

NEXT WEEK IN SCRIPTURE

Mon St. Matthias
Acts 1:15-17;20-26
Jn 15:9-17

Tue Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11a

Wed Acts 20:28-38

Jn 17:11b-19

Thu Acts 22:30-23:6-11

Jn 17:20-26

Fri Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15:19

Sat Acts 28:16-20,30-31 Jn 21:20-25

Sun Pentecost
Acts 2:1-11
Gal 5:16-25a,27
John 20:19-23

"Be constantly nourished by the Word of God."

-Pope Francis

Dear Friends,

Imagine what it must have been like for the apostles. They gave up their lives to follow Christ, and then Christ died. Christ was raised from the dead, and was present to them in varied ways for 40 days. Then, as they were questioning him about what would come next, He is taken up into the sky and disappeared into the clouds. And they just stood there, staring, in awe, enraptured, transfixed, perplexed, and anticipating what it all meant and what might come next.

They have been on a rollercoaster ride of highs and lows since this Jesus called them away from their ordinary existence into new life with Him. This Jesus who they have given everything for, who was tortured and killed, who rose from the dead and returned to them, was now gone again. They just stood there—looking up, robed in silence, and wondering,

Breaking the silence, the words of the men dressed in white must have startled them, "Why are you just standing there looking at the sky?" It was a reminder of the work that was left to be done. Jesus had called them to be His witnesses. He has called us too.

We are reminded of this fact every week at the end of Mass. "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord with your life." We are nourished by the Word of God and by Christ, truly present in the Eucharist. Then we are sent out into the world to be witnesses, to let our actions speak louder than our words, and our words to be above reproach. This is no simple task. It can only be accomplished with the help of the Holy Spirit that was promised to us.

Aren't we sometimes like the apostles, lost in our own thoughts about our own lives, and wondering what comes next? Today, let's ask God how we can be his witness in our own situation and circumstance, and ask for the strength and wisdom we need to do it well.

Let's continue to pray for one another, Marti Lundberg

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

NO COFFEE HOUR THIS WEEK HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!

Have you ever considered hosting coffee hour?

Contact the Parish Office if you are interested in serving as a host at <u>parish@stbens.net</u> or 206-632-0843. There is not a cost associated with hosting! Hosts select the date and will receive clear information about what needs to be done. Thank you!

	May 14 th - May 20 th
Monday	8:00 am Communion Service
	8:30 am Rosary
Tuesday	6:00 pm All Commission Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 pm Mass
	5:30 pm Finance Council Meeting
Thursday	10:15 am Mass at Columbia Lutheran
	7:00 pm Choir Practice
Friday	8:00 am Mass
Saturday	10:00 am Prayer Group
Sunday	8:00 am Mass
	9:00 am—Noon Coffee Hour
	10:00 am Mass
	4:15 pm Reconciliation

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday - May 13th

8 am Mayconcetta & Francesco Ciaravalli

by Rosa Borriello

10 am Mother's Day Novena

5 pm For the People of St. Benedict Church
Friday - May 18th

Earl Huskey by Vicki Briones

Did you know? There is a book to include your prayer requests on a stand near the main church doors in the vestibule. Feel free to stop by the church and add intentions at any time, and confidant that they will be brought before the Father daily by members of this community. God bless you this week.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Martin Regge, Anne Leache, Carmen Gonzalez, Nora Taylor, Willie Kleffner, Eli Mahnken, Janice Mosey, Dale Steen, Robert Roddy, Eugene Haydu, Roxanne Fischer, Roseanne Borden, Camille Baltuck, Easton Brown, Xavier Schmitt, Margaret Swanson, Barbara Hadaller, Helen Day

Have an item for the bulletin? Please submit by 4 pm on Monday to parish@stbens.net . Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish:

Fiscal Year 2018	Offerings	Budget	
April	\$ 41,044	\$ 38,106	

The annual budget for our fiscal year is \$423,720 (which requires a monthly average of \$35,310)



2018 A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE:

ACA Pledges in Week 1 totaled \$11,145 with 26 Donors. This is

15.49% of our \$70,000

parish goal! Of this, we have already collected \$5,051. This week, we also received a rebate from the 2017 campaign bringing our fund for the beautification of the church entrance to \$2,422. Thank you for your generous support.



PARISH EVENTS

ONE Hour Garden Work Party - Saturday, May 19th at 10 am Can you help with some specific gardening tasks for just ONE HOUR? We are hoping for 20, yes twenty, people to help us. Bring your gloves and we will be ready to put you to work! Email Mary Warren damacefi@gmail.com if you can attend.

Thank You! From the Spring Tea...



Yesterday we had another successful Spring Tea thanks to the tireless efforts of many committed volunteers! Thank you to everyone who prepared food, served, decorated, participated, and cleaned up! A special thanks to Henrietta Cottingham and

Heidi Westling for their leadership and initiative!

