



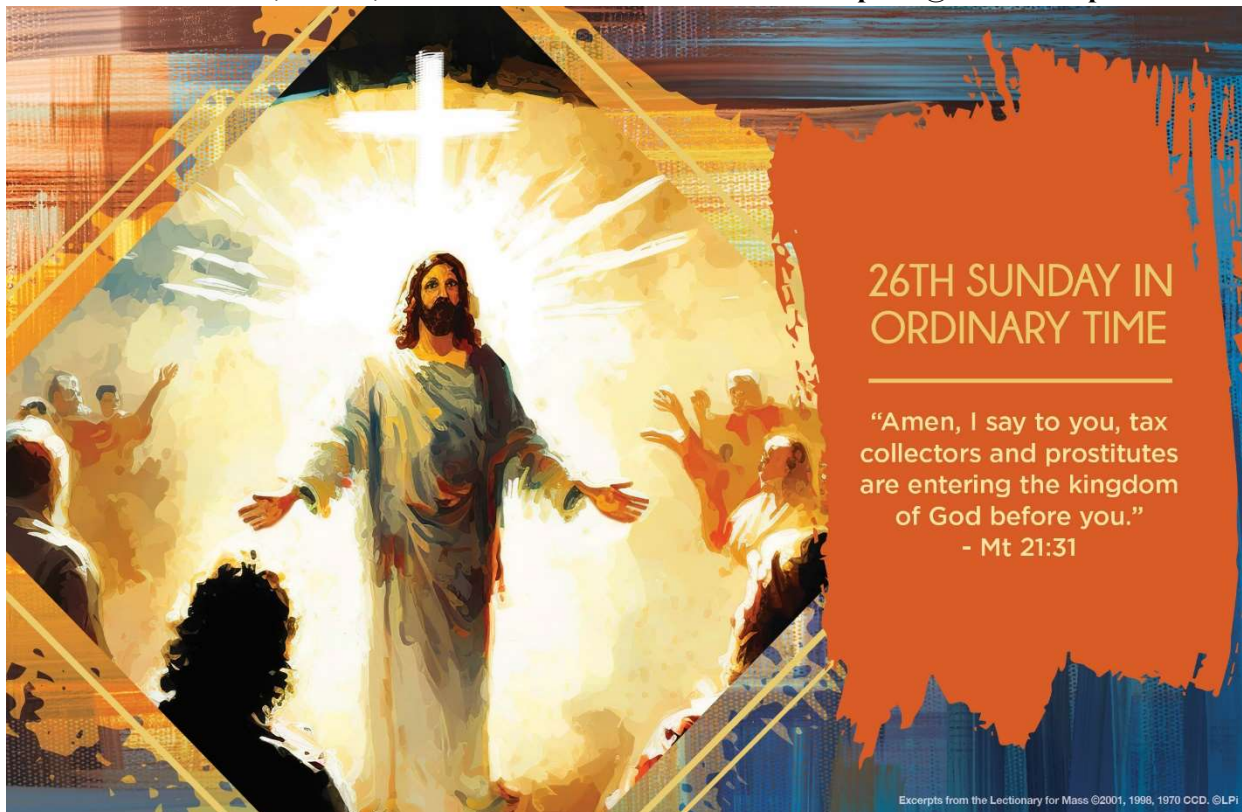
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1st, 2023

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, tax
collectors and prostitutes
are entering the kingdom
of God before you."
- Mt 21:31

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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 October 1, 2023

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

Monday:

Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and
22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday:

Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday:

Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday:

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/
Lk 10:1-12

Friday:

Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday:

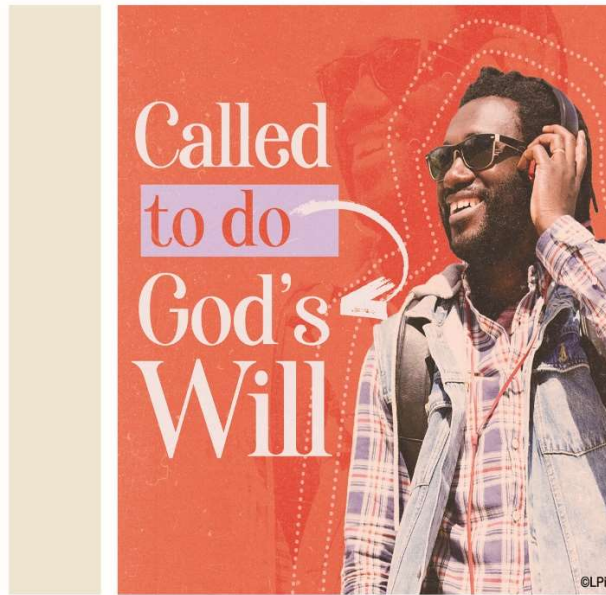
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/
Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday:

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
(Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A life-long Catholic friend of mine recently mumbled to me, "I can't stand all these converts to the faith. They're always rocking the boat." It surprised me because he is dedicated to evangelization, and yet he struggles with openness to new Catholics. It made me realize how easily I close my heart to those whom I perceive to be outsiders who become new members of the Catholic community. Almost unconsciously I reduce the world to the categories of "us" and "them." The result is that meaningful community silently shrinks in my life. Don't we all do that to some degree?

