



St. Benedict

CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 11, 2024
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



February 14, 2024

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins

Mass Schedule:

9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

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
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

February 11 - 18, 2024

ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Mass (Live stream)
 - Mass intention for Rebecca Ortiz (RIP) by Alma Beecham
- 9:00 AM (following the 8:00 AM Mass) Coffee Hour
- 4:00-4:30 PM Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM Mass

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024

- 7:00 PM Gospel Study via Zoom

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday - Lent begins

- 9:00 AM Mass
- 7:00 PM Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 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, FEBRUARY 16, 2024

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

1st Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 AM Mass (Live stream)
 - Mass intention for Mary Frances Raptis-Nielsen (RIP) by Parish staff
- 4:00-4:30 PM Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM Mass

LITURGIES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45 (77)

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024

Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13 (335)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024

Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21 (336)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday - Lent begins

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (219)

- 9:00 AM Mass
- 7:00 PM Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25 (220)

- 9:00 AM Mass

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024

Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15 (221)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32 (222)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

1st Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15 (23)

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



HUMAN CONCERNS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE



- Coffee hour is the best way to get to know your fellow parishioners.
- You may also volunteer to host the coffee hour. Scan the QR code now!

Sign up to volunteer →



- 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.



Date: February 12 at 7:00 PM
Meeting ID: 864 2616 6842
Password: 961919



- 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.
- To volunteer, please contact Vicky Briones at 206-465-4428 or vicster912@gmail.com.

DIAPER DRIVE

Help us wrap little ones in comfort and care!

Diapers of all sizes are needed. Place them in the vestibule on Sundays or give them to the Parish Office from Mon to Fri, 9AM - 4PM.

Accepting donations through Feb 25, 2024.



Souper Bowl FOOD DRIVE

Happy Souper Bowl season! Let's support FamilyWorks by donating canned food and shelf-stable items on **Feb 5-16**. Last year, we donated over 350lbs of food! Let's see if we can double it this year!

- ✓ High-protein food: Canned tuna, canned chicken, beef stew, peanut butter, canned nuts, canned or dry beans, and shelf-stable milk
- ✓ Shelf-stable goods: Rice, pasta, cereal, instant oatmeal, dried fruit, crackers, cooking herbs and spices, canned soups, canned spaghetti sauce, fruit cups, juice boxes, mac & cheese



CARE FOR EARTH'S CREATION

We do not inherit the Earth from our parents; we borrow it from our children. Pope Francis believes we can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of earth's creation.



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
- **Our RCIA group will be attending the RCIA Rite of Election at St. James Cathedral on Thursday, February 15, 2024.**
- **Rite of Sending is happening today, February 11, 2024.**
- **RCIA mass dismissal is starting on the First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2024 until Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024.**
- For more information, please contact Kim Burkhardt at 206-632-0843 ext 217 or rcia@stbens.net.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP - FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Offering Total	\$5,504.00
8:00 AM Mass	479.00
5:00 PM Mass	99.00
Online Giving	3,061.00
Office Collection	1,779.00
Coffee Hour	86.00
School Donations	26.48
Food Bank	100.00
St. Vincent De Paul	175.00
St. Martin De Porres	135.00
Northwest Catholic Magazine	45.00
Prepares	5.00
Catholic Missions Appeal	5.00

Mass	8:00 AM Mass:	104
Attendance:	5:00 PM Mass:	82
	Virtual Attendance:	68

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

The 2023 Tax Letters were mailed out on January 31, 2024.

If you did not get it or there are errors in your document, please feel free to contact the Parish Office at parish@stbens.net or 206-632-0843.

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sign up for any liturgical ministry through Parishstaq or call the Parish Office at 203-632-0843.

For those who are already in Parishstaq, please keep an eye out for upcoming requests to serve in our Sunday masses. We kindly ask for your prompt response to facilitate better planning of roles.



- Greeters/Ushers
- Collectors
- Counters
- Lectors/Readers
- Altar Servers
- Sacristans

NOTE: WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS ESPECIALLY FOR 5PM MASS!



LENT PREPARATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Feb 12, Tuesday, at 10:00 AM - Change of Environment for Lent
 Fridays from Feb 16 - Mar 22 at 12:00 NN - Stations of the Cross
 Mar 22, Friday, at 6:00 PM - Soup Supper and "Two Faces in the Shadows"

If interested, please email us at parish@stbens.net or call the Parish Office at 206-632-0843. We need you!



LENT 2024

Feb 14 - Ash Wednesday



Why Ashes?

BY FR. LARRY RICE

For centuries, Catholic Christians have marked the beginning of the season of Lent by receiving ash on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday. This tradition has its roots in the Old Testament, where wearing ashes was a common sign of repentance for sins, and a sign of one's humility before God. Since Lent is a season of penitential renewal through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, it's appropriate that this ancient sign marks the beginning of the season.

The ashes themselves are usually made by burning the palm fronds from the previous year's Palm Sunday. This symbolically connects the beginning of Lent with its end, connecting our change of heart with Christ's passion, death, and resurrection.

Ashes are usually distributed as part of the Mass on Ash Wednesday.



day, often after the homily. As people approach the priest or other minister, he presses the ashes to their foreheads, and speaks one of two phrases: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," or "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

In many places, Ash Wednesday services are among the most popular of the whole year—a day that's not even a Holy Day of Obligation. Cynics have suggested

that this is because people "get" something, as they do on Palm Sunday. But there's nothing particularly appealing about getting smudged with ashes. Perhaps, the appeal is the expression through a physical sign of a desire for interior conversion.

The Gospel for Ash Wednesday is a reminder that the real purpose of the season of Lent isn't to make public demonstrations of piety—even the wearing of ashes—but to seek conversion of heart.

