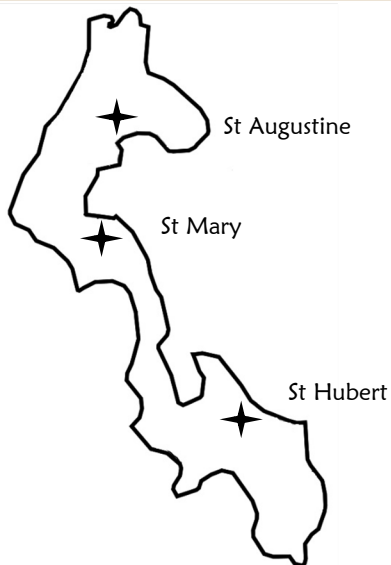




Whidbey Island Family of Catholic Churches

St Augustine · St Mary · St Hubert

Pastor: Father Chris Hoiland frchris@staugustineoh.org

St. Augustine - 185 N. Oak Harbor Street, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

St. Mary - 207 North Main Street, Coupeville, WA 98239

Mailing Address for both parishes - P.O. Box 1319, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

St. Hubert - 804 3rd Street, Langley, WA 98260

Mailing Address - P.O. Box 388, Langley, WA 98260

September 15, 2024
24th Sunday,
Ordinary Time

Regular Mass Times

Sat. 5:00 pm - St. Augustine*

Sat. 5:00 pm - St. Hubert

Sun. 8:00 am - St. Augustine

Sun. 9:00 am - St. Hubert

Sun. 9:30 am - St. Augustine

Sun. 11:15 am - St. Mary

Wed. 9:30 am - St. Augustine

Wed. 10:30 am - St. Hubert

Thur. 9:30 am - St. Mary

Fri. 9:30 am - St. Augustine

Confessions

Saturday, 4:00 pm - St. Augustine*

Saturday, 4:00 pm - St. Hubert

(*The 3rd Saturday of each month, Vigil Mass and Confessions will only be at St. Hubert)



He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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St Augustine/St Mary Parish Office Hours

Monday: Closed to the public

Tuesday - Friday: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

& 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

information@staugustineoh.org

St Hubert Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday: Closed to the public

sthubert@whidbey.com

Weekly Calendar - St. Augustine

Sept 15	Sunday	8:00 am	Mass
		9:00 am	Coffee and Donuts
		9:30 am	Mass (<i>Fr Raymond Finerty, RIP; Diana Manuel, INT</i>)
		10:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
Sept 16	Monday	10:00 am	Adult Faith Education, CR 1&2
		4:30 pm	Agape Meal
Sept 17	Tuesday	6:00 pm	OCIA, CR 1&2
Sept 18	Wednesday	9:30 am	Mass (<i>Leonel Isip Mallari, INT</i>)
		10:00 am	Divine Mercy/Adoration, CH
		4:00 pm	RE (grades K-5), CR1-5
		6:30 pm	RE (grades 6-12), CR 1-5
Sept 20	Friday	9:30 am	Mass (<i>Irenea & Lorenzo Mar, Sr., RIP</i>)
		10:00 am	Divine Mercy/Adoration, CH
Sept 21	Saturday	4:00 pm	Confessions
		5:00 pm	Vigil Mass
		<i>Confessions/Vigil Mass will be at St Hubert in Langley</i>	
Sept 22	Sunday	8:00 am	Mass
		9:00 am	Coffee and Donuts
		9:30 am	Mass (<i>Fr Raymond Finerty, RIP; Angelo Santarlasci, INT</i>)
		10:30 am	Coffee and Donuts

Weekly Calendar - St. Mary

Sept 15	Sunday	11:15 am	Mass
		12:15 pm	Coffee & Conversation
Sept 19	Thursday	9:30 am	Mass
		10:20 am	Bible Study, HH
Sept 22	Sunday	11:15 am	Mass
		12:15 pm	Coffee & Conversation

Stewardship

Saint Augustine

Weekly Expenses	\$ 13,090
August 18 Offering	\$ 14,078



Saint Mary

Weekly Expenses	\$ 2,962
August 18 Offering	\$ 4,921

We encourage you to use online bill-pay through your bank as there is no cost to the parish or to you.

