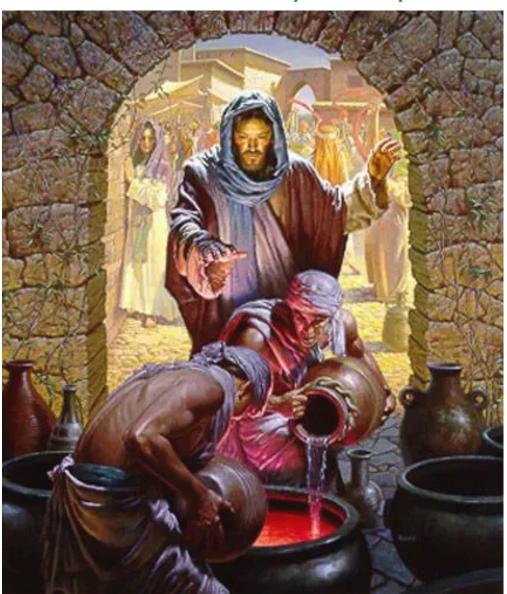


January 19, 2025
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday Mass11:00 AM and 7:00 PMDaily MassThursdays, 9:00 AMReconciliationBy appointment

Rosary Thursdays following daily mass

First Saturday Mass 9:00 AM at St. John the Evangelist Church Holy days of obligation are posted in the Church Bulletin and on the parish website.

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JANUARY 19 - 26, 2025

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 11:00 AM Mass for the People (Live stream)
- 12:00 PM (following the 11 AM Mass) Social Hour
- 12:15 PM Children's Initiation Classes
- 7:00 PM Mass Intention for Paul Fesler (RIP) by Fr. Parrish

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025

- 8:00 AM Mass at St. Alphonsus
- 7:00 PM Gospel Study via Zoom
- Parish Office is closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025

• 8:00 AM Mass at St. Alphonsus

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025

- 8:00 AM Mass at St. Alphonsus
- 5:30 PM Finance Council Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025

- 9:00 AM Funeral Mass for Robert S. Peakes
- 10:00 AM Rosary

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025

• 9:00 AM Mass at St. John

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

• 8:00 AM Mass at St. Alphonsus

<u>SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025</u>

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 11:00 AM Mass for the People (Live stream)
- 12:00 AM Social Hour (following the 11 AM mass)
- 7:00 PM Mass

LITURGIES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11 (66)

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025

Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22 (311)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025

Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28 (312)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6 (313)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025

Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin Heb 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12 (314)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19 (315)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18 (519)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (69)

PARISH FAMILY SUNDAY MASS TIMES

ST. ALPHONSUS

Sat Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM

ST. BENEDICT

Sunday Mass: 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Sat Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM



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Answer the call to serve and deepen your connection to the Eucharist by signing up for a liturgical role!

https://bit.ly/SignUpMinistry

HUMAN CONCERNS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Why AM 1 still Grieving? Is it depression?

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

If you are mourning the loss of a loved one, please join our Parish Family Grief Support Group meeting.

Sunday, January 19, 2025 5:00 to 6:45 PM at St. Benedict Parish Center.



CARE FOR EARTH'S CREATIONS

JOIN US!

Come and learn about the IPJC's Sacred Salmon campaign working to live out Laudato Si and Laudate Deum (Pope Francis' climate crisis messages) by working to restore and recover salmon populations as well as honoring tribal treaty rights!

- Saving Salmon
- Dam removal
- · Effects on ecosystem
- Youth involvement in salmon issues/ restoration of habitat



SALMON TALK

JANUARY 26, 2025; 12:00pm (Immediately following the 11AM Mass)

ST. BENEDICT CHURCH





WILL RUTT
Executive Director,
Intercommunity Peace
8 Justice Center

FOOD LIFELINE

The new year is off with a bang!

We kicked off 2025 with a fantastic turnout of 13 volunteers from St. Benedict and St. Catherine (including three energetic grade schoolers, thanks to Beth Purpur) for our first food sorting and packing event of the year.

It was a chilly day: we tackled cold cabbage heads in 1-ton bins, carefully removing the outer leaves and occasionally evicting some unwelcome visitors, like snails, before packing the cabbage into boxes to hit the magic 30-pound mark (+/- 2 lbs).

Consistent hits from the 1990s blaring from the speakers, and a grand time was had by all.

How timely: another opportunity awaits!

Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 6-8 PM Sorting and Packing Event at the South Park warehouse







To register, just follow the link - http://stbens.foodlifeline.volunteerhub.com/.

Note that all volunteers must register in advance (5 days prior). Note children as young as 10 years old (with parent/adult supervision) can join and earn volunteer hours.

