

PARISH FAMILY 14

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

**THE APOSTLES ASK,
“INCREASE
OUR FAITH!”**



LUKE 17:5-10

SUNDAY MASSES

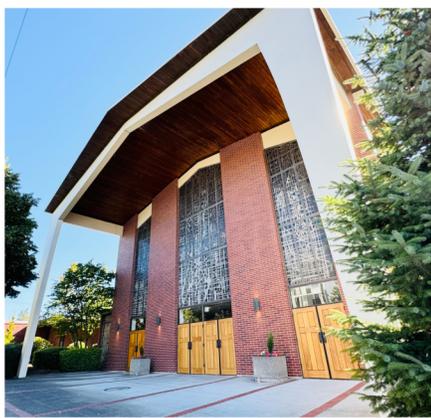
Saturday: 5:00 PM Vigil at St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM Vigil at St. John
Sunday: 8:30 AM at St. John
9:00 AM at St. Alphonsus
10:30 AM at St. John
11:00 AM at St. Benedict

DAILY MASSES

Mon - Thurs: 7:30 AM at St. Alphonsus
Friday: 9:00 AM at St. John
Saturday: 8:00 AM at St. Alphonsus
(except 1st Sat: 9:00 AM at St. John)

CONFESSION

Mon - Thurs: 7:00 - 7:20 AM at St. Alphonsus
Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM at St. Alphonsus
Sunday: 8:00 - 8:45 AM at St. Alphonsus
Sunday: 9:45 - 10:15 AM at St. John
By appointment: info@parishfamily14.org
First Thursday Confession and Adoration:
7:00-8:00 PM at St. Alphonsus



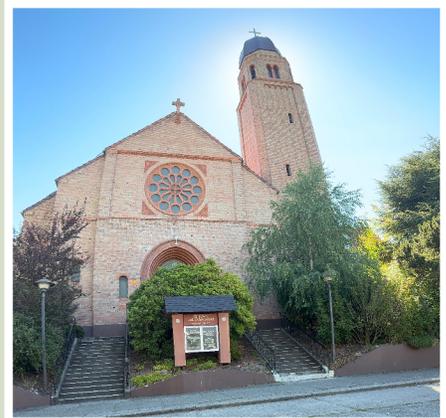
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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

October 5, 2025

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

	ST. ALPHONSUS	ST. BENEDICT	ST. JOHN
October 5 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8 AM Confession 9 AM Mass 10 AM Coffee & Donuts after Mass 10:15 AM First Reconciliation Class	10 AM First Reconciliation Class 11 AM Mass with CLOW (Livestream) 12 PM Coffee & Donuts after Mass	8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Lectio Divina 9:35 AM First Reconciliation Class 9:45 AM Confession 10:30 AM Mass with CLOW 2 PM St. Francis of Assisi meeting Coffee & Donuts after both Masses
October 6 Monday <i>Saint Bruno, Priest; USA: Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin</i>	7 AM Confession 7:30 AM Daily Mass RIP: Hannah Philbin 7 PM Men's Group - McGrath Rm	8:30 AM SMdP Sandwich Making 7 PM Gospel Study via Zoom	
October 7 Tuesday <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	7 AM Confession 7:30 AM Daily Mass RIP: Anthony Lazzara	6:30 PM Women's Ministry	
October 8 Wednesday	7 AM Confession 7:30 AM Daily mass RIP: Alicia Stacey		
October 9 Thursday <i>Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest</i>	7 AM Confession 7:30 AM Daily Mass RIP: Jon Condon 10 AM Scripture Study 7 PM OCIA - Family Center		3-4 PM Family Adoration
October 10 Friday	8:15 AM Adoration Chapel open to 8 PM		9 AM Daily Mass RIP - Joe Plumb
October 11 Saturday <i>Saint John XXIII, Pope; BVM</i>	8 AM Daily Mass RIP: Lilia Corcoro 4 PM Confession 5 PM Vigil Mass	9:30 AM Craft Group	5 PM Vigil Mass (Livestream)
October 12 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8 AM Confession 9 AM Mass 10 AM Coffee & Donuts after Mass 10:15 AM First Reconciliation Class	10 AM First Reconciliation Class 11 AM Mass with CLOW (Livestream) 12 PM Coffee & Donuts after Mass	8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Lectio Divina 9:35 AM First Reconciliation Class 9:45 AM Confession 10:30 AM Mass with CLOW 12 PM Blessing of the Pets Coffee & Donuts after both Masses
	For livestream and recorded masses, click the links:	https://parish.stbens.net www.facebook.com/stbenseattle	www.stjohnsea.org/live-stream-masses