Include your envelope number and mail your donations to: P.O. Box 1319, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

If you need your envelope number please call the parish office 360-675-2303. Thank you!

Sacraments

Baptisms

- ⌘ The next Baptism Class is Sept. 28 at 11:00 am
- ⌘ The next Baptisms are Oct. 5 & 26 at 11:00 am
- ⌘ We schedule a maximum of 4 children per Baptism.
- ⌘ Call the parish office at 360-675-2303 for more information or to register for class.

Anointings:

- ⌘ Please call the parish office at 360-675-2303 on Wednesday - Friday from 10:00 am - 4:00pm to request an anointing or last rites. On Tuesdays, please call the St. Mary, Anacortes office number at 360-293-2101.
- ⌘ After 4pm Wednesday-Sunday, call the office at 360-675-2303 and listen to the message to receive the **emergency anointing or last rites only** phone number. *On any Monday*, please call another parish to request an anointing.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) and Children (OCIC)

Adults: OCIA - Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm in classrooms 1 & 2

Children: OCIC begins **October 29, 2024**, 4:00 - 5:00 pm in classroom 4

Classes are for:

- ⌘ Non-baptized or baptized adults and children (7-17) of a different denomination wishing to enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church
- ⌘ Baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation
- ⌘ Catholics and non-Catholics wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith

Please email Mary E Waters at adultff@staugustineoh.org for more information or to register

Registration for Religious Education (RE) have started!



- ⌘ RE for grades K-12 begins **September 18**
- ⌘ **Registration is STILL OPEN!** Forms are available in the vestibule, parish office, or online at ww.staugustineoh.org
- ⌘ Please fill out both sides of the form, attach your check made out to St. Augustine, and drop it in the collection basket at Mass, mail it, or bring it in to the Parish Office
- ⌘ Many hands make our RE program a success! Contact info@staugustineoh.org or 360-675-2303 for details about teaching and volunteering

****Please note, children preparing for the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation, contact Rowena, PA for Religious Education at rharless@staugustineoh.org**

Parish Job Opening

St Augustine Catholic Church is seeking to hire an accompanist (piano and/or organ) to provide music for parish liturgies and other designated celebrations. The position would collaborate with the Pastor or other assigned consultative body. The candidate will need to audition for the Pastor. The position is a year round position up to ten hours per week. Successful candidates should be registered to a Catholic parish and be an active participant in Catholic worship and parish life. The complete job description and application packet are available on our website staugustineoh.org or by sending a request to admin@staugustineoh.org

News and Events

- ∞ **Sanctuary Flowers** - September 21st flowers are in celebration of Dave & Theresa Frazer's 55th Wedding Anniversary. Stop by the parish office and purchase flowers for a special occasion, a memorial for someone you love, or simply to beautify the church for our parish family.
- ∞ **Adult Education Class at St. Augustine** - Mondays, Sept 16 – Oct 14, 10a-11:30a in CR 1 & 2. "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" by Dr. Edward Sri is a 5-week DVD series. You will learn the biblical background to the words, prayers, and gestures of the Liturgy. Discover how the Mass is a "true re-presentation" of Christ's redeeming sacrifice on the Cross, and explore the three key aspects of the Mass as Sacrifice, Real presence, and Holy Communion, and gain helpful insights for getting the most out of every Mass. Contact adultff@staugustineoh.org to sign up.
- ∞ **Partners in the Gospel Mass Change** - On September 21, 4:00 pm Confessions and 5:00 pm Vigil Mass will only be at St Hubert in Langley. All Whidbey Island Family of Catholic Churches members are encouraged to join Fr. Chris at St Hubert or attend the 8:00 am or 9:30 am Sunday Masses at St Augustine (Oak Harbor) or the 11:15 am at St Mary (Coupeville).
- ∞ **Adoration at St Mary** - Adoration is the fourth Thursday of the month, following the 9:30 am weekday Mass. The next Adoration is September 26.
- ∞ **CDA BAKE SALE at St. Augustine** - The Catholic Daughters will be having a bake sale after both Sunday Masses on September 22. The ladies always have a great selection of scrumptious bakery items for everyone to enjoy. All donated proceeds go to select local charities.
- ∞ **Pancakes Breakfast** - Come one! Come all! Pancake breakfasts are back starting Sunday, October 6, following *BOTH* the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses in the St. Augustine parish hall. Donations are always appreciated. Bring the whole family!