MINISTRY RETREAT DAY— Fr. Bryan's talk on the Rule of St. Benedict and how we can apply it in our daily lives and the life of our parish was recorded and is available in the homily section of our parish website. Contact the parish office if you would like a copy of the handout from the presentation.

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After-Hours Emergency Number 425-954-3434

Register

SACRAMENTS

Baptism Preparation: Our next Baptism Preparation Class will be June 2nd following the 9am Mass. This class is for both parents and godparents. Registration is available on our website: https://parish.stbens.net/baptism

First Sacraments: Registration for the 2018 –19 program year will begin in August.

R.C.I.A. and Adult Confirmation: Our official program will begin to meet in September. If you or someone you know may be interested in participating, contact Marti.

6 Dates for Catholic Couples: Beginning on June 23rd for couples (Catholic or not) looking to improve or find more depth in their marriage. Details and registration on the website under Parish Life.

For More Information on any of these items: e-mail Marti Lundberg at m.lundberg@stbens.net or call 206-518-6017.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Happy Mother's Day from N Seattle Catholic Youth (No Sunday Gathering this week) Pentecost Picnic for N Seattle Catholic Youth May 20 at 5:00 pm

All NSCY students and their families are welcome! We will be celebrating the end of our school year programs and transitioning into our summer programs with a picnic at St. Catherine Parish on Pentecost Sunday. NSCY will be providing pulled pork sandwiches. Each family is invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please RSVP at www.nseattlecatholicyouth.org/pentecost-picnic

IGNITE YOUR TORCH JULY 6th-9th in : REGISTRATION CLOSES ON MAY 15. https://www.ignitenw.org/

SUMMER MISSION TRIP – Aug 19-24 for Middle School Students. Students will volunteer at the Tri-Parish Food Bank, visit migrant camps and get to know the community. Cost is \$100 Contact Kate for more information.

NEEDED: Middle School and High School Small Group Leaders for the 2018-2019 School Year NSCY is looking for Catholic adult role models to journey with teens as they respond to their call to Discipleship. These small groups will meet weekly to talk about everyday life as a young Catholic seeking Holiness. Group leaders will be partnered with another adult and assigned 8-10 students for the 2018-2019 school year. For more information, go to www.nseattlecatholicyouth.org/volunteer.

Contact Kate, Youth Ministry Director with any questions – kate@nseattlecatholicyouth.org or at 206-488-5970.

SERVING OTHERS

Jubilee Women's Center (JWC) Brunch, Saturday, May 19 11am - 1pm The Human Concerns and Social Justice (HCSJ) Commission is serving brunch at the JWC and we need you. JWC is a transitional center for women who have experienced poverty, and are moving forward with assistance in finding work, getting health care, and embracing hope. JWC is located near Capital Hill, and we need parishioners to assist set up, bring casseroles, and help with cleanup for the 15-20 women we hope to serve. We will arrive at 930am to prep, will get a tour of the JWC and sit down to dine with the residents. Please contact Len Kannapell kannapell@yahoo.com or by phone at 206.909.2735 to sign up or for details.

Food Lifeline Tuesday May 29 6-8:30pm The HCSJ Commission is sponsoring a series of food sorting/packing events at the Food Lifeline warehouse in South Park. Join us Tuesday May 29, 6-8:30pm. Food that you sort/pack will be distributed to food banks, and this is a great way to connect with other parishioners and volunteers. Food Lifeline allows volunteers as young as 6 years old (with parent/guardian consent form completed), and they encourage folks to connect in a different way to help solve the hunger problem right here at home.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Pro Life Women's Movie - May 16, 6:45 pm
Seattle Respect Life Network presents "HUSH". a highly acclaimed women's movie addressing links between abortion and women's health issues

links between abortion and women's health issues (including breast cancer) in the Aquinas Center at Blessed Sacrament. There is no charge for this SRLN event. See you there!

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May is Mental Health Month Mental illnesses are far more common than cancer, diabetes, heart disease or arthritis. Our faith communities can be an important part of the recovery process through education, support and by helping individuals and families feel part of a caring community. Find resources for you and your community at https://www.facebook.com/mentalhealthministry.



This year for the first time, we are partnering with Christ the King Church for **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

July 30th - August 3^{rd.} 9am - 12:30 pm At Christ the King Parish, 405 N 117th Street, Seattle Contact the parish or check the website for more information and to register your child.

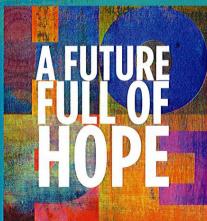
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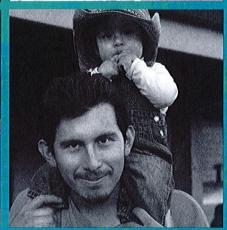












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