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



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



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



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PARISH FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We will no longer post updates on individual parishes' social media pages - Facebook and Instagram. We're moving all updates to our Parish Family page: [@parishfamily14](#).

Follow us there for news, events, and parish life. Thank you for your support during this transition!



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FAITH FORMATION TEAM NOW SERVING FROM ST. BENEDICT PARISH CENTER!

Last Sunday, our Parish Family enjoyed Coffee and Donuts at St. Benedict, where we met the Faith Formation Team.

The team has now fully moved to the St. Benedict Parish Center and is ready to serve our Parish Family!



Lori, Claire, Julia and Daniel



**PARTNERS
IN THE GOSPEL**

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE LISTENING SESSIONS!

Don't miss it! Sign up and mark your calendars now! Ideally, attend the session scheduled for your home parish, but if another time works better, that's fine.

St. Alphonsus

October 18, Saturday, after the 5 PM Vigil Mass
October 19, Sunday, after the 9 AM Mass

St. Benedict

October 19, Sunday, after the 11 AM Mass

St. John

October 25, Saturday, after the 5 PM Vigil Mass
October 26, Sunday, after the 8:30 AM Mass
October 26, Sunday, after the 10:30 AM Mass

Sign up and
be heard!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Francis of Assisi Ministry
BLESSING OF *Pets*
Sunday, October 12
12:00 - 12:30 PM
St. John Schoolyard



Please note that we anticipate animals of all sizes and types and we don't wish any to be harmed. Thus, we require all dogs to either be leashed or carried in a secure dog carrier. In addition, all other animals (e.g., cats, birds, hamsters, snakes, etc.) need to be brought to the schoolyard in a secure carrier. If you can't bring your pet in a secure carrier or if you can't control your leashed dog, please leave your pet home and bring a photo for Father Parrish to bless.



UW Organ Studio at St. Alphonsus Church

40th Anniversary Celebration of the Fritts/Richards Organ, Op.4

**SATURDAY
OCT. 18, 2025**
7PM—FREE
St. Alphonsus Catholic Church
5820 15th Ave NW, Seattle, WA

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UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON
music.washington.edu

PARISH STEWARDSHIP TIME. TALENT. TREASURE.

WE ARE CALLED TO SHARE OUR GIFTS WITH OTHERS.

October is Stewardship Season!

Mark your calendars! We are kicking off our **2026 Parish Stewardship Renewal Drive** the weekend of **November 1 & 2.**

Our **State of the Parish Schedule** will be as follows:
St. John: Nov 1 and 2
St. Alphonsus: Nov 8 and 9
St. Benedict: Nov 9



We ask that we all prayerfully reflect on our giving plans for the coming year.

Many, many thanks for your continued support. Because of your generosity, we are able to continue to serve the ongoing ministries of our Parish Family. This financial commitment is a testament to your dedication to this community.

-- SAVE THE DATE --



an introduction to the **Gospel of Matthew**
with **Ron Ryan, D. Min.**

Wednesday, December 3
7:00 - 8:30 pm • St. John Parish Admin Bldg.

Written in the final years of the first century, the Gospel of Matthew was addressed to a community struggling to make sense out of a changing world—one in which cultures clashed and long-established values were passing away. In Matthew, Jesus reinterprets laws, customs and traditions to reveal new meaning for his disciples. Most importantly, he assures them that he will be with them as they face an uncertain future.

In a time when our own world struggles, the Gospel of Matthew offers us a message of hope. Join us for this one session introduction as Ron Ryan offers an overview of the Gospel we will hear at Mass throughout the new year. There is no registration or fee. Everyone is welcome.

FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTS

SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS

Gospel/Scripture Ministry

October 6, 7 PM | St. Benedict Gospel Study via Zoom
Meeting ID: 864 2616 6842 Password: 961919

October 9, 10 AM | St. Alphonsus Scripture Study at
St. Alphonsus McGrath Room

Men's Group

October 6, 7 PM | St. Alphonsus Men's Group fellowship and faith sharing at St. Al McGrath Room; We will continue watching "The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius" series and praying the Rosary. All men over 18 in the Parish Family are welcome. Please join us! For more information, please contact Brian LeBlanc: brianleblanc76@gmail.com.

Book Group

October 19, 7 PM | St. John Book Club at St. John Parish Admin Building; Next book is *Paul Among the People: The Apostle Reinterpreted and Reimagined in His Own Time* by Sarah Rudden. This author gives a high-level overview of Paul's time and community. According to Goodreads, "It is a common—and fundamental—misconception that Paul told people how to live. Apart from forbidding certain abusive practices, he never gives any precise instructions for living. It would have violated his two main social human freedom and dignity, and the need for people to love one another".

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Infant Baptism

Baptisms in our Parish Family are scheduled during the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses at our three churches. Upcoming baptism dates: **December 13 and 14, 2025; February 28 and March 1, 2026; June 13 and 14, 2026** For more information, contact Julia Rudden at jrudden@parishfamily14.org.

Youth Confirmation

All baptized Catholic youth of our Parish Family in grades 7 and above are invited to join.

- **Classes start on November 2** and will meet at St. John's Egan Hall (unless otherwise communicated).
- Register here: <https://bit.ly/PF14ConfirmationReg>
- For full details, go to <https://www.stjohnsea.org/confirmation> or contact jrudden@parishfamily14.org.

Women's Ministry

October 7, 6:30 PM | St. Benedict Women's Ministry via Zoom Meeting ID: 83832067839 Password: 042299 Women's Ministry offers a welcoming space for women to connect, study the Bible, pray together, and find encouragement and empowerment. For more info, please contact Debra Reilly at debras.reilly@gmail.com.

New Ministry!

GROUNDED IN GRACE



Are you navigating the pain of divorce or marital separation? You are not alone. Join our support group, Grounded in Grace, a safe and confidential space for women to find healing and hope. Together, we'll explore spirituality as a source of strength, share our experiences, and find peace and clarity on this new path.

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 16, 6 - 7:30 PM** in the St. Alphonsus Family Center. A light meal will be provided. All are welcome. Please RSVP. For more information, please contact olivia@raesegroup.com.

First Holy Communion and Reconciliation

Open to baptized children 7 years of age and in the second grade.

St. Alphonsus: Classes began September 7, 2025! Email Claire Shea at claireshea@stalseattle.org for more information.

St. Benedict: Classes start on Sunday, October 5, at 10 AM in the St. Ben Resource Room. Please email jrudden@parishfamily14.org for the registration form and more information.

St. John: Classes begin Sunday, October 5, 2025! For more info, email jrudden@stjohnsea.org or visit <https://www.stjohnsea.org/first-reconciliation-and-first-communion>.

ARE YOU AN ADULT SEEKING CONFIRMATION, OR INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Join our OCIA! Sessions are held on **Thursday evenings at 7 PM in the St. Alphonsus Family Center**. This is open to anyone who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith. All are welcome!



SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION



Spaghetti DINNER

\$10*
PER PLATE

* \$5 PER PLATE FOR KIDS AND SENIOR CITIZENS

RSVP BY SCANNING THE QR CODE OR MESSAGING LOUIERVH@GMAIL.COM. YOUR RSVP WILL HELP US ENSURE WE HAVE ENOUGH TO SHARE WITH EVERYONE.

[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/IEFNDDU6R](https://forms.office.com/r/IEFNDDU6R)

OCTOBER 11 | SAT | 6 PM | ST. ALS FAMILY CENTER

St. Martin de Porres Sandwich Making

SMdP sandwich makers prepare a total of 800 sandwich lunches every month for men who live at the SMdP shelter in downtown Seattle. Join the next sandwich making on **October 6, 2025, Monday, 8:30AM** in the St. Benedict Parish Center. Contact Vicky Briones at vicster912@gmail.com for more information.

