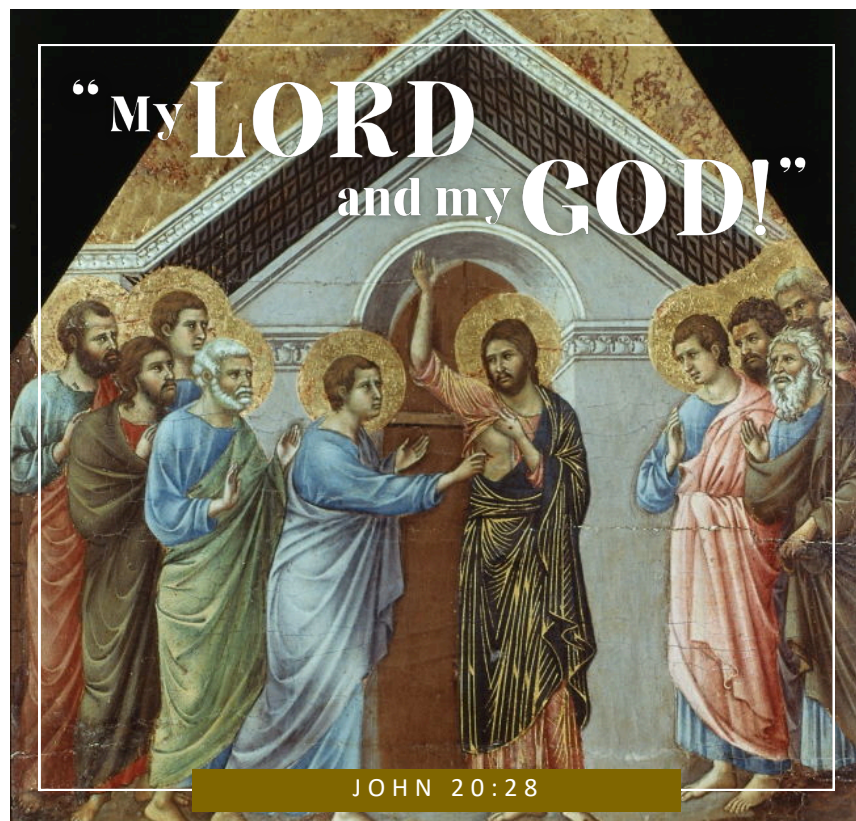


APRIL 27, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

# PARISH FAMILY 14

ST. ALPHONSUS | ST. BENEDICT | ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 PM Vigil at St. Alphonsus

5:00 PM Vigil at St. John

Sunday: 8:30 AM at St. John

9:00 AM at St. Alphonsus

10:30 AM at St. John

11:00 AM at St. Benedict

7:00 PM at St. Benedict

## DAILY MASSES

Mon - Thurs: 7:30 AM at St. Alphonsus

(except **1st** Wed and **1st** Thurs,  
refer to School Masses)

Fri: 9:00 AM at St. John

Sat: 8:00 AM at St. Alphonsus

(except **1st** Sat: 9:00 AM at St. John)

**School Masses: All are welcome!**

**1st** Wed: 8:45 AM at St. Alphonsus

**1st** Thurs: 9:00 AM at St. Benedict

**1st** Fri: 9:00 AM at St. John

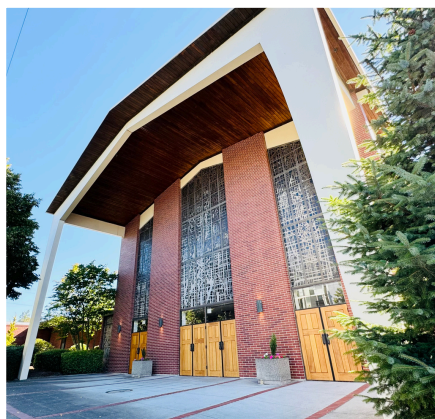
## CONFESSION

Saturday: 4-4:45 PM at St. Alphonsus

4:30 PM at St. John

First Thursday Confession and Adoration:

7-8:00 PM at St. Alphonsus



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# PARISH FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS

## HOLY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Our Parish Family gathered on Holy Thursday at St. John the Evangelist Church for the Mass of the Lord's Supper that kicked off the Easter weekend. One of the most touching parts was the washing of the feet, a reminder of how Jesus showed love by serving others. The evening ended with quiet Adoration—a simple, powerful time of prayer and community.



