



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6th, 2023

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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.

Readings for the week of August 6, 2023

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday:

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:

Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday:

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Friday:

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

— 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>

RCIA Starting in September!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a series of classes for anyone interested in learning about the Catholic Church and for those considering becoming Catholic. Our annual RCIA series for St. Catherine and St. Benedict parishes is starting in September! Everyone is welcome. If you are interested in attending RCIA, contact Kim Burkhardt at rcia@st-c.org.



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 this year.**

Aug 25-27: Beaverton, OR **Oct 6-8:** Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, Spokane, WA

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

For more information visit www.wwme.org
or contact Jeff and Sandy Corneil at 360-930-2321.

July 2023



**PARTNERS
IN THE GOSPEL**

UPDATE

An update for parishes and parishioners on Partners in the Gospel



Current Reality Report

To help people better understand the urgent need for change, we issued the Current Reality Report last month. This report provides a snapshot of data trends across the Archdiocese of Seattle and forecasts expected changes in the future.

View the Current Reality video
[English](#), [Spanish](#) or [Vietnamese](#)

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**"What's the best use of our resources,
our faith resources, our financial
resources, and especially our human
resources for proclaiming the Gospel?"**

– Archbishop Etienne



Father Mike McDermott from St. Charles Borromeo in Tacoma shares his perspective about Partners in the Gospel.

Watch in [English](#) or with [Spanish](#) subtitles.



Priest Days

This June, the priests continued their parish family consultation process at Priest Days. They reviewed the new maps and potential parish families based on the feedback they provided at the May 3 gathering. Together they prayed and discussed:

- the overall process
- additional changes for the potential parish family configurations
- the importance of lay leaders and staff
- how to remain centered on mission throughout this process

Mark your calendars!

August – 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.

November – 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.

Sign up to read the online
Partners in the Gospel UPDATE
newsletter at
archseattle.org/partners

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's Wurst Festival Book Sale!


*The **Wurst Festival Book Sale** is back!
Beginning August 8th we will begin
accepting book donations for the
Wurst Festival Used Book.*

*Please bring used and appropriate
books in good condition the St. John
Paul Room, located in the St Benedict
Parish Center Basement.*

*Books may be dropped off Monday
through Friday during business hours
only, from 8AM to 3PM.*

*Books of all genres, fiction and
nonfiction, books for all ages,
gratefully accepted until September
13 for this important school
fundraiser.*

**Mark your calendars for the Festival,
September 15-16, 2023**



**THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY**

"From this day all generations
will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done
great things for me
and holy is his Name.
He has cast down the mighty
from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly."
- Lk 1:48b-49, 52

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Tuesday, August 15, 2023

**Solemnity of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Mass at Saint Benedict's: 9:00 am

**Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church
5:30 pm and 7:30 pm**

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TRANSFIGURATION

