

St. Cecilia Parish

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October 7, 2018 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday Vigil Mass5:00 p.m.
Sunday8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

WEEKDAYS

Monday, Wednesday through Saturday
Mass 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday
Word and Communion 9:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

First Saturdays 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Every Saturday 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
(Also by appointment)

EXPOSITION & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition Friday 9:30 a.m.
Followed by Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 10:00 a.m. to Saturday 4:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Closed for Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Email: parishoffice@saintcparish.org

PARISH LIBRARY HOURS

Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

MISSION STATEMENT:

As part of the living Body of Christ, Saint Cecilia parish on Bainbridge Island seeks to conform to the will of God through faith, works, teaching and stewardship of God's creation as guided by the Holy Spirit, by the teachings of Christ, and the Grace of the Father. We celebrate this mission daily in prayer, liturgy, sacraments and life.

Why am I here? I have been mentioning the point of being a welcoming community, not only to visitors but also to our own members. We can become tolerant of the people around us at Mass, and not even think about what may be going on in their lives. This is part one of an excerpt from an article that really touches on the importance of what we do as a welcoming community.

“The Meaning of Life” by HAROLD G. KOENIG, MD

Jewish psychiatrist and concentration camp survivor Victor Frankl attributed his own and others' survival in the camps to the power of having a sense of purpose that kept their eyes on meaningful goals ahead. Life can present us with many mini versions of “concentration camps” where we are in a difficult situation, can't get out of it, and have no or very little control over what happens. There are many examples: a chronic disabling illness, pain syndrome, a bad relationship, problems with children, unpleasant work situations, financial stresses, job loss, legal problems, weight problems, addiction to drugs or alcohol, depression... The list goes on and on. When things in life are going well and we are happy and content, the question of the purpose and the meaning of life really doesn't matter. However, in these other often unavoidable and unwanted situations, this question comes to the forefront.

Both during youth and old age, the question of life's purpose and meaning becomes particularly relevant, but for different reasons. With an infinite future ahead and limitless possibilities and choices, the youth wonders what the purpose of her life is and what she should do – get married and raise a family, seek further education and a professional career, get a good-paying job, go on a mission trip, or a billion other options. The older person who is retired, perhaps widowed, watching friends and family die all around him, also wonders what the purpose and meaning of life is – but for a different reason than the youth does. Choices become more limited. Those things that used to give life purpose and meaning seem to be slipping away.

Corinthians 8:28 promises us, “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” So, indeed, God has a purpose and we have been created as part of that purpose and for a purpose. And Jesus tells us what that purpose is – to love and serve God, and to love and serve others – and it's repeated three times in the Scriptures (Matt 22:36, Mark 12:29, Luke 10:25). It's really so very, very simple. When we are fulfilling that purpose, then that place deep down inside of us fills up and we experience peace and happiness. When we're not, and we begin focusing on our own self and our own needs exclusively, then other emotions start flooding in.

Part two next week . . .

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Sunday, October 7 th 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Monday, October 8 th	Tuesday, October 9 th	Wednesday, October 10 th
8:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM 1 st Reconciliation Class in St. Monica 5:00 PM Youth Group in Conger 8:00 PM Compline in Church	9:00 AM Communion Service 9:30 AM Rosary in Church 9:30 AM Centering Prayer in St. Monica Rm. 2:00 PM PREP in PREP Classrooms 5:00 PM Rosary in Church 5:00 PM Legion of Mary in Church	7:00 AM Men's Prayer Group in St. Monica Rm. 8:30 AM Praise & Worship 9:00 AM Communion Service 9:30 AM Rosary in Church 9:45 AM Bible Study in St. Monica Rm 12:30 PM Needlework Circle in St. Monica Rm. 5:00 PM Rosary in Church 7:30 PM Contemporary Choir Rehearsal in Church	7:15 AM Cursillo in St. Monica Rm 9:00 AM Communion Service 9:30 AM Rosary in Church 9:45 AM Book Group in St. Monica Rm. 5:00 PM Rosary in Church 6:30 PM SCCS Commission Mtg. in Conference Rm. 7:00 PM Centering Prayer in St. Monica Rm. 7:00 PM RCIA in Library

KUDOS AND UPDATES

Liturgy Schedule Update: Fr. Mark is off the week of October 8th so Communion Services will be offered Monday October 8th through Friday October 12th at 9 AM. Please note this change on your calendars.

Services for Michael A. Patterson: Rosary will be on Friday, October 26th at 6:30 PM, and the Funeral Mass will be Saturday, October 27th at 10:30 AM. Both services will be at St. James Cathedral, and a reception will follow the Funeral Mass in the O’Dea High School Gym.

First Reconciliation classes begin this Sunday, October 7th at 11:00 AM in the St. Monica Room. Please contact Cassie Wolfe at faithformation@saintcparish.org for more information.