Tips & Etiquette

Don't be afraid to bring the littles right up front! Children who are old enough to pay some attention to Mass are often better off sitting in the front pews. There they can watch more closely what the priest and altar servers do. This will not only help them participate in and learn about the Mass, but will also keep their attention occupied (and perhaps produce fewer wiggles!)

Prayer for Vocations

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. *Amen.*

We Pray for Our Family

Ruth Abrea, Fr. Larry Bailey, Marrisa Blas, Gary Barrett, Lynnne Ochoa-Brown, Jim Brady, Pete Caldwell, Patrick Cantwell, Eileen Catalano, Daniel Cook, Mary Coplea, Cecilia Crook, Justin Day, Jacquie Diaz, Tomasa Dagdagan, Bob Ellis, Debbie Gallo, Douglas Hammer, Lynn & Jerry Hendricksen, Sheryl & Mikey Henry, Donald Hubner, Marsha Kilgore, Jack Kraft, Laura Lafranchise, Carol LeClercq, Pat Magorrian, Dick Malone, Martha McAllister, Alexandria Molt, Jasmine Patricio, Onee & Richard Rezabek, Denise Robertson, Nancy & John Romanski, Lou & Lulu Santos, Jadwiga & Philippe Sebrechts, Dennis Sionson, Kathy Stratton, Don Stubenrauch, Chuck Tollefson, Carmela Tubo

Permission is required from the individual prior to adding their name to the prayer list. To include a loved one, please call the parish office at 360-675-2303

September 15, 2024 ~ Catechetical Sunday

The word "catechesis" means "to echo." Literally, we are to echo the good news of Jesus Christ to the world. This is not a suggestion; it is a command of our Lord. Some people are called and set apart in our communities as catechists, those formally trained and charged with passing on the Gospel to children and adults, inside and outside of our communities. On Catechetical Sunday, we acknowledge them and remind ourselves of the need for formation and growth in all of us. To be a catechist is a privileged calling, and today be sure to say "thank you" to one in your community.

However, it would be wrong on this day to only look to those bearing the NAME of catechist for an echoing of good news. ALL of us are called to echo and share the Gospel message. Parents are the first and primary catechists in a child's life. But we also are important catechists in the lives of our coworkers, our spouses, our relatives, and our friends. Some say catechesis begins in the home, and while that is true, it carries with it a parent/child connotation. But where does catechesis really begin? It begins in the HEART. This year on Catechetical Sunday, may your heart be moved to motivate you to share with others the good news of Jesus Christ.



Op-Ed to the Seattle Times

By Helen McClenahan

August 23, 2024

612 words

The Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle Focuses on Healing for Survivors

The most harmful oversights of the recent *Seattle Times*' editorial, 'Survivors of abuse by Catholic clergy deserve transparency, closure,' are its implications that the Archdiocese of Seattle does not understand the needs of victim survivors and that it is shirking its responsibility to them. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Since the mid-1980s, before any requirements were in place, the Archdiocese has worked with a group of independent, community-based experts on survivors and offenders to improve the response to victim survivors and implement a comprehensive Safe Environment program to prevent sexual abuse.

Since 2002, the independent Review Board has met regularly, with the serving archbishop also in attendance. Each of the archbishops since 2002 has supported an expanded role for the board that also encompasses review of allegations of sexual abuse of children and vulnerable adults by clergy, employees and volunteers.

We know from survivors that their definition of justice and their recovery needs vary. Some survivors simply need to share their story. Others may need counseling (which the Archdiocese funds) or a meeting with the Archbishop (which the Archdiocese facilitates) or pastoral care (which the Archdiocese provides). Some wish to move forward with their lives without publicly reliving their traumatic experiences.

The Archdiocese of Seattle also recognizes that apologies and prayers, while important, are not enough to assure survivors and the Catholic community that our commitment to accountability and prevention remains a critical priority.

Archbishop Paul D. Etienne's commitment is sincere. In a recent letter, he emphasized the tragic and heartbreaking history of sexual abuse, the need for accountability and his ongoing commitment to ensuring that "these crimes and sins are not repeated so that we can restore wholeness and holiness to our Church." He continued writing, "We want abusers to be held accountable and we wish to dispel the fear that clergy sexual abuse is rampant today, because it is not."