## GOOD FRIDAY

On Good Friday, our Parish Family gathered at St. Benedict Church for a solemn and prayerful service commemorating the Passion and death of our Lord. The liturgy included the reading of the Passion according to John, solemn intercessions and the adoration of the Cross, where each person came forward and showed respect to the cross as a sign of love and gratitude for Jesus' sacrifice.



## EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

The Easter Vigil at St. Alphonsus Church was a moving and joy-filled celebration. Beginning in darkness, the church came alive with candlelight as we proclaimed the story of salvation, renewed our baptismal promises, and welcomed new members into the Catholic faith. The night was filled with prayer, music, and the hope of the Resurrection, a beautiful reminder that Christ is risen, indeed!





## UPCOMING EVENTS

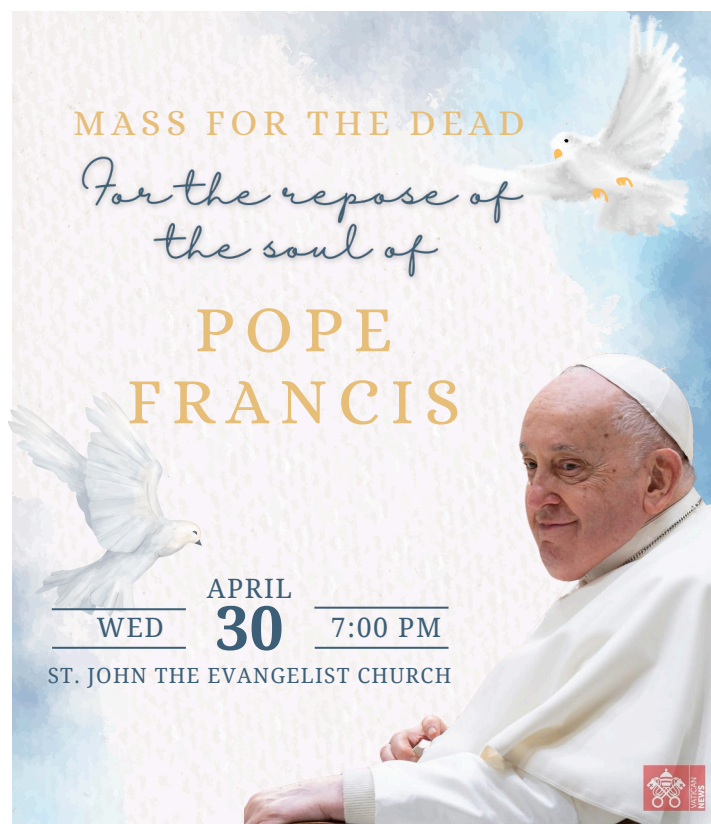


Discover the incredible life of soon-to-be Saint Carlo Acutis in **Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality**.

This powerful new documentary film explores his life, legacy, and the impact of technology on young people today. Through firsthand accounts from family and friends, plus insights from Catholic leaders and tech experts, the film tackles urgent questions about technology's impact on humanity, holding up Carlo as a model for young people as they engage the digital world.

See the trailer: <https://carloacutisfilm.com/resources/>.

Buy tickets here: <https://carloacutisfilm.com/buy-ticket/>.



# Parents' NIGHT OUT

Saturday, May 3, 2025  
St. John Church & Egan Hall

Attend the Vigil Mass together as a family, then drop the kids off at Egan Hall from **6:00 - 8:30 PM** for a fun evening of pizza and a movie, while you enjoy a well-deserved night out!