The Men's Compline Choir of Bainbridge Island will sing the Office of Compline this Sunday, October 7th at 8:00 PM at Saint Cecilia Parish. Compline, also called Night Prayer, is the last of the traditional daily services sung by monastic communities and dates back to at least the 8th century. The service consists of chant, readings, psalms, prayers, petitions and hymns, sung in a contemplative setting in a darkened church and is approximately 30 minutes in length. **All are welcome.**



A huge thank you to all of you who donated to the Crop Walk. Your support will really make a difference for addressing hunger issues on the island and worldwide.

Safe Environment Class: Together, we can protect our children. St. Cecilia Parish is presenting Protecting God’s Children, required of all employees and those volunteers with unsupervised, ongoing access to minors and vulnerable adults. This is an onsite class for volunteers and employees that have NOT taken the class previously.

Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2017
Time: 9:30 to 11:30 AM
Location: St. Monica Room

You will NEED to register online by visiting www.virtusonline.org and clicking on the registration link found on the right side of the page. If you need assistance with your registration or have any questions, contact the parish office at 206-842-3594.



The Power of Prayer: In 1993, after living on the street for 15 years and slowly destroying my life, I had nowhere else to go. I burned every bridge I ever had. I got on my knees and for the first time I asked God for help. And I meant it - total surrender. I got on a bus to go back downtown to live on the street again and when I got on the bus, I saw a man with a collar on. I asked him for help. He was the minister at the Compass Center, which is a homeless shelter in downtown Seattle. After I proved myself, that I could stay sober and act like a man, on Thanksgiving Day in 1993, I moved to the island and into his cabin for 13 years. The life I have now, if I would have ever predicted my future, I would have short changed myself so much. So I know the power of prayer, because I’ve lived it - Steve Rhoades. (You can read my whole story at www.ExtremeSobriety.org)

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Thursday, October 11 th	Friday, October 12 th	Saturday, October 13 th	
7:30 AM Cursillo off-site 9:00 AM Communion Service 9:30 AM Rosary in Church 5:00 PM Rosary in Church 6:30 PM Vigil Choir Rehearsal in Church	9:00 AM Communion Service 9:30 AM Rosary in Church 9:30 AM Adoration in Church	5:00 AM Adoration in Church 9:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM SVdP in Conger 10:00 AM KofC in Chardin Rm. 4:00 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM Vigil Mass	† Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen The Sunday Mass Ministry Roster and the Visiting Eucharistic Ministry Roster are available online at the parish website: http://www.saintparish.org
OPPORTUNITIES			



To celebrate the 101st Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, please join us in praying the rosary by the statue of Mary in the courtyard on **Saturday, October 13th at noon**. Our world is in need of love, peace, and wisdom – all are welcome to join us in prayer!

Rachel's Corner: Hope and Healing After Abortion -

Since your involvement in an abortion decision have you felt like you have been adrift in a sea of regret and anger? You are not alone. Call our confidential number and hear about upcoming healing retreats. For more information call Aleah at 1-800-822-HOPE (4673). Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.



Advent: A Pilgrimage: On Thursday, November 8th from 7:30-9:00 PM in the St. Monica Room parishioner Brendan Curran will present his experience of pilgrimage and share his walking journey of the *Camino de Compostela* spanning northern France to the ocean's edge of Spain. A parable for life

and the Advent liturgical season, pilgrimage has been for hundreds of years a sacred spiritual practice. The impact of the experience of walking these ancient roads can be a worthy exploration for the next phase of our own life journey. Please contact Spiritual Enrichment Events at 206-842-3908 for more information.



Knights of Columbus Membership:

For over 100 years, Knights of Columbus have been standing up for the Church, serving the least among us, and strengthening our parishes and families. Eligible Catholic men are encouraged to join the Knights of Columbus. As a member, you join a worldwide community of nearly two million men, including 17,500 members here in the State of Washington. Visit www.kofc.org/joinus to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus. Council 12251 of St. Cecilia Parish will be having a membership drive after all Masses next weekend, October 13/14. Please stop by and learn more about becoming a Knight from one of the representatives.



For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. Sign up today to attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend at the Sheraton Hotel, Bellevue on November 16 – 18, 2018. Apply at wwme.org. For more information leave a message at 206-772-2344. Sign up today.

Library News: "Symbolon, The Catholic Faith Explained," (DVD 138-1&2) Filmed in Rome, Dr. Edward Sri leads us on a journey in how we can better know and live our Catholic Faith. Check it out! (NOTE: the library is missing some books – do you have overdue books that should be returned? Thanks for checking!)





The Amazon Smile program is an easy way to support SCCS by doing the online shopping you already do. Simply log onto the Amazon Smile website, smile.amazon.com, and type in St. Cecilia Catholic School as your charity of choice, (be sure to enter [St. Cecilia Catholic School](#), and be sure it is for Bainbridge Island.) Then, always log into smile.amazon.com for every Amazon purchase you make. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate .5% of your purchase price from your eligible purchases to SCCS. It's free money to our school from Amazon! Remember, donations for St. Cecilia Catholic School can be earned only on purchases made at smile.amazon.com (NOT amazon.com or the mobile app). Email Katie Countryman at kmcountry@aol.com if you have questions.



