



"Do you see what I'm saying?" The question came at the end of a difficult conversation about a hurtful remark I'd made. I hadn't intended it to hurt—I was going for a cheap laugh in a group of people, and I got it. But, as my colleague made clear to me, the laugh came at the expense of her comfort and, to some extent, her dignity.

The very fact that she had to call it to my attention meant that I had not been paying attention. I didn't "see" her—I saw only myself scoring laugh points with the seven or eight people we were with. Let's face it: I was blind to her and to the effect of my words.

In today's Scriptures, Samuel is chastised for his narrow vision because he believes a king must surely look like Eliab, someone of stature and importance. He saw only what impressed him. He couldn't look into the heart as God did, so he didn't see as God did.

The Pharisees, too, are called to account for their own constricted sight, which couldn't accept that a man born blind might know the presence of God more surely than they ever could. When we're convinced of our own righteousness and consider ourselves more important than anyone else, we become blind to others and to God.

Today our prayers ask God for holy sight—the grace to see the world and all in it as God sees. Many things can make us blind, but God can open the eyes of our heart if we simply come to him and ask him to help us see. †

**Reflect and Pray:** What have I been blind to this Lent?

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## SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK

### Monday

Is 65:17-21  
Jn 4:43-54

### Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12  
Jn 5:1-16

### Wednesday

Is 49:8-15  
Jn 5:17-30

### Thursday

Ex 32:7-14  
Jn 5:31-47

### Friday

Wis 2:1A, 12-22  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

### Saturday

Jer 11:18-20  
Jn 7:40-53

### Sunday

5th Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21  
Phil 3:8-14  
Jn 8:1-11

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## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### COFFEE HOUR TODAY IN CAFETERIA

**8AM** DIANA KNIGHT

**10AM** UNABIA FAMILY

*Coffee hour hosts are always needed. Contact Becky in the Office if you can help!*

#### 04.01 MONDAY

8AM Mass  
8:30AM Rosary  
9AM SMdP Sandwich Making *Parish Center*

#### 04.02 TUESDAY

7PM Women's Ministry *Parish Center*

#### 04.03 WEDNESDAY

6:30PM Mass  
7PM Adoration with silence and song *Church*

#### 04.04 THURSDAY

9AM Mass  
7PM Choir Rehearsal  
7PM Book Club

#### 04.05 FRIDAY

8AM 1st Friday Mass (followed by Adoration until 11AM) *Dran Tyree*  
12:05PM Stations of the Cross *Church*

#### 04.06 SATURDAY

8:30AM Rosary  
9AM 1st Saturday Mass (with Anointing of the Sick) *Raphael Calderon* ✠  
10AM Prayer Group *Parish Center*


#### 04.07 SUNDAY

8AM Mass *Gaetano Borriello* ✠  
8:45AM Sacramental Prep *School Library*  
10AM Mass *Louise Gervais*  
4:15PM Reconciliation  
5PM Mass *People of St. Benedict*

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK** Bruno Berselli, Carmen Gonzalez, Nora Taylor, Dale Steen, Willie Kleffner, Easton Brown, Eli Mahnken, Janice Mosey, Eugene Haydu, Xavier Schmitt, Ann Person, Tom Barrett, June Gill, Darcy Fulcher, Kim Gruenberg, Mary Alice Tully \*Contact the Parish Office to have a name added to this list. For privacy reasons, the individual must expressly give consent.

## STEWARDSHIP

	Offerings	Budget
<b>February</b>	\$ 37,027	\$ 33,578
<b>YTD</b>	\$306,656	\$291,707
<b>2019 Fiscal Year Budget: \$444,906</b> <i>We are blessed as a parish by the support of our community!</i>		



**ONLINE GIVING**

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**Blue-Bag Program**

Stop by the Information Center in the vestibule to grab a Blue Bag— all items collected will be donated to our local food-bank, Family Works!

For 2019, we've donated 909lbs of food!

