




St. Benedict CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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September 24th, 2023

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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious
because I am
generous?’
Thus, the last will
be first, and the
first will be last.”
- Mt 20:15-16

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If there is no answer, please call St. Catherine Parish Office:
206-524-8800

If it is past 4pm, or a weekend please use the emergency line:
(206) 276 8085

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of September 24, 2023

Sunday:

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil
1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday:

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk
8:16-18

Tuesday:

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab,
4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday:

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk
9:1-6

Thursday:

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk
9:7-9

Friday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-
2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday:

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk
9:43b-45

Next Sunday:

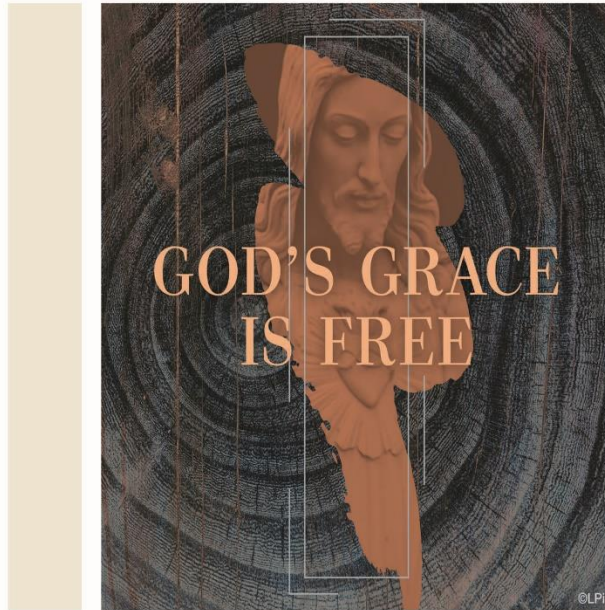
Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil
2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Daily Mass Schedule changes for the week of September 24th, 2023:

Tuesday 9am mass canceled.

Thursday 9am school mass.

**** First Friday and Saturday
liturgies are canceled for
October. ****



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: "That's not fair! Why'd she get the jewelry, too?!"

Let's face it: there's something about God's grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others' blessings and cry out: "That's not fair!" Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God's grace which is *unmerited* favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we're good but because He is infinitely good.

If you think the "not fair" quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, "Are you envious because I am generous?" Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we *have* to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don't deserve it — namely, upon us.

— Father John Muir

Evangelization and Faith Formation

For information contact Olaf at faithformation@stbens.net

First Communion and First Reconciliation for Children.

Kick-off Mass and Breakfast
Sunday, September 24th, 2023
Saint Catherine of Siena Church
9:30 am Mass

For both Saint Benedict and Saint Catherine of Siena Churches.

Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist is open for children 7 years of age and in the second grade, and for those in third - fifth grade who have not celebrated these sacraments.

Registration is open for the 2023-2024 academic year. Preparation sessions start at the end of September 2023. Please register at the parish website:

<https://parish.stbens.net/first-sacraments>

Infant Baptism

(for children younger than 6 years of age).

Dates available for baptism at

Saint Catherine of Siena

(Sundays at 9:30 am Mass):

October 15, November 19, **2023**

January 21, April 21, May 19, June 16, **2024**

Dates available for baptism at

Saint Benedict

(Sundays at 8:00 am Mass):

October 1, November 5, **2023**

January 7, February 4, April 7, May 5, **2024**

Next Baptism preparation class TBD

For further information contact Olaf at

faithformation@stbens.net or call 206-632-0843

Youth Confirmation.

Youth Confirmation is for youth between 7th and 12th grades. This program helps youth and their families discover their God's given talents, how to nurture a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, and how to live in communion with the Holy Spirit. Visit our parish website to register:

<https://parish.stbens.net/youth-confirmation>

RCIA Starting September 21, 2023 @ 7:00pm!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a series of classes for anyone interested in learning about the Catholic Church and for those considering becoming Catholic. Our annual RCIA series for St. Catherine and St. Benedict parishes is starting in September! Everyone is welcome. If you are interested in attending RCIA, contact Kim Burkhardt at rcia@st-c.org.

If you have extra rosaries, prayer cards, candles, etc., please consider donating these items to RCIA. We give these items in gift bags to people in RCIA to encourage them to set up a sacred Catholic space at home. Items you have to donate can be brought to the office.