Open to children in PreK to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade who are potty trained. Don't forget to bring a cozy blanket!

For more information, contact Daniel at [CEFF@stjohnsea.org](mailto:CEFF@stjohnsea.org) or 206-782-2810

Sign up to attend at: <https://bit.ly/PF14ParentNightOut>



**FOOD LIFELINE**  
FEEDING AMERICA

**Wednesday | May 6, 2025 | 6-8 PM**  
**Sorting and Packing Event at the South Park warehouse**

**Join the fun and earn volunteer hours for your students!**

- Help sort and reclaim perfectly good food that would otherwise end up in a landfill. Repackaged food is distributed to more than 270 food banks throughout Western Washington.
- To register, just follow the link - <http://stbens.foodlifeline.volunteerhub.com/>.
- Note that all volunteers must register in advance (FLL recommends 5 days prior). Note children as young as 10 years old (with parent/adult supervision) can join and earn volunteer hours.



# FAITH IN FOCUS

## ENTERING THE CHURCH

**WHEN ENTERING** the church for Mass, Catholics typically perform a series of rituals. They may greet people they see. They cross the threshold that separates the outside world from the church.

They may pick up the parish bulletin or a religious newspaper. They dip their hand in holy water and make the Sign of the Cross. They approach the place where they will sit. They genuflect. They enter the seat, where they may kneel for a few moments, perhaps making the Sign of the Cross again during the genuflection or on taking their place. Many Catholics do all this even if they arrive late for the service. If they have arrived before Mass begins, they may sit for a while and read the materials they picked up on the way in.

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* says very little about how Catholics should enter the church. Most of these particular rituals have derived from custom rather than law.

Of all these gestures, the instruction makes only some brief comments about the respect shown the altar and the tabernacle. If the tabernacle is in the sanctuary, the ministers genuflect to it at the beginning and the end of Mass, but not during it. "Otherwise, all who pass before the Most Blessed Sacrament genuflect, unless they are moving in procession" (274). "A bow of the body, that is to say a profound bow, is made to the altar" (275b).

Upon entering the church, Catholics should either genuflect or bow. They genuflect to the tabernacle if it is in the sanctuary. If it is not, they make a bow of the body toward the altar before taking their place.

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## SAINT OF THE MONTH

**Blessed Carlo Acutis**

1991 - 2006

**Beatified:** October 10, 2020

A London-born teenager nicknamed "God's influencer" for his online skills will be made a saint in April.



Carlo Acutis, who died of leukemia in 2006 at the age of 15, will be the first millennial - a person born in the early 1980s to late 1990s - to be canonized by the Catholic church. Pope Francis previously cleared the way for him to be made a saint by attributing a second miracle to him in May.

The teenager has also been labelled "the patron saint of the internet" for his work recording miracles online and running websites for Catholic organizations. He was previously beatified - attributed his first miracle - in 2020, the healing of a Brazilian child diagnosed with a congenital disease.

Though Carlo Acutis was born in the UK, he died in Monza, in Italy, having spent much of his childhood there. His body was moved to the town of Assisi a year after his death, and it currently resides on display alongside other relics linked to him.

Mr. Acutis gained his nickname partly by designing websites for his parish and school, but he mainly became known for launching a website seeking to document every reported Eucharistic miracle. The website was launched online days before his death and has since been translated into several different languages, and used as the basis for an exhibition which has travelled around the world.

Miracles are typically investigated and assessed over a period of several months, with a person being eligible for sainthood after they have two to their name. For something to be deemed a miracle it typically requires an act seen to be beyond what is possible in nature - such as through the sudden healing of a person deemed to be near-death.

The second miracle attributed to Mr. Acutis came in 2024, when a university student in Florence was healed despite having bleeding on the brain after suffering head trauma. Pope Francis told an audience at the Vatican that the teenager would be made a saint during the weekend beginning 26 April.

