



Dear Friends,

I hope that your advent is off to a beautiful start! Last Sunday it was a true blessing to see so many members of the parish gathered together at coffee hour creating advent wreaths to take home as a reminder of our advent journey. Do you feel the tug between a list of things 'to do' and finding quiet time to read or pray, or even just to be present to people that you love? It seems that our calendars in December are fuller than ever. Even though our extra activities are generally welcome and fun, they still can take a toll on us.

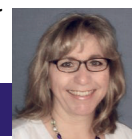
This year, as we read "Searching for and Maintaining Peace" or at least hear reflections on the content during Fr. Bryan's homilies, we are invited to seek peace. In one sense, the blessing of a book for the whole community is similar to being part of a large book club. We can and I pray—will—engage in conversations about our attempts to find peace in a world that is whirling in a commercialized version of Christmas.

This year, perhaps we can strive for presence versus presents. No shopping or wrapping required to just be with people we care about or want to recognize or show appreciation to. Time is truly the greatest gift we can share.

As Fr. Kyle Magloña from St. Bridget Parish shared at the 5pm Mass last Sunday, Advent is "Tailgating for Jesus"! It's a great way to think about it. Gathering together with other like minded people to celebrate as we prepare for something BIGGER and BETTER! So as we prepare for the coming of Jesus this Christmas, let's remember to enjoy this time of preparation by making time for the people that are most important to us.

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

*From our Pastoral Coordinator*



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## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### COFFEE HOUR TODAY IN CAFETERIA

**8AM** MIKE EGAN

**10AM** POTLUCK FOR SIMBANG GABI

*Coffee Hour hosts are always needed. Contact Becky in the Office if you can help! You can choose the Sunday that is most convenient for your schedule.*

#### 12.10 MONDAY

8AM Mass *Jason Beitel* †

8:30AM Rosary

#### 12.11 TUESDAY

*No Events Scheduled*

#### 12.12 WEDNESDAY

6:30PM Mass: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

#### 12.13 THURSDAY

9AM Mass *Mary Kay Cottingham* †

7PM Choir Rehearsal

#### 12.14 FRIDAY

*No Events Scheduled*

#### 12.15 SATURDAY

10AM Prayer Group *Parish Center*

7:30PM NW Chorale Concert *Church*

#### 12.16 SUNDAY

8AM Mass *For the People of St. Benedict*

10AM Mass *Everett Willette* †

*\* Simbang Gabi Procession at this Mass*

4:15PM Reconciliation

5PM Mass *Lorraine & Mel Amsberry* †

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## STEWARDSHIP

	Offerings	Budget
<b>November</b>	\$ 33,595	\$ 33,578
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	\$170,174	\$180,481

2019 Fiscal Year Budget: \$444,906  
**Thank you for your ongoing support!**



### ONLINE GIVING — SIGN-UP NOW!

Click the "Give Online" tab on our website or download the free Online Giving app (iOS/Android) and register with our church (ID:1881).



CENTENNIAL APPEAL FOR THE POOR

Last weekend we heard about how Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services provide care for our poorest and most vulnerable neighbors. Thank you to those who have already so generously made donations to the CCS Centennial Appeal for the Poor. Your gifts are used locally to provide essential services and programs for people desperately in need. 92 cents of every dollar CCS spent goes directly to serve those in need. Please visit the CCS website at [www.ccsww.org](http://www.ccsww.org) to donate online.

### Stewardship of Treasure Campaign

Thank you to everyone who pledged during our Stewardship of Treasure campaign. We are so grateful for the outpouring of generosity received from our church family as we work to keep our parish thriving!

## SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK

### Monday

Is 35:1-10  
Lk 5:17-26

### Tuesday

Is 40:1-11  
Mt 18:12-14

### Wednesday

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
Zec 2:14-17  
Lk 1:26-38

### Thursday

*St. Lucy*  
Is 41:13-20  
Mt 11:11-15

### Friday

*St. John of the Cross*  
Is 48:17-19  
Mt 11:16-19

### Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11  
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

### Sunday

*Third Sunday of Advent*  
Zp 3:14-18a  
Ph 4:4-7  
Lk 3:10-18





## St. Benedict's Giving Tree

St. Benedict's Giving Tree (sponsored by the Human Concerns and Social Justice Commission) is still available in the vestibule. Thank you to all who have already taken their tags and returned gifts. Gifts must be returned, **unwrapped with tag attached by 5PM on Sunday, December 16.**

