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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.



SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS INTENTIONS

Sept 7:30am & 5:30pm

- 11 Earle A. Chiles, dec
James Bridgewater, dec
- 12 Randy & Amber Morrison
For Students & Teachers
- 13 Bob Brady, dec
Mary Vranizan, dec
- 14 Dora/ Victor & Marie Herinckx, dec
Victims of Hurricane Harvey
- 15 Raphael Rhee, dec
Sr. Ellen Meskill, dec
- 16 Blanchet House



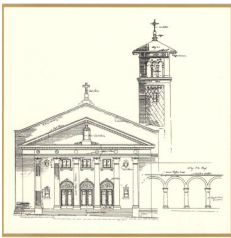
Week of September 10

- Sunday:** Coffee & Donuts after 9am Mass
- Monday:** Alpha 6:30pm
- Wednesday:** RCIA 7pm

Financial Report for September 3

Regular Households: 800	Envelopes used: 92		
	E-Giving: 83		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>%Difference</u>
Sunday Envelope:	\$ 6,086		
E-Giving:	\$ 5,225		
Loose Collection:	\$ 2,302		
TOTAL PARISH:	\$13,613	\$16,394	-17%
Fiscal Year to Date:	\$151,328	\$163,940	-8%
Social Services: \$355	School: \$1,591		
Adult Formation: \$5	Sunday School of Rel: \$5		

We are grateful for your contributions to Cathedral!



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If you are interested in E-Giving please visit our website at maryscathedral.com and click on the Online Giving button.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPT 17
Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9;
Matthew 18:21-35

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

The young adult ministry at St. Mary's Cathedral continues to grow. The involvement of these young people has been a blessing for our parish. Among other things, the young adults sponsored our Sunday evening wine and cheese after the 5:30 Mass. Frankly, we are lucky to have as many young people as we do. Studies have shown that millennials (those born from around 1980 to 1995) are much less likely to be affiliated with organized religion than other generational groups. Why is this the case? Someone recently sent me an article by Dr. Alex McFarland, a professor at a Christian evangelical university, that resonated with my own experience. Dr. McFarland, after many interviews with millennials, came up with the following 10 points.

First, the mindset of "digital natives" (those who grew up with computers) is different from other generations. With all the information they receive through the social media, they are eclectic on all fronts and have no "brand loyalty." Second, they are affected by the breakdown of the family. As one sociologist stated correctly, "The fortunes of religion rise or fall with the state of the family." Third, we live in an era of militant secularism. Whether in the media, the schools, our government, or society in general, millennials live in a world of relativism. There is no supernatural context, and "your truth" is as good as "my truth." There are no absolutes.

Fourth, there is a lack of spiritual authenticity in their parents. Our youth have virtually no adult role models when it comes to religion and beliefs; that is, role models who know what they believe, express it, and are committed to living it. Fifth, the influence of the Church (and churches) has diminished. The local parish is considered irrelevant in the big picture, and cultural mores (or guilt) no longer influence those who abandon church involvement. Sixth, there is a pervasive cultural abandonment of morality. I think most of us see this. The idea of objective moral truth—moral and ethical norms that are binding on all people—is unknown to most and is rejected by the rest.

Seventh, there is a widespread intellectual skepticism. Critical thinking among college students is rare, and many are encouraged to accept platitudes like "I'm okay, you're okay," or "life is about asking questions, not receiving answers." No answers? It's impolite, apparently, to offer answers since no one can answer life's ultimate questions. Eighth, it is popular and cool to be an atheist, the latest fad. The young atheist is full of swagger and certitude, a follower of someone like Christopher Hitchens, who delights in shocking others. Ninth, millennials push tolerance to the point that there is no right or wrong. No one can ever question "my truth" because that is what it is: my truth.

And finally, tenth, and perhaps most obvious, young adults have an inflated sense of their own intelligence and giftedness and, in adolescent fashion, still fight authority. There you have it. With all of this in mind, I am grateful to the young adults who stick with us.

Msgr. Patrick S. Brennan

WORSHIP ✦ PRAYER ✦ FAITH FORMATION



High School Confirmation: We will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for high school students in Spring 2018. Registration is open for all high school students who wish to be confirmed. Call or email the parish office for a registration packet. Registration will close on January 1, 2018. The first class will be held on Sunday, January 21. No registrations will be accepted at that time. Welcome to all high school candidates for confirmation!

Parish Religious Education Program: It is time to begin registering your first, second, and third graders (needing First Eucharist). Cathedral's Parish Religious Education Program for Children is for those who do not attend Catholic School. This is a two year course of preparation for both First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Eucharist (First Communion). We will begin this year's 25 classes on Sunday, September 17th. Classes begin at 10:10 am and end at 10:55 am. Please check the Church entrances for the registration forms. They may be mailed to Stephanie or placed in the collection basket. Volunteer catechists are needed to assist with this ministry. Please call Stephanie for more information. Home phone: (503) 292-5679 or cell:503-890-2413.



Altar Server Training: Any student, grades 4 and up, who is interested in becoming an altar server is asked to call the parish office with their name and phone number. Training will be **Monday, October 23 or Monday, October 30**. The sessions are from 6:30-8pm in the Cathedral. Students only need attend one session. Parents are encouraged to stay for the training.

