



St. Benedict

CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent



MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday Mass	8:00 AM and 5:00 PM
Daily Mass	Thursdays, 9:00 AM
Reconciliation	Sundays, 4:00 - 4:30 PM
Rosary	Thursdays following daily mass
1st Friday Adoration	6:00 - 7:00 PM
Anointing of the Sick	1st Saturdays, 9:00 AM mass

Holy days of obligation are posted in the Church Bulletin and on the parish website.

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THIS WEEK'S

Schedule

ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 AM Mass (Live stream)
 - Mass intention (Thanksgiving) by Bernard and Racquel Servito
- 9:00 AM (following the 8:00 AM Mass) Coffee Hour
- 4:00 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation
- 4:00 - 5:00 PM Confirmation
- 5:00 PM Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023

- 8:30 - 10:30 AM St. Martin De Porres Sandwich Making
- 7:00 PM Gospel Study via Zoom

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

- Tuesday masses are suspended until further notice.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023

- 9:00 AM Mass led by 6th Grade Leaders
- 9:30 AM Rosary
- 6:00 - 8:00 PM Children and Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 - 8:30 PM RCIA Meeting
- 7:00 - 9:00 PM Book Club

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

The Immaculate Conception of the White Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:00 - 8:00 PM Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 AM Mass (Live stream)
- 4:00-4:30 PM Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM Mass

December 3 - 10, 2023

LITURGIES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37 (2)

- 8:00 AM Mass
- 4:00-4:30 PM Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM Mass for the people

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023

Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11 (175)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24 (176)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37 (177)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27 (178)

- 9:00 AM Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

*The Immaculate Conception of the White Blessed Virgin Mary-
Holy Day of Obligation*

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 (689)

- 7:00 - 8:00 PM Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8 (5) Pss II

- 8:00 AM Mass for the people
- 4:00-4:30 PM Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM Mass

HUMAN CONCERNS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Join us!

COFFEE HOUR

Following the 8AM Sunday mass.

- December 3 Coffee Hour will be hosted by **Lindsay Sue**.
- Get to know your fellow parishioners and give one of your time and talent treasures of stewardship to your parish.
- You can volunteer too!
Please register here:
<https://bit.ly/StBensCoffeeHour>



Strengthen your faith!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

We invite women of all ages and walks of life to join others in updating their faith and continuing their spiritual journeys in a friendly supportive environment.

- Join our meetings every first **Tuesday of the month from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM via Zoom**.
- Feel free to attend as many gatherings as life permits, whether you're able to read the assigned material or not.
- On December 5, let's discuss chapter 2 of ***With Burning Hearts*** by Henri Nouwen.
- For more information, please call/text Debra Reilly at 206-755- 1751.



Date: **December 5, 2023 at 7:00 PM**
Meeting ID: 83832067839
Password: 042299

As we approach this Christmas season, let's extend our generosity to those in need by participating in the Giving Tree initiative organized by the Human Concerns & Social Justice Committee.



The Giving Tree, a cherished tradition, contributes over 300 gifts annually to various local charities, including the King County Juvenile Detention Center, Columbia Lutheran Home, Mary's Place, St. Martin de Porres Men's Shelter, Saint Vincent de Paul, St. Francis House, and Friends of Limilunga.

How it works

The organizations provide us with specific gift requests, which we display on tags available on a physical tree in the narthex and a virtual tree online (*watch out for the link!*).

How to participate

You can choose a tag, purchase the requested items, and bring the unwrapped gifts to the church or Parish Office, or make them available online no later than December 17, 2023. The collected gifts will be distributed to the respective organizations, making a meaningful impact on the lives of those in need.

How to get involved

Please contact the Parish Office at 206-632-0843 or parish@stbens.net.

Your cheerful giving will bring joy and hope to those less fortunate in our community.



Prepare for mass each week!

MONDAY NIGHT GOSPEL STUDY

- Prepare for mass each week with our weekly Gospel Study Group at 7:00 PM on Mondays via Zoom.
- Each study group stands on its own, making it easy for you to join on any given night.
- For inquiries, please contact Brenda Stratton at bjandmes.bjs@gmail.com or simply log in using the meeting ID and password below.



