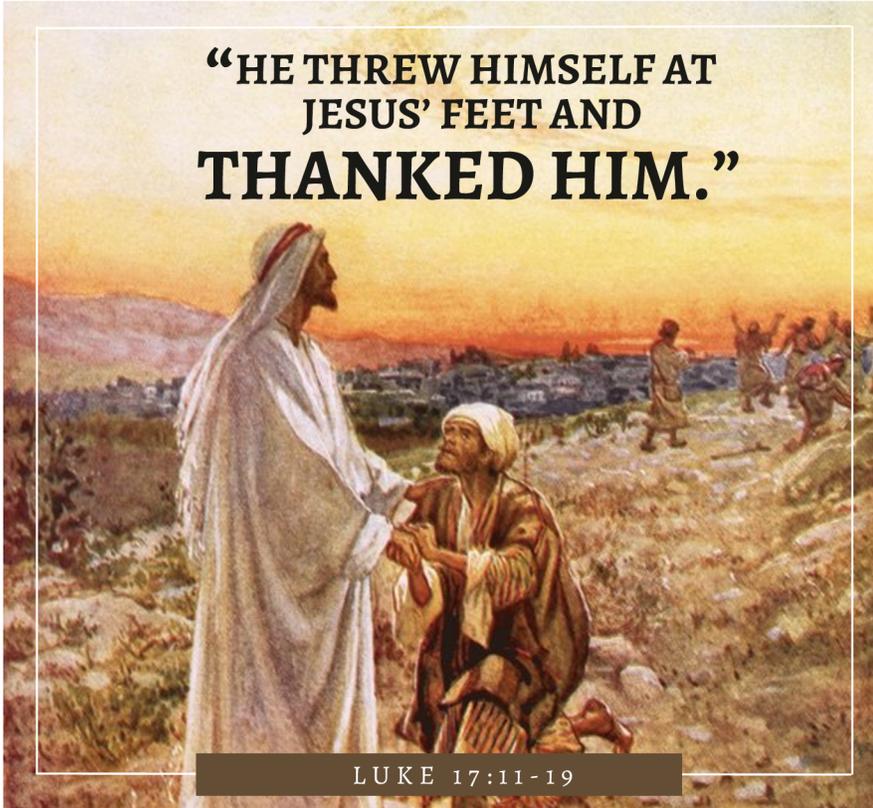


# PARISH FAMILY 14

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

**“HE THREW HIMSELF AT  
JESUS’ FEET AND  
THANKED HIM.”**



LUKE 17:11-19

## 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](mailto: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 12, 2025

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

	ST. ALPHONSUS	ST. BENEDICT	ST. JOHN
<b>October 12</b> <b>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	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
<b>October 13</b> <b>Monday</b>	7 AM Confession 7:30 AM Daily Mass RIP: Santa Bertucci 5:45 PM Young Adult Mass and Dinner - St. Al Convent 7 PM Men's Group - McGrath Rm	7 PM Gospel Study via Zoom	
<b>October 14</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <i>Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr</i>	7 AM Confession 7:30 AM Daily Mass RIP - Hugh Guthrie	6:30 PM Women's Ministry	
<b>October 15</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <i>Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>	7 AM Confession 7:30 AM Daily mass INT: St. Alphonsus School Families and Teachers		
<b>October 16</b> <b>Thursday</b> <i>Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin</i>	7 AM Confession 7:30 AM Daily Mass INT - Len Andrews 10 AM Scripture Study 6 PM Grounded in Grace 7 PM OCIA - Family Center		3-4 PM Family Adoration
<b>October 17</b> <b>Friday</b> <i>Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr</i>	8:15 AM Adoration Chapel open to 8 PM		9 AM Daily Mass RIP - Miguel Boyle
<b>October 18</b> <b>Saturday</b> <i>Saint Luke, Evangelist</i>	8 AM Daily Mass 4 PM Confession 5 PM Vigil Mass 6 PM <u>Listening Session</u> 7 PM UW Organ Studio		5 PM Vigil Mass (Livestream)  SVdP Collection
<b>October 19</b> <b>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8 AM Confession 9 AM Mass 10 AM <u>Listening Session</u> 10 AM Coffee & Donuts after Mass 10:15 AM First Reconciliation Class	10 AM First Reconciliation Class 11 AM Youth Mass with CLOW (Livestream) 12 PM <u>Listening Session</u> 12 PM Social Hour	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 7 PM Book Club  SVdP Collection Coffee & Donuts after both Masses
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# PARISH FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS

## PARISH FAMILY STAFF

### IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

**OCIC (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN) IS FOR KIDS OR TEENS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH.**

- Do your kids have questions about the Catholic faith?
- Are they from another faith tradition but feel at home in our Parish Family?
- Do you have kids over 7 years old who haven't been baptized?
- Were they baptized Catholic but want to learn more?