Sancta Vita

Each October the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month.

Next weekend, please stop by the information table in the St. Alphonsus main vestibule to see how we can support our local agencies who promote respect for all life.

Please join us in prayer as we support the North Seattle 40 days for Life Campaign and Respect Life Month. Each day, individuals, churches, families, and groups are asked to join together in prayer for a specific request so the entire Body of Christ can unite around a common focus.

The daily prayer intentions are available in the St. Alphonsus vestibules and upon request.

More information about the campaign can be found online at: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/northSeattle>



Saint Francis of Assisi Ministry

SEASON OF CREATION

The 2025 Season of Creation encompasses the World Day of Prayer for Creation and the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, dedicated to celebrating God as Creator and renewing our commitment to caring for the Earth through prayer and action.

- **Sun, October 12, St. John:** Blessing of the Pets. After Mass in the **St. John schoolyard from Noon - 12:30 PM.** Details are in the Upcoming Events page.
- **Sat, November 8, Christ the King, 9:00 AM:** North Seattle Sacred Salmon Pilgrimage. We will join with other North Seattle parishes and schools to walk from Christ the King church to Carkeek Park to view the spawning salmon. More details to come.

The Saint Francis of Assisi ministry gathers monthly to care for creation and address climate change. Join us Sunday, October 5 at 2 PM in the St. John Admin Building. All are welcome. Learn more at saintfrancisseattle.org.



MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND NEEDED!

Are You Called to Serve as a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick and Homebound? A dedicated group from St. John visits Ballard Care Center on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, bringing the presence of Christ to those who are sick or homebound. We warmly invite members of our Parish Family to join this meaningful ministry.

If you feel called to serve or would like to learn more, please contact Marion Johnson at marijo9974@yahoo.com or 206-295-9974.



Breakfast by Angel's Cafe

October 26 | Sunday | St. Alphonsus Family Center

Join us for a delicious breakfast immediately following the 9 AM Mass at St. Alphonsus. All are welcome!

- ✓ Western omelet with ham, peppers and onions
- ✓ Sister Giovanni's Rosemary Potatoes
- ✓ Fruit Cocktail
- ✓ Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate

FAITH IN FOCUS



Black Vestments

A PRIEST and deacon in the United States may wear black vestments at funerals and at Offices and Masses for the Dead (*General Instruction of the*



Roman Missal 346e). However, the custom has fallen out of favor. They may wear violet vestments instead, and this is still somewhat customary in countries outside the United States. But most commonly on these occasions the priest and deacon wear white, the color of the Easter season and of other festive celebrations.

Prior to the Second Vatican Council, people frequently saw their clergy dressed in black vestments for daily Mass. On weekdays, as long as no feast was being celebrated, the priest often said a Mass for the Dead. Not a funeral Mass, it was an occasion to remember someone who had died some time ago.

The custom of wearing black changed for two reasons. One was the desire to minimize the number of Masses for the Dead and to increase the number of Masses for other occasions. A weekday in Ordinary Time today, for example, may be celebrated as a Votive Mass, a Mass for some other need or occasion, or even as nothing more than an ordinary weekday. The Mass for the Dead may still be used, but other intentions have taken precedence. The priest vests in a color appropriate to the celebration at hand.

The other reason for the change was the growing preference to use white for funeral Masses. The change in vestment color signaled a shift from concentrating on the loss of life to the promise of salvation. Because white has been used most frequently for funerals in the United States, it is also a preferred color for Masses of the Dead.

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SAINT OF THE MONTH

John Henry Newman

Feast Day: October 9

Canonized: October 13, 2019

Beatified: September 19, 2010

Venerated: January 22, 1991



At the 2010 Mass that proclaimed John Henry Newman “Blessed,” some of the hymns sung were written by that very man. But John was not simply a man who wrote hymns. He was someone who inspired others with his life and his writings.