Date: **December 4, 2023 at 7:00 PM**
Meeting ID: 864 2616 6842
Password: 961919

Read books with us!

CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

- Let's discuss ***Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*** by Gail Honeycutt on December 7
- You may also bring book selections to recommend for next year's reads.
- For inquiries, please contact Brenda Stratton at bjandmes.bjs@gmail.com or simply log in using the meeting ID and password below.



Date: **December 7, 2023 at 7:00 PM**
Meeting ID: 899 0612 7138
Password: 555145

THANKSGIVING

Baskets

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and the unwavering dedication of our volunteers, we've successfully shared the warmth of Thanksgiving with 129 families and individuals. Together, we share the spirit of giving and create moments of joy for our community.

Thank you so much!



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

	<u>Nov 19, 2023</u>	<u>Nov 26, 2023</u>
Offering Total	\$4,819.70	\$8,538.00
8:00 AM Mass	652.00	1,431.00
5:00 PM Mass	722.00	182.00
Online Giving	2,684.70	4,435.00
Stewardship	500.00	2,410.00
All Saints' Day	35.00	---
Coffee Hour	61.00	30.00
Mass Intentions	10.00	10.00
Consecration Books	155.00	40.00
School Donations	21.48	124.48
Thanksgiving Basket	878.00	103.00
St. Vincent De Paul	205.00	40.00
St. Martin De Porres	33.00	180.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Nov 19, 2021:

8:00 AM Mass:	90
5:00 AM Mass:	70
Virtual Attendance:	79

Nov 26, 2021:

8:00 AM Mass:	67
5:00 AM Mass:	77
Virtual Attendance:	88

Please Note:

It takes \$6,500.00 to cover our weekly operational Expenses and Archdiocesan Assessment. Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Fr. Marc is unable to accommodate parishioner requests for unscheduled confessions after Sunday masses. Confessions are held at the regularly scheduled time in the properly designated space appropriate to the nature of the sacrament every Sunday from 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM, unless they have been canceled on a particular day due to unforeseen events. (If canceled, a sign announcing such will be posted on the confessional door). Confessions may also be heard by appointment during office hours in the Parish Office by calling said office. Thank you.

ATTENTION!

Tuesday masses are suspended until further notice.

EVANGELIZATION AND FAITH FORMATION



INFANT BAPTISM

(For children ages 6 and below)

- At St. Catherine of Siena, baptisms are on **Sundays at 9:30 AM mass** on the following dates:
 - January 21, April 21, May 19, and June 16, 2024
 - At St. Benedict, baptisms are on **Sundays at 8:00 AM mass** on the following dates:
 - January 7, February 4, April 7, and May 5, 2024
 - There are no baptisms during the Advent (December 2023)
- For additional information on classes and baptisms, please contact Olaf Valderrabano at 206-632-0843 ext 216 or faithformation@stbens.net.

NOTE: Classes for **First Communion and Reconciliation, and Confirmation** for 2023-24 are already full. For information on next year's classes, please contact Olaf Valderrabano at 206-632-0843 ext 216 or faithformation@stbens.net.

ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR TRUTH? ARE YOU LONGING FOR A GREAT SENSE OF PURPOSE?

Join us every Thursday, 7:00 PM, at the St. Benedict Parish Center for the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) meetings!

On December 7, we will talk about Marian dogma in preparation for the Friday, December 8 Holy Day of Obligation for Immaculate Conception. The Catholic Church's distinct devotion to Mary within Christianity is a big topic - there's plenty to cover!

For more information, please contact Kim Burkhardt at 206-632-0843 ext 217 or rcia@stbens.net.

BECOME A CERTIFIED CATECHIST!

It is the time of the laity! Elevate your community service by enrolling in a short course to become a Certified Catechist.

This program, hosted at Saint Catherine of Siena Church starting January 13, 2024, offers monthly sessions from January to June 2024.

Tailored for parish staff, volunteers, and adult learners, it lays the foundation for understanding, living, and teaching the Catholic faith. Whether for personal enrichment or certification as a Catechist to expand program offerings, seize this opportunity.

