key elements in the final document and discusses what it means for each of us.

To watch the video, please see the following link:

[Archbishop Etienne's Synod Experience on Vimeo](#)

## FAITH FORMATION

### Something to keep in mind

As children of God, we have an intrinsic dignity that comes from God, the source of our life. Not only do we have that dignity, but so does every other human person and all of God's creation. We were created in the image and likeness of God, and all of creation bears His image and is good. Our mission, through our baptism and our belief in Jesus, is to heal the places in the world where the image of God is marred or broken. Only once we have come to understand and appreciate our own inheritance from God can we freely share that gift with others.

In the celebration of the Holy Family, we are given the opportunity to reflect once again upon the family of Jesus. We notice similarities and differences with our own families, recognize the ways in which our families have been broken and work toward healing.

To continue reading this reflection by Fr. Donald Wester, see the link [here](#).

### Living Light Prayer Group

There will be no Living Light Prayer Group meeting on December 31. Meetings will resume on January 7, 2025. Have a blessed holiday season!

### Friday Rosary Changes

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

### Return of the 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](mailto:Faithformation@whidbey.com)

### Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom

The second ten sessions for the Bible study, Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom, begins January 8. It will again be at 11:30 am in the Help Services Center. Contact Dan Ashburn for more information.

### Taizé

Wednesday, January 1, 2025, at 7:00-8:00 pm.  
Per usual Taizé will be livestreamed on Facebook, see the parish website for the link.



simple chants  
candlelight  
sacred silence

**Taizé**  
PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday  
January 1, 2025  
7:00pm – 8:00pm

Rest in the peace of Taizé prayer at  
St. Hubert Catholic Church  
804 Third Street; Langley, WA

Services are streamed on our Facebook page.  
<https://www.facebook.com/sthubertcatholic>

We gather for ecumenical Taizé prayer  
on the first Wednesday of each month.

Visit the St. Hubert Church website at  
<https://sthubertchurch.org/taize/>  
to learn more about Taizé.

Let us foster peace  
in our hearts and  
in our world.

**All are welcome.**

 a beloved community gathered in prayer

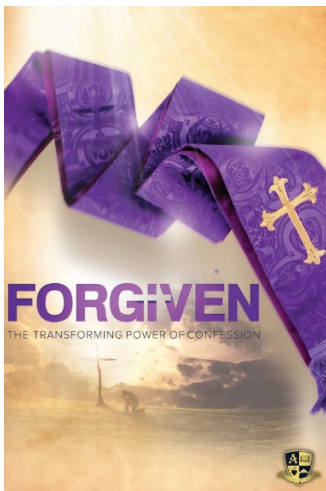
# FORMED

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Growing up without a father gave him compassion for the many orphans that he cared for, while he faced persecution from both secular society and the Church as he fought to build a place to house and educate the homeless, outcast youth of Turin. His deep faith, creative imagination, and profound charity shine in this wonderful film.

This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain violence indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed.



Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step

examination of the Rite itself, Forgiven communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

# 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. 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 January 2 for the holidays.**

## Pancake Breakfast for Prepares



The Knights of Columbus are hosting a pancake breakfast!

Proceeds benefit St. Hubert PREPARES.



# COMMUNITY

## Christmas Poinsettias



In keeping with the tradition at St. Hubert, all the poinsettias on the altar are donated in the memory of a loved one. Poinsettias donated in memory of:

Heidi Peterson  
Diana Margaret Lee  
John Meloney Jr  
Laura Boyd  
Beverly Murphy  
George Murphy  
Maxine Rhea  
Marvin Rhea  
Buck LaBissoniere  
Gloria LaBissoniere  
Ben Hansen  
Florence Hansen  
Karen Nickter  
Saul Kitz  
Judy Martin  
Parishioners we have lost this year  
Andrew Nash

Thank you to all who have donated poinsettias.

### Christmas Mass

Thank you to Fr. Paul, the Mass servers, and the Choir for the lovely Christmas Masses! Speaking of Christmas, this time of year causes the Quiz Master to wonder who was slapped by St. Nicholas at the Council of Nicea... curious, very curious.