A well-respected priest, theologian, and writer in the Anglican Church, John left that faith when he was 44 years old and became a Catholic in 1845. Because of his contributions in spiritual writing, he was eventually named a cardinal. He helped found the Catholic University of Ireland, which today is University College, Dublin, the country’s largest university.

John was born in London, the son of a banker. From a very young age he was interested in learning and studying. He was attracted to the Anglican faith as a teenager and was ordained in 1824. He was a pastor but primarily worked as a university teacher for much of his early life. The more he learned, the more he determined that he needed to be on a different spiritual road. When he decided to become a Catholic, he lost many friends and family members.

After being ordained a Catholic priest, he lectured and continued his writing. John was known as a caring pastor among his working-class parishioners. He served as rector of the Catholic University of Dublin for several years and founded private Catholic schools for boys in England. A number of “Newman Centers” and “Newman Societies” have been created on college campuses all over the world, giving Catholic college students pastoral support.

He died in 1890 and was deemed “Blessed” by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010 in ceremonies in England. The pope paid special tribute to Newman’s vision of education, which combined intellectual training, moral discipline, and religious commitment.

<http://www.saintsresource.com/john-henry-newman>

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PARISH FAMILY UPDATES

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER...

Please remember the following people who are ill, homebound, or need your prayers this week: Marnie Ahern, Lillian Anderson, Fridon Bahrimandarlini, Alexander Bodsky, Anneliese Bodsky, Carmen Marie Bravo, Linda Broderick, Joe Chitty, Donna Day, Jeff D'Amelio, Natasha Ryan D'Amelio, Bertha Eriksson, Ritchell Furigay-Cunanan, Todd Galvão, Espedito P. Galvão, Margaret Goodrich, Carol Grimes, Lianne Grimes, Myrna Israkul, Emily Jones, Joan Knebel, Nicholas Konopik, Dave Livingstone, Daniel Love, Josephine Lynch, Seamus Lynch, Norma Macke, Ginny Massett, Darren Miller, Joanne Morgan, Jerry Mulka, Patricia Mulka, Jennifer Nagel, Ray Naidu, Dan Nichols, Patricia Patterson, Jack Piza, Bob Pohlman, Lucy Rogers, Hilda Saleh, Lisa Schmidt, Jack Serwold, Abby Simpson, Lil' Stanley, Jeannette Tannario, Scott Tom, Jane Treeheal, Dennis Weiler, Jerilyn Wetzal, Shea Wilson, Lillian Yamamoto, and Megan Yoshimura.

For those who have died, that they may rest in the healing embrace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray to the Lord. For Armed Forces personnel throughout the world, that they come home safely to their families, we pray to the Lord.

Note: To request a prayer, please call the Parish Office or use the QR code or this link:

<https://bit.ly/PF14Prayer>



READINGS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 - Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

2 Kings 5:14-17

The foreigner Naaman humbles himself and receives God's healing.

Psalm

Psalm 98

"The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power."

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13

If, like Christ, we hold out even to death, we will reign with Christ.

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

Ten lepers show faith in obeying the Lord, but in thankfulness one goes a step farther—straight into the kingdom of God.

Today's readings extol the virtue of gratitude. We hear first of Naaman, a foreigner, who is so grateful to Elisha and the LORD for curing his leprosy that he returns to offer gifts. In the Gospel, another foreigner—a Samaritan—returns to Jesus to offer thanks after his leprosy is cured. May we be as grateful as them for God's blessings upon us, starting with our "Thanks be to God" for the saving power of God's word.

PARTICIPATION AND STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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!

Week of September 28, 2025

St. Alphonsus Parish

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, 5 PM	82
Sunday, 9 AM	224

PARISH COLLECTION

Mass Collection	\$ 2,979.00
Online Donations	\$ 2,378.53
Mailed-in	\$2,122.00
Total Collection	\$ 7,479.53
Weekly Budget	\$ 9,833.00
Under Weekly Budget	\$ 2,353.47

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

Set up your recurring online giving now!