## LENTEN ACTIVITIES

**Adoration with Silence and Song:**  
Wednesday following 6:30PM Mass

**Stations of the Cross—Fridays of Lent @ 12:05PM in the Church**

**1st Friday Mass—Friday at 8AM, followed by Adoration until 11AM. Confession available.**



**SACRAMENTS**  
[www.pariah.stbens.net/liturgy-sacraments](http://www.pariah.stbens.net/liturgy-sacraments)

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**  
 Our next session is today, **March 31st at 8:45AM in the School Library.** This begins Part 2 preparation for First Holy Communion.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**  
 Are you interested in joining the Church, getting Confirmed, or taking steps towards Baptism? Please contact Marti Lundberg. More info at: [parish.stbens.net/rcia](http://parish.stbens.net/rcia)

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

### Into the Desert: Lenten Sunday Gathering

Students in grades 6-8 are invited to join us on March 31 at 5:00 pm at St. Catherine Parish as we continue our Lenten series.

During the season of Lent, we are going to go deep into the spiritual deserts of our lives — doubt, fear, despair —and there we will encounter the one who has been there before we ever were -- Jesus Christ.

### Discipleship Group this Sunday, March 31

All High School students are invited to join us for our next Discipleship Small Group at St. Catherine Parish at 7:00 pm. Our next topic is *Why Be Catholic?* We will explore the unique beauties and gifts the Catholic Church has to offer.

### Our last Confirmation Prep Session will be this week:

Tuesday, April 2 @ St. Mark Parish, 7:00PM

Thursday, April 4 @ Christ the King Parish, 7:00PM

Saturday, April 6 @ Our Lady of the Lake Parish, 11:00AM

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

## SCHOOL NEWS

**SANDBOX BLESSING** On Friday, March 22, 2019, Fr. Bryan blessed our brand new Sandbox at the school in memory of Xochitl Robles, who worked at the parish and the school from 1996-2002 and passed away in January of 2018. A generous benefactor donated the cost of the sandbox in Xochitl's name and it was built by Ms. Ann at the school and by Jim Roffey, husband of our preschool teacher, Gabby Roffey. Friends who knew her along with the preschool and Pre-K students gathered to take part of the blessing and watch the kids break in the new sandbox on a beautiful sunny morning. **About Xochitl:** After Xochitl moved to Seattle from Mexico, we were blessed to have her as part of both St. Benedict Parish and School from 1996-2002. Xochitl worked for the parish doing housekeeping duties and other tasks. Her love of children brought her over to the school where she worked in the Extended Day program, taught Elementary Spanish, tutored in 1st grade and supervised the students in the lunch room and at recess. After leaving St. Benedict Catholic School, she worked at former St. Ben's teacher, Ms. Yvonne Lutz' school and as a private nanny. Xochitl was a loving mother to her son, George. After a series of medical issues, Xochitl passed away in January, 2018 at her home. She will be missed by many.

### SAVE THE DATE: SCREENING OF LIKE - Monday, April 8th, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

We're excited to be screening LIKE, an IndieFlix Original documentary that explores the impact of social media on our lives and the effects of technology on the brain. We will follow the screening with an interactive discussion session with the filmmaker. Parents and 5th - 8th grade students welcome. This is a public event, please do share and bring friends.

**Where:** St Benedict School Auditorium **Cost:** Donations on the door.



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### HARD BOILED EGGS ON PALM SUNDAY

The HCSJ Commission & St. Martin de Porres are asking parishioners to donate hard boiled eggs on Palm Sunday. The sandwich makers make 400 sandwiches on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month and they would like an addition of hard boiled eggs to take to the men's shelter. If you can buy an extra half or dozen and boil them up, we can take them downtown with the sandwiches. This will be a nourishing protein for these men. Thank you for your support!

Thank you to everyone to helped at our sort n' pack event at Food Lifeline on Thursday, March 21st. We sorted 4,500 lbs of baked goods and 2,500 lbs of water bottles into boxes!



Have a request for the bulletin? Submissions due by Monday at 4PM. Send to: [parish@stbens.net](mailto:parish@stbens.net)



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