



# St. Benedict

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Sunday, January 7, 2024**



**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

### MASS SCHEDULE:

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

January 7 - 14, 2024

## ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

#### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

- 8:00 AM Mass (Live stream)
  - Mass intention (Thanksgiving) by Racquel Servito
- 4:00 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM Mass

### MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024

#### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- 7:00 PM Gospel Study via Zoom

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024

*First Week in Ordinary Time*

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

- 9:00 AM Mass
- 9:30 AM Rosary
- 6:00 - 8:00 PM Children and Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 - 8:30 PM RCIA Meeting

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

## LITURGIES

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

#### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 (20)

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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024

#### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or, in Year B, Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024

*First Week in Ordinary Time*

1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 (306) or 1 Sm 1:1-8 (305) and 1:9-20 (306)/Mk 1:14-20 (305) and 1:21-28 (306)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39 (307)

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45 (308)

- 9:00 AM Mass

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12 (309)

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024

*Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

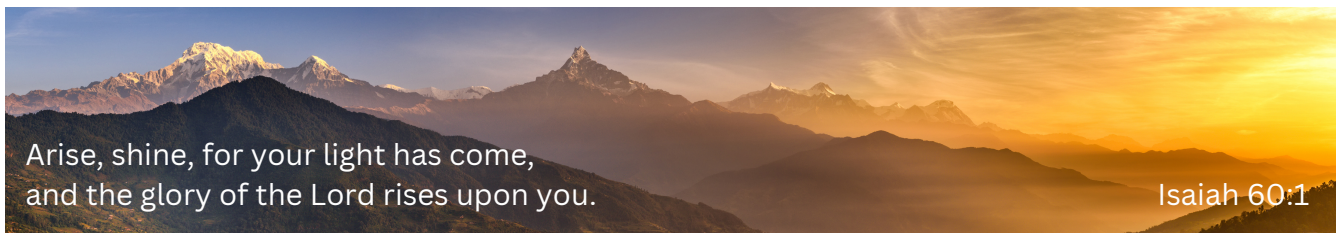
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17 (310)

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42 (65) 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 8:00AM Sunday mass



- Coffee hour is the best way to get to know your fellow parishioners, and for you to enjoy donuts and coffee after mass.

Share your talent and time, sign up to volunteer for Coffee Hour. →



## Prepare for mass! GOSPEL STUDY GROUP

Mondays, 7:00PM, via Zoom



- Prepare for mass each week by studying gospels.
- Each study group stands on its own, making it easy to join on any given night.
- For inquiries, please contact Brenda Stratton at [bjandmes.bjs@gmail.com](mailto:bjandmes.bjs@gmail.com).



Date: January 8 at 7:00 PM  
Meeting ID: 864 2616 6842  
Password: 961919

## Strengthen your faith! WOMEN'S MINISTRY

First Tuesdays, 7:00PM, via Zoom



- Women of all ages and walks of life are invited to join others in updating their faith and continuing their spiritual journeys in a friendly supportive environment.
- For more information, call/text Debra Reilly at 206-755- 1751.



Date: January 9 at 7:00 PM  
Meeting ID: 83832067839  
Password: 042299

## Help give out sandwiches! ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

1st and 3rd Mondays, Parish Center



- SMDP sandwich makers prepare sandwich lunches for men who live at the St. Martin de Porres shelter in downtown Seattle.
- Give special donations to help them continue this noble deed.
- For more information and to volunteer, contact Vicky Briones at 206-465-4428 or [vicster912@gmail.com](mailto:vicster912@gmail.com).

Donate through envelopes or online by scanning this QR code →





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Prayer

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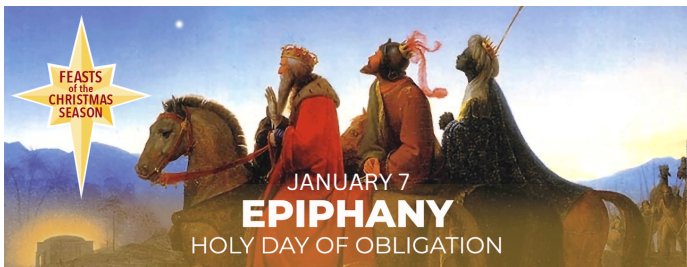
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CATHOLIC CHURCH

## THIS WEEK'S FEASTS



"The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee." – Catechism of the Catholic Church, 528

The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations.



The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord officially marks the end of the Christmas season.

Both the feast of the Nativity and Baptism of the Lord highlight the humility of Jesus Christ. In both instances Jesus clearly displayed his desire to become one with us, so that he can raise us up with him.

"And Jesus' solidarity is not, as it were, a mere exercise of mind and will. Jesus truly immersed himself in our human condition, lived it to the end, in all things save sin, and was able to understand our weakness and frailty." - Pope Benedict XVI, 2013

## HAPPENING ELSEWHERE





**Grief**  
A Practical Guide for Friends,  
Family, Colleagues, & Neighbors  
of Grieving People

**SPEAKER** Jenny Lisk

**Date:** Wed, January 10, 2024  
**Time:** 7:00 – 8:30pm  
**Location:** Hybrid Zoom & Isaac Orr  
 (910 Marion St, Seattle 98104)

Do you struggle with what to say to a grieving friend? Want to setup a meal train for a family in crisis, but don't know how?

