

6 January 2022

Saint Andre Bessette, religious

Dear Friends,

The Christmas Season concludes with our celebration of the Baptism of the Lord this weekend. Ordinary Time for 2022 begins on Monday, and continues until we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Advent and Christmas Seasons a holy time here at Mary, Queen of Peace! Since the end of November, we've enjoyed many special liturgies, cultural celebrations, prayer services, blessings, and social gatherings. Thank you all for the beautiful prayers, music, devotions, and decorations! As well as for all the planning, organizing, setting up, taking down, cleaning, creating flyers and bulletins, and serving in liturgy and ministries! A lot goes into making these seasons sacred and special, and I'm grateful for all that you do to make them that way!

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Many of you have known Fr. Jan Larson, former pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows in Snoqualmie, and a senior priest for the Archdiocese of Seattle. He has frequently celebrated Mass here at MQP over the years, and we have been grateful for his ministry to our parish and the wider Church. This fall he was diagnosed with cancer and we are sad to share the news that he passed away on December 30th. He was at peace and appreciated your prayers throughout his illness, which helped him maintain his grace, humor, and faith throughout. We will let you know when we know more about plans for his funeral. You can read more at the OLOS Parish website: <https://www.olos.org/media/1/Dear%20Parishioners.pdf>

May he rest in peace!

Yours in Christ through Mary, Queen of Peace,

Fr. Chad Green