

WELCOME TO



St. Benedict  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fifth Sunday  
of Lent



March 29, 2020

# LOCKDOWN

by Br. Richard Hendrick in Ireland

Yes there is fear.  
Yes there is isolation.  
Yes there is panic buying.  
Yes there is sickness.  
Yes there is even death.  
But,  
They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise  
You can hear the birds again.  
They say that after just a few weeks of quiet  
The sky is no longer thick with fumes  
But blue and grey and clear.  
They say that in the streets of Assisi  
People are singing to each other  
across the empty squares,  
keeping their windows open  
so that those who are alone  
may hear the sounds of family around them.  
They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland  
Is offering free meals and delivery to the  
housebound.  
Today a young woman I know  
is busy spreading fliers with her number  
through the neighbourhood  
So that the elders may have someone to call on.  
Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and  
Temples  
are preparing to welcome  
and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary

All over the world people are slowing down and  
reflecting  
All over the world people are looking at their  
neighbours in a new way  
All over the world people are waking up to a  
new reality  
To how big we really are.  
To how little control we really have.  
To what really matters.  
To Love.  
So we pray and we remember that  
Yes there is fear.  
But there does not have to be hate.  
Yes there is isolation.  
But there does not have to be loneliness.  
Yes there is panic buying.  
But there does not have to be meanness.  
Yes there is sickness.  
But there does not have to be disease of the  
soul  
Yes there is even death.  
But there can always be a rebirth of love.  
Wake to the choices you make as to how to live  
now.  
Today, breathe.  
Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic  
The birds are singing again  
The sky is clearing,  
Spring is coming,  
And we are always encompassed by Love.  
Open the windows of your soul  
And though you may not be able  
to touch across the empty square,  
Sing.



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## BLUE BAG PROGRAM STILL NEEDS YOU!



We are currently taking food donations in the bin outside the parish office door, downstairs on Wallingford Ave.

“That was a whopping 220 pounds of wonderful food! Thank you for nourishing our community. Together.”  
—Jake Weber at FamilyWorks  
March 23, 2020

# STEWARDSHIP



**ONLINE GIVING HELPS SUSTAIN AND GROW OUR PARISH**

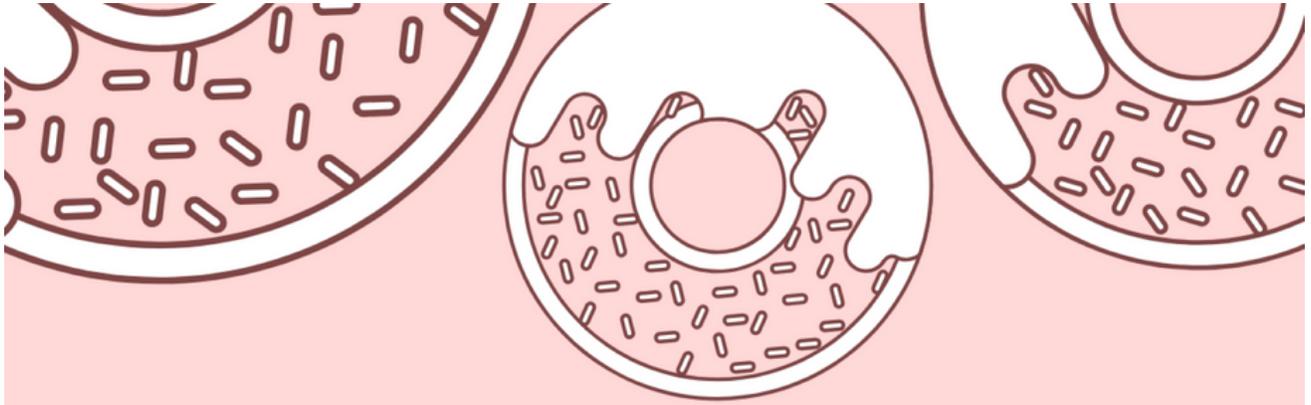
Make donations, payments and pledges via smartphone or computer. Set up your gift today!

Click "Give Online" on our webpage or download the app. (Church ID: 1881)



Even though we cannot meet together as a community during this time, our staff continues to work behind the scenes: online meetings with the Archdiocese and each other, bookkeeping and financial management, daily communications, charitable outreach, as well as support of our parishioners (livestream Masses and prayers, phone calls, providing sacraments, and disinfecting the church to keep it open for private prayer.

If you give online, thank you. If you prefer to give by cash or check, you can still do so! Drop your offering in the candle safe inside the church or in the Parish Office mail slot. Clearly mark on your envelope where the money should be used. General giving to the parish is called "Stewardship".



## Virtual St. Benedict Coffee Hour

See some familiar faces, share a drink, and remember our community is here for each other!

**SUNDAY | MARCH 29**  
**7:00PM**

ZOOM MEETING ID: 260 239 558  
PASSWORD: 041387

This meeting ID changes weekly, so check the bulletin for updates. If you need help, contact Kim Burkhardt: [kimstress@gmail.com](mailto:kimstress@gmail.com).

**N SEATTLE CATHOLIC YOUTH** [NSCY.org](http://NSCY.org)

**contact: [mariah@nscy.org](mailto:mariah@nscy.org)**

All events are cancelled at this time, including the Confirmation Retreat. Confirmation Prep classes are available online at [NSCY.org](http://NSCY.org).

### DAILY SCRIPTURE

#### **Monday, Lenten Weekday**

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or  
13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11

#### **Tuesday, Lenten Weekday**

Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

#### **Wednesday, Lenten Weekday**

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

#### **Thursday, Lenten Weekday**

Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

#### **Friday, Lenten Weekday**

Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

#### **Saturday, Lenten Weekday**

Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

#### **Sunday, Palm Sunday**

Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt  
26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

# SCHOOL NEWS



Dear St. Benedict School Families,

Though clearly secondary in importance to minimizing the spread of COVID-19 we want to share an update about this year's auction.

St. Benedict School's auction is our largest annual fundraiser in support of our school, with a profit just over \$100,000 each year- funds that directly benefit each student we serve as they receive the gift of a Catholic education.

Jaime and I would like to thank our entire auction committee. Not only for standing by the past two weeks, eager to help in anyway, but for the hours, effort, and commitment they have put forth since planning began last April. Thank you!

We also want to thank our sponsors and donors (YOU) for their generous support and donations. Your generosity is critical to our success.

Another note of gratitude to the vendors with whom we work. Jewel Hospitality, Matt Lorch, Live Oak Audio, and the plethora of bakeries, restaurants, and individuals who so generously offered desserts, have all worked with us during a time on uncertainty. So many small businesses are feeling pain right now; if you are able and comfortable, frequent them.

Now comes the great news! While we are not able to celebrate together in person (just yet), I am hoping we can all come together through a new format.

**Wednesday, May 27th to Thursday, May 28th: Online Silent Auction**

**Friday, May 29th: Live Auction at Ballard Bay Club**

Please mark your calendars and prepare for double the fun! Most importantly, we still have the opportunity to invest in our children- and their education. Registration information will follow soon.

With gratitude,  
Jaime and Kayla