This week Jesus' punchy parable about the two sons blows up that black and white world. One son said he wouldn't get to work, and then did. The other said he would, and then he did not. "**Which did the will of his father?**" asks the Lord. Like so many of us, in identifying the first as the answer, the religious authorities manifest hidden hypocrisy in refusing to follow Jesus. They — like us — intuit the correct path but simply won't do it. The tax collectors and prostitutes are indeed following Jesus and thereby getting to work in the kingdom of God. *Everyone* is called to do God's will regardless of the labels we may apply to them.

This week let's reject the convenient but damaging categories of "insiders" and "outsiders." Instead, let's embrace a grateful attitude that Jesus is calling fallen, weak, and broken men and women like you and me. Then we begin to see that the tax collectors and prostitutes aren't *them*. They are us. And Jesus wants all of *us* working in his boat, no matter the rocking.

— *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):
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):
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.

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 8th 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>

Youth Confirmation

Youth Confirmation is for youth between 7th and 12th 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 12pm to 5pm, followed by Mass, Apr 14, and Apr 28, 2024.

Confirmation Mass Celebration will be in May date TBA, but possible dates are 1st, 8th, or 15th in the evening. All sessions meet at Saint Benedict Church and School, from 4 to 5 pm, followed by Mass. Active participation at Mass is expected.

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

RCIA: Did you know...

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for adults who are thinking of becoming Catholic. RCIA starts in the fall and continues through to Easter. RCIA has several stages: **Inquiry.** In a sense, the entire educational RCIA process is a period of inquiry. Formally, the beginning of RCIA until the *Rite of Welcome* and *Rite of Sending* during Advent is the inquiry period at the end of this phase, there is a *Rite of Welcome* and *Rite of Sending*.

Preschool & Kindergarten Applications

Applications for Kindergarten and preschool for the 2024-2025 school year are now open! Current families/parish have priority status until Friday, November 3rd, and you must apply in order to reserve your child's spot. So if you are interested in preschool or Kindergarten for your child next school year, get the application in now! Applications open to the general public on Monday, November 6th.

To apply, please log into your [SchoolAdmin Parent Portal](#) account. Click on "Apply for a new year" and fill out the Preschool or K application for the 2024-2025 school year for your child. This includes a \$100/child application fee, which will be applied to your registration fee at the time of full registration in February 2024. If you are new to St.

Catherine, you can find the application [here](#)

<https://www.stcatherineschool.net/how-to-apply>

Once your application is received, we will confirm receipt and help move you through the next steps in the application process.

If you have any questions about this process, please send them to Amanda at alucero@stcatherineschool.net

The St Catherine Holiday Bazaar is BACK!

November 18th and 19th

(set up Friday night
November 17).

It's been a while since our last bazaar so we need all hands on deck to make this a fun and successful weekend.

Pie Ladies??? Is anyone interested in resurrecting pie making?

If you can participate in any manner, please contact
Katie Fleming
kjfleming1239@gmail.com
or 206-354-5161

Calling new mothers!

The school counselor at St. Catherine's is looking for volunteers for a unique social-emotional program called Roots of Empathy, which he will be piloting in 1st grade.

The program uses a volunteer parent and baby as the centerpiece of the curriculum, which explores empathy through observing how a caregiver cares for an infant.

The volunteer commitment is nine 30-40 min sessions – approximately once per month during the school year. Baby needs to have been born between June and August, so that the class can witness the gamut of development in an infant.

Please reach out via email at tdoggett@stcatherineschool.net if interested.

We invite you to consider joining **Walking with Purpose** at St Catherine!

Evening group sessions have begun, it is not too late to join

Meetings will 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>

For questions email Casey Golden at case.golden@gmail.com

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

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

Parish Administration & Finance

We would like to welcome two new additions to our St. Catherine's Parish Staff! Our new PAA, Business Manager is **Sarah Lentz**. Our new Bookkeeper is **Raymond Poole**.

They both started recently and are integrating into our team. Many thanks to our existing team members who have carried the work of many in the interim. Together we look forward to serving the needs of the community.

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St. Vincent De Paul in need of Food Donations

Our parish St. Vincent De Paul conference has been busy during the summer. In the first four weeks of August we received requests for help from 15 families. The greatest areas of need remain rent, utilities, and food. To those parishioners who support SVDP, either financially or with prayers, we send you our sincere thanks.

At this time, we are in need of specific items to re-stock our food pantry. If you are able to help, please leave food donations in the wood box in the corner inside the front doors of the church.

We can accept unopened, non-perishable items. Here is a list of the items we need the most:

- Applesauce
- Canned fruit
- Cereal (dry boxed)
- Spaghetti/noodles
- Breakfast bars
- Jelly/jam
- Crackers
- Cake mixes
- Canned chili
- Hamburger helper
- Pasta sauce
- Muffin mix
- Tea
- Toilet paper
- Toothpaste
- Hand soap
- Hand sanitizer