

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024

And all the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of the nations shall now down before Him.

Psalm 22: 31-32



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

Sunday: 9:00 am

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm Wednesday: 10:30 am

Livestream Link

Sunday Mass is livestreamed and recorded

on Facebook.

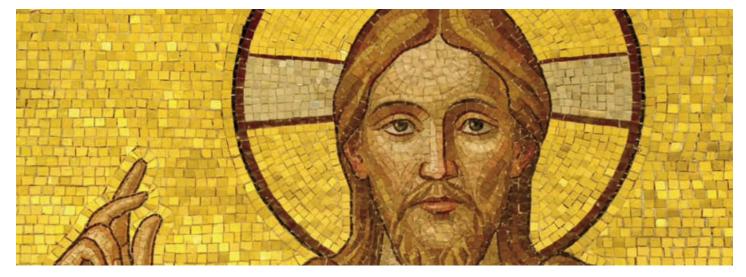
Confessions

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Communion Service

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 9:00 am

Jesus is the true vine without whom we can do nothing.



The readings for this Fifth Sunday of Easter introduce us to someone we don't hear about very much. But he has a lot to say to us, especially now. I'm talking about St. Barnabas. The reading from Acts describes how he took Paul under his wing — in part to protect him from frightened and suspicious Christians, but also to act as his mentor and guide.

So let's step back a moment. Just who was Barnabas? And why should we care about him? History tells us he was born into a wealthy Jewish family. At some point, he sold his estate and became a follower of Jesus. Later, after Paul arrived on the scene, it was Barnabas who introduced him to Peter. Some scholars think Barnabas and Paul had known each other when they were younger and had studied together under the same rabbi.

For several years, Barnabas and Paul worked together as missionaries. Barnabas was reportedly a prolific evangelizer, and some scholars believe he is the writer behind the letter to the Hebrews, the only epistle not attributed to a particular author. Paul and Barnabas eventually had a falling out over Barnabas' cousin Mark—the same Mark who wrote the gospel bearing his name—because Paul had doubts about Mark's dedication to the faith.

But by one account, when Barnabas was finally martyred, around the year 61, it was Paul who helped to bury him. Despite any differences they may have had, Christian love prevailed. Interestingly, "Barnabas" was not his given name. Just as Saul became Paul, Joseph was known as Barnabas after he became a Christian. The name "Barnabas" means "Son of Encouragement," and encouragement is exactly what he gave to the growing community of Christians — and, undoubtedly, to Paul, as well.

Today, Barnabas is the patron saint of Cyprus, where he grew up. But as a result of the way he introduced Paul to the Christians, and managed to foster mutual respect when there was suspicion and mistrust, Barnabas is also the patron saint of peacemakers. Can anyone deny that we need his intercession today? In the passage from John's Gospel, Jesus exhorts us to remain in him, like branches of a vine, and to bear good fruit. And this Sunday's second reading, also from John, makes the message even more explicit: "Love one another, just as he commanded us."

In too many places today, that command is forgotten, or abandoned, or even mocked. Our world is scarred by lands that are now synonymous with conflict and bloodshed. Places like Ukraine, Gaza, Haiti, Ethiopia. Add to these the battles being waged in other places too: in our families, in marriages, in politics. The landmines are everywhere. So is the division and pain, the polarization and contempt. Survey the landscape and you realize that we live in a world hungry for peacemakers. But they are far too few.

We need "sons and daughters of encouragement." We need to pray for more Barnabases to rise up and remind us what too many have forgotten, our fundamental call as Christians: We are a faith founded on love. Christ is the vine. We are his branches. We are fed by the fruits of his redeeming love, love that was poured out on Calvary and which we celebrate now, during this Easter season, because it is a love that conquered death, a love that conquered hate. Let this be our prayer: that in the hopeful glow of Easter, we can live out the promise of the Resurrection and become witnesses to the Risen Christ by being in every way instruments of peace, encouragers of hope.

More than ever, each of us needs to be a Barnabas in the world.

Deacon Greg Kandra is an award-winning author and journalist, and creator of the blog "The Deacon's Bench." Scripture Reflection for April 28, 2024, 5th Sunday of Easter - Catholic Courier

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



PNW Adoration for Young Adults

When: On the first Saturday of the month through June.

Where: At parishes and Newman Centers

throughout the Archdiocese.

What: An evening Holy Hour for youth filled with

prayer, learning, and worship music.

6:30 Arrival

6:45 Talk

7:00 Adoration

8:00 Ice Cream/ Cookie Social

5/4/24- Our Lady of Lourdes, Vancouver 6/1/24- Our Lady Star of the Sea, Bremerton

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. Financial aid is available.

CYO camps are also hiring youths over the age of 16 to work as counselors, horse staff, kitchen staff, and lifeguards. All training will be provided, see this website for more information.