Widowed Parent Institute founder Jenny Lisk shares practical tips for Grief Allies: the friends and neighbors who want to be supportive and helpful for the grieving people in their lives.

Lisk's life was turned upside down when her forty-four-year-old husband, Dennis, was diagnosed with inoperable brain cancer. After living with terminal illness for eight months, he died—leaving her the widowed parents of their two children, ages nine and eleven.

Through this experience and beyond, Lisk learned that Grief Allies can't do the one thing they most want to do—and what they can do instead.

Register  
here  
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## Friendly Reminder

It is crucial to exercise caution and vigilance when receiving mails, text messages or calls, especially through unsolicited contact and those that involve urgent requests for your attention. Unfortunately, scammers often deceive individuals into providing sensitive information or making hasty decisions using various tactics.

Should you need assistance, please feel free to call the Parish Office at 206-632-0843 or message through FB and IG @stbenseattle.



## LOOKING FOR A QUIET SPACE TO REFLECT AND MEDITATE?

Starting January 1, 2024, St. Benedict Church will be open for quiet meditation and prayer Monday to Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM.

Pursue spiritual growth for a meaningful, happy, and fulfilled life.





# 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



## FIRST COMMUNION, RECONCILIATION AND CONFIRMATION

- Classes for 2023-24 are already full.
- For information on next year's classes and other faith formation classes, please contact Olaf Valderrabano at 206-632-0843 ext 216 or [faithformation@stbens.net](mailto:faithformation@stbens.net).



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

- RCIA meetings are held **every Thursday, 7:00 PM, at the St. Benedict Parish Center**
- Join us to help better understand and experience the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church
- On January 11, topic will be ***Freedom in Christ***.
- For more information, please contact Kim Burkhardt at 206-632-0843 ext 217 or [rcia@stbens.net](mailto:rcia@stbens.net).

# PARISH STEWARDSHIP - Dec 24, 2023

<b>Offering Total</b>	<b>\$11,294.90</b>	<b>School Donations</b>	<b>1,124.48</b>
8:00 AM Sunday Mass	393.00	<b>Food Bank</b>	<b>75.00</b>
5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass	3,360.50	<b>St. Vincent De Paul</b>	<b>135.00</b>
8:00 AM Christmas Day Mass	930.00	<b>St. Martin De Porres</b>	<b>73.00</b>
Online Giving	4,303.00	<b>CCS Appeal for the Poor</b>	<b>20.00</b>
Stewardship	1,543.00	<b>Limulunga</b>	<b>50.00</b>
Coffee Hour	22.40		
Donations	693.00	<b>Mass</b>	8:00 AM Mass: 83
Christmas Flowers	50.00	<b>Attendance:</b>	5:00 AM Christmas Eve Mass: 342
			8:00 AM Christmas Day Mass: 70
			Virtual Attendance: 179

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.

## 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 the list.

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name we pray.

CROSSMAP PRAYERS

## HELP NEEDED

Let's work together in dismantling the Christmas decorations on Monday, January 8 at 10 AM. Your assistance is greatly appreciated as we prepare to transition into the new season. See you there!

For more info, please feel free to call the Parish Office at 206-632-0843 or message through FB and IG @stbenseattle.



# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



In a resounding celebration of Christmas, our church witnessed a festive gathering with an impressive attendance of 342 members. Father Daniel, in his heartfelt message, illuminated the importance of this sacred day and encouraged the everyone to share blessings with one another.



Adding to the joyous atmosphere, the Strecker family enthusiastically placed baby Jesus in the manger for our Nativity Scene. Their spirited involvement added a special touch to the festivities, reflecting the true essence of the season.

As the echoes of Christmas carols filled the air and the flickering candlelight illuminated the sanctuary, our parish embraced the warmth of community, love, and shared blessings. Let this celebration serve as a reminder to resonate with the spirit of Christmas throughout the entire year, fostering joy and goodwill in our hearts and community.



*Thank you*



A heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated trees, poinsettias, and the most important thing - their time to help get the church ready for the Advent and Christmas season.

Dennis McGuire|Chole Pageler  
Henerietta Cottingham|Amy Jensen|Lili Sallis|Malina Merrell  
Bob and Maryanne Courchene-Merritt|Marianne Craig  
Len and Roberto Kannapell  
Mike Egan|Sue and Bernie Silbernagel|Calabe Leach  
Kim Burkhardt



## RCIA UPDATE



The RCIA groups of St. Benedict, St. Catherine, and Our Lady of the Lake (OLL) came together for a joint meeting at OLL on the first week of January for Andy Simons' (St. Catherine's parishioner) presentation on the Old Testament.

## HCSJ UPDATE



On January 3, 2024, our mighty group of 7 joined forces with 15 other volunteers to sort two hugs boxes into 3-pound bags, and then packaged 10 bags per box for ease of distribution.

The time went ferociously fast, and the community and spirit of the Food Lifeline volunteers is infectious.



### Next volunteer opportunity:

**Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

If you're interested to volunteer, please call (206) 545-6600, and let Food Lifeline (FLL) know you are part of the St Benedict group.

