



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30th, 2023

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“THE KINGDOM OF
HEAVEN IS LIKE A
TREASURE BURIED IN
A FIELD.” —MT 13:44

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If your family or friends are in a sacramental emergency (someone who is in imminent danger of dying and wishes to receive the sacraments) please call **206-524-8800**

If there is no answer, please call St. Benedict Parish Office:
206-632-0843

If it is past 4pm, or a weekend please use the emergency line:
(206) 276 8085

Due to regional meetings of priests, Mass at St. Benedict on Tuesday, Aug 8th will be cancelled.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 30, 2023

Sunday:

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday:

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday:

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday:

Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday:

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday:

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday:

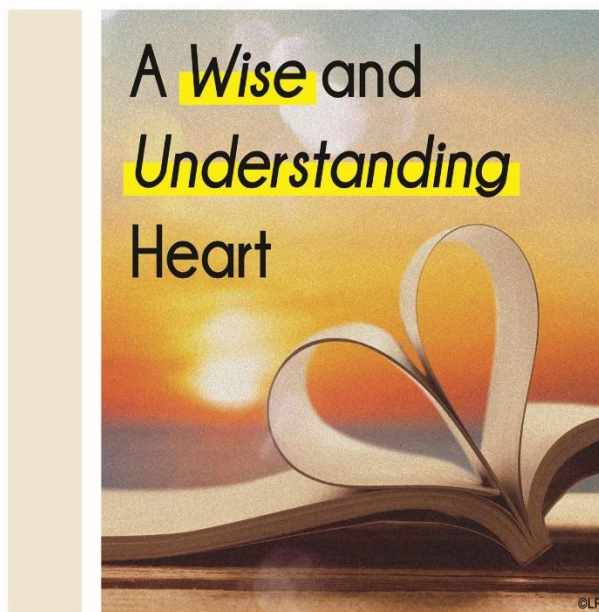
Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests “an understanding heart” (1 Kings 3:9). In his polarized situation, the King doesn’t ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth “both the new and the old” (Matthew 13:52).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it’s much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we’ll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom.

— Father John Muir

Evangelization and Faith Formation

For information contact Olaf at faithformation@st-c.org

Infant Baptism (for children younger than 6 years of age).

Dates available for baptism at Saint Catherine of Siena (on Sundays at 9:30 am Mass):

August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, **2023**

January 21, April 21, May 19, June 16, **2024**

Dates available for baptism at Saint Benedict (on Sundays at 8:00 am Mass):

September 3, October 1, November 5, **2023**

January 7, February 4, April 7, May 5, **2024**

Next preparation class will be on September 3rd, 2023 after the 8:00 am Mass at Saint Benedict Church.

First Communion and First Reconciliation for Children.

Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist is open for children 7 years of age and in the second grade, and for those in third - fifth grade who have not celebrated these sacraments.

Registration is open for the 2023-2024 academic year. Preparation sessions start at the end of September 2023. Please register at the parish website:

<https://stcatherineparish.net/firstsacraments>

Youth Confirmation.

Youth Confirmation is for youth between 7th and 12th grades. This program helps youth and their families discover their God's given talents, how to nurture a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, and how to live in communion with the Holy Spirit. Visit our parish website to register: <https://stcatherineparish.net/youth-confirmation>



Nurture your marriage ...

“But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” Help your marriage be like the rich soil by taking part in a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on:**

Aug 25-27, 2023. Beaverton, OR

Oct 6-8, 2023, Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, Spokane, WA

Oct 13-15, 2023, at Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades,
Federal Way, WA

For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit www.wwme.org. For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, feel free to **contact Jeff and Sandy Corneil 360-930-2321**. Follow WWME on Instagram and Facebook!



Overview

As Catholics, we are called to deepen our relationship with Christ, and as missionary disciples, to invite others to grow in their relationship with Christ. We do this in many ways — one of which is through the local parish community. Our parishes are the primary way most Catholics stay connected to their faith and each other. The model of parish life also allows for great flexibility in meeting the needs of Catholics at different times in history.

Today we face many realities that are impacting parish life and making it difficult to fully live out our mission. We face an urgent — yet exciting — opportunity to transform parish life — and the faith of all those who live here.

Pope Francis calls us to “read the signs of the times” while adapting to both the needs of the faithful and to historical changes.

While there is no predetermined outcome for this strategic pastoral planning effort, together we will pray to the Holy Spirit to guide our efforts so that we may better support our mission to encounter Christ, accompany others and live the joy of the Gospel.

We are not the first diocese with the courage and the will to be creative with the structure of parish life. Many dioceses have gone before us and have provided models and lessons for how we too can use our limited resources to enhance the Catholic parish experience in the Archdiocese of Seattle.

Archbishop Etienne has appointed a team to lead this strategic pastoral planning work, which will bring most parishes together into a new family structure with two or more other parishes. The pastor, parish leaders and parishioners of the new parish family will determine how they will best join together to carry out the mission of the Church as one parish.

Here is a timeline of the key milestones for Partners in the Gospel:

- January 2023: Public launch
- Fall 2023: Invitation to provide input on parish families
- Early 2024: Final parish family structures announced
- July 2024: Parish families go into effect with one pastor
- 2024–2027: Parish families journey together to become one parish

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Timeline

August 2023 – Consultation with deacons, **parish and school staff**, and Chancery.

Sept. 23 – Oct. 14 – Consultation with the faithful. Parishes will host sessions for input and feedback on the draft parish family configurations. Stay tuned! For more information contact Olaf at faithformation@st-c.org

November 2023 – Oversight and Presbyteral Council will review all feedback and provide their recommendations to Archbishop Etienne for his discernment.

Early 2024 – Final parish family plan will be released.

July 2024 – Parish families, under the leadership of one pastor, will begin.

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Catherine of Siena Church

SATURDAY	5PM
SUNDAY	*9:30AM
WEDNESDAY	9AM
FRIDAY	9AM

CONFESSION	SAT 3:30-4:30PM
ADORATION AT ST. BENEDICT	1ST FRI 6-7PM
ANOINTING OF THE SICK	1ST FRI 9AM

*Livestream Available



ROSARIES

WEDNESDAY	9:30AM
FRIDAY	9:30AM



OPEN FOR PRAYER

FRIDAY	10AM — 12PM
SATURDAY	3:30 — 4:30PM

St. Benedict Feast Day Picnic Today! July 30, 2023

11am - 2pm

- Outside of St. Benedict School for both communities, Saint Catherine's and Saint Benedict's.
- Please volunteer to help with set-up, cooking and/or clean-up. Please sign up at the clipboards on the front table in the church entrance.
- The parish will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers and drinks, along with paper products.
- Once again, we are asking Parishioners to please bring a dish to share for approximately 10 - 15 people.

**For any questions, please contact Anita Hardwick at the Parish Center
206-632-0843 ext. 222**

Prayer for Partners in the Gospel

Gracious God, we praise and thank you for the Catholic Church in Western Washington. We praise and thank you for the women and men who have shared the joy of the Gospel here for more than 170 years.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might encounter your Son anew and become more effective partners in sharing the Good News of his saving love.

May our partnership in the Gospel empower us to be your missionary disciples, bringing the Good News to all, especially to those who are marginalized or hurting in any way.

Give us the courage, the flexibility and the vision to renew parish life, so that the good work, begun long ago, may continue among us, and one day, be brought to completion in your Kingdom, where you live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

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