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DIGITAL NEWSLETTER



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

ONLINE MASS TIMES

Daily (Mon - Sat):

8:00 am English

Sunday:

9:00 am English

10:45 am English

2:30 pm Spanish

Live streams:

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CONFESSION/CONFESION

Saturday:

8:40 to 10 am and 3:30 to 4:40 pm

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Staying With Jesus

Remaining/Staying with Jesus is the connecting theme that runs in the three readings. What does it mean to remain or stay with Jesus? We can answer this by looking closely at what transpired or happened in the Gospel.

We were told that it was John the Baptist who pointed Andrew to Jesus. It was John the Baptist who introduced the potential disciple to Christ, "Behold (continued)



The Parish Office and School will be closed on Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Mass will be celebrated at 8 am.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

the Lamb of God". Our own first experience of Christ too was facilitated by another person-- it could have been our parents, friends or some random people or event. Someone pointed us to the direction of Christ, just like what Eli, the priest, did to Samuel. And, after being directed to Christ, we started to follow him, got curious about him, and in the depths of our hearts, in the voice of our conscience, God speaks, "What are you looking for?", for indeed, we come to him looking for something. It is a question that underlines a conscious and free decision on our part to enter into a relationship with God. God doesn't coerce us to enter into a relationship with him, even if he really wants us to be close to him. And, to our search and looking, we ask "Where are you staying?" and, with much excitement, Jesus tells us, "Come and see". So, where did Jesus stay? Where does he live? This doesn't necessarily pertain to a place, a house or a tent. Where does Christ live? Christ lives or stays in the mission of his Father! So, when we were told in the Gospel that Andrew stayed with Jesus, it means that he saw Jesus in action, he saw Jesus doing the mission entrusted to him by the Father. Jesus was at home, doing what the Father asked of him. This is what Andrew experienced and saw in his stay with Jesus.

To remain and stay in Christ doesn't mean to be confined; it doesn't mean to run away from the world. After Andrew stayed with Christ, we were told that he couldn't wait to bring his brother Simon to the same place and experience. To remain or stay with Christ is to be sent for a mission, so that others might also find their home and refuge in God. This happened to Andrew; as we heard in the first reading, this is the same thing that happened to Samuel after he listened to the Lord. He became one of the most important prophets in the Old Testament. The process of the call is actually the pattern of discipleship. We seek the Lord, then he invites us-- we live with him. In living with him, we get to know him - get to know him through scriptures, through the testimonies of other

people. Then we enter into a relationship and, while staying in the relationship, we continue to get to know him--and, we celebrate that relationship in the liturgy, not just individually but also with others who entered into the same relationship. And, since we can't just keep it for our own, this relationship has to be shared -- thus, we are called to be evangelizing disciples. Mission is not what we do, it is who we are.

The second reading also teaches how to cement or keep permanent our stay with Christ --by living a life worthy of the Gospel! To remain in God or to stay with him is to strive for a life of holiness. Whenever we embrace sin, we take a break from God, we take a vacation from our real home. Is there something right now that alienates us from our true home? -- Fr. Cary

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 17

7:30 AM - +Chris Klesh

9:00 AM - +Dave & Nancy Andresen

10:45 AM - People of St. Cecilia

12:30 PM - +Faith O'Donnell

2:30 PM - +Henry Ruiz

Monday, January 18

8:00 AM - Social Concerns

Tuesday, January 19

8:00 AM - Jack & Maria Fazio

Wednesday, January 20

8:00 AM - +Mike Kemp

6:00 PM - +Mary Beth Wikander

Thursday, January 21

8:00 AM - SVDP Members

Friday, January 22

8:00 AM - +Ted Shaw, Sr. & Ted Shaw, Jr.

Saturday, January 23

8:00 AM - Nick Rigert

5:00 PM - +Joe & Ann Rigert

7:00 PM - +Vetolico Hernandez Albor



You may start a prayer alert by calling one of the two following team leaders:

Joye Boone----- (503) 645-7021

Margie Gallant----- (503) 848-3704

If you would like to join us in this ministry, please call any one of the above.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

The Contemplative Prayer Group is meeting on Zoom the 2nd (January 9) and 4th (January 23) Saturdays of each month at 3:30pm. Includes silent Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina. Contact Marylyn Klesh at kleshmr@comcast.net to receive an invite.

