

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

725 SW Rock Creek Drive, PO Box 901, Stevenson, WA 98648

Sunday Mass: 11:00 AM

*Holy Rosary precedes Mass.

*Sacrament of Reconciliation follows Mass

Wednesday, 6-7 pm, Adoration, Rosary, and Benediction.

Friday, 9:30-10:30am Adoration; 10:30am Mass, followed by Reconciliation

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Thank you for joining us for Mass this Sunday, September 25th, 2022, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our celebrant this Sunday is Father Raja. Thank you, Father.

Ministry Schedule:

October 2nd.

Mass: 11:00 AM,
reconciliation after Mass

Celebrant: Father Raja

Sacristan: Tony Coates

Lector: Mike Leon

Hospitality: Elaine & Chris Brong

Counters: Greg T & Laura N

Coffee Hour Hosts: Elaine & Chris

Your prayers are requested for all those needs written in our Book of Intentions in the back of the church. Please continue to use this resource as a prayer focus for all of us to pray for your intentions. If you have a request that you want on our Lady Star of the Sea Prayer chain, please call Pat Eledge at (509) 427-4977.

Weekly Notices

Faith Formation Classes: We have had a number of parents sign up for Faith Formation classes in the last 2 weeks. We have ordered most of the books for 3 different classes. 1) Pre-K, 2) Grades 1-4, and 3) Grades 4-7. 6 children who are eligible for Confirmation preparation classes this year and they are included in the 3rd group. Classes will start in October. The first class will be for both the parents and children where they will get a summary of materials that will be covered in each class and a special blessing from Father.

Parish Council Meeting: The Parish Council Meeting will be held on the 4th Wednesday of September, the 28th. Council Members: Chair: Dave Brown, Reece Townsend, Katie Leon, Regina Babcock, Chris Malone, and Kevin Waters.

Narthex Seating: Just a reminder that the Narthex seating continues to be made available for those who require more space to stay safe during the continued COVID situation. We want all parishioners to feel they can come to Mass and remain safe.

Know your Faith:

Abigale Coates

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION which is the sixth under the Supreme Pontiff, Pius IV, celebrated on the seventeenth day of September, 1562

DOCTRINE CONCERNING THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

That the ancient, complete and in every way perfect faith and teaching regarding the great mystery of the Eucharist in the Catholic Church may be retained, and with the removal of errors and heresies may be preserved in its purity, the holy, ecumenical and general Council of Trent, lawfully assembled in the Holy Ghost, the same legates of the Apostolic See presiding, instructed by the light of the Holy Ghost, teaches, declares and orders to be preached to the faithful the following concerning it, since it is the true and only sacrifice.

CHAPTER I

THE INSTITUTION OF THE MOST HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Since under the former Testament, according to the testimony of the Apostle Paul, there was no perfection because of the weakness of the Levitical priesthood, there was need, God the Father of mercies so ordaining, that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchisedech,[1] our Lord Jesus Christ, who might perfect and lead to perfection as many as were to be sanctified. He, therefore, our God and Lord, though He was by His death about to offer Himself once upon the altar of the cross to God the Father that He might there accomplish an eternal redemption, nevertheless, that His priesthood might not come to an end with His death,[2] at the last supper, on the night He was betrayed, that He might leave to His beloved spouse the Church a visible sacrifice, such as the nature of man requires, whereby that bloody sacrifice once to be accomplished on the cross might be represented, the memory thereof remain even to the end of the world, and its salutary effects applied to the remission of those sins which we daily commit, declaring Himself constituted a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedech,[3] offered up to God the Father His own body and blood under the form of bread and wine, and under the forms of those same things gave to the Apostles, whom He then made priests of the New Testament, that they might partake, commanding them and their successors in the priesthood by these words to do likewise: Do this in commemoration of me,[4] as the Catholic Church has always understood and taught. For having celebrated the ancient Passover which the multitude of the children of Israel sacrificed in memory of their departure from Egypt,[5] He instituted a new Passover, namely, Himself, to be immolated under visible signs by the Church through the priests in memory of His own passage from this world to the Father, when by the shedding of His blood He redeemed and delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into his kingdom.[6] And this is indeed that clean oblation which cannot be defiled by any unworthiness or malice on the part of those who offer it; which the Lord foretold by Malachias was to be great among the Gentiles,[7] and which the Apostle Paul has clearly indicated when he says, that they who are defiled by partaking of the table of devils cannot be partakers of the table of the Lord,[8] understanding by table in each case the altar. It is, finally, that [sacrifice] which was prefigured by various types of sacrifices during the period of nature and of the law,[9] which, namely, comprises all the good things signified by them

***Registration for Faith Formation
is Now Open for 2022-2023***

Sessions will begin in early October

Opportunities for Pre-K4 through High School

Please register by Sunday September 11th.

One shift this coming year will be a more conscious emphasis on continual learning prior to receiving a sacrament such as First Eucharist or Confirmation. The Archdiocese of Seattle reminds us that there are at least three phases of sacramental preparation:

- **Remote:** years of informal catechesis in our homes
- **Proximal:** a year of formal catechesis prior to reception
- **Immediate:** months of specific prep prior to reception

We often focus exclusively on the immediate catechesis, e.g., during the academic year a candidate may be preparing for Confirmation. But the other two are also essential.

Another shift will be a greater emphasis on each young disciple's personal progress and readiness for future sacraments (and less of a focus on specific grade levels). For example, consider the following simplified progression levels for parish faith formation:

Pre-K / K	~Pre-K4 - K
SacPrep 1	~Grades 1 - 2
SacPrep 2	~Grades 2 - 4
Elementary	~Grades 3 - 5
Confirmation 1	~Grades 6 - 7
Confirmation 2	~Grades 7 - 8
Jr High School	~Grades 8 - 9
High School	~Grades 9 - 12

Our sessions are designed to support and enhance the faith formation parents are providing within their own domestic churches (your home!). Our dedicated catechists want to help the children of our parish deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and to coach our young parishioners to grow as disciples of Jesus. We focus on developing the following core habits:

Prayer: the habit of daily personal and family conversation with God

Mass: the habit of actively participating in weekly Sunday Liturgy

Bible: the habit of reading (or listening to) and discussing Bible stories

Love: the habit of being generous in your love of God and neighbor

Study: the habit of learning more about what God has done for us

and how we are called to respond