St. Benedict Parish

MASS ATTENDANCE

Sunday, 11 AM	184
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PARISH COLLECTION

Mass Collection	\$1,564.10
Online Donations	\$ 3,724.87
Mailed-in	\$ 220.00
Total Collection	\$5,508.97
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,055.00
Under Weekly Budget	\$ 546.03

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St. John Parish

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, 5 PM	99
Sunday, 8:30 AM	160
Sunday, 10:30 AM	178

PARISH COLLECTION

Mass Collection	\$ 1,629.75
Online Donations	\$ 6,141.58
Mailed-in	\$ 1,793.00
Total Collection	\$ 9,564.33
Weekly Budget	\$ 17,229
Under Weekly Budget	\$ 7,664.67

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Set up your recurring online giving now!

<https://bit.ly/PushpaySJ>



SCHOOL NEWS

Join the 1st grade class at St. Benedict Catholic School in collecting new men's athletic socks for Operation Nightwatch in Seattle.



How to help:

- Drop off socks at St. Benedict School or Church
- Or donate online using the QR code

To help support our first grade service project, please bring **NEW MENS ATHLETIC SOCKS** in original packaging to school.



All donations will be given to Operation Nightwatch.



This year, Sock-tober also supports the Archdiocesan "Move Your Feet – Faith in Action" campaign, showing unity and prayerful support for Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis.

DISCOVER THE GIFT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Our Parish Family is blessed with vibrant Catholic schools that partner with families in nurturing faith, knowledge, and community.

We invite you to consider them for your child's education and contact our schools.

We look forward to welcoming your family into our school communities!



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TRUNK OR *treat* SPOOKTACULAR

Wednesday | October 29 | 5:30 - 8:00 PM
St. Alphonsus School Parking Lot

Featuring: Cake Walk, Pumpkin Decorating, Self-Serve Photo Stand, Costume Contest, Bouncy Houses, Carnival Games and Food Trucks!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SUPPORT OUR EVENT, SCAN THE QR CODES!

Become a **SPONSOR** or make a donation to help make this event a success!

VOLUNTEER and help make this a fun, safe event for our kids.

TRADER JOE'S GROCERY OUTLET bargain market

BINGO! NIGHT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

First Game at 7pm
Saint Alphonsus Parish School

Bring your Friends and Family!

Food and Beverage Available for Purchase

Join us for a fun-filled evening of games, laughter, and prizes at our 1st School Bingo Night of the new school year!

Bring the whole family and enjoy classic bingo rounds, snacks, and a chance to win exciting cash prizes.

Kitchen opens at 6:30 and Games kick-off at 7pm.

All ages and community members welcome!

THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE



WORLD ROSARY DAY
for World Peace
October 7 at 10am PT
Let's unite our prayers with the Holy Father.

Join the Vatican and Catholics from all over the world in praying the Rosary for hope and peace on World Rosary Day, which is also the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. For more details go to <https://archseattle.org/events/world-rosary-day>



Washington State Catholic Conference
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WEBINAR



EMMJOLEE MENDOZA WATERS
Director of Death Penalty Abolition, Catholic Mobilizing Network

THE STATE OF THE US DEATH PENALTY 2025 October 9 | 1:00 - 2:00 pm

"The State of the US Death Penalty 2025" explores national trends in capital punishment, including recent federal commutations and state-level shifts. The webinar will also reflect on Catholic teaching and how the faith community is responding to the continued use of the death penalty in the U.S. Register for this online event: <https://bit.ly/42g1ddo>



ALEAH PATULOT
Director of Mission Engagement,
Catholic Community Services of Western Washington

ISLANDS OF MERCY: HOW THE CHURCH IS BRINGING HEALING AND HOPE TO THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN WESTERN WASHINGTON Oct. 16 | 12:00 - 1:00 pm

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The joy of marriage is the joy of the Church

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A Weekend to Prepare Couples for the Sacrament of Marriage



Oct 24-26 | 4 PM - 12 PM | Archbishop Brunett Retreat Ctr

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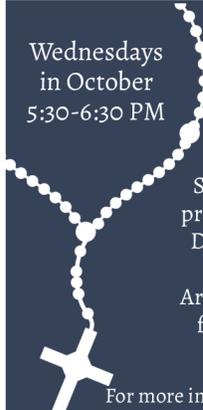
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9AM - 2PM

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Plan with faith and leave a legacy of love.