Thinking about becoming Catholic?

If you are considering baptism; or, if you are baptized, considering full initiation; or, if you are Catholic but with little Catholic connection . . . please join us on September 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Cathedral Center. To register, call Paulette Peynet, Director of RCIA, at 503-319-3303.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of Catholic faith formation which includes instruction, prayer, worship, and community. Inquirers discern and prepare to become Catholic in four stages: Inquiry (deepening faith); Catechumenate (centering faith); Purification and Enlightenment (preparing for the fullest expression of faith); and Mystagoga (experiencing mysteries of faith).

“Come to me . . . and I will refresh you” (Mt 11:28)



Got Questions About Life? You're Invited! Starting September 11 at 6:30pm, in St. Joseph Hall, you will have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share your point of view. Alpha is series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question about faith and is designed to create conversation. Everyone is welcome!

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

At Cathedral School academic excellence meets Catholic tradition. Cathedral is accredited by the Western Catholic Education Association, and has been named an Apple Distinguished School. We are currently accepting applications for all grades for the 2017-2018 school year. For additional information or to schedule a tour please email Susan Hatley at (shatley@cathedral-or.org).

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

St. André Bessette is in need of men's and women's clothing, especially shoes, pants/jeans. *New* socks and underwear (for men & women) are also greatly appreciated. Please deliver your donations to the Cathedral office or contact Leslie Bentley 503.227.5981 for pick up. Thank you! They are also in need of blankets, backpacks, towels and washcloths, shaving cream, razors, soap and shampoo.

Ireland & Scotland Pilgrimage with Msgr. Brennan: September 19 to October 5, 2018 (sixteen days). For more information, please contact Carol Stahl at OCP Pilgrimages, 1.800.LITURGY or email Carol at carol@ocp.org.

Prayer for those caught in a Disaster

Oh God, Creator of earth and sea and sky, we pray together today for our sisters and brothers who have endured disaster and especially for those who have been lost.

Give us endurance and strength and help when needed. We know that you remain with us in every moment of our lives. Lord, increase our faith now and let it guide us in these difficult days.

Protect the safety of police officers, fire fighters, ambulance crews and medical personnel, and those who are restoring power and other services.

Help us focus on what is good in the human spirit and thank you for all of those who have stepped forward to help others. We ask this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - SEPT 16 & 17

Presiders:

Vigil Msgr. Patrick Brennan **11:00** Fr. Timothy Furlow
7:30 Msgr. Patrick Brennan
9:00 Fr. Timothy Furlow **5:30** Msgr. Patrick Brennan

Lectors:

Vigil Barbara Brainard, Suzie Santilli
7:30 Katy Gregosky
9:00 Liesl Nebel, Steven Gassert
11:00 Thomas Mannix, Elizabeth Van Engel
5:30 Margaret Witt, Daniel Hseih

Greeters & Ushers:

Vigil XXX
9:00 Longaker Family
11:00 Sandy Simmons, John Pigott,
Chris O'Brien

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Vigil Betty Donnelly, Henry Arriaga
Janet Satterlee, XXX, XXX
7:30 Katy Gregosky, Todd Adkisson, Todd Houser
9:00 Richard Cochran, Sharon Cochran, XXX
Nikki Schafbuch, Eileen Boyd, Joe Schafbuch
11:00 Mary Ganji, Rick Ganji, Esneda Patton
Ann Wehrley, Sarah Westenberg, Joan Townsend,
Cerise Joe
5:30 Jim Peck, Hector Nunez, Kathy Kelly
Dorene Kemp, Shawn Youmans, Fhretscya Youmans

Altar Servers:

Vigil Amelia Rawlinson, Sabina Quinteros, XXX
7:30 Steele Clevenger, Gus Clevenger
9:00 Jane Ryan, Maggie Ryan, Patrick Ryan
11:00 Griffin Stevenson, Grace Kurilo, Harry Kurilo
5:30 Matthias Kreutzer, Chloe Heller, XXX

St. Mary's Cathedral Project

On Saturday, September 23rd, and Sunday, September 24th, all St. Mary's parishioners are invited to a parish social regarding the Cathedral Project. These socials will be held in Archbishop Sample's former residence after each of the Masses that weekend. Food and refreshments will be served.

Every Cathedral household is invited to attend one of these socials. The purpose is to explain the Cathedral Project and to unveil some preliminary architectural drawings. Every Cathedral household attending will receive an information packet to take home and study.

As you recall, the Cathedral Project involves the renovation of our current Cathedral Center, Archbishop Sample's former residence, the courtyard, the parish rectory, and the seismic upgrade of Cathedral School. Over the last couple of months much planning and work have taken place. We have a dedicated Campaign Committee, and an enthusiastic group of volunteers. We are grateful for their service!

Last week every household was mailed an invitation and an RSVP card to indicate attendance at one of the socials. Please fill out this card and return it to the parish by mail or in the collection basket by the weekend of September 9 and 10. We look forward to sharing with you our exciting plans for the future. Thank you!



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