Call Brenda Stratton 206.527.8593 with any questions or if you would like to volunteer to help us out with this project.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**12/16 Annual \$DOLLAR SALE** Great place to purchase that very special gift for your loved ones, family, and friends. Come join shoppers of all ages. **9AM-12:30PM in lower level of school.** *Donations of gently used items for men, women, and children greatly appreciated (drop off in vestibule or Parish Office & mark "women's ministry")*

**12/18 WM Annual Cookie Exchange from 7PM to 9PM in Parish Center dining room.** All women are welcome to bring several dozen of just one type of your favorite holiday cookie. Take home a plateful of a delicious variety of homemade cookies to share with family and friends. A great way to cut down on baking while making new friends!

*For further info, please leave message for Deb @ 206.755.1751*

## PEACEFUL CRAFTERS

**Joyful Boxes:** Thank you to all the generous parishioners who donated to fill our boxes of joy. We struggled with toothpaste but you came through—thank you! 60 boxes filled with goodies were delivered to Jubilee House and Noel House. God bless you all!

## SIMBANG GABI

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Advent tradition celebrated since before the 17th Century. This novena of Masses expresses the love of the people for God through His Mother Mary, as we gather in prayerful anticipation of the Christmas miracle. Filipino Americans brought Simbang Gabi to the United States and found it to be an effective way to stay connected to their faith and culture. **Our December 16th Mass is the 1st Novena Mass for Simbang Gabi** celebrated in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle.

Although Simbang Gabi's literally translation from Tagalog is Evening Mass, our tradition here at St. Benedict is to **celebrate our Simbang Gabi at 10am Mass.** We will have a procession of Parols, which are star shaped lanterns. The Parol is the symbol of the advent and Christmas season and displayed in Filipino households. The Parol is meant to serve as the guiding light and sign for Mary, Joseph and Jesus to come into the home, as the family is ready for them. During the processional entrance, the Parols remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World bringing life and light to all who accept Him. We invite parishioners to join us in the processional entrance. We will be in the vestibule prior to mass handing out Parols.

**Please also join us after 10am Mass on December 16th for a fellowship luncheon where we will serve Filipino food.** You are also welcome to bring a dish to share with our fellow parishioners.

Searching for and  
Maintaining Peace

*A Small Treatise on Peace of Heart*

Father Jacques Philippe



We continue our Advent reading of 'Searching for and Maintaining Peace'.

If you are reading along, read pages **45-84** before next Sunday to get the most out of Fr.

Bryan's remarks in the homily!

*A reading guide and recordings of previous homilies on this topic can be found at:*  
**[parish.stbens.net/advent](http://parish.stbens.net/advent)**



**Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrated Dec. 12th at 6:30PM in the church.**



**The Blue-Bag Program is live!**

It's easy: grab a Blue-Bag from the vestibule, shop for the items on the list, then return the bag to the church! All items will go to support our local food bank, Family Works!

This is a great activity you can do with the whole family—let your kids search for the items in the grocery store and take a moment to teach them about the importance of giving to those in need.



**A Very Choral Christmas**  
 The Northwest Chorale will be performing A Very Choral Christmas featuring Poulenc's 'Gloria' at St. Benedict Church:  
**December 15th at 7:30PM**  
*Admission is free though a goodwill offering is taken with all benefits to Northwest Harvest.*  
[www.nwchorale.org](http://www.nwchorale.org)  
*Additional concert on 12/8, 7:30PM @ First Free Methodist Church*

*Oh, Holy Night*  
 Join us for Christmas Mass:  
**December 24 - 4PM**  
**Family Mass**  
*carols 30min prior*  
**December 24 - 12AM**  
**Midnight Mass**  
*carols 30min prior*  
**December 25 - 10AM**  
**Christmas Day**  
*carols 15min prior*

**YOUTH MINISTRY** Kate Brown, Youth Ministry Director, [kate@nscy.org](mailto:kate@nscy.org) | 206-488-5970

<p><b>MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE:</b>  <b>Dec 9</b>—Sunday Gathering, 5PM          Topic: <i>Advent, the Season of Light</i>  <b>Dec 16</b>—Christmas Party, 5PM</p>	<p><b>HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE</b>  <b>Dec 9</b>—Discipleship Group, 7PM          Topic: <i>Why Is There Sufferings</i> (w/ special guest Fr. Bryan Dolejsi)  <b>Dec 16</b>—Christmas Party, 5PM</p>
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**Don't forget to register for Confirmation!** Confirmation is open to all students in high school. You can register online at [www.nscy.org](http://www.nscy.org). Registration closes December 3rd.