### AED/CPR TRAINING

January 25, 2025

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 8:00 am-12:00pm. A fee of \$60 will be required, contact the parish office to register. The registration deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of January!

### Praying for Father Pluth's Surgery

Join us in prayer as we ask God's blessing and favor over Father Pluth as he undergoes surgery on his shoulder. We will gather in the church on Friday January 3, at 9:30 am to pray the rosary. If you are unable to come you are invited to pray from home, this invitation is extended to all parishioners.

## 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?



## 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 [form](#) online and the prayer will be added to the next bulletin.

### Mass Intentions

12/28- St. Hubert Church



## 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*

### 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.



## 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.



## Calendar: December 29– January 4

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|--|--------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>                      | <b>31</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b>                               |
| <b>9a</b> Mass<br><b>10a</b> Prepares + KofC<br>Pancake<br>Breakfast | <b>9a</b> Communion<br>Service | <b>9a</b> Communion<br>Service   | <b>10:30a</b> New Year's<br>Day, Holy Day of<br>Obligation<br><b>11a</b> Divine Mercy<br><b>11a</b> St. A's Soup<br><b>7p</b> Taizé Prayer<br>Service<br><br>Parish Office Closed | <b>3p</b> Writers<br>Group<br><b>5:30p</b> Whidbey<br>Climate Action | <b>9a</b> Communion<br>Service<br><b>8:30a</b> Friday<br>Adoration<br><b>10a</b> Rosary<br><br>Parish Office<br>Closed | <b>4p</b> Confession<br><b>5p</b> Mass |
| <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b>                       | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>   | <b>10</b>  | <b>11</b>                              |
| <b>9a</b> Mass<br><b>10:30a</b> Youth Group                          | <b>9a</b> Communion<br>Service | <b>9a</b> Communion<br>Service<br><b>3p</b> Living Light<br>Prayer Group<br><b>6p</b> RE Class | <b>9a</b> Communion<br>Service<br><b>11a</b> Divine Mercy<br><b>11a</b> St. A's Soup  | <b>3p</b> Writers<br>Group   | <b>9a</b> Communion<br>Service<br><b>8:30a</b> Friday<br>Adoration<br><b>10a</b> Rosary<br><br>Parish Office<br>Closed | <b>4p</b> Confession<br><b>5p</b> Mass |

### St. Hubert Office Contact

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 Website: [www.sthubertchurch.org](http://www.sthubertchurch.org)  
 Bulletin: [bulletin@sthubertchurch.org](mailto:bulletin@sthubertchurch.org)

### Administrator: Susan Walker

(360) 221-7953  
[administrator@sthubertchurch.org](mailto: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

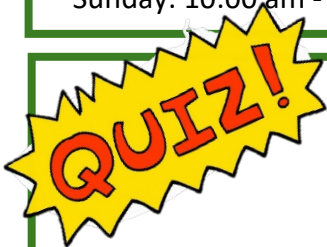
Monday: Closed to the public  
 Tuesday - Friday: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
[information@staugustineoh.org](mailto:information@staugustineoh.org)

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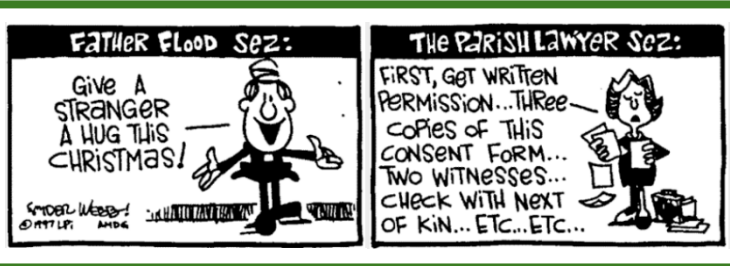
Monday -Thursday: 9:30 am- 4:00 pm  
 Friday: Closed to the public


### 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



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 The game's afoot!  
**The Quiz Master**





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