Source: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cpvzpxgzpnlo>

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# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

## April 27, 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY) Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

	ST. ALPHONSUS		ST. BENEDICT		ST. JOHN	
<b>April 27</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)</b>	9 AM 10 AM	Mass Coffee & donuts after Mass hosted by the Knights of Columbus	11 AM 12 PM 12:15 PM 7 PM	Mass (Livestream) RIP: Gloria M. Basas Social Hour Children's Initiation Class Mass RIP: Charles Heardman	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Lectio Divina Mass Coffee & Donuts after both Masses
<b>April 28</b> <b>Monday</b>	7:30 AM 7 PM 7 PM	Daily Mass RIP: Michael Hansen OCIA Class Men's Group	7 PM	Gospel Study		
<b>April 29</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 AM	Daily Mass RIP: Paul & Grace Rose			12 - 1 PM 7 - 8 PM	Church open for prayer for Pope Francis
<b>April 30</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 AM	Daily Mass INT: Angie Calvetti			7 PM	Mass for the Dead – For the Repose of the Soul of Pope Francis (Livestream)
<b>May 1</b> <b>Thursday</b>	7:30 AM 10 AM	Daily Mass RIP: Susie Waible-Rose Scripture Study	9 AM 12 PM 7 PM	School Mass - <i>All are welcome!</i> Fitness Group Book Group	3 - 4 PM	Family Adoration
<b>May 2</b> <b>Friday</b>	8:15 AM to 7 PM	Adoration Chapel open			9 AM	School Mass - <i>All are welcome!</i> RIP: Mildred Wesley, Brian Wesley
<b>May 3</b> <b>Saturday</b>	4 PM -4:45 PM 5 PM	Confession Vigil Mass			9 AM 4:30 PM 5 PM 6 PM	1st Saturday Mass Confession Vigil Mass (Livestream) Parents' Night Out
<b>May 4</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	9 AM 10 AM	Mass Coffee & donuts after Mass hosted by the Parish Council	11 AM 12 PM 12:15 PM 7 PM	Mass (Livestream) RIP: Gloria M. Basas Social Hour Children's Initiation Class Mass RIP: Guillermo Mercado	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Lectio Divina Mass Coffee & Donuts after both Masses
	For livestream and recorded masses, click the links:		<a href="https://parish.stbens.net">https://parish.stbens.net</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stben&lt;br/&gt;seattle">https://www.facebook.com/stben seattle</a>		<a href="http://www.stjohnsea.org/live-stream-&lt;br/&gt;masses">www.stjohnsea.org/live-stream- masses</a>	



Sign up to **get notified of mass cancellations** or mass time changes.  
<https://bit.ly/PF14NotifyMe>



Subscribe to **weekly bulletin and newsletter**.  
<https://bit.ly/PF14WeeklyBulletin>



Submit your **questions, concerns and feedback** about our Parish Family.  
<https://bit.ly/PF14Queries>





# PARISH FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS



With joyful hearts, our Parish Family warmly congratulates **all who were baptized, received their First Holy Communion, and were confirmed** during the Easter Vigil!

## BAPTISM

Daniel Bentson  
Katherine Bley  
Budi Chen  
Joshua Erling  
Asako Fukuda  
Ivan Salaverry  
Arjun Sangar  
Bella Sangar  
Rhea Sangar  
Samuel Sixkiller  
William Sixkiller  
Kasandra Brewster  
Jonathan Brewster  
Joseph Brewster  
Charlie Dotolo  
Paul Glumaz  
AnnaMaria Hamilton  
Elliott Otto  
Emerson Otto  
Anthony Tong  
Don Enomoto  
Katherine Freeman  
Lincoln Freeman  
Michelle Freeman  
Perrin Long  
Eric McConnell  
Jonathan Reeve  
Henrick Shepard  
Karsten Shepard