RESPECT LIFE

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

January 22

Each year on January 22, all dioceses in the United States are called to observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. January 22 is the 48th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion throughout our nation. Since then, over 60 million lives have been lost.

On Friday, January 22, we set aside a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. It is also a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. We are each called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms.

St. Cecilia Roe v Wade Memorial Benediction and Rosary

Friday, January 22, 2021, 6-7 pm

5105 SW Franklin Avenue, Beaverton

All are Invited to pray for the end of abortion and healing for all who are involved.

PRAY TO PROTECT
HUMAN LIFE!

9DAYS
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All faithful in the Archdiocese are asked to join in prayer for "9 Days for Life," a novena for the intention that all human life be respected. Each of the nine days highlights a related topic and includes an intercession, prayers, a reflection, and one step further you might take. Join a rosary and reflection from Archdiocese of Portland clergy and lay leaders, LIVE each evening at 7 pm from January 21-January 29.

Go to <https://evangelization.archdpdx.org/9-days-for-life>.

Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese

January 23: Oregon Right to Life Rally/March POSTPONED www.ortl.org/march

January 23: West Coast Walk for Life, Civic Center Plaza, SF: For updates, go to www.walkforlifewc.com

UPDATED GUIDELINES ON PUBLIC MASSES

Our daily Mass time from Monday thru Saturday is at 8am. Saturday Vigils are 5pm and 7pm (Spanish). Sundays Masses are: 7:30am, 9am, 10:45am, 12:30pm and 2:30pm (Spanish). We have added, for the time being, one more Mass on Wednesday at 6pm.

Just before Christmas, the Office of the Archbishop sent parishes a letter informing us of the recently updated guidelines from the state for faith gatherings. An excerpt of the Archbishop's letter is found below (in bold).

The Governor's Office notified the Archdiocese of Portland that the capacity limits for faith institutions are public health recommendations only, not legal requirements. As a result, I (Archbishop) am changing my directives for parishes to the following, effective immediately:

Catholic parishes in the Archdiocese of Portland may accommodate as many people as possible in both church buildings and satellite locations, while strictly maintaining 6 foot distancing, up to 50% of the fire marshal's maximum capacity for the space. Please note that few if any parishes will be able to reach 50% of capacity due to seating configurations and church layout while observing the 6 foot social distancing requirement. Masking continues to be required and cleaning protocols should still be maintained. Sign-ups for Masses are no longer required. Contact information for Mass participants is no longer required and does not need to be maintained for 60 days.

In view of the above new directives from the State and the Archbishop, **we will no longer be doing sign-ups or sign-ins at St. Cecilia's for Masses, including Holy Days of Obligation, starting the weekend of December 26 - 27 and moving forward.** People can just show up to attend Mass and find an available seat until we reach capacity. The current rosters (registered attendees during this pandemic in the Mass lottery) for Sunday Masses are below the newly allowed capacity for our parish. Thus, we can safely accommodate the number of Mass attendees, following all requirements.

In the future, if there is an increase in attendance at our Vigil and Sunday Masses and if we can no longer safely accommodate everyone, then we will have to come up with a sign up system that would facilitate a just and equitable opportunity for our parishioners to come to Mass. But, in the meantime, this is not yet needed.

Face coverings are legally required at indoor gatherings, including in churches, per statewide and archdiocesan directives. Exceptions are made for people with disabilities or diagnosed medical conditions that preclude them from wearing masks. Those attending without face coverings due to the exemptions mentioned above are asked to use the cry room.

VOCATIONS DEVOTIONS

"Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?" Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

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St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) is currently in need of:

- sliced bread
- jello

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JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Erasto & Maria Kashoro, January 14, 33 years
Norman & Marsha Carter, January 16, 61 years
Rick & Peggy Jansen, January 22, 55 years
Paul & Ann Levasseur, January 24, 52 years



2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Our hope is to have the "2020 Contribution Statements" in the mail by Monday, January 25.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)

The Catholic Communication Campaign is an opportunity to bring truth and hope to people across the United States and around the world through the media and effective communication. By participating in this appeal, you help foster dialogue around the country on important faith and community issues such as racism, criminal justice and poverty. Envelopes for this collection are in the vestibule of the church or you can donate here <https://stceciliachurch.org/donate>. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

St. Cecilia parishioners received a thank you from the staff and each boy at St. Mary's Home for Boys for our generous support at Christmas. "This time of year has been hard for our boys, but you made it a warm and joyful time. You are our strong partner in providing the care and comfort that our boys so desperately need. Thank you for showing them that there are truly kindhearted people that care about them and their well-being.