If any of these describe your situation, the OCIC might be the perfect opportunity for your family to grow in faith. Come to an inquiry session and learn more about our OCIC program.

Come to an inquiry session!

**St. John - October 25**  
4:00 PM in the Admin Building

**St. Benedict - November 5**  
6:00 PM in the Parish Center

**St. Alphonsus - November 9**  
10:30 AM in the McGrath Room

Questions?  
Contact Claire Shea  
at 206-632-0843 ext 214 or  
cshea@parishfamily14.org



**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 25, Saturday, after the 5 PM Vigil Mass\***

**October 26, Sunday, after the 9 AM Mass\***

#### St. Benedict

**October 26, 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**

\* Updated dates

You  
Speak, We  
Listen

Sign up and  
be heard!



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pastor@parishfamily14.org



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Submit your **questions & feedback**  
about our Parish Family.

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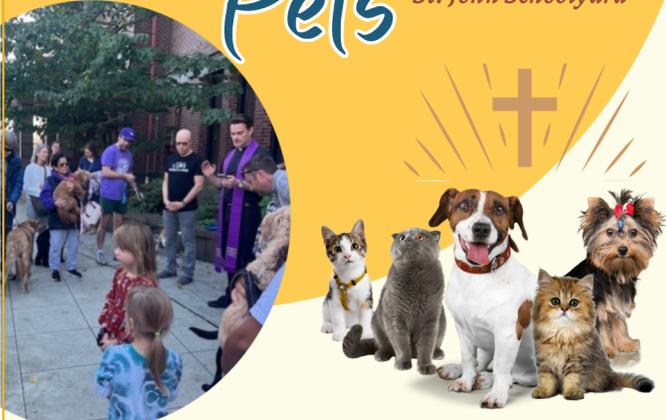
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##### St. John Facilities Supervisor

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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

**W** SCHOOL OF MUSIC  
UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON  
music.washington.edu

ST AL'S CONVENT INVITES YOU TO JOIN

## YOUNG ADULTS MASS + DINNER

All young adults 21-35 in our parish family are invited to join a mass and dinner at St. Alphonsus Convent, hosted by the residents of the innovative housing program.



Monday Oct 13th - 5:45 Mass | 6:15 Dinner  
St. Al's Convent | 1411 NW 59<sup>th</sup> St

Please rsvp through the QR code by Sunday, October 12th

*Youth*  
**MASS**  
Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

**OCTOBER 19, 2025**  
**SUNDAY, 11 AM**  
**ST. BENEDICT CHURCH**

*Our young hearts come together to worship and serve!*



*Our amazing young people will lead the way in our celebration! From music to hospitality, the youth will be at the heart of the liturgy.*

*After Mass, the celebration continues with our Social Hour - **Taste of Fall!** Bring and share your fall-inspired dishes!*

All youth are also invited to volunteer as altar servers, ushers, readers, or Eucharistic ministers. It is a great way to serve the Lord and get involved in our parish community.

Scan the QR code to sign up! [bit.ly/StBLiturgicalMin](http://bit.ly/StBLiturgicalMin)



# FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTS

## SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS

### Gospel/Scripture Ministry

**October 13, 7 PM** | St. Benedict Gospel Study via Zoom  
Meeting ID: 864 2616 6842 Password: 961919

**October 16, 10 AM** | St. Alphonsus Scripture Study at  
St. Alphonsus McGrath Room

### Men's Group

**October 13, 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.

## 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. Email Claire Shea at claireshea@stalseattle.org for more information. All are welcome!

*New Ministry!*

## GROUND ED 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.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word (Sunday School)

Children ages Preschool and older are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word, offered **most Sundays at the 10:30am Mass at St. John, and all Sundays at the 11 AM Mass of St. Benedict**.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Daniel Pelfrey at dpelfrey@parishfamily14.org.

### First Holy Communion and Reconciliation

*It's not too late to register! Open to baptized children 7 years of age and in the second grade.*

**St. Alphonsus:** Classes are on Sundays, 10:15 AM, at the McGrath Room. For registration and more information, Email Claire Shea at claireshea@stalseattle.org.