FAITH FORMATION

BAPTISM

- Our Parish Family schedule of baptism is on March 9, 2025 - 11 AM
- Schedule for the 2nd to 4th quarter of 2025 to be announced later.
- Register through our website: https://parish.stbens.net/baptism

GOSPEL STUDY GROUP

Mondays, 7:00PM, via Zoom

- Discover the treasures of the Gospel and strengthen your connection with God and others.
- 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: January 20, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Meeting ID: 864 2616 6842 | Password: 961919

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



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Connecting Hearts, Strengthening Faith:
Building Better Communication in Our Parish Family.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILD - JANUARY 22, 2025



We remember today the tragic United States Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade, issued on January 22, 1973, that essentially legalized abortion in all fifty states for almost fifty years. By God's grace, that decision was finally overturned on June 24, 2022, by the Supreme Court case Dobbs v. Jackson. Though that latter decision gives us much to be grateful for, the battle for the sanctity of life must continue, since the Dobbs v. Jackson ruling simply deferred the decision on abortion to state legislatures. Thus, abortion remains legal in the majority of states in the United States and continues to be legal in many other countries around the world.

In response to this ongoing attack against human life, the bishops of the United States have designated today as "a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion" (GIRM #373). Note that our bishops wisely call for two distinct actions today. First, they call for prayer so that the innate right to life is legally guaranteed. Without this most fundamental right, no other rights matter. Second, they acknowledge the countless violations that have already been committed against human dignity by abortion, and call us to do penance to help atone for those violations.

Today, call to mind that the weakest, most vulnerable, and most at-risk human beings need you. Statistically speaking, the most dangerous place to live is within the womb. Also call to mind every mother who finds herself in an unplanned pregnancy. Both child and mother need your prayers and your acts of penance—that every mother makes the choice for life, and that the right to life will be enshrined in every civil law throughout the world. Your acts of penance help atone for every abortion committed, especially for the repentance and healing of everyone involved. Don't underestimate the power of your prayers and penance. Unite yourself to the Body of Christ, and do your part to bring healing to the past and true hope for the future.

Prayer: Most precious Lord, You dwelt within the womb of your dear mother, sanctifying the womb, and elevating the dignity of all human life. I pray today for the full legal protection of every unborn child. I also pray that every heart that supports abortion will be changed so as to experience the freedom that comes from living in the Truth. I offer to You, this day, all my sufferings and sacrifices to help atone for every violation against human dignity committed through acts of abortion. Please bring healing, hope, and freedom to all. Mother Mary, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

Source: My Catholic Life!

PARISH GIVING AND MASS ATTENDANCE

JANUARY 12, 2025

Offering Total	\$7,311.53	School Offering	250.00
11AM Mass	732.00	St. Vincent De Paul	805.55
7PM Mass	197.00	St. Martin De Porres	165.55
Online Giving	3,146.53	Food Bank	185.22
Office Collection	3,236.00	Church of Latin America	30.00
Social Hour	28.00	Mass Attendance	

Mass Attendance:

<u>Please note</u>: It takes **\$7,750.00** to cover our operational 7:00 PM Mass: expenses and Archdiocesan assessment.

11:00 AM Mass: 155 66 Virtual Attendance: 16

Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support to St. Benedict Parish!!!

stewardship pledge to support our Year of Growth.

For those who have not yet pledged, we kindly ask you to consider making a commitment to help us continue growing together here at St. Benedict.

Your support is vital to our shared mission!





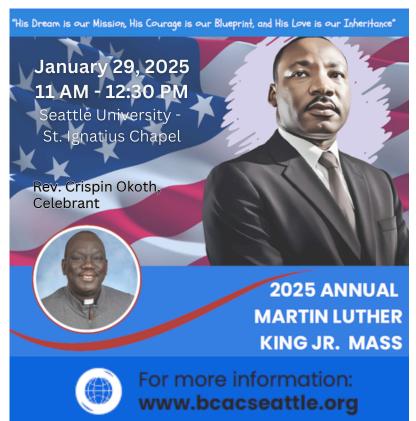
Gratitude starts when we recognize that we have received a gift.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO MAKE YOUR STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE



For questions, please contact the Parish Office.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Ministry of Catholic Cemeteries

Peace of Mind When You Need It Most!

Representatives from Associated Catholic Cemeteries will visit our parish on **January 19th during the 11AM and 7PM masses** to share information about the many choices and benefits of pre-planning at your Catholic Cemetery.

Planning long before there is an urgent need ensures arrangements in harmony with your faith and avoids the pressure of having to make these decisions while grieving.

The Church teaches us that the custom of burying the bodies of the dead should be observed, even for those who choose cremation.

Please call or email with any questions you may have about pre-planning in a Catholic Cemetery (206)366-8834 parish@MyCatholicCemetery.org





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For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit www.wwme.org.

For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Experience, feel free to contact: Jeff and Sandy Corneil 360-930-2321. Follow WWME on Instagram and Facebook!

