

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM AND 5:00 PM**

## **NEXT WEEK IN SCRIPTURE**

<b>Mon</b>	<i>St. Pius X</i> Jgs 2:11-19 Mt 19:16-22
<b>Tue</b>	<i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Jgs 6:11-24a Mt 19:23-30
<b>Wed</b>	<i>St. Rose of Lima</i> Jgs 9:6-15 Mt 20:1-16
<b>Thu</b>	<i>ST. BARTHOLOMEW</i> Rv 21:9b-14 Jn 1:45-51
<b>Fri</b>	<i>St. Louis &amp; St. Joseph Calasanaz</i> Ru 1:1,3-6, 14b-16,22 Mt 22:34-40
<b>Sat</b>	Ru 2:1-3,8-11; 4:13-17 Mt 23:1-12
<b>Sun</b>	Is 22:19-23 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20

**Total Solar Eclipse**  
August 21, 2017  
9:09 AM — 11:39 AM  
Maximum coverage at 10:21 AM

Dear Friends,

I'm sure you have heard of the solar eclipse that is taking place tomorrow, and the privilege we have of being very near to it. While here in Seattle we aren't in the 'path of totality', we are very close. I've heard estimates of as many as one million people expected in Oregon in order to see the total eclipse of the sun—roughly one fourth of the state's total population.

Some online bloggers see this eclipse as a sign from God indicating the end of the world. That is neither true, nor a particularly helpful line of thinking. I would suggest instead that this is specially graced opportunity to meditate on the complex beauty of creation and on the creator Himself.

I've always found the image of the moon reflecting the light of the sun as a useful metaphor for our lives as Christians. Like the moon, we are at our best when we simply reflect the light of the Son—s-O-n. In the same way, our world is darker when we block out the light of God by seeking only our own needs and

desires and caring only for ourselves. In our prayer this week, let's consider how God may be asking us to live for others, and where we can bring goodness and light to places in our circle of influence.

The eclipse will be on the news and likely the topic of many casual conversations this week. The bright light of the sun is too much for our human eyes to behold and requires special viewing devices. An astrophysicist, Ethan Siegel, said in Forbes Magazine that on a scale of 1—10 this eclipse during the moments of totality. is about a million. Well, let's not miss this opportunity.

This week will also see our school teachers back in the building preparing for our students to begin another year of learning and growing. Please pray for them in a special way this week. The start of the school year is always an exciting time filled with hope and joy, along with many responsibilities and deadlines.

Let's continue to pray for one another,

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## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

**8:00 AM** Chris Harthorne

**10:00 AM** The Unabia Family

What we call "Coffee Hour" is really a true time of fellowship and community building after Mass! We need people to serve as hosts—individuals, families or groups of friends. The new sign up sheet is in the school cafeteria or you can contact the parish office. You don't have to buy anything, just set up and/or clean up. We need volunteers for after the 10 AM Mass August 27<sup>th</sup> and both Sunday morning Masses throughout the year. Can you help?

### August 20<sup>th</sup> - August 27<sup>th</sup> - 2017

Sunday	<b>SCRIP SALES AFTER ALL MASSES</b> 8:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM - Noon Coffee and Fellowship 10:00 AM Mass 4:15 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM Mass
Monday	7:45 AM Mass 8:30 AM Rosary 9:00 AM SMdP Sandwich Makers 6:00 PM Youth Ministry Volunteers
Tuesday	<i>No Liturgy scheduled today, church is open for individual prayer.</i>
Wednesday	6:30 PM Mass
Thursday	8:45 AM Mass
Friday	7:45 AM Mass
Saturday	10:00 AM Sat. Morning Prayer Group
Sunday	8:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM to Noon Coffee and Fellowship 10:00 AM Mass 4:15 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM Mass

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday** - August 20<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM - Tim Day ☩

*by Clara Leung*

10:00 AM - Mami Machado ☩

*by Lili Salas*

5:00 PM - The People of St. Benedict Parish

## WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

*Carmen Gonzales, Willie Kleffner, Eli Mahnken, Dale Steen, Janice Mosey, Nora Taylor, Herman Hadaller, Roseanne Borden, Easton Brown, Margaret Swanson, Den Costales, Eugene Haydu, Lucille Jasper, Antoinette Silecchio, Xavier Schmitt, Diane McCauley & Jo Ann Wells*

**SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY:** Outside of office hours, please call 425-954-3434

## PARISH NEWS

### Where in the World is Fr. Bryan?

Fr. Bryan was traveling in Florence and Milan this week. This photo was taken at the Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral in Milan dedicated to St. Mary of the Nativity. It is a beautiful Gothic cathedral with intricate mosaic tile floors and stunning stained glass windows. Soon, he will be traveling to Perugia, Sienna and Assisi.



## STEWARDSHIP

Fiscal Year 2018	Offerings	Budget
July	\$ 33,252	\$ 33,626

*Our new fiscal year began on July 1, 2017. The annual budget for the Church has been increased this year to \$423,720 (a 7% increase over last) due to increasing costs and expenses*

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL:** We still need your help if you haven't pledged yet. would you be willing to match or increase your ACA donation from last year? We are hoping to hear from more of you soon.



