

St. Cecilia Parish

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December 2, 2018 – First Sunday of Advent



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

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

WEEKDAYS

Monday, Wednesday through Saturday
Mass9:00 a.m.
Tuesday
Word and Communion9:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

First Saturdays9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Every Saturday3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
(Also by appointment)

EXPOSITION & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

ExpositionFriday 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.

Come Lord Jesus, Come!



*O Wisdom, O holy Word of God,
you govern all creation with your
strong yet tender care:
Come and show your people the
way to salvation.*

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Sunday, December 2 nd First Sunday of Advent	Monday, December 3 rd St. Francis Xavier, Priest †Ross Olsen	Tuesday, December 4 th	Wednesday, December 5 th †Michael A. Patterson
8:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM Mass 5:00 PM Youth Group in Conger, St. Monica Rm. 8:00 PM Compline in Church	9:00 AM Mass 9:30 AM Rosary in Church 9:30 AM Centering Prayer in St. Monica Rm. 11:00 AM Memorial Service for Alice Shiveley in Church 12:00 PM Reception for Alice Shiveley in Conger 2:00 PM PREP in PREP Classrooms 2:15 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal in Church 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. 4:00 PM Centering Prayer in St. Monica Rm. 5:00 PM Rosary in Church 6:00 PM SVdP Meeting in Library	7:15 AM Cursillo in St. Monica Rm 9:00 AM Mass 9:30 AM Rosary in Church 5:00 PM Rosary in Church 7:00 PM Centering Prayer in St. Monica Rm. 7:00 PM RCIA in Library

KUDOS AND UPDATE

Liturgy Schedule Update: Saturday December 8th is the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass for the holy day will be offered at 9 AM.

Catholic Community Services Centennial Appeal for the Poor is here! St. Cecilia Parish will be participating in this year-end appeal to support our Catholic Charities Agency in Western Washington and a speaker from CCS will present at all the Masses this weekend. CCS envelopes were included with parishioners' monthly envelopes and additional envelopes will be available in the pews.

The Men's Compline Choir of Bainbridge Island will sing the Office of Compline this Sunday, December 2nd at 8 PM in the church. 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.**

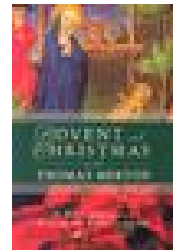


A Memorial Service will be offered for **Alice Fern Shiveley**, wife of parishioner Phil Shiveley, on Monday, December 3rd at 11 AM. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

2019 Liturgical Calendars are here! The calendars are available for pick-up in the back of the church. Please take one per family.

Penance Service: An Advent Penance Service will be held in the church on Thursday December 13th at 7 PM. All our welcome to take this time during Advent to prepare for the birth of our Savior.

Library News: Pick up a daily Advent devotional with writings of **Henri Nouwen, St. Francis, St. Benedict, St. Thomas Aquinas, Thomas Merton, the Saints,** and others. All daily devotional books may be kept through Christmas. We also have Christmas stories for children and DVD's for the entire family. Check it out!



Simbang Gabi: St. Cecilia Parish and the Filipino-American Community of Bainbridge Island will celebrate Simbang Gabi at St. Cecilia on Saturday, December 15th with Mass at 5 PM and a reception afterwards in Conger Hall.

New Centering Prayer group: Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina will be held in the St. Monica Rm. on Tuesdays at 4 PM. Please contact Sue Kuebler for more information at 206-940-3309 or email at suqu333@comcast.net.



SCCS Honors Choir will sing at Bainbridge Gardens on **Sunday, December 9th at 11:30 AM.** The performance will last approximately 30 minutes. All are welcome!

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Thursday, December 6 th †Louise Jobson	Friday, December 7 th St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	Saturday, December 8 th Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
7:30 AM Cursillo Off-Site 9:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM Mothers & Others in St. Monica Rm., Library 9:30 AM Rosary in Church 1:00 PM SCCS Mass Practice in Church 5:00 PM Rosary in Church 6:30 PM Vigil Choir Rehearsal in Church	9:00 AM SCC School Mass 9:30 AM Rosary in Church 10:00 AM Adoration in Church 12:00 PM Matt Talbot Prep in Conger	5:00 AM Adoration in Church 9:00 AM Mass (HOLY DAY) 10:00 AM Cub Scouts in Conger 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.saintcparish.org
OPPORTUNITIES			



The Parish Christmas Giving Tree still has many gift requests (and requests for grocery gift cards), from local families, the residents of Manzanita House Adult Living, and those who participate at the Stephens House day facility. The tree will remain in the church until 11 AM on Sunday morning,

December 9th. Everyone can participate in this parish-wide project by fulfilling a tag and/or making a monetary donation to St. Cecilia's Society of Saint Vincent de Paul through the offertory and online collections. Please sign one of the Giving Tree books when you take a tag. When you return the gift, please attach the tag on the outside of the wrapped gift or envelope. Gifts should be wrapped; gift cards can be wrapped or put into an envelope and placed into the decorated box under the tree. For more information about the project contact Noel Saunders at 842-5142 or SVDPBI@hotmail.com.