Quotes From Some of the Boys

"Thank you for my pajamas, socks and goodie bag. It made my day a whole lot better and keeps me warm at night."

"Thank you for the su-u-per comfy pj's! They are so incredibly soft and warm and help me sleep better."

"Thank you St. Cecilia Parish for the clothes! I appreciate the kindness of your hearts!"

"I am so grateful for your wonderful gifts and yummy goodies!!"



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St. Cecilia Parish Men's Club

"Simple" Crab Feed for Drive-Thru Pickup

Saturday, January 30, 2021

1:00 to 4:00 pm in the Activity Center Parking Lot

Due to Covid circumstances, menu options need to be pre-ordered and paid for online ([click here to order](#)).

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Michelle Hallett:
mhallett@stceciliachurch.org or 503-644-2619 ext. 178.

We look forward to you supporting this annual event!



CONSECRATION TO *St. Joseph*

St. Cecilia Church

Begins February 15, 2021
stceciliachurch.org/stjoseph

Program Overview

We will begin a parish-wide consecration to St. Joseph in honor of the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis beginning January 1.

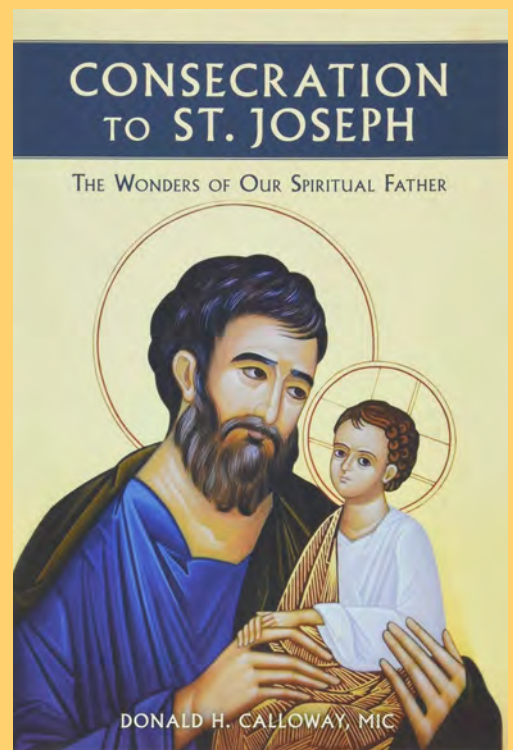
This consecration process will take 33 days and we will be following Fr. Donald Calloway's book "Consecration to St. Joseph." This book will be available for purchase from the parish at a 20% discount from list price. We will begin February 15, 2021 and conclude on the feast of St. Joseph on March 19, 2021.

Daily live prayer videos will be accessible via Facebook, YouTube, and Zoom.

Consecration to St. Joseph emulates the tried-and-true preparation method employed by St. Louis de Montfort in his Marian consecration, highlighting many of St. Joseph's titles, privileges, and heroic virtues. The program of preparation and consecration takes 33 days.

For More Information

Visit and sign-up at stceciliachurch.org/stjoseph Contact Jennelle Phillips at jphillips@stceciliachurch.org or 503-644-2619 ext 174 or Amanda Jewett at ajewett@stceciliachurch.org or 503-644-2619 ext 171.



January 17, 2021

WATCH

JOHN PAUL II: I KEPT LOOKING FOR YOU

This incredible documentary traces Pope St. John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.



