

MASS INTENTIONS (\$10.00)

Dec 06th – Dec 11th

12/6	Tuesday	8:30am	12/06
12/7	Wednesday	8:30am	12/07
12/8	Thursday	8:30am	12/08 † Gary Nicklaus
12/9	Friday	8:30am	12/09
12/10	Saturday	5:00pm	12/10 † Silvia Haley
12/11	Sunday	8:00am 10:00am	12/11

PRAYER REQUESTS

James Brown, Patricia Lightner, Barbra Cowlin, Pam Curnutt, Sandy Byers, Pauline Thompson, Chris Arnis, Bernard Offley, Debbie Medeiros, Leon Frappier, Ronald Schaumberg, Leo Carina, Bill Jauron, Marie Anderson, Joey Bates, Geri Noble, Jean Ann Adenau, Patty Lowe, Dick Wall, Lloyd Ebert, JoAnn Evans, Rodney Mann, Jim Fery, Ted Hile, Craig Chabala, Marvel Brown, and Sherry Elder Baker

From 2016/2017, July 1st through June 30th 2017 we need \$3,885 weekly. This does not include Religious Education, Youth Ministry personnel, which could account for \$16,000 or more. Also, this does not include Capital Campaign.

<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,885.00
<u>Collection Nov 19th & 20th</u>	<u>\$ 2,344.14</u>
	\$-1,540.86

Campaign for Human Development \$ 394.99

<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,885.00
<u>Collection Nov 26th / 27th</u>	<u>\$ 2,280.59</u>
	\$- 1,604.41

St. Vincent de Paul \$ 1,540.25

<u>Attendance</u>	Thanksgiving Day	32
	5 pm	65
	8 am	50
	10 am	115

Thank You! Jr High & High School Youth Group Bottle & Can drive raised \$291.45. We would like to thank all who have generously supported us.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena has started on December 2nd and will continue until Dec. 10th, every night in the church at 7:00pm. All are Welcome!

2nd Sunday of Advent

"Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance."

John the Baptist does not mince words. He tells it like it is. When the hypocritical Pharisees and Sadducees show up piously for baptism, John calls them out, saying, *"You brood of vipers!"* Not welcoming words, to say the least. Then he tells them that being part of the religious club (i.e., children of Abraham) isn't enough. No, *"every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."*

It can be easy to join John in pointing fingers at those self-righteous religious leaders. But we're usually not so quick to point fingers at ourselves. On this Second Sunday of Advent, as we seek to prepare for the coming of Christ, we also need to hear John's solemn warning. How are we like these Pharisees? How have we excused ourselves because we are part of the "club," because we are baptized Christians, regular churchgoers, better than others, or whatever justification we use to declare ourselves in good shape? How have we failed to produce good fruit by being satisfied with a comfortable life and a routine practice of the faith? What do we need to change? Where do we need to grow? How do we need to reach out and serve others, to sacrifice sinful behaviors, to delve deeper into our love for the Lord?

John preaches today that God will *"gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."* Advent is a gift from the Church--a time to renew our spiritual life by getting rid of the chaff in our souls and producing instead a fruitful harvest. Now is the time to do this work. As John tells us, *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"*

Cycles of Faith

Make Note Mass Time Change Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration Mass will be on Sunday, December 11th at **11:00am** not at 10:00am.

Pray for a Seminarian, pick up a Book Mark in the entrance of the church.

Our Reconciliation Service will be on Wednesday, December 14th at 7pm here at St. Frederic Church.



Readings for the week of December 4th, 2016

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11



Toy and Joy Giving Tree

The gifts donated to our giving tree go to the Fire Dept. Toy and Joy program which get distributed to the needy. All gifts stay here in St. Helens, Warren, Columbia City and Deer Island. Please DO NOT wrap gifts with tag. Gifts need to be returned in by December 12th!

Religious Ed Classes

Pre-K through 6th grade after 10am mass in Parish center.

Sacramental Prep Reconciliation and First Communion classes will be on Wednesdays at 7pm in the Parish Center.

Youth Group is on Sunday evenings 6 to 8pm in the Parish Center.

We are 9 weeks into the Right of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We had the Rite of Welcoming for Rose Vinson at 10 a.m. mass on November 20th. Recent topics have been about the Trinity, Creation, the Fall of Mankind, and the Devil.

Interested in learning more about your Catholic faith? We meet on Tuesdays at 7 p.m., in Room 5, and all are welcome to come for subjects that interest them. Upcoming topics include:

12/6 – Salvation & Redemption/The Incarnation & Crucifixion

12/13 – Mary

1/10 – Why do I need the Church?

A Steward's Way

COMMITMENT WEEKEND / December 3rd - 4th

“He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind. Not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”. We hope and pray that you have given prayerful thought to the pledge that you are making. Your generosity in the past has been appreciated.

God Bless You

St. Vincent de Paul Notice

Due to Christmas Day occurring on the usual collection weekend for St Vincent de Paul, that collection will be taken up the following weekend, **December 31** and **January 1**. Please be sure to pre-date your checks in order to claim the charitable contribution for 2016. Thank you for your continued generosity to the needy of our community!

Retirement Fund for Religious

Your donation works for aging religious. “I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for religious aid senior religious,” a donor writes. “That’s wonderful when we truly want our donations to work.” Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. For Support for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and those who have given a lifetime, collection will be taken up on December 17th & 18th.

Women' Society Christmas Party will be at 11:00am at Warren Country Inn. Bring a gift—Limit \$10.00 — if you want to participate in gift exchange. There is no cost to observe!

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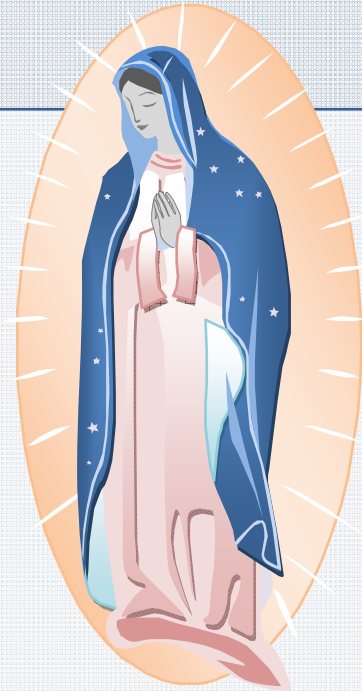
**We would like to thank Spring Meadows
for placing an ad in our bulletin.**

Festival for Our Lady of Guadalupe and Serenade

St. Frederic Catholic Church
175 13th St.
St. Helens, OR 97051

Festival after 11 am Mass on Sunday,
December 11, 2016. Aztec dancers at 10 am.

Serenade at 5 am, Rosary at 6am to follow on
Monday, December 12, 2016.



Join us for a celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe

Come celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday, December 11 with Mass at 11 a.m., Aztec dancers at 10 am. Then join us for the festival with food and fun.

And join us on Monday, December 12 for a traditional serenade at 5 am, and Rosary to follow at 6 am.

Sponsored by the Hispanic Committee

