



# ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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**Office hours Monday-Friday  
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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**

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of September 24, 2023

### Sunday:

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

### Monday:

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

### Tuesday:

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

### Wednesday:

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

### Thursday:

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

### Friday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

### Saturday:

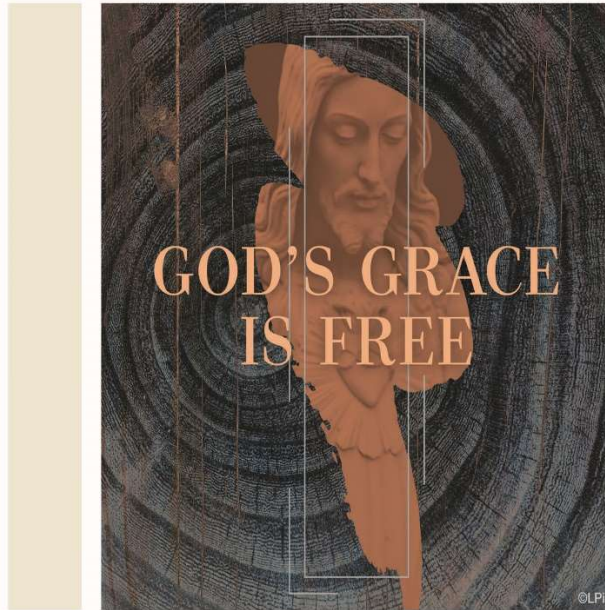
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

### Next Sunday:

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: "That's not fair! Why'd she get the jewelry, too?!"

Let's face it: there's something about God's grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others' blessings and cry out: "That's not fair!" Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God's grace which is *unmerited* favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we're good but because He is infinitely good.

If you think the "not fair" quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, "Are you envious because I am generous?" Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we *have* to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don't deserve it — namely, upon us.

— *Father John Muir*



## **Evangelization and Faith Formation**

**For information contact Olaf at [faithformation@st-c.org](mailto: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):  
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):

October 1, November 5, **2023**      January 7, February 4, April 7, May 5, **2024**

**Next preparation class will be on October 1, 2023 after the 8:00 am Mass at Saint Benedict Church.**

### **Youth Confirmation**

Youth Confirmation is for youth between 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament is 1 year. 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.

We will meet for Confirmation Preparation on the following Sundays: Oct 1, Oct 22, Nov 19, and Dec 3, 2023. Jan 21, Feb 25, Mar 17 – Retreat, Noon to 5, followed by Mass, Apr 14, and Apr 28, 2024. The Mass of Confirmation will be in May, date TBA, but possible dates are 1, 8, or 15 in the evening. All sessions meet at Saint Benedict Church and School, from 4 to 5 pm, followed by Mass. The March 17 retreat will be from 12 noon to 5 pm, followed by Mass. Active participation at Mass is expected.

Visit our parish website to register: <https://stcatherineparish.net/youth-confirmation>

### **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 on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30 am Mass.**

**Please see the full schedule on our website**

Our program is for the whole family and Mass attendance is expected.

Please register at the parish website: <https://parish.stbens.net/first-sacraments>

### **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](mailto:rcia@st-c.org).

Are you interested in getting together with other women to explore your faith? Would you like to see how the Scriptures apply to your everyday life? If so, we invite you to consider joining **Walking with Purpose** at St Catherine!

**Evening group sessions will start on September 28**, and then be held on 10/5, 10/19, 11/2, 11/16, and 11/30.

"**Living in the Fathers Love**" is a brief but powerful Bible study and an ideal way to revive and refresh. Discover just how much God loves us and how the gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and with those we love.

Link to course:

<https://shop.walkingwithpurpose.com/collections/study-guides/products/living-in-the-fathers-love-bible-study>

Interested in learning more? Please bring a friend and join us on September 28 at the Benicasa Library at 7:30pm.

For questions email Casey Golden at [case.golden@gmail.com](mailto:case.golden@gmail.com)

You can register at <https://forms.gle/JtXWeZcgKPecefpeA> and see more information. We hope to see you this fall!

### **Adult Choir**

If you are interested in being a part of the adult choir, please contact MJ Price, [m.price@stbens.net](mailto:m.price@stbens.net)

We will have rehearsals every Wednesday from 7-8pm.

The first rehearsal will be on the 27th of this month so please save the date and come to sing for God.

### **Altar Server Training**

If you are between the 4th and 8th grade and you want to become an Altar server. Please come to the altar server training on the 27th at 3:10pm in the church.

Altar serving is not just a good way to get service hours but is a great way to learn and grow more with God. So please save the date in your calendar.

If you have questions or comments, please contact MJ Price, [m.price@stbens.net](mailto:m.price@stbens.net)

### **Youth Choir Rehearsal**

If you are between the 2nd and 8th grade and you want to sing at church.

Please come to the first Youth Choir Rehearsal of the school year on the 27th at 6 pm in the church. This is a great opportunity for you to learn how to sing at church and have a lot of fun doing it. So please save the date in your calendar.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact MJ Price, [m.price@stbens.net](mailto:m.price@stbens.net)



# 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

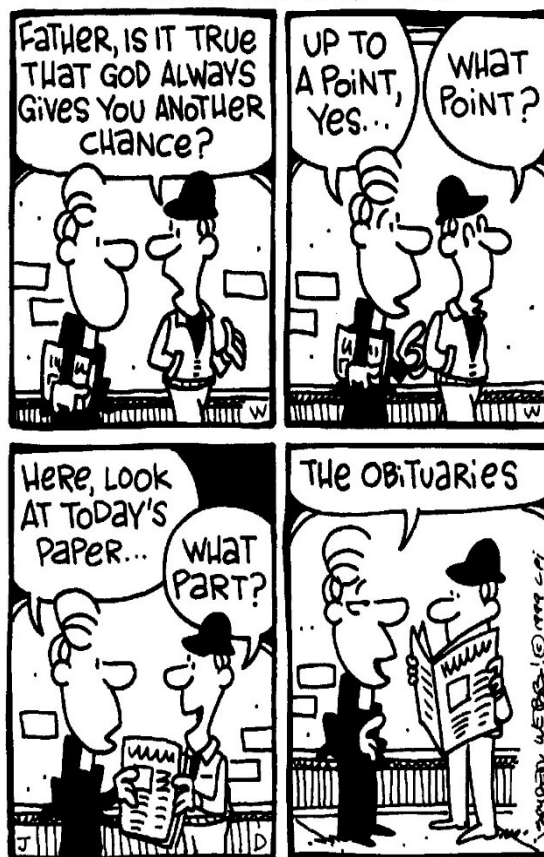
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM
FRIDAY	9:30AM



## OPEN FOR PRAYER

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

25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**PARTNERS  
IN THE GOSPEL**

**You are invited to actively participate in a crucial conversation for our whole Archdiocese.**

**Topic:** Draft of church families

**When:** Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

**Time:** After the 5:00 pm Mass

**Where:** Victoria Hall

**Format:** Small groups, Listening Circle

Light Dinner will be served. Childcare available for ages 3+. RSVP at [reception@stcatherineparish.net](mailto:reception@stcatherineparish.net) or through the QR code:



**Through consultation, the proposed draft families for our parishes are as follows:**

- A. Saint Catherine of Siena Church and School, Saint Matthew Church and School, and Saint Mark Church and School.**
- B. Saint Benedict Church and School, Saint John the Evangelist Church and School, and Saint Alphonsus Church and School.**