FAITH FORMATION

Formed for May

May is the month of Mary; in the month we also honor St. Joseph. Together they are the perfect married couple. Consider learning more about St. Mary or St. Joseph by viewing one of the many wonderful podcasts and tv shows on Formed. Not sure if you have Formed or need help to access it, please contact the Parish Office during working hours and they will assist you.

Taizé

We gather again on May 1 to pray for peace, please come and bring friends.

This will be the last service before the summer break, thank you to all those who have attended the meetings over the past year. Please share the flyer and remember the zoom link is always available for those who cannot attend in person.



Fatima Rosary

Join Kathy Zunino in the church on May 13 at 9:30 am to pray a Rosary in remembrance of Our Lady's appearances at Fatima. Please join us!

COMMUNITY

Men's Breakfast

Join the Knights of Columbus on May 4 for a Men's Breakfast at Read Hall at 8:00 am. Come and enjoy casual conversation with friends. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus. This event is also open to non-Catholic members of St. Hubert, all ages of men welcome.

Knights of



Donna Dewberry Style Paint Class

Join Kathy Zunino in Read Hall on May 8 as she teaches her second painting class using the Donna Dewberry Style. There is space for **ten students**, **who must bring their own paintbrushes**. All other supplies will be supplied. No previous painting experience required.

There is a \$5 cost for the painting supplies that Kathy will supply. **This does not include paintbrushes.**

Please purchase the brushes in advance as Kathy will not be supplying brushes. There are two options for paintbrushes, which Casey's Crafts does not supply. Option one is to buy this kit, which includes all the needed brushes.

OR if you have a wide selection of flat shaders consider buying only the <u>Scruffy</u> and the <u>Liner</u> brush.

For more information contact Kathy.Zunino@Gmail.com or the Parish Office.

Shred-It Truck and Parking Lot Sale!

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

The Parking Lot Sale will be happening on the same day. Begin saving anything that you wish to sell.

Help Wanted for a Small Project

We need a volunteer to sand, and teak oil the two outdoor benches that go between the buildings of the CORE (RE Buildings). If you are interested in taking on this task, please contact Debbie Batey at debbiesquilt@aol.com.



Faith on Fire Registration is Open!!

Mark your calendars! St. Mary in Anacortes is hosting their annual Faith on Fire event from June 21 to June 23. This event requires registration. Onsite camping spots are available along with RV parking. This is a family friendly event, with activities for youths and young children. There is no baby-sitting service available. Please see Faith on Fire 2024 for more information and to register.

New High School Opportunities

To determine enrollment potential, we are asking parents as well as community supporters to fill out a feasibility survey by Monday, May 6. This new Catholic high school will serve the Northern Deanery, including Island, Skagit, San Juan Counties.





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 <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 May 2 is Sausage Medley with Tomatoes and Onions. On May 9 the Entrée choice is Pork, Scalloped Potatoes and Veggies. All entrées include fresh fruit, veggies, and a sweet treat. A gluten free option is available upon request.



Rice Bowl funds go to LOCAL programs.

25% of the Rice Bowl funds raised by your community stays in the Archdiocese of Seattle. In 2024, 206 Rice Bowl grants, totaling over \$148,000, were awarded to efforts alleviating hunger here in Western Washington--St. Vincent de Paul organizations, Catholic Community Services/Catholic Housing Services programs, parish meal programs, food banks, and community gardens just to name a few. Thank you for your support of Rice Bowl!

Thank you for participating in the CRS Rice Bowl collection. At this time Rice Bowls should be returned to the Parish Office, thank you.

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, 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 transfer 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 <u>sthubertchurch.org/stewardship</u> and make your pledge there.

DONATE

Green Team



Earth has awakened from its winter slumber. Springtime has arrived. So has Earth and Ocean Month – a time to celebrate our beautiful world. One way to celebrate is to become aware of what is all around us.

We are so blessed to live in such an amazingly beautiful area. Pope Francis, though his encyclical, encourages us to understand how remarkable this earth is, and how we, as individuals and as a community, need to care for this amazing creation.

Last spring, this island was thick with patches of bright yellow flowers flourishing especially along the highway. This plant, Scotch Broom, has invaded much of the Northwest. It quickly establishes itself. It grows in poor soil. A single plant can produce more than 12,000 seeds each year—seeds that can last for decades. This plant changes soil chemistry. By the way it changes the soil and its rapid growth, Scotch Broom outcompetes our native plants. Its

dead branches can increase both the risk and the intensity of fires.

Scotch Broom is best controlled in early spring and fall when the ground is moist. For now, as the blossoms are starting to come out, please notice the spindly green bushes and those vivid yellow flowers. They are along both sides of the highway and in many spaces throughout the island. Then watch the plants change and the blossoms go brown as seeds develop. Think about how they are changing the soil and making it very hard for native plants to survive. Native plants are the best source of food for the pollinators we need – the birds, butterflies, and bumblebees.