Join us **Sunday, October 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at any of our four locations—Calvary (Seattle), Holyrood (Shoreline), or Gethsemane (Federal Way)—for a welcoming Open House. Learn about Catholic burial and cremation options, receive a free pre-planning guide, and discover how pre-planning is a loving act of mercy for your family. For more information visit www.mycatholiccemetery.org or call (206) 366-8834.



Wednesdays
in October
5:30-6:30 PM

SPIRITUAL ROSARY
with Immigrant Detainees

Spiritually join in prayer from wherever you are to pray the rosary with immigrant detainees at the NW Detention Center. We are not gathering physically, rather gathering in prayer throughout the Archdiocese seeking the Blessed Mother's protection for migrants throughout the world and especially those detained at the NW Detention Center.

For more info, contact Terri Nelson - terri.nelson@seattlearch.org.

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One Minute Meditations

St. Paul of the Cross

Born in seventeenth-century Ovada, Italy, to a noble Catholic family, Paul Francis Danei had a great devotion to the Cross of Christ since he was young. He turned down a respectable marriage to devote his life to prayer, penance, preaching, and works of charity. In 1720, he was called to found an order honoring Jesus' Passion. The Passionist Order received papal approval. The order elected St. Paul as their superior general until his death in 1775.

Celebrating All Hallows Eve

Halloween is a Catholic holy day — it's the vigil of All Saints Day. It even has its own liturgical prayers! One way to recapture a sense of the sacred on this holy vigil is to pray Evening Prayer (Vespers) in the Liturgy of the Hours. It is easily found online and takes about 15 minutes. It's a beautiful, deeply liturgical way to celebrate All Hallows Eve with the Church. Because solemnities "start" the evening before, after Vespers, the party can start!

"If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next... Aim at Heaven and you will get earth 'thrown in': aim at earth and you will get neither" C.S. Lewis.

Simple ways to stay rooted in God's love every day

God meets us in powerful ways through the Sacraments, especially at Sunday Mass. But we're not meant to leave His presence at the church door. Our souls need daily contact with His love—through small, intentional acts that anchor us in grace, even during busy or chaotic days.

Start with a Morning Offering. This short prayer dedicates everything you do — your work, joys, and struggles — to God. It turns your entire day into an offering, a prayer in motion. Even when events feel out of control, you've already placed them in His hands. That changes how you carry each moment.

Wearing a crucifix, saint medal, or carrying a Rosary is another way to stay grounded. These sacramentals aren't lucky charms—they're signs of faith and reminders that we belong to God. When worn or used with devotion, they offer quiet strength and speak to the world, even without words.

Next, carry a line of Scripture with you. Choose a verse that speaks to your heart and keep it where you'll see it—on your phone, dashboard, or mirror. Reflect on it throughout the day. God's Word is alive and personal. Even a single verse can give light when your path feels dim.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105).

Lastly, surround yourself with sacred art. A holy card in your wallet, an image of Christ in your kitchen—these aren't just decorative. They teach, inspire, and prompt prayer. They gently turn your attention toward Heaven in the middle of daily routines.

None of these habits takes much time, but over time, they shape your heart. They help you live with peace, stay open to grace, and remember: God is near, always ready to meet us where we are.

Why Do Catholics Do That? **Why does the Catholic Our Father have a different ending?**

Many Protestant versions of the Our Father include the doxology: "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever." While this line is theologically rich and spiritually uplifting, it was not part of the original prayer Jesus gave His disciples. It does not appear in the earliest and most reliable Gospel manuscripts. Scholars believe it began as a marginal note—

possibly added for liturgical use—that was later copied into the text. Its inclusion in the King James Bible helped establish it in Protestant tradition, where it remains a beloved conclusion. Though not found in the original biblical text, the doxology reflects the heart of Christian praise and continues to express the glory of God in worship across many denominations.

Holy Hospitality - let love lead during the holidays

We may not have to host the Messiah and twelve hungry disciples on short notice, but the stress St. Martha felt is all too familiar during the holiday season. The good news? Grace can do what we cannot.