Fr. Larry Rice is the former vocations director for the Paulist Fathers.

LENTEN BOOKS

A selection of books for lent are placed in the vestibule for you. Use these different texts to help with your spiritual journey. Please sign for the books you take.

- Screwtape Letters by CS Lewis
- The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius
- Rule of St. Benedict

MASS SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday

- Feb 14 at 9AM & 7PM

Palm Sunday

- Mar 24 at 8AM & 5PM

Holy Thursday

- Mar 28 at 7PM

Good Friday

- Mar 29 at 7PM (only at St. Catherine of Siena Church)

Easter Vigil

- Mar 30 at 8PM

Easter Sunday

- Mar 31 at 8AM
- No 5PM Mass



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LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE

WHEN:

- Ash Wednesday & Good Friday = Fasting & Abstinence
- Every Friday = Abstinence

WHO:

- Catholics 14+ = practice abstinence
- Catholics 18-59 = practice fasting

WHAT IS FASTING?

- One full meal & two smaller meals = full meal

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?

- No meat

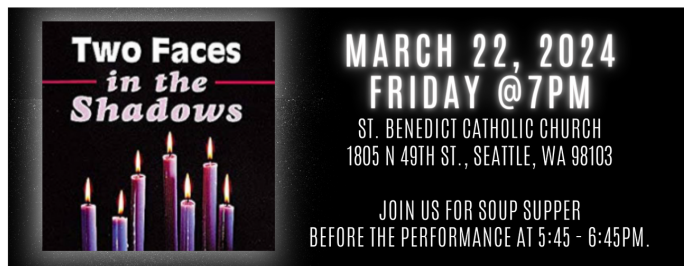
UPCOMING EVENTS



Join us as we remember Jesus' journey to Calvary and experience the power of His resurrection through the Stations of the Cross.

It will be held inside the St. Benedict Church every Friday of Lent, starting February 16 until March 22, 2024 (Good Friday) at 12:10 PM.

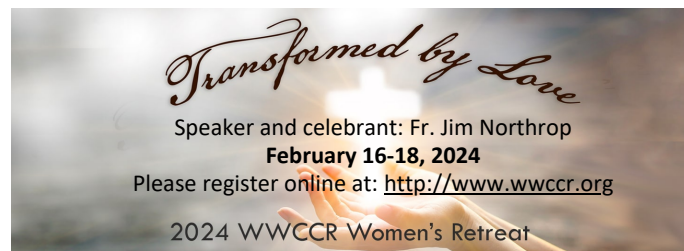
Everyone is invited and welcome to lead the prayers.



Watch and listen to a performance of Two-Faces in the Shadows on March 22, 2024, Friday, 7PM at St. Benedict Church. It is a dramatic dialogue between Simon Peter and Judas Iscariot as they remember and discuss the events of the Passion of Christ.

There will also be soup supper before the performance. So come early between 5:45 to 6:45 PM as we gather to share warmth and good company while enjoying delightful choices of soups and bread.

To ensure we have enough soup for all, please RSVP here -> <https://bit.ly/2FacesStBens>



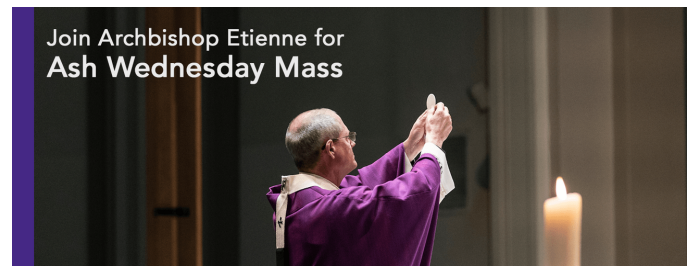
The retreat is based on the following Scripture: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good, acceptable, and perfect." – Romans 12:2



Let's worship and reflect on the love, trust and hope of God with prayers, meditations and musical responses from the Taize tradition.

Fr. Marc Powell leads a monthly Taize meditation at St. Benedict Church.

Let the gentle melodies and moments of silence guide you towards inner calm and spiritual renewal.



Join Archbishop Etienne for Ash Wednesday Mass at St. James Cathedral on Wednesday, February 14, 12:10 pm at St. James Cathedral. Mass will include the distribution of ashes.



NEW!

ONLINE GIVING PLATFORM



**IT'S CONVENIENT &
EASY. SET-IT UP NOW!**



- Scan the QR code or simply go to:
<https://pushpay.com/g/saintbenedictseattle>
- If you are donating through OSV (Our Sunday Visitor), please cancel your current giving on OSV and set up your recurring gifts on the new PushPay giving platform.
- You can also download the mobile app from the App Store: **Our Catholic Community**
 - Search by Church Name and type St. Benedict
 - Click donate at the bottom of the screen and set up your recurring gifts



QUESTIONS? NEEDS ASSISTANCE?

Please feel free to call the Parish Office at **206-632-0843**, Mon-Fri, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Also, next **Sunday, Feb 18, 2024**, the Parish Staff will be at the Coffee Hour, and at the vestibule after the 8AM and 5PM masses to help you set up your online giving.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children



St. Benedict
CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Please welcome our catechumens,
candidates, and returning Catholics
who are completing sacraments.**



Estella McDermott



Brad Thompson



Anna



Purita



Emmy

RCIA/RCIC Prayer

Lord, we pray for those in the RCIA/RCIC process who journey to You.
Strengthen their faith. Open their hearts to the fullness of Your love.
Deepen their understanding. Set their hearts afire for the Kingdom. We ask
this through Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life for All. Amen.