To learn more about Scotch Broom pick up a brochure on the table in the Narthex. Perhaps when you see a small, spindly plant with those pretty yellow flowers, you'd even pull it up and help care for our beautiful world with that effort.

-Jean Knackstedt, Green Team member

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour after Mass on Sunday is a highlight of the week for many of us. It is an extension of the Holy Communion we have just shared together in the Eucharist. "Christ in us, our hope of glory." (Colossians 1:27) Meeting with friends, old and new, helps us bond together so that we can encourage one another in our faith journey. Greeting each one, asking how they are doing, sharing stories is an integral part of hospitality.

One of the highlights each week is the refreshment table. Thanks to many parishioners, we always have an enticing spread of food, with homemade and store-bought goodies. The Lord really provides for our every need. Special thanks to Erik Ferenz for his gourmet deviled eggs every Sunday. We are to God for this bountiful provision.

Several parishioners are committed to once-amonth service at coffee hour. The four Sundays of the month are hosted by different ministries, each providing all the services from food preparation to doing the dishes. The first Sunday of the month is Living Light Prayer Group, the second is the Clark, Knackstedt, and Crane families, on the third Sunday the Women of St. Hubert host, and finally on the fourth Sunday the Faith Formation and Outreach team collaborate. Occasionally when there is a fifth Sunday the Knights of Columbus host a pancake or burrito breakfast.

Every Sunday, Diane Schneider is in the kitchen early, making coffee, setting out teas, beverages, sugars, creamers, and dishes. The monthly hosts are represented by a few committed people who arrive early to set up, prepare food, and stay for clean-up. Dishwashers come from the ministries as well as parishioners who volunteer.

Thank you to all who currently volunteer to help with Coffee Hour. If you are interested in volunteering, whether short or long term please contact Jean Beers during Coffee Hour.

Kitchen volunteers, including dishwashers, are required to have a Food Worker Card. Register and take your test at www.foodworkercard.wa.gov. It will take approximately 45 minutes and cost \$10.

PRAYER CORNER

Eamonn Boyle, Bill Carruthers, Louisa Creech, Terri Desrosiers, Braxton Evans, Jim Grilliot, Catherine Holman, Judith and Sixto Martinez, Kathleen O'Guin, Dale Polka, Maria Rudman, Lori Stewart, Donald Shull, Amy Stuart, Tom Sulichy, Stevenson Family.

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 next week's bulletin.

Mass Intentions

4/27- St. Hubert Parish

4/28- Alice and Rita Tomczak

4/28- Joan Andrew

5/1- Jennifer Kinsey

5/4- Carlos Reyes

5/5- St. Hubert Parish

REST IN PEACE

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

May They Rest in Peace:

Damien Berger, Cody Crowley, Donna Chan, Kevin Conroy, Jean Duffy, Bill Good, Lois Haynes, Karen Johnson, Elsie Mullinaux, Gene Malm, John O'Phelan, Jonathan Spitzer, Barbara Williamson, Dorea Woods, 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

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 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

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 Orlanda Enriquez grammy1854@icloud.com.

Prayer requests should be sent to grammy1854@icloud.com and cc: sthubert@whidbey.com.

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.

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.

April 28 – May 11

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9a Mass 28 10:30a Vatican II Study Group 10:30a First Communion Mass Preparation 3p First Communion Preparation	9a Communion 29 Service	9a Communion 30 Service 12:30p W.O.S.H. Crafting 3p Living Light Prayer Group	10a Events 1 Committee Meeting 10:30a Mass 10:30a Divine Mercy Chaplet 12p Vatican II Study Group 7p Taizé	9a Communion Service 3p Writers Group	9a Communion 3 Service 8:30a Adoration 10a Rosary in English Parish Office Closed	8a Men's Fellowship Breakfast 5p Mass 6p Saturday Social Hour
9a Mass 10:30a Vatican II Study Group 4p Cinco de Mayo Celebration	9a Communion 6 Service 11a Island Roots/ Goosefoot Update	9a Communion Service 10a W.O.S.H Monthly Meeting 12:30p W.O.S.H. Crafting 3p Living Light Prayer Group	10:30a Mass 8 10:30a Divine Mercy Chaplet 1p Painting Class- Kathy Zunino	9a Communion Service 1p Grief Support Group 3p Writers Group	9a Communion 10 Service 9:30a Adoration 10a Rosary in English Parish Office Closed	9:30a KofC 1: Officers Meeting 10:30a KofC General Membership 5p Mass

Office Hours

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

Thursdays: 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Closed Fridays

Voicemails and emails are monitored. Due to limited staff please make appointments when

possible.

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