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Liturgical Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass:
5:30 PM Congregational Singing

Sunday Masses:
7:30 AM
9:00 AM Congregational Singing
11:00 AM Cathedral Choir
5:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble

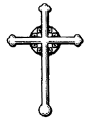
Daily Masses:
7:30 AM & 5:30 PM

Reconciliation (Confession):
Saturday 4:00 PM-5:15 PM
Other times by appointment.



DECEMBER 17, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 7:30am & 5:30pm

- 18 Frank Sawyer, dec
Luis Aponte, dec
- 19 Edward Bernards, dec
Frances Nichols Swigert, dec
- 20 Earle M. Chiles, dec
John Ryan, dec
- 21 Marcie Vlazny, dec
Bob Brady, dec
- 22 Mary Taylor, dec
Mark Ronan, dec
- 23 Blanchet House



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Today is Gaudete Sunday, Rejoice Sunday, and we wear rose-colored vestments to express our joy that Christmas is near. I hope this season finds you rejoicing and not overwhelmed by all the expectations of the season. Find time to sit down and reflect on the beauty of Advent, watching and waiting for Christ, our Savior, to come.

I want to share some local news in my column this week. First of all, our capital campaign. I am edified at the generosity of our parishioners and friends in their response to our campaign and the Cathedral Project. The campaign goal is \$8 million, with \$6 million coming from our parish and Portland area, and another \$2 million coming from the wider archdiocese. To date, we have achieved 70% of our parish goal at a little over \$4 million pledged; our diocesan goal is at 12%, with \$240,000 pledged. We have just begun our archdiocesan outreach, so we still have a way to go. Most impressive for me is that we have had over 200 parish households contribute to the campaign, and we continue to receive pledge cards. What is still needed are significant financial pledges that can noticeably boost our campaign thermometer. In particular, gifts in the range of \$500,000, \$100,000 and \$50,000 would be welcome (a one-million dollar gift would be the best of all)! Keep praying for the success of our campaign and our Cathedral Project.

Each year the archdiocese asks the parishes to take a head count of the people actually in the pews on two consecutive Sundays in November. The two numbers are averaged, and that number is sent to the archdiocese. Our numbers have remained fairly stable for the past five years, but they are not increasing; in fact, they have somewhat gone down. Here is the headcount for the past five years: 1092 (2013), 1102 (2014), 1016 (2015), 1129 (2016), and 932 (2017). One of the weekends this year was Thanksgiving, so that may have affected our numbers.

Most of you know the problem that we have been having with our sound system: the sound “drops out” for a second or two then comes back, making it hard to understand (and frustrating the presider). We were told that we needed to use different frequencies/bandwidths—but that our existing system was unable to access them. The result is a new set of receivers and microphones which, after some expense, are able to function smoothly in our cathedral and in our neighborhood. For the time being, the problem is solved.

I have been giving many interviews to local newspapers and journals regarding our Cathedral Project. One of these interviews has just been published in the *Business Tribune*. Keep a look out for an article in *The Oregonian*, the *NW Examiner*, and the *Daily Journal of Commerce*. We’re hoping to attract interest in our project, with the added benefit of donors. Let’s be hopeful that our local community will rise to the occasion—for our parish, for the Archdiocese of Portland, and for the city of Portland.

Msgr. Patrick S. Brennan

Week of December 17

- Sunday:** Coffee & Donuts after 9am Mass
- Wednesday:** Confessions 4:15pm
RCIA 7pm
- Thursday:** Confessions 4-5:15pm
- Friday:** Confessions 4-5:15pm

Financial Report for December 10

Regular Households: 800	Envelopes used: 136		
	E-Giving: 96		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>%Difference</u>
Sunday Envelope:	\$10,374		
E-Giving:	\$ 3,638		
Loose Collection:	\$ 2,311		
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 1,481		
TOTAL PARISH:	\$17,804	\$16,394	+9%
Fiscal Year to Date:	\$349,263	\$377,062	-7%
Social Services: \$2,362 School: \$595			
Christmas Flowers: \$243			
Cathedral Choir: \$25 Cathedral Bells: \$40			
Retirement for Religious: \$2,273			
Campaign for Human Devel.: \$50			

We are grateful for your contributions to Cathedral!



CELEBRATIONS IN OUR PARISH THIS PAST WEEK

Baptism:

Jonathan Mikel Larson

WORSHIP ✦ PRAYER ✦ FAITH FORMATION

Advent Confession Times: Wednesday, December 21, Thursday, December 22 and Friday, December 23 from 4-5:15pm.



Christmas Mass Schedule: *Christmas Eve:* 4pm (Family Mass), 6pm and Midnight. *Christmas Day:* 7:30am, 9am, 11am.; No 5:30pm Mass.

Christmas Eve Family Mass: Your children are invited to participate in the procession and story of the birth of Jesus at the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass. Roles needed for the presentation include readers, gift bearers, ushers, angels, shepherds, kings and queens, as well as the Star of Bethlehem. We are also looking for volunteers to be Joseph, Mary, and the Baby Jesus. Costumes are to be provided by the participants. For more information pick up a sign-up form in the racks at the Cathedral doors. Forms are due by December 20.

