

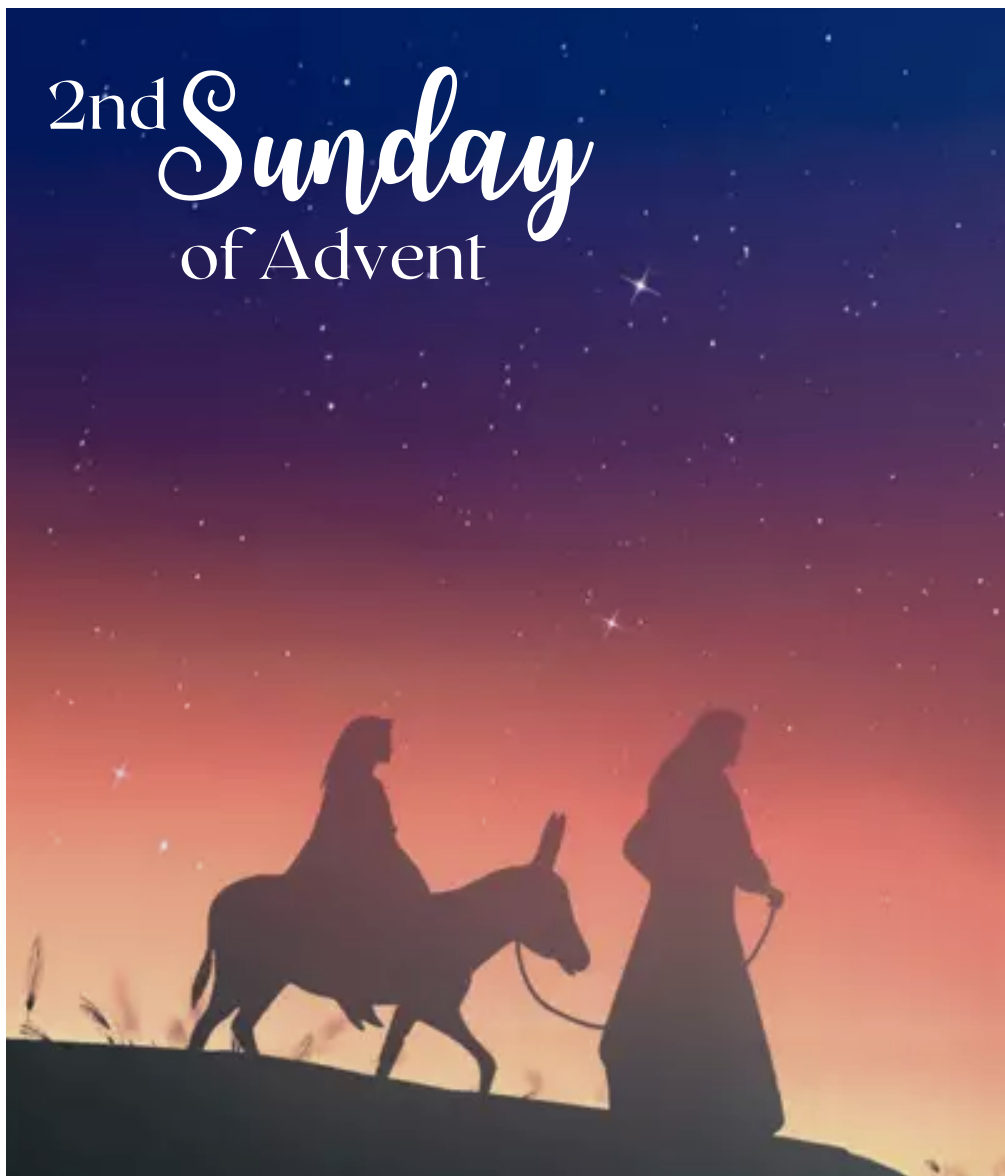


St. Benedict

CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 10, 2023, Sunday

2nd 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

December 10 - 17, 2023

ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 AM Mass (Live stream)
 - Rite of Welcoming
- 9:00 AM (following the 8:00 AM Mass)
Coffee Hour
- 4:00 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023

- 7:00 PM Gospel Study via Zoom

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023

- Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023

- 9:30 AM Rosary
- 6:00 - 8:00 PM School Christmas Program
- 7:00 - 8:30 PM RCIA Meeting
- 7:00 - 9:00 PM Book Club

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

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



On this Second Sunday of Advent, light two violet candles on your Advent wreath and ask God for the strength to be like John the Baptist, preparing the way of the Lord.

LITURGIES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

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

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023

Saint Damasus I, Pope

Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26 (181)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary (707-712)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30 (183)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15 (184)

- 9:00 AM Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19 (185)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 (186)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 (8)

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

HUMAN CONCERNS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Christmas GIVING TREE



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: <https://bit.ly/StBenGivingTree>.

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.

Join us!

COFFEE HOUR

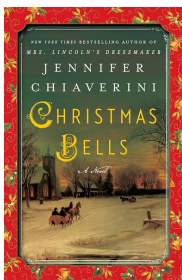
Following the 8AM Sunday mass.

- December 10 Coffee Hour will be hosted by **Diana Knight**.
- 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>



Read books with us!

CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB



- Read Christian books with a group of people every first Thursday of the month, and grow in faith together!
- December's read is **Christmas Bells**
- 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.

