

January 5, 2025

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am

10:30am

Daily Mass:

Monday: 8:00am

Tuesday: 6:00pm

Wed-Fri: 8:00am

First Saturday of the Month:

Anointing of the Sick Mass: 8:00am

Holy Days:

Mass: 8:00am

Mass: 6:00pm



Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays: 9:00am-9:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00-5:00pm

or any day by appointment

Anointing of the Sick and Communion to the Homebound

If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office.

Baptisms, Funerals, and Weddings

Call the parish office. (For weddings, please contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance of a potential date.)

St. Philip Benizi Mission Statement

St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church, being part of the universal Church, shares in its mission: to proclaim Jesus Christ who came to the world to fulfill His father's will; by proclaiming the kingdom of God, building up the parish community as a witness to God's love and care for the world, helping one another to become what God has called us to be. We are therefore encouraged to work toward God's purpose of "wanting all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Tim 2:4).

NEXT WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Ushers	Lectors	EMHCs	Altar Servers
1/11 5:30 pm	Clay Rosenau	Tom Muldoon	Jeanne Hubel	Ed Schneider Judy Bible Oli Friedman
1/12 8:00 am	Pat Keavney	John Buxman	Kristine Bible	Achilles C. Ed Schneider Clay Dryden
1/12 10:30 am	Kevin Horace	Dan Sweeny	Janeene Siler	Jeff Mitchael Oli Friedman
Jan. Church Cleaners		Jan. Altar Linens	Coffee Hour Servers 1/12	
Michelle Harrington		Michelle Harrington	9:00 Bill, Barb, & Ed 11:30 Volunteer	

Saint of the Week: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Feast day: 1/13



Hilary knew very well who he was -- a child of a loving [God](#) who had inherited eternal [life](#) through [belief](#) in the Son of God. He hadn't been raised as a [Christian](#) but he had felt a wonder at the gift of [life](#) and a desire to find out the meaning of that gift. He first discarded the approach of many people around him, who believed the purpose of [life](#) was only to satisfy desires. Human beings should rise above desires and live a [life](#) of virtue, he said. But Hilary could see in his own heart that humans were meant for even more than living a [good](#) life.

If he didn't lead a virtuous life, he would suffer from guilt and be unhappy. His [soul](#) seemed to cry out that that wasn't enough to justify the enormous gift of life. So Hilary went looking for the gift giver. He was told many things about the divine -- many that we still hear today: that there were many gods, that [God](#) didn't exist but all [creation](#) was the result of random [acts](#) of nature, that [God](#) existed but didn't really care for his creation, that [God](#) was in creatures or images. One look in his own [soul](#) told him these images of the divine were wrong.

There could only be one [God](#) because no [creation](#) could be as great as God. And [God](#) had to be concerned with His [creation](#) -- otherwise why create it?

At that point, Hilary tells us, he "chanced upon" the Hebrew and [Christian](#) Scriptures. When he read the verse where God tells [Moses](#) "I AM WHO I AM" (Exodus 3:14), Hilary said, "I was frankly amazed at such a clear definition of God, which expressed the incomprehensible [knowledge](#) of the divine [nature](#) in words most suited to human intelligence." In the [Psalms](#) and the Prophets he found descriptions of God's power, concern, and beauty. For example in Psalm 139, "Where shall I go from your spirit?", he found [confirmation](#) that [God](#) was everywhere and omnipotent. But still he was troubled. He knew the gift giver now, but what was he, the recipient of the gift? Was he just created for the moment to disappear at death? It only made sense to him that God's purpose in [creation](#) should be "that what did not exist began to exist, not that what had begun to exist would cease to exist." Then he found the Gospels and read John's words including "In the beginning was the

Liturgical Events This Week

Sunday 1/5/2025 (Epiphany of the Lord)	
8:00am	Mass: + Ray & Mary Lou Silvander <i>(Janice Searls)</i>
10:30am	Mass: All Parishioners
Monday 1/6/25	
8:00am	Morning Prayer & Scriptural Rosary
Tuesday 1/7/25	
7:00pm	RCIA
Wednesday 1/8/25	
8:00am	Morning Prayer & Scriptural Rosary
Thursday 1/9/25	
8:00am	Morning Prayer & Scriptural Rosary
9:00am-9:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 pm	Faith Sharing Group
Friday 1/10/25	
8:00am	Morning Prayer & Scriptural Rosary
Saturday 1/11/25	
4-5:00pm	Reconciliation/Church
5:30pm	Sun. Vigil Mass: All Parishioners
Sunday 1/12/25 (Baptism of the Lord)	
8:00am	Mass: + Paul & Kathrine Mattern <i>(Sonia Benintendi)</i>
10:00am	Rosary
10:30am	Mass: Herbst Family (Living & Deceased) <i>(Joyce Wetzel)</i>

Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God..." (John 1:1-2). From [John](#) he learned of the Son of [God](#) and how [Jesus](#) had been sent to bring eternal [life](#) to those who believed. Finally his [soul](#) was at rest. "No longer did it look upon the [life](#) of this body as troublesome or wearisome, but believed it to be what the alphabet is to children... namely, as the patient endurance of the present trials of [life](#) in order to gain a blissful eternity." He had found who he was in discovering [God](#) and God's Son [Jesus](#) Christ.

After becoming a Christian, he was elected [bishop](#) of [Poitiers](#) in what is now [France](#) by the [laity](#) and clergy. He was already married with one daughter named Apra.

The death of Constantius in 361 ended the [persecution](#) of the orthodox Christians. Hilary died in 367 or 368 and was proclaimed a [doctor](#) of the Church in 1851.

Religious Education

No RE Class: Jan. 5, Jan 19

Confirmation and RE Classes resume : Jan. 12

RCIA CLASSES RESUME Jan. 7



We have 60 Free tickets for the 2025 Portland Build, Remodel & Landscape Show, coming up January 10-12, at the Oregon Convention center.

Please come to the office to get the tickets if you are interested in checking out this free show. This show may give you new creative ideas for your homes.



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Finance Corner

12/29/24	Actual	Budget
This Week, General Fund	\$7,858 Online \$999	\$6,200
Fiscal Year (YTD)	\$116,978	\$137,100

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The Shroud of Turin

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NEWMAN LECTURE - SCIENCE AND THE FACE OF GOD

- Wednesday, January 15, 2025
- 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM at OSU
- 2127 NW Monroe Ave., Corvallis, OR

OSU Newman's 2025 Winter Term Lecture will be **presented by Fr. Robert Spitzer.**

As President of the Magis Center from 2009 to the present, Fr. Spitzer has led the effort to create the largest science-based "faith and reason" institute in the U.S., producing parish programs, catechetical and youth ministry programs, and web-based resources. He was President of Gonzaga University from 1998 to 2009. During that time, he increased the programs and curricula in faith, ethics, service, and leadership.

Fr. Spitzer will be presenting, via Zoom, on the Shroud of Turin, a linen burial cloth that is believed to have been used to cover Jesus's body after the crucifixion. The lecture will be broadcast in Milam Auditorium. We encourage you to come in-person if you can.

We are honored to have Fr. Spitzer as our Winter term lecturer. The OSU Newman Lecture Series is free of cost with no registration required and open to all. Please join us.

George from the Holy Land will be here next weekend selling his olivewood gifts.

The Word Among Us, new calendars, and 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory are available in the church. Please pick them up.

The second Collection today is for the building fund.

Please look on the back of the bulletin for more information! ➡



Happy New Year!

We are closed for the season!
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