Save the Date - February 2, 2025 Earth Action Meeting

Still looking for a New Year's Resolution?

Join the St. John's St. Francis of Assisi Ministry and St. Benedict's Care for Earth's Creation Team as we kickoff the year with a combined meeting. This will be the first meeting for our Parish Family. We are meeting in the St. John Parish Admin Building on Sunday, February 2nd, 2:00-3:30pm.

Please join us to discuss how we can work together to protect the earth and renew the natural environment.

More details to come.

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January 14, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year!

As I reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude for the numerous blessings in my life and in the life of our local Church. Together, we accomplished many things — launching new ministries, welcoming people to our communities, starting parish families, embracing synodality and much more.

This past year has also had its challenges — especially as the world around us faces war, pain and suffering. Knowing that our Lord is always walking with us — and working through us — brings me comfort and helps me face difficulties with more strength. While we are not immune from our own challenges and difficulties that test our faith, we cannot forget that he is with us always on this journey, continually calling us to conversion and holiness.

Partners in the Gospel

The focus of the past year was on the beginning of our Partners in the Gospel journey. After nearly a year of consultation with priests, staff and parishioners, we announced the final configurations of the parish families, which resulted in 60 parish families, including eight standalone parishes. This was not a simple task. It took months of planning and many staff and volunteers to accomplish it. Catholics shared their hopes and fears for this process as well as their specific feedback, which not only brought synodality to life in our local Church but also gave us the input we needed to finalize the plan. It is because of this direct input and feedback that we were able to configure the final plan in such a way that reflects the voice of parishioners and local realities. I am so grateful for the engagement of Catholics across the entire Archdiocese in this process, and my hope is that this level of engagement continues and expands as parish families start working together.

After the announcement of the parish families, we then turned our attention to the priest and parish leadership placements. It is no secret that we do not have as many priests as we would like to serve here. To ensure pastoral care throughout the region, we asked priests who are ready to retire to consider postponing retirement, we asked younger priests to take on much larger assignments and we continue to rely on priests from other countries. Thanks to the incredible, prayerful and discerning work of our Priest Personnel Board, by the grace of God, we were able to provide the pastoral coverage needed. And while I am so grateful for the incredible planning and leadership of our Priest Personnel Board, for the generous "Yes!" from so many of our priests and the sharing spirit of many other religious orders, I am also concerned. I am aware as well of the toll this reorganization is taking on our priests and other pastoral leaders.

Additionally, several of our priests became ill this past year and sadly, one of our active pastors passed away. This is an area that truly keeps me up at night, and like you, I must remind myself that the Lord is with us. What gives me great hope and inspiration is that our vocations program has seen an uptick in this past year. We had six applications to the seminary and are hopeful 10 other men will apply this spring! Let

us all pray for them as well as our current priests and religious who are so selflessly serving this archdiocese.

Co-responsibility and Discernment

I also have great hope in our future because of the renewed focus on co-responsibility of all the baptized. While Jesus continues to provide shepherds for the Church by calling some to be priests and bishops, all the baptized are called to follow Jesus and to responsibility for the mission of the Church. Jesus told his disciples to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

This means that *every* baptized person plays a significant role in the Church. Jesus gave all of us the responsibility to carry out the mission of the Church by living a life in Christ. It also means that the future of our Church doesn't just sit on the shoulders of clergy but with all baptized people who are called by Jesus to serve. Co-responsibility is the cornerstone of Partners in the Gospel because it asks everyone to participate and be engaged in parish life — in the life of the Church. To achieve our vision of renewed parish life, we need everyone to make our parish communities vibrant, welcoming and faith filled. I hope this vision and truth give you great hope and inspiration for the future. How is God calling you to serve?

In July 2024, the parish families officially formed, many of which were under new pastoral leadership. During the following months, we witnessed beautiful welcoming gatherings, pastor installations, staff retreats and many "getting to know you" events among staff and parishioners in parish families. The focus of these first months was really to take quality time to get to know each other. There is no need to rush — especially because we seek the guidance and grace of the Holy Spirit, which requires discernment that is grounded in prayer and consultation.

Communal discernment is another cornerstone of our Partners in the Gospel process. Discernment is the prayerful process that reveals the amazing work of the Holy Spirit demonstrating that we have a Church that is very much alive and eager to share the love and joy of Christ with others. Thus, the process of prayerful discernment requires the engagement of all the baptized in prayerful conversations and consultation. During this next year, you will be invited to communal listening and discernment opportunities to help shape how your parish family – or your standalone parish – will reinvision itself. The success of Partners in the Gospel comes from God's grace and our cooperation with it.

Attorney General

While our focus was on Partners in the Gospel, we also spent a significant amount of energy and focus working with the state Attorney General's office. In 2023, his team subpoenaed all our records under the Charitable Trust Act to gain access to our clergy files. I am not willing to give up our First Amendment rights because it has such grave repercussions for the future for all religions in the State of Washington.

