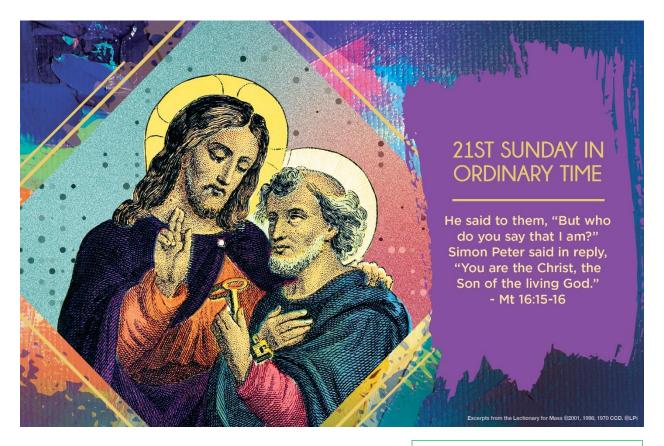


**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

August 27th, 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

## Worship & Meditation

# Readings for the week of August 27, 2023

## Sunday:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/ Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

#### Monday:

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

#### Tuesday:

1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

## Wednesday:

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

#### Thursday:

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/ Mt 24:42-51

#### Friday:

1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/ Mt 25:1-13

## Saturday:

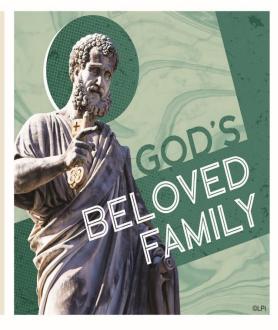
1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

## **Next Sunday:**

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/ Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



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# **Gospel Meditation**Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Isn't it a bit weird that Catholics call the Pope "papa," father? This Sunday provides us with essential Scriptural background on the papacy, the petrine office. Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," after witnessing to the special grace Peter has to know Jesus' true identity. Many have pointed out that the "keys" refer back to the figure of Eliakim, King David's prime minister. True enough. But notice this is not mere authority or power. It's a family relationship. The Lord says to Eliakim, "He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem" (Isaiah 22:21). David's prime minister was a spiritual father to the family of Israel. Peter, and his successors, will be spiritual fathers in the family of the Church.

This means we have a serious obligation to not only recognize the Pope's authority, but also to love him with the affection of children for their papa. We should never speak about him with disrespect or rancor. We should listen to him with trusting hearts, and ignore the slander thrown at him in various media. When we show the world we are loving and obedient to our Holy Papa, perhaps they'll see more clearly that the Church is indeed God's beloved family.

— 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):

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 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

If you have extra rosaries, prayer cards, candles, etc., please consider donating these items to RCIA. We give these items in gift bags to people in RCIA to encourage them to set up a sacred Catholic space at home. Items you have to donate can be brought to the office.



"And so, I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church."

Retreats available to transform your marriage into a blessing for all:

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 <a href="www.wwme.org">www.wwme.org</a> or contact Jeff and Sandy Corneil at 360-930-2321.

## **Esperanza International News**

We did it! Thank you for the support of our journey to Tijuana with Esperanza International.

Our 11 youth and 5 chaperones completed the foundation to a home in La Morita for the Rodriguez family.

Esperanza facilitates us working side by side with them to help build a safe home, and more importantly, a community so they have the best opportunity for long term stability.

To learn more, check out <a href="www.esperanzaint.org">www.esperanzaint.org</a> or email Katie Fleming <a href="kjfleming1239@gmail.com">kjfleming1239@gmail.com</a>







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# CYO Sports for 2023-24 School Year

• St Catherine Cross Country and Soccer registration are now open. Practices start last week of August for soccer and early September for Cross Country.

Please contact Clay White (ctwhitejr@gmail.com) if you are interested in coaching a particular soccer grade.

- Please contact David Mayer (dmayer25@hotmail.com) if you are interested in assisting cross country this fall.
- For player and coach registration of all sports throughout the year, please register here. Basketball, Volleyball and Track/Field registration will open later in the year.

## MASS **SCHEDULE** St. Catherine of Siena Church 5PM **SATURDAY** \*9:30AM SUNDAY 9AM WEDNESDAY 9AM **FRIDAY** SAT 3:30-4:30PM CONFESSION 1ST FRI 6-7PM ADORATION AT ST. BENEDICT 1ST FRI 9AM ANOINTING OF THE SICK \*Livestream Available ROSARIES **WEDNESDAY** 9:30AM FRIDAY 9:30AM OPEN FOR PRAYER 10AM —12PM 3:30 - 4:30PM

## St. Benedict's Wurst Festival Book Sale!

The Wurst Festival Book Sale is back!

We are now 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

## Raffle tickets for the Great Wallingford Wurst Festival

Will go on sale Sunday, August 27th! Tickets are \$5 each, with a grand prize drawling of \$1000. Tickets will be sold outside of the Saint Benedict Parish Masses on the three Sundays leading up the Wurst Festival: August 27th, September 3rd, and September 10th. If you are unable to buy tickets at those times, you can also buy them at the Wurst Festival on September 15th and 16th OR please reach out to **Beth Purpur at 760-402-4171**.

Thank you in advance and we look forward to seeing you at the Wurst Festival!

#### 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