**St. Benedict:** Classes are on Sundays, 10 AM, in the St. Ben Resource Room. For registration and more information, email jrudden@parishfamily14.org.

**St. John:** Classes are on Sundays, 9:35 AM, at Teacher Oines's Classroom. For registration and more information, email jrudden@parishfamily14.org or visit <https://www.stjohnsea.org/first-reconciliation-and-first-communion>.



# SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

## 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



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.

Learn more at [saintfrancisseattle.org](http://saintfrancisseattle.org).

### Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a global organization of Catholic men committed to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. The local council supports the community through fundraising for local organizations, assisting with parish events, hosting pancake breakfasts, and holding regular meetings to plan and grow its outreach. For more info, contact the following:

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St. John - Aaron Amort - [aaronamort@gmail.com](mailto:aaronamort@gmail.com)

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

SVDP society assists the poor and needy within our parish boundaries through grocery, transpo and rent vouchers. Support by donating and volunteering with them. For more info, contact the following:

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If you need assistance, please call Helpline Call Center at (206) 767-6449, M-F, 8 AM - 3 PM.

### Sancta Vita

Each October the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month. Please stop by the information table in the St Alphonsus main vestibule this weekend 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>.

### Holy Name Society

St. Alphonsus' Holy Name Society is a men's group dedicated to honoring the name of Jesus Christ and promoting reverence for it. The Society participates in parish activities, like family breakfasts, events, and service projects. To join and for more information, please contact Karl Hoffman at 206-784-7152 or [karl3hoffmann@gmail.com](mailto:karl3hoffmann@gmail.com).

### Angels Cafe

St. Alphonsus' The Angels Café is a vibrant ministry of women who come together to cook and serve meals in the spirit of Matthew 20:28: "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." The group meets at least four times a year. Food preparation takes place on Saturday mornings, followed by cooking and serving after Sunday Mass. New members are always welcome to join this joyful service ministry. For more information or to get involved, contact Shelle Bjolstad at [shelleb2@gmail.com](mailto:shelleb2@gmail.com).

### Ministers to the Homebound

**Are you homebound, in nursing home or hospital and want to receive the holy communion?** Our Cabrini Ministers would be happy to bring the holy communion to your home. For inquiries, please contact the following:

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# FAITH IN FOCUS



## Catholic Communion

VISITORS TO Catholic parishes often complain that they may not join in Communion at Mass. Many other denominations welcome all who profess faith in Christ to the Communion Table, but Catholics have always restricted who shares the meal. For many who practice hospitality at home by setting an extra place at the table for visitors, the Catholic custom gives offense.

However, Catholic Communion is just that, a sign of Catholic unity. The Eucharist not only symbolizes our union with God, but also our union with one another.

Many groups use a symbol to identify their members. Students wear school jackets. Scouts earn medals. These customs give groups signs of association. When a new member joins the group, the symbol frequently becomes part of the rite of initiation, a sign of transition, and a source of pride. Those baptized in other communions who make a profession of faith with us may be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Their Communion becomes the high point of their transition into membership.

Ordinarily, Catholics do not share Communion at other churches, nor do other believers share Communion in Catholic churches. Exceptions exist, but they are rare. In danger of death, for example, or in some grave necessity, non-Catholics might receive permission from a Catholic bishop to receive Communion. If they do not have regular access to their own minister, ask for Catholic Communion on their own, and express a Catholic faith in the Eucharist, they may obtain permission to receive Communion.

Theologians debate the possibilities for full Communion while ordinary families find themselves separated by what often appears to them as small differences in their beliefs. The more unity we find among ourselves, the closer all Christian churches will come to resolving the differences.

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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, Len Andrews, Fridon Bahrimandarlini, Alexander Bodsky, Anneliese Bodsky, Linda Broderick, Joe Chitty, Donna Day, Jeff D'Amelio, Natasha Ryan D'Amelio, Bertha Eriksson, Ritchell 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 Wetzel, Shea Wilson, Lillian Yamamoto, and Megan Yoshimura.

For those who have died, including the mother of Keely Rogel, and Carmen Marie Bravo, 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 19 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading

**Exodus 17:8-13**

*As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight.*

The first reading transports us back to Moses' time, to a battle in which Moses' stamina was gravely tested. In the second reading, Paul encourages Timothy to be persistent in spreading the Good News. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples the importance of praying persistently, to keep their faith while continually petitioning God for justice. May we take to heart the words we sing in the psalm today: "Our help is from the Lord."