My commitment to victim survivors and all those impacted by clergy abuse remains steadfast. Healing from the pain endured and its aftermath is the reason we launched a Healing Ministry in 2024. This Healing Ministry is the next step in our journey, which started decades ago to address the sin and tragedy of sexual abuse. We have an entire website dedicated to transparency around this topic, including our list of credibly accused clergy, charts that show the financial impacts of abuse and how since our Safe Environment program was implemented, instances of alleged sexual abuse sharply dropped in the 1980s. In fact, 99% of all incidences of sexual abuse by clergy occurred before 1990 in our archdiocese.

It frustrates me and many Catholics that people think some of our priests are currently abusing minors and vulnerable adults. This is simply not true. This misinformation is demoralizing for our current priests and pastoral leaders who are diligent about our safe environment protocols and are dedicated to healing. It also saddens us that this has caused so many to turn away from the Church. I pray that we can all find healing from this tragedy of abuse.

Global Efforts

As archbishop, I have had the opportunity to participate in several efforts beyond our archdiocese. We are part of the Partnership for a World Without Nuclear Weapons, which began after my pilgrimage of peace to Japan in 2023. I, along with Archbishop John Wester of Santa Fe, Archbishop Peter Nakamura of Nagasaki, Bishop Alexis Shirahama of Hiroshima and Archbishop Emeritus Joseph Takami of Nagasaki, formed this global partnership to work toward a world without nuclear weapons. The focus of this effort is to work for peace and educate people about the threat to all of creation that nuclear weapons pose, while walking in solidarity with the people already affected by these weapons of mass destruction. You can learn more about it here.

Additionally, I was given the great honor as one of the 23 delegates from the United States to participate in the global synod. Last October, I spent the month in Rome sitting at tables with people from all over the world discerning how the Holy Spirit is animating the life of the Church today for spiritual renewal and structural reform. This was a powerful experience that resulted in the publication of the <u>final document</u> shortly after the synod concluded. Here is a link to my <u>video summary</u> of this experience and the key elements of the final document.

Looking Ahead

There are many wonderful things to look forward to this next year. First, we are blessed to be celebrating the <u>175th anniversary</u> of the Archdiocese of Seattle. There will be several special Masses across the archdiocese to mark this historic moment in our local Church, and I hope you we join me for one of them:

January 25: Proto-Cathedral of St. James the Greater in Vancouver

February 22: Our Lady Star of the Sea in Bremerton
March 1: Immaculate Conception in Mount Vernon

• May 31: St. James Cathedral in Seattle

To honor the past and pioneers like Mother Joseph who planted the seeds that have grown into the Church we are today, Catholics are invited to participate in the <u>Season of Service</u>. Our goal is to reach 175,000 hours of serving others while we reflect Jesus Christ in the world. I hope you will join the effort and invite others to do the same.

In addition to our own 175th anniversary, the universal Church is celebrating Jubilee 2025, called "Pilgrims of Hope." This is a time for people to make a pilgrimage. Many priests will be leading pilgrimages abroad, including myself. We will also offer five local pilgrimage sites across the archdiocese so that everyone has the opportunity to participate. You can learn more about Jubilee 2025, the year's prayer intentions, how to obtain an indulgence and our local pilgrimage sites on our <u>Jubilee 2025 webpage</u>.

This year we will also continue to grow together as parish families on our Partners in the Gospel journey – a journey that relies on the co-responsibility of everyone and relies on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, which we will seek through our communal discernment sessions. This next year parish families will form new leadership teams and begin the One Parish Planning process to help set the vision for your new parish.

I am also looking forward to the expansion of our Care for Creation ministry that is grounded in our Catholic social teaching, which calls us to care for God's creation and the most vulnerable in it. Efforts to care for creation are directly tied to our Catholic faith, and I am excited about engaging young people who are passionate about this topic over the next year. This is just one of many ministries that I am eager to see flourish.

This next year I will travel to Japan to mark the 80th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bombs. This gives us a great moment to call for peace — not just related to nuclear war but related to peace in world, on our streets, in our communities and in our own hearts.

As your archbishop, I seek to fulfill my call of being your pastoral leader while also providing leadership for this corner of the Universal Catholic Church. While the ministry is challenging at times, it is also rewarding, and I could not do it without the dedication and selfless service of our priests and religious brothers and sisters, the leadership and wisdom of our lay staff, the generous stewardship of our volunteers and the faith and action from the whole People of God.

In closing, I wish to express my deep gratitude and encouragement for all those who continue to preach the Word, celebrate the sacraments and exercise any and every kind of charity in the name of Jesus Christ! As always, I remain,

In The Heart of Christ,

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL

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