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Nevaeh Swick  
Alena Laban  
Slava Laban  
Chase Howat  
Jonathan Kuypers  
Valerie Frankola  
Jessica Alexander

## CONFIRMATION

Aiden John Vianney Simon  
Daniel Joseph Bentson  
Katherine "Katie" Veronica Bley  
Kasandra "Casey" Brewster  
Jonathan Brewster  
Joseph Brewster  
Budi Benedict Chen  
Charlie Leo Dotolo  
Don Bruno Enomoto  
Johua Matthew Erling  
Asako Maria Maddalena De'Pazzi Fukuda  
Paul Augustine of Hippo Glumaz  
Eric Isadore McConnell  
Elliott Frances Cabrini Otto  
Emerson Frances Cabrini Otto  
Jonathan Roch Reeve  
Ivan Alexander of Jerusalem Salaverry  
Henrick Francis of Assisi Shepard  
Karsten Paul the Apostle Sheperd  
Sam Alphonsus Liguori Sixkiller  
Will Paul Sixkiller  
Anthony Tong  
CJ Louis Martin Castrence  
Anu Maria Domingo  
Nora Claire Kearns  
Taylor Dymphna Robinson  
Leanna Tumpap  
John Jeffrey Scott Vogel  
Jessica Maria Alexander  
Valerie Barbara Frankola  
Chase Francis of Assisi Howat  
Jonathan Nicholas Kuypers  
Alena Laban  
Slava Bennett Laban  
Nevaeh Maximilian Kolbe Swick  
Emilia Juan Diego Acosta  
Victoria Cecilia Acosta  
Arjun John the Evangelist Sangar  
Bella Monica Sangar  
Rhea Charlotte Sangar  
AnnaMaria Ann Mother of Mary Hamilton  
Perrin Maria Goretti Long  
Katherine Michael the Archangel Freeman  
Lincoln Alphonsus Freeman  
Michelle Dymphna Freeman

## FIRST EUCHARIST

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Jonathan Nicholas Kuypers  
Nevaeh Maximilian Kolbe Swick

Your "yes" to God's call is a beautiful witness of faith, and we are blessed to welcome you more deeply into our Parish Family. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and strengthen you on your journey of faith!



# PARISH FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS



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# PARISH FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS

## RESSURECTION PARTY

After the Easter Vigil, our Parish Family continued the celebration with a joyful Resurrection Party! There were food, drinks, laughter, and great company as we welcomed our newly baptized and confirmed members. It was a wonderful way to share the joy of Easter together as a community.



## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped prepare our churches for Holy Week and Easter – those who cleaned, decorated, set up, and made everything ready behind the scenes. We're also deeply grateful to all our volunteers: the choir, cantors, lectors, altar servers, sacristans, Eucharistic ministers, and so many others who gave their time and talents. Your service made our celebrations truly meaningful and beautiful. Thank you for being a blessing to our Parish Family!



## EASTER SUNDAY IN OUR PARISH FAMILY

Easter Sunday was a joyful day for our Parish Family! Our churches were full of life as we celebrated that Jesus is risen. With uplifting music, warm smiles, and heartfelt prayers, it was a special time for everyone to come together, give thanks, and feel the hope of new beginnings.