To find peace amid pressure, Pope Leo XIII said to begin with silence. Even a few moments of quiet prayer each day can create the space needed for God to work in your heart. Then, he offered two essential practices:

Focus on what matters most. Jesus' friend, Martha, was "anxious and troubled about many things," but Jesus reminded her of the "one thing... necessary" (Luke 10:41-42). Hospitality isn't about perfection—it's about presence. Pope Leo encourages us to make space for real human connection:

to care, to listen, and to truly see those around us. Resist the urge to multitask. And yes—put the phone away.

Choose understanding over offense. The holidays can magnify tensions, but they also offer a sacred opportunity for growth. "It takes effort," Pope Leo admitted, "to understand one another in disagreements, and to forgive when mistakes are made." Approach family gatherings with humility and grace. Assume the best. Be patient, flexible, and quick to forgive. Small acts of mercy often go unseen—but "your Father who sees in secret will reward you" (Matthew 6:18).

This season, let love—not logistics—lead. That's the heart of holy hospitality.

from Scripture

Luke 18:9-14, Divine mercy responds to humility

In this Gospel passage, Jesus contrasts two prayers: one from a respected Pharisee, the other from a despised tax collector—a comparison that would have shocked His audience.

In first-century Jewish society, Pharisees were seen as models of religious observance, while tax collectors were viewed as collaborators with the Roman occupiers and often as corrupt and dishonest.

The Pharisee confidently takes a prominent place in the temple and offers what appears to be a prayer—but it's really a self-congratulatory speech. He thanks God not for grace

received, but for his own perceived righteousness. In contrast, the tax collector stands at a distance, won't even lift his eyes, and offers a single, sincere plea: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Jesus tells us it was the tax collector—not the Pharisee—who went home justified before God

This parable reminds us that true prayer begins with humility. God isn't impressed by performance or flowery words. He desires contrition, honesty, and a heart open to grace. He already knows us, loves us, and simply asks for our love in return.

Feasts & Celebrations

October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary (1571). This feast was originally named, "Our Lady of Victory" by Pope Pius V, on the victory of the Battle of Lepanto, when the Christians won a critical victory against the Ottomans after praying the Rosary. Pope Gregory XIII later renamed this feast in recognition of this powerful prayer.

October 10 – St. Francis Borgia (1572). St. Francis was a nobleman who served in the Spanish imperial court. After the death of his wife, he gave away all his possessions and joined the Jesuits. He proved to be a good administrator, and as superior

general of the Jesuits, he helped to spread their presence all over Spain and Portugal.

October 14 – St. Callixtus I (222). Born a slave in a Roman household, Callixtus was ordained a deacon by Pope Zephyrinus, whom he later succeeded. Callixtus's election caused an eighteen-year schismatic movement. He fought against heresy and showed tolerance toward sinners. In a time of trial and confusion, he re-opened the Church to all. He was later martyred.

October 28 – Saints Simon and Jude (1st century). St. Simon was a Zealot – Jews who believed the Messiah would free them from political oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman. After following Jesus, they eventually traveled to Persia where they preached the Gospel until they were martyred.

Q & A Why do Catholics have different types of Masses?

Liturgical diversity has always been part of the Church's life. Today, when people refer to "different Masses," they may be referring to the different forms, such as the Traditional Latin Mass (also called the Extraordinary Form) and the more familiar post-Vatican II Mass (Novus Ordo, or Ordinary Form).

The Traditional Latin Mass, shaped over centuries, is known for its reverence, use of Latin and chant, and the priest facing ad orientem—toward the altar along with the people. It fosters an atmosphere of silence and awe.

The Novus Ordo emerged after the Second Vatican Council, which called for a renewed, simplified liturgy that would be more accessible and participatory. At that time, Latin was no longer widely taught or understood.

Both forms are authentic expressions of the same Eucharistic mystery—the meeting of Heaven and Earth at the altar. When celebrated reverently, each reveals the beauty and depth of the Church's liturgical tradition in distinct but complementary ways.

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