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 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM**
Meeting ID: 864 2616 6842
Password: 961919



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



PARISH STEWARDSHIP - Dec 3, 2023

Offering Total	\$12,699.00	School Donations	56.48
8:00 AM Mass	2,137.00	Thanksgiving Basket	50.00
5:00 PM Mass	400.00	Food Bank	100.00
Online Giving	3,361.00	St. Vincent De Paul	552.00
Stewardship	5,605.00	St. Martin De Porres	50.00
Coffee Hour	51.00	CCS Appeal for the Poor	110.00
Donations	550.00	Retired Priests	50.00
Sacramental Prep	400.00		
Mass Intentions	50.00	8:00 AM Mass:	117
Christmas Flowers	85.00	Mass Attendance: 5:00 AM Mass:	105
Holy Day Collections	60.00	Virtual Attendance:	33

*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.*

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!

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE



Experience a
LIFE with the
Holy Spirit
RETREAT
Dec 16, 2023
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
@ Christ the King Catholic Church

Experience what life with the Holy Spirit looks like and be better equipped to use the Gifts bestowed on you at your Sacramental Baptism
More info: wwccr.org or 206-364-2272



YOUNG CATHOLIC
PROFESSIONALS
SEATTLE

ADVENT RETREAT
Dec 16, 2023; 8:30 AM

Enter more deeply into the Advent season, reflect upon the role of faith in our work, and enjoy fellowship with other young adults.
Where: St. Mary on the Lake Peace and Spirituality Center
More info: <https://bit.ly/AdvRetreat>

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Members of our parish embarking on their RCIA journey, including new Catholics and returning adults preparing for sacraments, will be warmly welcomed through a **Rite of Welcoming**. At St. Benedict Parish, this event is scheduled during the 8:00 AM mass on Sunday, December 10. For St. Catherine Church, it will take place during the daily mass on Friday, December 15, accommodating the work schedules of our RCIA participants. Your warm welcome is crucial as we embrace those on their path to becoming Catholics and support those returning to complete their sacraments.

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Join us every Thursday, 7:00 PM, at the St. Benedict Parish Center for the RCIA meetings!

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24, Christmas Eve - 5:00 PM mass
December 25, Christmas Day - 8:00 AM mass

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

To request for prayers for the sick, please call the Parish Office. When placing someone on the prayer list, indicate if the illness is terminal and make sure you have permission from the person you are adding to the prayer list. Some DO NOT want to be on it.

MASS INTENTIONS

In your prayers, please include the loving memory of...

- Christian Hird, requested by Catherine Mezes
- Jim Merrel, requested by the Roman Family
- Gloria Sallis, requested by Lili Salas

*in loving
Memory*
of those who are
forever in our hearts

PARISH CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS



'Tis the season of joy and celebration!

We invite each and everyone of you to join us in adorning our beloved church with the festive spirit of Christmas. We hope to see you there!

Sunday, December 17, 2023, following the 8:00 AM mass

Let's put up Christmas lights on the church ground. Then we'll go together to have some hot drinks and snacks at the Coffee Hour.

Saturday, December 23, 2023 at 10:00 AM

Let's arrange the Nativity scene, the symbolic display that captures the essence of the season, and illuminate the trees surrounding the church.

Sunday, December 24, 2023, following the 8:00 AM mass

Let's fill our sacred space with love, warmth and the magic of holiday season by putting up Christmas decorations. Your creative touch will make our church a radiant beacon of Christmas cheer!

For inquiries, please call the Parish Office or email Anita Hardwick at a.hardwick@stbens.net.



ONLINE GIVING

Giving is a way of life. How will you use your time, talent, and treasure God has given you to love God and one another? Remember, when we give back, we receive God's gifts gratefully and recognizing that everything is a gift from God. Ready to start? Here's how!

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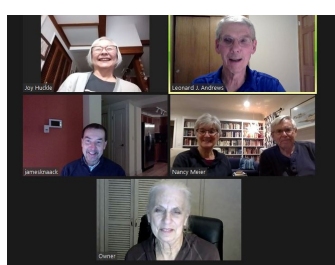


- or -

If you already have an account, start donating.



1. Enter your gift amount. Select your gift type, frequency, and a start date. Click continue.
2. Enter your account information.
3. Enter your payment information.
4. Then create a new password and click "Submit Your Gift."
5. A confirmation email will then be sent to your inbox.
6. You are now all set up to give!
7. You can now sign in through the same page to access your account and to see upcoming and past gifts.



KIDS' ADVENT ACTIVITY SHEET

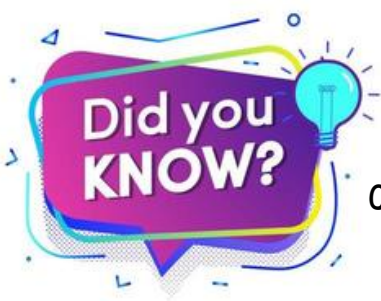
NATIVITY STORY

Learn the nativity story by filling in the blanks with the words on the right. Through this story, don't forget to remember the importance of humility, kindness and joy that comes with the birth of Jesus!

M _ _ _ and J _ _ _ _ _ traveled to
B _ _ _ _ _ . M _ _ _ had a baby and
named him J _ _ _ _ . He was God's son.
He placed J _ _ _ _ in a m _ _ _ _ _
which was a place for animals to eat.
He was wrapped in s _ _ _ _ _ _ _
clothes, which were strips of cloth.



ADVENT FUN FACT



While green and red are typically associated with Christmas, the period leading up to December 25 is all about purples or violets.

The candles in advent wreaths are usually violet or purple, churches are decorated with violet, and priests may wear the color in the weeks before Christmas.

PURPLE REPRESENTS
REPENTANCE AND FASTING.