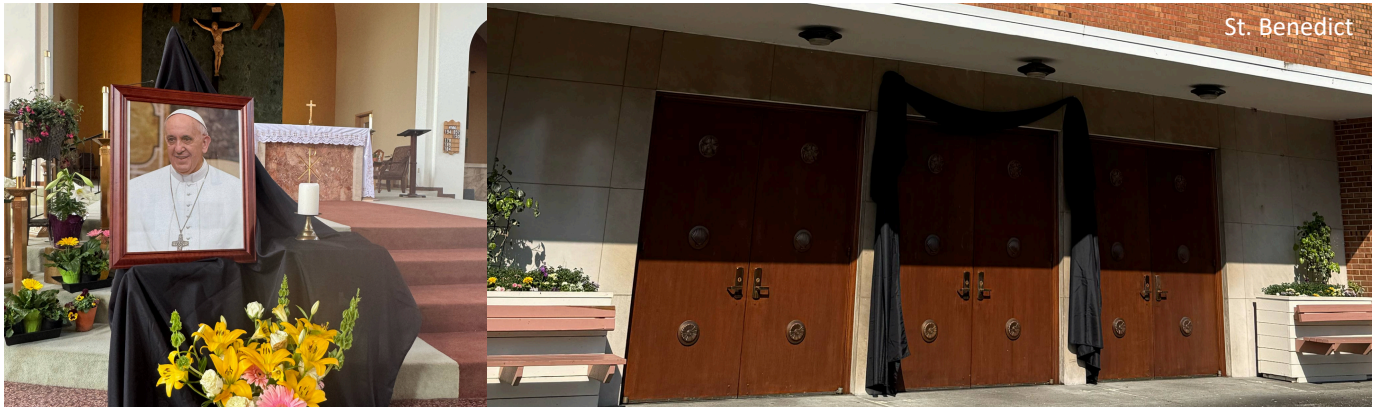


# REMEMBERING POPE FRANCIS

We are deeply heartbroken by the passing of Pope Francis, a beloved shepherd who inspired us to love, serve, and care for one another, especially those often forgotten.

As a sign of our mourning, all our churches will display black bunting until a new pope is elected.

A photo of Pope Francis, accompanied by flowers, is also placed inside each church to honor his memory and legacy.



St. John the Evangelist Church is OPEN on **Tuesday, April 29, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, and 7:00 - 8:00 PM**, for anyone who would like to offer prayers for Pope Francis. There will also be Rosary at St. John on **Saturday, April 26, 4:00 PM** (before the Vigil Mass).

We also invite you to the Parish Family mass for the repose of Pope Francis' soul on **Wednesday, April 30, 7:00 PM, at St. John.**



# St. Benedict

CATHOLIC CHURCH

## PARISH NEWS

### HUMAN CONCERNS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

#### St. Vincent de Paul at St. Benedict

On Good Friday, St Vincent de Paul received a request asking for assistance with a Seattle City Light bill after a mother and two small children, ages 3 and 6, has their power turned off.

With the help of Family Works, the Mom was able to get her family enrolled for the Seattle City Light low- income program, which significantly reduced their bill. However, the home would continue to be without electricity until Seattle City Light received a payment of \$225.

With the funds provided by your donations, our SVdP volunteer was able to contact Seattle City Light and pledge payment of the \$225 for this account. Fortunately, SVdP has a good track record of always sending prompt payment on our pledges. The electricity for this family was turned back on by Friday afternoon.

This is one of the many examples of how your donations to St. Vincent de Paul at St Benedict are put to good use to help our neighbors in need. Thank you to all of you.



## HELP US HELP OTHERS!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society provides vital help to those in need within our parish boundaries by offering grocery, transportation, and rent vouchers. At the same time, our St. Martin de Porres (SMdP) Sandwich Makers lovingly prepare around 800 sandwich lunches every month for men staying at the SMdP shelter in downtown Seattle.



These simple acts of kindness go a long way, and they need your help! Please consider donating or volunteering. Every little bit makes a big difference.



St. Vincent De Paul  
<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E346699&id=84>



St. Martin de Porres:  
<https://ccsww.org/funds/donate-st-martin-de-porres-shelter/>

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Join us for coffee, donuts and juice at the School Cafeteria **after the Sunday 11 AM mass!** Upon exiting the church, turn right and cross the street. Then, head toward the open gate to reach the school cafeteria.

You may also volunteer to host, which is a great way to serve the community. Contact the Parish Office.



### Week of April 20, 2025

#### MASS ATTENDANCE

Sunday, 11 AM 331  
Sunday, 7 PM Cancelled



Invite your friends and family to attend Mass and experience the peace, community, and spiritual growth it brings. Sharing our mass times with them can help strengthen our Parish Family!