## FAITH FORMATION

### SOMETHING NEW FOR OUR YOUTH - N SEATTLE

**CATHOLIC YOUTH:** Our new youth ministry program begins this fall! We will be serving youth in grades 6 -12 from seven parishes in the North Seattle Deanery. or more information and the latest news, please go to [www.nseattlecatholicyouth.org](http://www.nseattlecatholicyouth.org) or follow us on social media:

Facebook: @NSeattleCatholicYouth

Twitter: @NSCatholicYouth

Instagram: nseattlecatholicyouth

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:** Adults or high school students interested in serving as part of our ministry team, contact Kate at [kate@nseattlecatholicyouth.org](mailto:kate@nseattlecatholicyouth.org).

**Cornerstone Catholic Conference/Together for Life & Justice:** You are invited to join the Bishops of Washington State, Robert Barron, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles & Catholics from across the state at the 2017 Cornerstone Catholic Conference in Tacoma on October 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. Attend workshops on pregnancy and the parenting support program, the plight of refugees and migrants, pro-life ministry to young adults, life & justice challenges, and accompanying the dying. More information call 206-301-0556 .



## SACRAMENTS



Congratulations to Anna Liwanag and Arman Reyes who received the Sacrament of Matrimony here on Saturday, August 19th. May God bless you in your new life together as husband and wife.

### First Reconciliation and Holy Communion:

Do you have a student that will be in the second grade this year? Our Program will begin in October. Registration forms are available now. Check the website for more information or contact the parish office. Classes will meet on Sunday mornings before the 10 am Mass. If your child has not yet been baptized, please let us know when you register.

**Baptism Preparation Classes:** Typically held on the First Saturday of the month for parents and Godparents, these classes cover the origin and deep meaning of this primary Sacrament of Initiation. **Join us on September 9<sup>th</sup>** (\*2nd Saturday at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center because of Labor Day Holiday), **or November 4<sup>th</sup>**. Classes are held in the church and begin following the 9:00 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass.

**Marriage Preparation:** Retreats are held at St. Benedict Parish twice a year. **Next retreat is October 29<sup>th</sup>**.

**Contact Marti Lundberg** at [m.lundberg@stbens.net](mailto:m.lundberg@stbens.net) or 206-518-6017 with questions or for more information on any of these programs.

## SERVING OTHERS

**St. Vincent de Paul:** Carrying out the dream of their patron, our Vincentians assist the poor and needy that live within our parish boundaries. Join them, this could be the ministry you are looking for and they welcome your help. Please give to SVdP.

**Sandwich Making for St. Martin de Porres:** We meet again tomorrow, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM in the lower level of the Parish Center and can always use help in the summer while kids are out of school. We have our PB & J assembly line ready with a place for you! Help make 400 sandwiches for the men's shelter in Seattle on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month.

**Still Fighting Hunger in Wallingford:** Because of your ongoing support of FamilyWorks Food Bank and answer to our plea, 170 pounds of food from the church and 4 cases of food purchased from QFC were delivered last week. **Our donation total is up to 3159 pounds.** We continue to make a difference!

**Did you know?** Get up-to-date information about all of our events at our website: [www.stbens.net](http://www.stbens.net).



## SCHOOL NEWS

**Wurst Festival Raffle Tickets:** Available today and next week after the 10:00 AM Mass. Tickets are \$5 each. Cash prizes up to \$1000! If you would like to take tickets to sell, please see Jeanne after Mass or email her at [jeannedeibert@gmail.com](mailto:jeannedeibert@gmail.com).

## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

**RESPECT LIFE NETWORK:** Come together to pray the Rosary every Tuesday, 5:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish. For more information about this and other events of the Respect Life Group in North Seattle call Gene Slagle 206-226-5332.

**Let God Transform Your Life:** You can share his mercy with others! If you feel called to deepen your spiritual growth and commitment to serve others, Cabrini Ministry Training may be for you! We offer an in depth formation program that last either 10-weeks or 20-weeks beginning this October. Learn the communication, listening, and prayer skills needed to share God's love with those in need. For more information, visit our website at [www.cabriniministry.org](http://www.cabriniministry.org) or call 206-760-0583 x3.

**Mental Health Educational Forum/Emotional Support Animals:** Join Jared Karstetter, JD, Executive Director for the King County Sheriff's Foundation and meet "Stella", a 4 - year old Bernese Mt. Dog, a certified Emotional Support Animal that possesses special skills and traits. Meet at St. Catherine of Sienna in Seattle on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in Victoria Hall.

**A Lifeline for Marriages:** Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vī) can help couples in trouble rediscover each other and take new, positive steps to save their marriages. No matter the source of conflict in your marriage, Retrouvaille can help you. For confidential information about, or to register for our upcoming program beginning, Sept 22 - 24 call 206-706-2608 or visit our website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 206-706-2608 to register.

**Experience the Healing Love of God:** This Tuesday, celebrate Mass followed by Healing Prayer for Body, Mind and Spirit, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Christ the King Catholic Church 405 N. 117<sup>th</sup> Street in Seattle. The celebrant will be Fr. Augustine Vallooran, VC speaking on the theme: **With God All Things Are Possible.** Praise and worship music begins at 6:45 PM, Mass begins at 7:00 PM.


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**Have an item for the bulletin?** Please send it by 4:00 PM on Monday to [parish@stbens.net](mailto:parish@stbens.net). Thank you!





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