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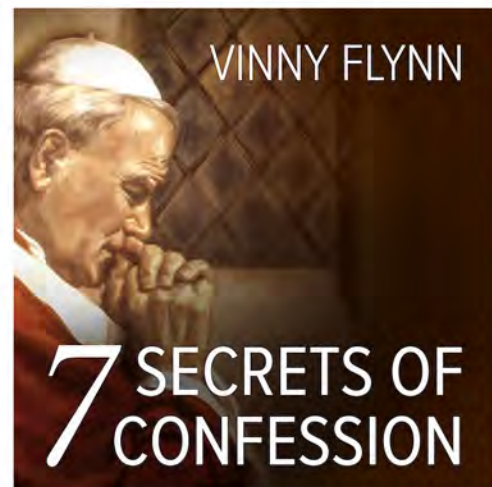
St. Faustina is known as the "secretary of Divine Mercy" because of the revelations of the Lord to her about His incredible mercy. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz as they discuss her proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy.

LEARN

LISTEN

7 SECRETS OF CONFESSION BY VINNY FLYNN

The Sacrament of Confession is the place where we get to encounter the Lord's mercy in a tangible way. In this talk, best selling author and Catholic speaker Vinny Flynn explores the incredible gift of mercy we encounter in Confession.



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SUNDAY READINGS

English readings [HERE](#)

Spanish readings [HERE](#)

TAKE TIME TO CHAT

- At the beginning of today's Gospel passage, the two disciples heard John's proclamation and followed Jesus. Why do you think they followed him?
- Jesus asked the disciples what they were looking for. What would you say if Jesus asked you the same question?
- What was it like for these disciples to meet Jesus? Have you met Jesus? If so, what was that like?
- What similarities do you see between Cephas (Peter) and St. Fabian?

RECIPE OF THE WEEK: "CHICKEN CACCIATORE SLOW COOKER RECIPE"

Enjoy this Italian meal in honor of St. Fabian, whose story started in Rome.

1 bag frozen chicken breast tenderloins
14oz. can of tomato paste
1/3-1/2 cup red cooking wine
4-5 whole cloves garlic, chopped
3 jars tomato basil sauce
whole mushrooms
¼ tsp. dried basil
¼ tsp. black pepper
¼ tsp. red pepper flakes
¼ tsp. salt
1 chopped red pepper

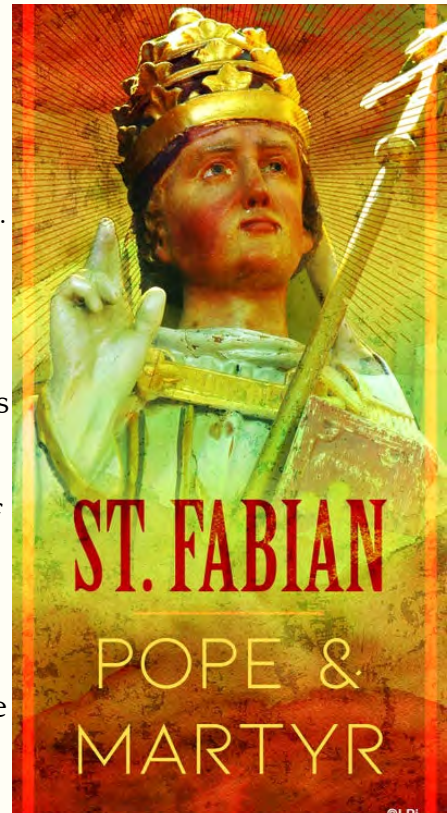
Optional:
sliced/diced onion
dried rosemary – ¼ tsp.

Combine all ingredients in crock pot. Cook on low for 7 hours or on high for 3-4 hours.

MEET OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: ST. FABIAN (FEAST DAY: JANUARY 20)

Fabian was a layman who came into the city of Rome from his farm one day as people were preparing to elect a new pope. Fabian may have come for the same reason many still come to Rome today during a papal election: concern for the future of the faith, curiosity about the new pope, and a desire to grieve for the pope who had passed. Many important people gathered to make this momentous decision. During the deliberations, a dove descended from the ceiling and settled on the head of Fabian. The people interpreted this as a sign that Fabian was worthy to be pope and, much to Fabian's surprise, he was elected.

With Fabian's election, the Church entered a time of peace and Fabian was able to build up the structure of the Church of Rome. The emperor at the time, Philip, was friendly to Christians; the persecution stopped, and Christians gained acceptance. However, when Philip died, so did the time of peace. The new emperor, Decius, ordered all Christians to deny Christ. Many didn't have the courage to stand up for their faith, but Fabian did. He died a martyr in the year 250.



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