#### PARISH COLLECTION

Mass Collection	\$ 3617.00
Online Donations	\$ 2,987.19
Mailed-in	\$ 555.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 7,159.19</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,500.00
<b>Under Weekly Budget</b>	<b>-\$ 340.81</b>

Thank you so much for all your support to St. Benedict Parish!

Set up your recurring online giving now!







# St. Benedict

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

### FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTS

#### Infant Baptism

Our next Parish Family baptism is on **June 15, 2025, Sunday, at 11 AM.**

Register through our website:  
<https://parish.stbens.net/baptism>.

For baptism preparation classes, please contact the Parish Office.



#### Gospel Study

**Every Monday, 7 PM, via Zoom**

Discover the treasures of the Gospel and strengthen your connection with God and others as we explore Scripture together in a welcoming and faith-filled community.

For inquiries, contact Brenda Stratton at [bjandmes.bjs@gmail.com](mailto:bjandmes.bjs@gmail.com).

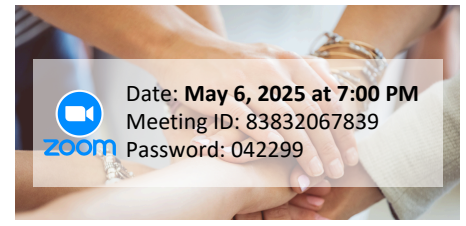


#### Women's Ministry

**1st Tuesdays, 7:00 PM, via Zoom**

Women's Ministry is open to women of all ages and walks of life who wish to take a monthly respite from life's hectic pace while making new friends and supporting each other on a spiritual journey.

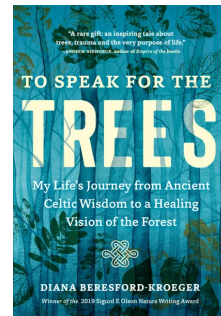
For more info, please contact Debra Reilly at [debras.reilly@gmail.com](mailto:debras.reilly@gmail.com).



#### Book Group

**May 1, 7:00 PM, Mary's Room**

Discussion for May will be *To Speak for the Trees: My Life's Journey from Ancient Celtic Wisdom to a Healing Vision of the Forest* by Diana Beresford-Kroeger. The book to read for May is *The Last Train to London* by Meg Waite Clayton. For more info, please contact Brenda Stratton at [bjandmes.bjs@gmail.com](mailto:bjandmes.bjs@gmail.com).



#### Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you an adult who participates in the life of the church, but has not been confirmed? Would you like to receive this sacrament of initiation and become a full member of the Catholic community? Please contact Daniel Pelfrey at [CEFF@stjohnsea.org](mailto:CEFF@stjohnsea.org).



### EASTER SUNDAY AT ST. BENEDICT



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**St. Benedict**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**ST. BENEDICT**

# First HOLY COMMUNION

COME AND WITNESS THIS BEAUTIFUL SACRAMENT, FILLED WITH GRACE AND THE LOVE OF CHRIST, AS OUR CHILDREN RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST FOR THE FIRST TIME.

**04 MAY 2025 | SUNDAY | 11:00AM**



# Mother's Day Blessings

May 11, 2025

Bring your mom to church for a special Mother's Day Blessing! It's a simple way to show love and say thanks for all she does. We'll pray for all moms and give them a blessing during Mass. Everyone's welcome! Let's celebrate our amazing moms together!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**LECTORS, SACRISTANS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!**

**JOIN NOW** 




<https://bit.ly/StBLiturgicalMin>



# MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions can be scheduled for one of our Sunday Masses. Please note that one Mass will be offered *pro populo* (for the people).

For more details or to schedule an intention, please contact the Parish Office at 206-632-0843 or [parish@stbens.net](mailto:parish@stbens.net).