Rachel's Corner

Have you been looking back at the shore, navigating uncertain waters after having been involved in an abortion decision? Is this something no one knows about and you have held it inside in silence? Have regret, shame and pain left a footprint on your life and prevented you from a close relationship with God and others? Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation at (206) 920-6413. More information at www.ccsww.org/projectrachel.

Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.



Annual Matt Talbot Christmas Dinner on December 8, 2018:

St. Cecilia parish will be participating in food preparations, gift giving, and serving a dinner to Seattle families in need, and for those ministered to by the Matt Talbot Center. There will be a collection box in the church vestibule for new and unwrapped gifts. Please consider donating from the following list: coats, hats, gloves, scarfs, socks, and sweaters for adults (large sizes needed), and for children, toiletries, toys, books and games. Gift cards for Safeway, Target, Starbucks, Walgreens, Walmart, other Seattle restaurants and retail stores, are also needed. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Amy Curran at amycurran66@gmail.com.

Support CA Wildfire Relief: Wildfire devastation throughout the state of California has caused widespread damage and loss of life. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Sacramento Diocese is actively involved along with Catholic Charities. More information at www.catholiccharitiesusa.org or www.svdp-sacramento.org.



Sign up today to attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend at the Sheraton Hotel, Bellevue on February 15-17, 2019. Or a non-residential weekend in Astoria, OR Jan. 25-27, 2019. Apply at www.wwme.org. For more information, leave a message at 206-772-2344. Sign up today.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

ADVENT : A Season of Love

Last Monday, teachers spent the day working on report cards while students had a day off from school. At the end of each trimester, we provide dedicated time for teachers to prepare grades and write comments about student growth. Assessment and feedback are critical components in the cycle of learning.

As teachers worked on report cards, I prepared for our three whole school Prayer Circles in December, focusing on Advent. The Seattle Prep Advent Booklet, 12th edition, arrived on my desk this morning, in perfect timing. **LOVE BUILDS US UP** is the first entry in the booklet. Focusing on loving one another is a perfect way for us to begin the season of Advent.

“We might examine our own lives at the beginning of this Advent season, asking for the grace to recognize and to get rid of any habits we have that tear our neighbors down. We might also ask for the grace to cultivate those habits that seek to build our neighbors up.” (pg. 2, Prep Advent Booklet)

“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.” (1 John 4:7)

“As we enter into the season of Advent, let us prepare for the coming of Christ by making this Advent truly a season of love. If we work on this individually and collectively, we may begin to recognize more clearly how Christ is already present in our midst.”

(Father Ryan Rallanka, S.J.)

With joy,
Susan Kilbane

SAVE THE DATE!

**ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**All SCCS students will sing in our Christmas Concert on
Thursday, December 20th at 6:00 PM in the Church**

Mothers and Others

For all caregivers of children who would like to be enriched socially, spiritually, and engaged in service with fellow parishioners.

December 6th Praying as a Family with Fr. Mark
December 13th Christmas Cookie Decorating with Jenny Clemens

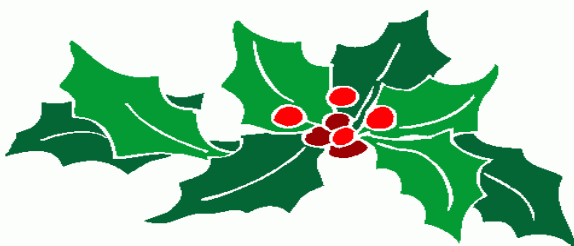
We meet in the St. Monica room at 9:30 am. Childcare is provided in Conger Hall at 9:15 am. A light snack and coffee will be provided. Contact Jenny Clemens at stcmothers@yahoo.com for more information. Please join us!



The Parish Partners Program provides parish adults with the opportunity to engage and forge new relationships with our wonderful SCCS 1st/2nd grade students while they work on curriculum-based projects together. Our Parish Partners

next meeting is on **Friday, December 6th from 1:15 to 2:00 PM in the Chardin Room.** Please email Ms. Cornell at ecornell@saintceciliaschool.org or stop by the school office for a schedule and a sign-up sheet.

A Service of Readings and Carols: St. James Cathedral presents our annual Service of Readings and Carols on Friday, December 14th at 7:30 PM. In the soft glow of candlelight, St. James adult and youth choirs, organists, and Cathedral Brass (including musicians from Seattle Symphony) perform music for the Advent season, with traditional readings from Holy Scripture heralding Christ’s birth. This liturgy is open to all; freewill offering.



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PASTORAL SERVICES

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

“Christ reminds us not to let our spirits become bloated with indulgences and worldly cares – giving of ourselves will avoid our spirits becoming bloated.”

Sunday Collection Nov. 24/25	\$ 7,047.24
Children’s Offertory	\$ 5.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,620.00
	\$ 9,672.24

Average offertory needed to cover budget \$11,004.00

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

4th Weekend of Advent – December 22/23
Normal Weekend Schedule

Christmas Eve – Monday, December 24
4:30 PM and 9:00 PM

Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25
10:00 AM



ONLINE GIVING

An alternative to using Sunday Envelopes

HOW TO SET-UP AN ONLINE ACCOUNT:

Visit the St. Cecilia Parish website at www.saintcparish.org and follow instructions to create an online profile.

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:

- 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 AM 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 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 7 PM 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 AM on Monday.

ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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