As a result of the many ongoing efforts, reports of clergy sexual abuse in the Archdiocese of Seattle have nearly disappeared over the last several decades. In fact, reported incidents of abuse peaked 49 years ago with 99% of reported incidents having occurred prior to 1995.

Understanding that transparency is important for prevention and healing, the Archdiocese, with input from the independent Review Board, publicized a list of credibly accused clergy in 2016 and has updated it as facts emerge. In 2018, we launched a website called [Protect and Heal](#) to transparently provide information about this issue locally, as well as the Archdiocese's prevention and education efforts.

To date, the Archdiocese of Seattle has settled more than 470 claims and paid more than \$100 million to compensate victim survivors. We report all allegations to law enforcement and cooperate with their investigations, in addition to conducting our own. We also remove people from ministry when a claim is credible.

Some see our recent legal objections to the attorney general's subpoena as the Archdiocese seeking to be less than transparent — the opposite is true. The truth is the Archdiocese offered repeatedly to cooperate with a legal investigation that, at a minimum, is focused and considers the privacy of victim survivors and their families.

The *Times* editorial ignored these crucial facts and the *Times* staff made no effort to contact the Archdiocese before running the editorial—a step so basic and fundamental to fair journalism that it is ordinarily routine.

We dedicate ourselves to this ministry of healing and transparency and to the continued work of prevention to ensure these crimes are never repeated. The Archdiocese of Seattle has accepted accountability and continues to seek healing for victim survivors and all those impacted. *Times'* readers should be aware of this.

Helen McClenahan is Chief Communication Officer for the Archdiocese of Seattle.

St Augustine's Christmas Bazaar

Organizational Meeting: Sept 22, after 9:30 Mass in Classroom 1

Bazaar Days: Friday and Saturday Nov 1 & 2 (Public), after
Masses Nov 2 & 3 (Parishioners only)

What we need :

1. People to price and sort donations
2. People to help in kitchen make and serve food
3. Crafts - specialty items and handmade items to sell
4. Large Baskets
5. Food kits - breads, scones , soups, everything yummy
6. Jewelry like new or seasonal
7. Christmas Treasures
8. Fall décor items
9. Trees and wreaths and people to decorate them
10. Interior and exterior lights – Must be in good working condition and like new
11. Bakery Items
12. Children's Toys (like new or new please)
13. Nativity Sets
14. Collectible Villages and Trains
15. Home Décor and gift items
16. Coffee Table Books , children's books

- **NO used clothing, old electronics, car seats, or cribs**
- Drop off Wednesdays and Fridays in October, 10:15 - noon
back door parish hall



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CATECHETICAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

For parish staff, volunteers and adult learners, this program provides the foundation for *knowing, living, and teaching* our Catholic faith.

TRACKS AND COMPONENTS:

1 ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Foundational understanding of the faith

- Attend 6 in-person/online classes
- Watch 18 videos and complete quizzes
- Keep a reflection journal
- Attend a retreat (4+ hours)

2 CATECHIST

How to pass on the faith

- Attend 7 in-person/online classes
- Watch 24 videos and complete quizzes
- Keep a reflection journal
- Attend a retreat (4+ hours)
- Observe 2 classes
- Prepare/present a lesson plan

Cohort at ST. AUGUSTINE, OAK HARBOR

185 North Oak Harbor St, Oak Harbor

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Session 1: October 18, 2024

Session 2: November 15, 2024

Session 3: December 20, 2024

Session 4: January 17, 2025

Session 5: February 21, 2025

Session 6: March 21, 2025

Session 7: April 18, 2025

COST: \$75 per participant

REGISTER AT: tinyurl.com/seattleccp2425

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DATE: Thursday, September 26, 2024

LOCATION: St. Mary Catholic Church

ADDRESS: 4001 Saint Mary's Drive, Anacortes, WA 98221 (360) 293-2101

VENERATION OF THE RELIC BEGINS: 2:00 PM

SPECIAL MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT JUDE: 6:00 PM

VENERATION ENDS: 9:00 PM

CHECK THE WEBSITE BELOW FOR OTHER LOCATIONS



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