### Psalm

**Psalm 121**

*Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."*

### Second Reading

**2 Timothy 3:14-4:2**

*The scriptures train you to stay with the task.*

### Gospel

**Luke 18:1-8**

*Be persistent in prayer, especially in the pursuit of justice.*

## 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 October 5, 2025

#### St. Alphonsus Parish

##### MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, 5 PM	105
Sunday, 9 AM	215

##### PARISH COLLECTION

Mass Collection	\$ 5,199.00
Online Donations	\$ 3,432.65
Mailed-in	\$ 1,390.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 10,021.65</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 9,833.00
<b>Over Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 188.65</b>

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	\$ 2,611.00
Online Donations	\$ 5,196.08
Mailed-in	--
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 7,807.08</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,055.00
<b>Over Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 1,752.08</b>

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#### St. John Parish

##### MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, 5 PM	86
Sunday, 8:30 AM	188
Sunday, 10:30 AM	127

##### PARISH COLLECTION

Mass Collection	\$ 5,177.61
Online Donations	\$ 10,470.98
Mailed-in	\$ 1,594.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 17,242.59</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 17,229
<b>Over Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 13.59</b>

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# PARISH FAMILY UPDATES

## 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.

## DO YOU WISH TO OFFER A MASS INTENTION FOR SOMEONE?

Share your prayers and intentions by offering a Mass for thanksgiving, a special intention, or the repose of a loved one's soul. Mass intentions are offered on our weekday masses:

- Monday to Thursday, 7:30 AM at St. Alphonsus
- Friday, 9:00 AM at St. John
- Saturday, 8:00 AM at St. Alphonsus (except on the first Saturday of the month)
- First Saturday, 9:00 AM at St. John

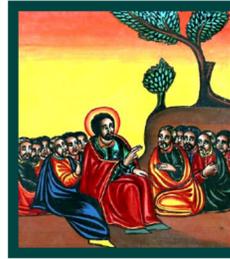


To arrange a Mass intention, please contact us:

- Call: 206-632-0843 ext 249
- Email: lcorcoro@parishfamily14.org
- Visit: Faith Formation Office at the St. Benedict Parish Center or Admin Office at St. John Parish Admin Building. Mass cards are also available at both offices.

Let the power of the Mass bring comfort, peace, and blessings to your loved ones.

-- 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.

Honor and remember your departed loved ones this

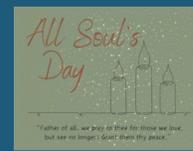
## All Souls' Day

November 2, 2025, Sunday

**Novena Candles** will be available at **St. Benedict Church** for \$10 each, beginning Sunday, October 12. You are invited to decorate your candle and write the names of your departed loved ones before placing it in the church. These candles will be lit on All Souls' Day as we pray for all the faithful departed throughout the novena.



**Prayer Cards** will be available at **St. John Church** on October 25–26. Write the names of your departed loved ones and place the cards in the basket near the altar to be prayed for at each Mass.



A **Book of Remembrance** will be available at **St. Alphonsus Church** the weekend of October 25–26. Write the names of your departed loved ones to be remembered in prayer throughout November.



# SCHOOL NEWS

**ST. ALPHONUS SCHOOL**  
**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
**IS COMING UP!**

AT THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT  
 5816 15th Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98107

<p><b>OUTDOOR ZONE:</b>  <b>FREE ENTRY!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• food trucks</li> <li>• costume contest</li> <li>• bounce houses</li> <li>• beer garden</li> <li>• pumpkin decorating</li> </ul>	<p><b>SPOOKTACULAR</b>  <b>FUN ZONE:</b>  <b>\$5 INDOOR ENTRY!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• games</li> <li>• scary cake contest</li> <li>• face painting</li> </ul>
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**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH | 5:30-8:00 PM**

REGISTER SPOT

VOLUNTEER

MORE INFORMATION

## 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!



### St. Alphonus Parish School

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### St. Benedict Catholic School

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### St. John Catholic School

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

**ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS OUR FALL**  
**SOCK-tober**  
**FUNDRAISER!**

**OCTOBER 1-31**

**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.

**AMAZON WISHLIST**

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.

# THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE


**Washington State Catholic Conference**  
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**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

Catholics have a crucial role in building a culture of life. Through being instruments of healing and hope and accompanying our neighbors, we can help transform the lives of people struggling to say “yes” to life amidst some of life’s greatest challenges. Register for this online event: <https://bit.ly/4pDSCKN>



**RICHARD DOERFLINGER**  
 Retired, former associate director of the secretariat  
 of pro-life activities for the USCCB  
**ASSISTED SUICIDE: THE ETHICS, THE LAW, AND THE DANGERS** Oct. 23 | 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Assisting in other people’s suicides violates the universal moral principle against deliberately helping to take innocent human life, and the medical profession’s fundamental norm “First of all, do no harm.” As laws are changed to remove initial safeguards against abuse and coercion, the reality of a “slippery slope” toward broader killing has become clear. Richard Doerflinger, former Executive Director of the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, will delve into our Catholic response. Register for this online event: <https://bit.ly/47cNKVz>



### Blessing of the Image of St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Join the Archdiocese of Seattle’s Native American community in celebrating the 13th anniversary of St. Kateri Tekakwitha’s canonization with the blessing of her new icon following the **October 19th Noon Mass at St. James Cathedral.**




 Join us for the **MASS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS**

**October 28, 2025 | 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM | St. James Cathedral**

Join us for the Mass for First Responders at the St. James Cathedral Chapel with Bishop Schuster on October 28, which is National First Responders Day. A special invitation to police officers, firefighters, paramedics/EMT’s, 911 dispatchers and first responder chaplains to attend. All are welcome.

The Archdiocese of Seattle’s Pastoral Care and Outreach Department recently launched the First Responder Ministry. The goal of this ministry is to support, train, and network with Catholic first responder chaplains and offer spiritual support to our first responders on behalf of the Catholic Church. To learn more about the First Responder Ministry go to <https://archseattle.org/ministries/outreach-ministries/first-responder-ministry>.

Join in-person or virtually via Zoom at <https://bit.ly/439NQJ>.

**NW CATHOLIC WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
*at Holy Family Parish, Kirkland*



Jesus Approaches: A Day Retreat for Women with Speaker Liz Kelly

**October 25, 2025 | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Holy Family Kirkland**

Enjoy a day of sharing and growing in faith with other women through Sacraments, fellowship, and two powerful talks led by Catholic writer and speaker Elizabeth Kelly. Liz’s talks explore our womanhood and the wounds that only Christ’s hope and tender heart can heal. Register at [nwatholicwomensretreat.org](http://nwatholicwomensretreat.org)

The joy of marriage is the joy of the Church  


## Betrothed Retreat

A Weekend to Prepare Couples for the Sacrament of Marriage

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

For more information and to register, go to <https://bit.ly/4oonDl8>

Welcoming Fall with Grace  



## HEALING MASS

Thursday, October 30th 2025

7:00 pm

St. John the Baptist (Covington)

President:  
Rev. Crispin Okoth

**“Christ, our Deliverance”**

Join us for a special Healing Mass, “Christ, our Deliverance,” an evening of spiritual renewal! In his home country of Kenya, Fr. Crispin has preached in open air Healing Mass rallies. He has worked with other priests in the ministry of prayer, healing and deliverance. Come and be blessed! His remarkable testimony will open the eyes of your heart.

Concelebrants: Rev. Sylvester Chanda, Rev. Carlos Orozco  
Praise & worship begins @ 6:45pm

Followed by a Healing Service & Prayer Teams

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](mailto:terri.nelson@seattlearch.org).

# YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR LISTENING SESSIONS! SIGN UP NOW!



The Pastoral Leadership Council invites you to take part in our Listening Sessions as we journey together through the Partners in the Gospel process.

This is an opportunity to share your thoughts, ask questions, and learn more about the future of our Parish Family.

Please join us! Your voice is important as we walk together in faith and mission.



## WHAT ARE LISTENING SESSIONS?

Listening Sessions are structured gatherings where parishioners come together to:

- Learn about the Partners in the Gospel process.
- Share their thoughts, hopes, concerns, and feedback about the parish community.
- Listen to one another in a spirit of prayerful discernment, recognizing that the Holy Spirit speaks through the whole community.
- Contribute input that will be collected and considered by the Parish Family and Archdiocesan leadership as decisions are made.

To learn more, read <https://bit.ly/PITGSynodality>

## WHEN ARE THE LISTENING SESSIONS HAPPENING?

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

### St. Alphonsus

**October 25, Saturday, after the 5 PM Vigil Mass\***

**October 26, Sunday, after the 9 AM Mass\***

### St. Benedict

**October 26, 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**

\*Updated dates

Sign up and be heard!



<https://bit.ly/PF14ListeningSesh>

[pastor@parishfamily14.org](mailto:pastor@parishfamily14.org)

## CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE SESSIONS?

If you're unable to attend an in-person session, don't worry! We'll be sending out a survey toward the end of October so you can still share your thoughts and provide feedback. Your input is important, and this is a great way to make your voice heard even if you can't join us in person.