**Visit [www.NSCY.org](http://www.NSCY.org) for more info about our ministries!**

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*Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.*

**BAPTISM CLASS**  
 If you desire to have your children baptized or have been asked to be a godparent, please plan on attending the **January 5th** baptism class immediately following the 9AM Mass. Register for the class at: [parish.stbens.net/baptism](http://parish.stbens.net/baptism)

Your one-stop shop for all things Advent  
**[parish.stbens.net/advent](http://parish.stbens.net/advent)**  
 list of events | homilies | family activities |  
 Advent reflections from Word on Fire ministries & more!







## SACRAMENTS

[www.parish.stbens.net/liturgy-sacraments](http://www.parish.stbens.net/liturgy-sacraments)

### CONFIRMATION

This year, Confirmation is for ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (grades 9-12). For more info, visit [nscy.org](http://nscy.org) or contact the Parish Office.

If you are an adult who has not yet been confirmed, check out the RCIA schedule online or contact Marti for more information.

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Our next session is Sunday, **January 13 at 8:45AM in the School Library**. This will begin the preparation for First Holy Communion.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Church or wanting to know more about the Catholic faith? Join us for our RCIA program! We have a session **January 6th after the 10AM Mass in the Parish Center**. Full meeting schedule posted online.

*If you have questions about any sacramental need (Baptism, Marriage, RCIA for adults or children, Adult Confirmation, etc.), please contact Marti Lundberg: 206-518-6017 or [m.lundberg@stbens.net](mailto:m.lundberg@stbens.net)*

## SCHOOL NEWS

### MATCHING GIFT UPDATE:

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OUR FUTURE**

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Improvements

Between now and December 31st, all donations to the capital campaign will be matched up to \$25,000! \$15,187.50 has been pledged and donated so far. That brings our gift match total to **\$30,375 of the possible \$50,000**. We're more than half way there! Help us reach

our goal by donating today!

To make a donation or for more info, visit: **[www.stbens.net/school/giving/capital-campaign](http://www.stbens.net/school/giving/capital-campaign)** or contact our Development Director, Teresa Gillett at 206-633-3375.

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

### Matching Gifts

Thank you to those who have already fulfilled your Annual Catholic Appeal pledge! If you would like to help maximize our Annual Catholic Appeal Rebate this year for our parish project, please check if your employer has a **Matching Gift** program. Once your gift has been paid in full, you can apply for the match per your employer's instructions. The Annual Catholic Appeal, Archdiocese of Seattle, is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. **Tax ID # 91-0778147**. Call 800-809-4921 if you have any questions. Mailing address: Annual Catholic Appeal, PO Box 14964, Seattle 98114

### Year-end Payments & Donations

Want to make your Annual Catholic Appeal payment or donation by year-end for tax purposes?

**Any payments or new gifts you want credited** to the 2018 calendar year for tax purposes need to be in the Annual Catholic Appeal office by December 31<sup>st</sup>. (Please do not put ACA payments in the parish collection basket)

- Visit [www.seattlearchdiocese.org/pp](http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/pp) and use your debit or credit card for immediate processing
- Call the Appeal office at 800-809-4921
- Mail to Annual Catholic Appeal, 710 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, Seattle 98104 (**postmark must be stamped by Dec 31, 2018 in order to be applied in the calendar year**)
- To donate stock, call 206-382-7316 or 800-422-5417.

**Haven't made a gift to the Appeal?** It's not too late. Go to: [www.seattlearchdiocese.org/donate](http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/donate)  
Your generous support is greatly appreciated – thank you!

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK** Bruno Berselli, Carmen Gonzalez, Nora Taylor, Dale Steen, Willie Kleffner, Easton Brown, Eli Mahnken, Esther Hunsaker, Janice Mosey, Eugene Haydu, Roseanne Borden, Xavier Schmitt, Alexander Hargis, Kathleen Huck  
*\*Contact the Parish Office to have a name added to this list. For privacy reasons, the individual must expressly give consent.*

Have an item for the bulletin? Submit by 4PM on Monday to [parish@stbens.net](mailto:parish@stbens.net)

**Holiday Deadlines:** For the Dec 23 and Dec 30 bulletins, requests must be submitted no later than **Dec 14th** due to early deadlines from our printing company.

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