Our Parish has a lovely 15” pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima that was purchased by parishioner, Renee Eberharter in 1961. The beautiful statue has been traveling to parishioner’s homes ever since! If you would like to share in the wonderful experience of having “Our Lady” visit your home, she is available for check-out through the parish library. She travels in a wooden box along with a rosary, prayer booklets, and a short history about this Bainbridge Island pilgrim statue.



Father Mark’s homily last weekend suggested we should all ask

ourselves, “Are we doing enough?” One important area concerns respect for life in our society and the inherent dignity of every human life. We must pray, fast, and be public witnesses. One way to do this is to participate in the **40 Days for Life** campaign going on now through November 4th! Please contact Laurie Coykendall at 360-509-9395 or laurieforhope@gmail.com to find out more!

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

Planting and Watering Seeds

Last week, I had the luxury of spending two days with all of the principals in the Archdiocese of Seattle at the Seabeck Conference Center. Our retreat was led by Father Ron Nuzzi of Notre Dame. This year we revisited the **Four Great Mysteries** and went deeper.

Almost right out of the blocks, Father Nuzzi posed the following question:

What exactly do you think you are doing? I had already been thinking about what exactly our teachers, parents, parishioners, pastor, and me are doing here at St. Cecilia Catholic School. I was asked to bring a prayer to read at the Friday morning breakfast at our retreat. I read the following excerpt from Archbishop Oscar Romero’s Homily on March 23, 1980. He was assassinated the following day.

This is what we are about: One person plants a seed in the soil. Another waters it. We plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing it. This enables us to do something and do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for God’s grace to enter and do the rest.

As we enter our second month of school, we continue to nurture the development of all members of our school community

With gratitude,
Susan Kilbane

NO SCHOOL Friday, October 12
because

CHRIST IN THE CLASSROOM FOUNDATION
Retreat #3: Education for Community Life
Teachers and Principal

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PASTORAL SERVICES

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

“Present your needs to God, . . . in petition full of gratitude!”

Sunday Collection Sept. 29/30	\$ 7,753.50
Children’s Offertory	\$ 5.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,965.00
Total	\$ 9,723.50

Average offertory needed to cover budget \$11,004.00

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE

You're invited to a Celebration of Our Saints

St. James Cathedral
Saturday, November 3, 2018
10 am Eucharistic Adoration | 11 am Mass

Join Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, and Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg in celebrating the saints from our diverse cultural communities. All are welcome to a reception following Mass, with ethnic foods and beautiful displays of our saints, provided by the cultural communities of the Archdiocese of Seattle.

More Information:
Deacon Carl Chilo carl.chilo@seattlearch.org or 206-382-4828

Share the Journey



Register to Vote For Catholics: “Participation in political life is a moral obligation” (USCCB). Voter participation in the democratic process is

essential for a just society respectful of all life. Oct. 8 is the last day for online & mail-in voter registration, address changes and other updates: <http://vote.wa.gov>.

BAPTISM: Call the Parish office to set up an appointment with Fr. Mark, start your paperwork, and register for classes for your child’s baptism. We encourage parents to attend classes prior to the birth of their child. Parents and godparents are required to attend both classes. Godparents are required to be confirmed in the Catholic Church. Baptisms are scheduled on a personal basis.

Class Schedule: Thursdays 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the St. Monica Room:

- September 27 & October 25
- January 31 & February 28
- March 28 & April 25

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION: All children who are to receive their first reconciliation and first communion must register for this program independently of participation in PREP, PREP at Home or attending SCCS. Classes for sacramental preparation are offered on Sundays after the 10:00 Mass. There is a mandatory parent meeting followed by 6 classes per sacrament. Once registered you will receive a calendar of classes.

- Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation – Thursday, October 4
- Parent Meeting for First Communion – Thursday February 7

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program, K- 12) Family registration forms are available in the back of the church. Please return to Cassie Wolfe at the parish office.

CONFIRMATION Please contact the office for more information, Parish Office x101.

MARRIAGE GUIDELINES The engaged couple should plan to meet with the pastor at least six months before the wedding. One party should be a registered parishioner.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Meets Wednesday nights at 7pm in the Library. Please contact Robert Earhart, MD, PhD, OFS at 206-780-3555 or cell phone 240-447-3173. Classes will begin September 19, 2018.

FUNERALS Call the parish office for assistance with funeral arrangements.

HOUSE CALLS If you wish to receive the sacraments at home, please call the Parish Office at (206) 842-3594 x101 to schedule.

PRAYER REQUESTS If you wish to add someone to the Parish Prayer Chain, contact Mary Corbin at: marecorb@aol.com.

GOVERNANCE & OTHER PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

FINANCE COUNCIL Parish financial advisory body made up of parish members, Scott Edwards (chair)

SCHOOL COMMISSION COUNCIL The board is made up of parish members, Jack Brophy (chair)

PARISH MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES A catalog of parish ministries and activities is listed on our website under the ministries section at: www.saintcparish.org/ministries.html. The parish office can assist you in finding out any additional information you require.

BULLETIN Send announcements via email to secretary@saintcparish.org no later than 9 a.m. on Monday.

ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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