Check the bulletin and our website for additional details.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

COOKIE EXCHANGE

Bring at least 2 dozens of a single type homemade cookie. Leave with a variety platter of delicious treats to help carry you through the holiday.

Save the Date!

TUESDAY

19
DEC

7 - 9 PM

St. Benedict Parish Center

For further info, contact Deb Reilly
@ 206-755-1751

SCHOOL EVENTS



NIGHT AT THE
DISCO

★ SAVE THE DATE

St. Benedict School

2024 AUCTION

SATURDAY NIGHT * APRIL 13TH 2024 * 5:30PM
BALLARD ELKS CLUB

Our 25th Annual Auction is open to all St. Benedict friends, family and community members. More info on the event, procurement and sponsorship opportunities, please visit our website:
<https://stbens.ejoinme.org/nightatthedisco>.



Advent
CONCERT

Thursday, December 14th, 6:30 PM
St. Benedict Catholic Church

Experience the exceptional talents of St. Benedict pre-school through 8th grade students as they take the stage, featuring a captivating live nativity scene and a delightful sing-along!

Join us for an unforgettable evening!

COMMUNITY BOARD



CONCERTS AT BLESSED
SACRAMENT

THE
SPIRE SERIES

MESSIAH

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023, 7:30PM

SELECTIONS FROM HANDEL'S WELL-LOVED
MASTER WORK

ORDER TICKETS

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$30
SENIORS AND STUDENTS: \$25
CHILDREN UNDER 12: FREE
ORDER AHEAD: \$25

PLEASE NOTE: ADORATION STARTS AT 10:00PM ON THIS FRIDAY

THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 5050 8TH AVE NE, SEATTLE WA 98105

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Tickets on
sale now

Seattle Young Adult
**CHRISTMAS
FORMAL**

Dec
Sat 09 7p

KIDS' ADVENT ACTIVITY SHEET

NATIVITY WORD SEARCH

C A N O I T A V L A S D N S H S
 Q S H E P H E R D S R F A L L U
 R A T S A M T S I R H C T E J S
 N E M E S I W S H E E P I G O E
 J G N I K M A R Y G I U V N S J
 M O S Y I H X Q U R Q W I A E T
 D O N K E Y R E G N A M T D P M
 Z I L I N N K E E P E R Y O H F

ANGELS	JESUS	MARY	SHEPHERDS
CHRISTMAS	JOSEPH	NATIVITY	STAR
DONKEY	KING	SALVATION	WISEMEN
INNKEEPER	MANGER	SHEEP	

Let the festive fun begin!
 We'll give you exciting
 Advent activities
 every week!

Can you find all the words in
 record time? This is a
 fantastic way to remember
 key elements of the Nativity
 Scene. Every word you find is
 a piece of the Christmas
 story coming to life!



HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

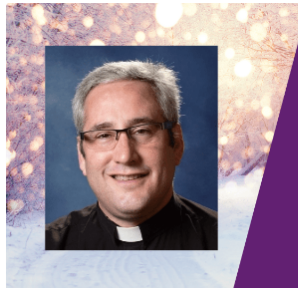
Join us for the 26th Annual Commissioning Mass

Simbang Gabi

December 9, 2023 | 11 AM - 12 PM | St. James Cathedral

Join Bishop Elizondo and Catholics from
 around the archdiocese for this festive,
 colorful and prayerful Advent celebration.
 This Filipino tradition ushers in Simbang Gabi,
 a novena of nine Masses meant to honor the
 Blessed Virgin Mary. All are welcome.

Come and join Fr. James Northrop for a weekend
 retreat to strengthen and equip us to continue to
 live our lives with meaning and faithfulness to the
 mission the Lord has given us. It will start on Dec 8
 (Fri) at 4 PM to Dec 10 (Sun) at 12 PM. Venue is at
 the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center, 4700 SW
 Dash Point Road, Federal Way, WA.



Grace in the Midst of Chaos

AN ADVENT RETREAT WITH
 FR. JAMES NORTHROP