St. Benedict Book group

For September and October, St. Benedict's book group will be meeting in person.

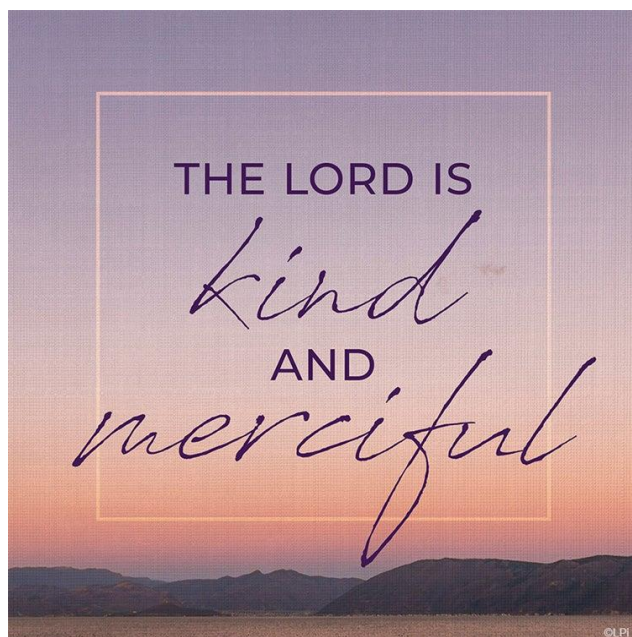
We will be meeting at the Parish Center at 7 PM. The next book we will be discussing is *Picnic in Provence a Memoir with Recipes* by Elizabeth Bard.

Liturgical Ministry signup continues in the back of the church. Please sign up to be part of liturgical celebrations. The liturgy is made vibrant by community participation. 8 October – 31 December still has many openings for volunteers. Lector, Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, and Usher.

Mass Attendance for September 17, 2023

8:00am Mass: 84 5:00pm Mass: 77

Virtual Attendance: 33



Youth Choir Rehearsal

If you are between the 2nd and 8th grade and you want to sing at Church.

Please come to the first Youth Choir Rehearsal of the school year on the 28th at 6pm in the Church.

This is a great opportunity for you to learn how to sing at Church and have a lot of fun doing it.

So please save the date in your calendar.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact MJ Price,

Altar Server Training

If you are between the 4th and 8th grade and you want to become an Altar server.

Please come to the altar server training on the 28th at 3:15pm in the Church.

Altar serving is not just a good way to get service hours but is a great way to learn and grow more with God.

So please save the date in your calendar.

If you have questions or comments, please contact MJ Price, m.price@stbens.net

Adult Choir

If you are interested in being a part of the adult choir, please contact MJ Price, m.price@stbens.net

We will have rehearsals every Thursday from 7-8pm. So please come to sing for God.

MASS SCHEDULE

ST. BENEDICT

SUNDAY	*8AM & 5:00PM
TUESDAY	9:00AM
THURSDAY	9:00AM
1ST SATURDAY	9:00AM

CONFESSION	SUN 4—4:30pm
ADORATION	1ST FRI 6-7PM
ANOINTING OF THE SICK	1ST SAT 9AM

*Livestream
Available



ROSARIES

THURSDAY	8:30AM
1st SATURDAY	8:30AM



OPEN FOR PRAYER

FRIDAY	4PM — 5PM
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**You are invited to actively
participate
in a crucial conversation for
our whole Archdiocese.**



**PARTNERS
IN THE GOSPEL**

When: Sunday,
September 24th, 2023

Time: After the 5:00 pm Mass

Where: School Auditorium

Format: Small groups,
Listening Circle

Juice and snacks will be provided.

Liturgical Minsters Schedule:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 1, 2023

8:00am Mass

Altar Servers: Paul L., Mike C.

Lector: Troy M.

Eucharistic Ministers: Carolyn, L., Troy M.

Usher: Marianne B.

5:00pm Mass

Altar Servers: Volunteers Needed

Lector: Volunteers Needed

Eucharistic Minister: Volunteers Needed

Usher: Joy H.

Please Note: If you are scheduled to serve and you are unable to attend Mass as scheduled, please call the Parish office or message the PAA using Flocknote.

Thanks for Serving!!!