# St. Benedict

CATHOLIC CHURCH

## SUPPORT CATHOLIC FAMILIES IN THE HOLY LAND



We are having olive wood hand carvings available to purchase after both masses on **April 27th**.

The proceeds are to support Christian Catholic families in the Holy Land since it is the major source of income for them there. More than 75 families in Bethlehem Hand carved these items.

They are very beautiful and unique items-Nativities, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Statues.

The Christian population has dropped from 22% to less than 2% in the past two decades. And this is a way to support them to stay there.



## OLIVE WOOD HAND CARVINGS FOR SALE

### SUNDAY APRIL 27

After 11 AM and  
7 PM masses

St. Benedict Church

## SCHOOL NEWS



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S ANNUAL AUCTION – FRIDAY, MAY 9TH

As our school's largest fundraiser of the year, this event brings together parents, parishioners, and community members for a night of fun, fellowship, and generosity.

The auction directly supports vital programs at St. Benedict, enhancing educational opportunities, classroom resources, and building upgrades. Guests will enjoy a lively evening featuring games, raffles, delicious food, and the opportunity to bid on incredible items and experiences during the live auction.

Make it an unforgettable night by gathering a group of friends and family to fill a table! It's a great way to celebrate together while supporting our school.

Tickets went on sale March 31st! Gather your friends and family to fill a table and make it a night to remember!

If you're interested in supporting the auction, please consider donating an item or becoming an event sponsor. Donations can be made here, [Procurement / Donations](#). Becoming an event sponsor is a great way to advertise your business on our social media platforms, the school website and at the live event. Visit our auction webpage for more information, [2025 Auction - Back to the 80's](#). For questions email: [auction@stbens.net](mailto:auction@stbens.net).

Stay tuned for more details, we can't wait to celebrate with you!

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## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

*Eighth Day of the Octave of Easter*

In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska and added the Feast of Divine Mercy to the Church's official calendar. Saint Faustina, who died in 1938, was a member of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow, Poland. She came from a simple and poor family of farmers, had only three years of rudimentary education, and performed the humblest of tasks in her convent. But she also was a mystic who was privileged to have many private revelations from our Lord. In obedience to her superior and spiritual director, she recorded these private revelations in six notebooks. Those notebooks are known today under the title: *Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*. The messages contained within her diary present profound communications from God for our day and age. Though the messages are many, there are several new ways that God is calling us to a new form of devotion.

Though Saint Faustina died in 1938, we should see the messages in her *Diary* as messages God especially desires we learn and live today. God moves slowly and methodically. He first revealed these messages, then allowed them to be studied by the Church for decades, then led Pope John Paul to canonize her and establish the universal Feast of Mercy on

the last day of the octave of Easter in the year 2000. For these reasons, we should see this as one of the newest and most relevant devotions in our lifetimes.

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, ponder the profound significance of this new form of devotion for the Church and world today. We need God's abundant Divine Mercy to flow from the gates of Heaven upon us more than ever. Only in Heaven will we understand the full depths of God's Mercy. For now, we must trust all that He has revealed through his humble servant Saint Faustina and respond to the requests He has given to us through her. Commit yourself to the various ways God has called us to call upon His Mercy and do so with as much vigor and devotion you can offer Him.

**Prayer:** *You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us (#1319). Jesus, I trust in You.*

Source: My Catholic Life!



# Celebrate the Easter Season



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**Solemnity  
of Easter**

**4/20**



**Feast of Saints  
Philip and James**

**5/3**



**Feast of  
St. Matthias**

**5/14**



**Visitation of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

**5/31**



**Solemnity of the  
Ascension**

**6/1**



**Solemnity  
of Pentecost**

**6/8**

As Catholics, we celebrate the Easter Season from Easter Sunday through Pentecost. This year, the Easter Season is marked by three solemnities and three feasts, and we also observe the month of Mary in May. Learn more about these great feasts and ways to celebrate all Easter season at [archseattle.org/Easter](http://archseattle.org/Easter).





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