## GOT QUESTIONS?

For any questions or clarifications regarding the Listening Sessions, please contact any of our Pastoral Leadership Council members. Thank you!



## Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September X,  
2025

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## **BREAKING: Washington withdraws attack on seal of confession**

*In landmark settlement, state says it will not force clergy to violate sacramental seal*

**WASHINGTON** – The State of Washington agreed today not to force Catholic priests to violate the sacred seal of confession. The law at issue in *Etienne v. Ferguson* required priests to report information shared within the sacred confines of the Sacrament of Confession. A federal court [blocked](#) the unconstitutional law earlier this summer, just days before it was set to take effect on July 27. WilmerHale and co-counsel Becket and First Liberty Institute represent the lead plaintiffs Archbishop Paul D. Etienne, Bishop Joseph J. Tyson, and Bishop Thomas A. Daly, who filed the [lawsuit](#) earlier this summer.

As part of its commitment to Safe Environment, the Catholic Church already requires priests to report abuse and neglect to law enforcement and other state authorities. The Church originally supported the law's broader goal of strengthening protections for minors and asked only for a narrow exemption to protect the Sacrament of Confession.

For centuries, the Catholic Church has upheld the belief that confession is a sacred encounter between a repentant sinner and God, acting through the priest, and must remain confidential so as to encourage such repentance. This principle—known as the seal of confession or sacramental seal—requires absolute secrecy from priests about anything said while administering the sacrament. A priest has a sacred obligation to keep everything he hears during the sacrament of confession completely confidential. The seal is so vital to the Catholic faith that any priest who violates it faces automatic excommunication. Over the centuries, priests have been imprisoned, tortured, and even killed for upholding the seal. Penitents today need the same assurance that their participation in a holy sacrament will remain free from government interference.

Washington's new law, which was slated to take effect on July 27, threatened to impose penalties of up to 364 days in jail, a \$5,000 fine, and potential civil liability on priests who uphold the seal of confession and obey God's command. Although the state claimed the law was designed to protect minors, it permitted attorneys and others to maintain confidentiality when given identical information.

The Catholic Church in Washington has spent years strengthening its approach to protecting minors and vulnerable adults through its Safe Environment programs, background checks, and reporting policies. Across the Archdiocese of Seattle and the Dioceses of Spokane and Yakima, priests—and all Church personnel—are already required to report suspected abuse to law enforcement or child protection agencies. These policies cover diocesan parishes, schools, and other ministries. That's why the Church supported the intent behind the law and objected only to one provision: the elimination of long-standing protections for the sacrament of confession. In every other setting, the Church has long supported—and continues to support—mandatory reporting.

### **Quotes for media use:**

“Washington was wise to walk away from this draconian law and allow Catholic clergy to continue ministering to the faithful,” **said Mark Rienzi, president and CEO of Becket.** “This is a victory for



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religious freedom and for common sense. Priests should never be forced to make the impossible choice of betraying their sacred vows or going to jail.”

“Preventing abuse and upholding the sacred seal of confession are not mutually exclusive—we can and must do both,” **said Jean Hill, Executive Director of the Washington State Catholic Conference.** “That’s why the Church supported the law’s goal from the beginning and only asked for a narrow exemption to protect the sacrament. We’re grateful the state ultimately recognized it can prevent abuse without forcing priests to violate their sacred vows.”

“It is a credit to the Attorney General of Washington, the Governor, and the Archbishop and Bishops that they were able to come together and find common ground under the First Amendment to protect religious liberty while seeking to eradicate the scourge of sexual abuse,” **said Hiram Sasser, Executive General Counsel for First Liberty Institute.** “I hope we can all learn from their noble examples.”

For more information or to arrange an interview, contact Ryan Colby at [media@becketfund.org](mailto:media@becketfund.org) or 202-349-7219 or John Manning at [media@firstliberty.org](mailto:media@firstliberty.org) or 972-941-4453.

### Additional Information:

- Settlement agreement in *Etienne v. Ferguson* (September, 2025)
- District court order in *Etienne v. Ferguson* (July 18, 2025)
- Becket’s motion for preliminary injunction in *Etienne v. Ferguson* (June 5, 2025)
- Becket’s complaint in *Etienne v. Ferguson* (May 29, 2025)
- Case page for *Etienne v. Ferguson* (Images for media use, legal documents, videos)

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