Mass Obligations on Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God: This year, Christmas Eve is on a Sunday, and Christmas is on a Monday. This means that we will celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent on Sunday morning, December 24th; and that afternoon, we will celebrate Christmas. Inevitably, the question arises: if we attend Mass on Sunday afternoon, will we fulfill both the Sunday Mass obligation and the Christmas obligation (a two-for-one Mass)? While canonists and liturgists argue the question, the prevailing view is this: each obligation must be fulfilled with a separate Mass (no twofer).

The situation is a little different the following Sunday (December 31st), the Feast of the Holy Family, and Monday (January 1st), the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Because the Solemnity (January 1st, New Year's Day) falls on a Monday, it is not a day of obligation. Therefore, the evening Mass of Sunday, December 31st, will be the Feast of the Holy Family, not the vigil Mass for Mary, the Mother of God.

Baptismal Preparation for Parents of Infants: There will be no class in December. The next class will be January 18.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Contributions Given in Memory/Honor of:



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SOCIAL SERVICES

Giving Tree: This Advent, we invite all our parishioners to take a snowflake (or more!) from our Giving Tree and bring happiness to individuals and families in need. Items must be **NEW and UNWRAPPED** (in order to properly match the gift to recipient), and can be placed in the basket in the vestibule or dropped off at the parish office any time before December 21st (the earlier the better to insure delivery). Gifts are distributed to local families and individuals as well as those families in crisis referred to us by Catholic Charities, Refugee Resettlement, Housing Transitions, Cares NW, Veterans Outreach, St. Andre Bessette, Elks, NW Catholic Counseling Center and Pediatric Clinic at OHSU, among others.



Volunteers Urgently Needed! Once again Cathedral will be providing the stuffing for *Lift Urban Portland's* Christmas dinner hosted by Temple Beth Israel. We need volunteers to help prepare the ingredients and deliver the pans to Temple Beth on **Friday, December 22 at 11am**. If you'd like to help chop, sauté, mix and deliver please call Gail Kinglsey at 503-241-2521.



CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

Cathedral School has openings in Pre-Kindergarten, and First Grade for the 2017-2018 school year and we are now accepting applications for all grades for 2018-2019. Call 503.275.9370 for information or to schedule a tour. We hope to see you at our annual **Open House** for prospective families on Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 10am-12:30pm

STEWARDSHIP

Year End Tax Deductions—Did you know you can gift shares of appreciated stock to St. Mary's Cathedral? Although cash is always a welcome donation, a gift of stock can offer unique tax savings. By donating appreciated securities you have held more than a year, you may be able to take a tax deduction for the full market value and avoid the capital gains tax (consult your tax advisor). Cathedral website (<http://maryscathedral.com>) provides a form (Authorization for Transfer Gift of Securities) that can assist you. For more information, contact Jennifer Overbay in the parish office.

Charitable Gifts Year-End Cutoff: According to the IRS, donors must deliver or mail checks on or by **December 31, 2017**. Checks that are mailed and **postmarked** by December 31 will be deductible for 2017.

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Presiders:

Vigil Msgr. Patrick Brennan (4th Sunday Advent)
7:30am Msgr. Patrick Brennan (4th Sunday Advent)
9:00 Fr. Timothy Furlow (4th Sunday Advent)
11:00 Fr. Timothy Furlow (4th Sunday Advent)
4:00pm Msgr. Patrick Brennan (Christmas Eve Family)
6:00pm Fr. Timothy Furlow (Christmas Eve)
Middle Night Archbishop Alexander Sample

Lectors:

Vigil Suzie Santilli, Barbara Brainard
7:30 Kevin Redden
9:00 Paul Garrow, Steve Waldram
11:00 Elizabeth Van Engel, Sylvia Dean
5:30 **No 4th Sunday Advent 5:30pm Mass**

Greeters & Ushers:

Vigil Ed Geisler
9:00 Sara Carlson
11:00 Sr. Connie Furseth, John Pigott,
Gary Townsend

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Vigil Henry Arriagra, Betty Donnelly
Karen Knight, Janet Satterlee, TBA
7:30 Kevin Redden, Todd Adkisson, Mary White
9:00 Kathryn Bowman, TBA, Antoniette Waldram
Fernanda DeClercq, Nikki Schafbuch, Joe Schafbuch
11:00 Sandy Simmons, Esneda Patton, Daniel Hseih
Mary Ganji, Dohky-J-Karchaei, Sue O'Donnell,
Joan Townsend
5:30 **No 4th Sunday Advent 5:30pm Mass**

Altar Servers:

Vigil Amelia Rawlinson, Claire Butorac, Lauren Butorac
7:30 Abby Graham, TBA
9:00 Noor Jawed, Mariam Jawed, TBA
11:00 TBA, TBA, TBA
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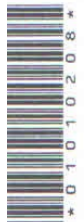
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