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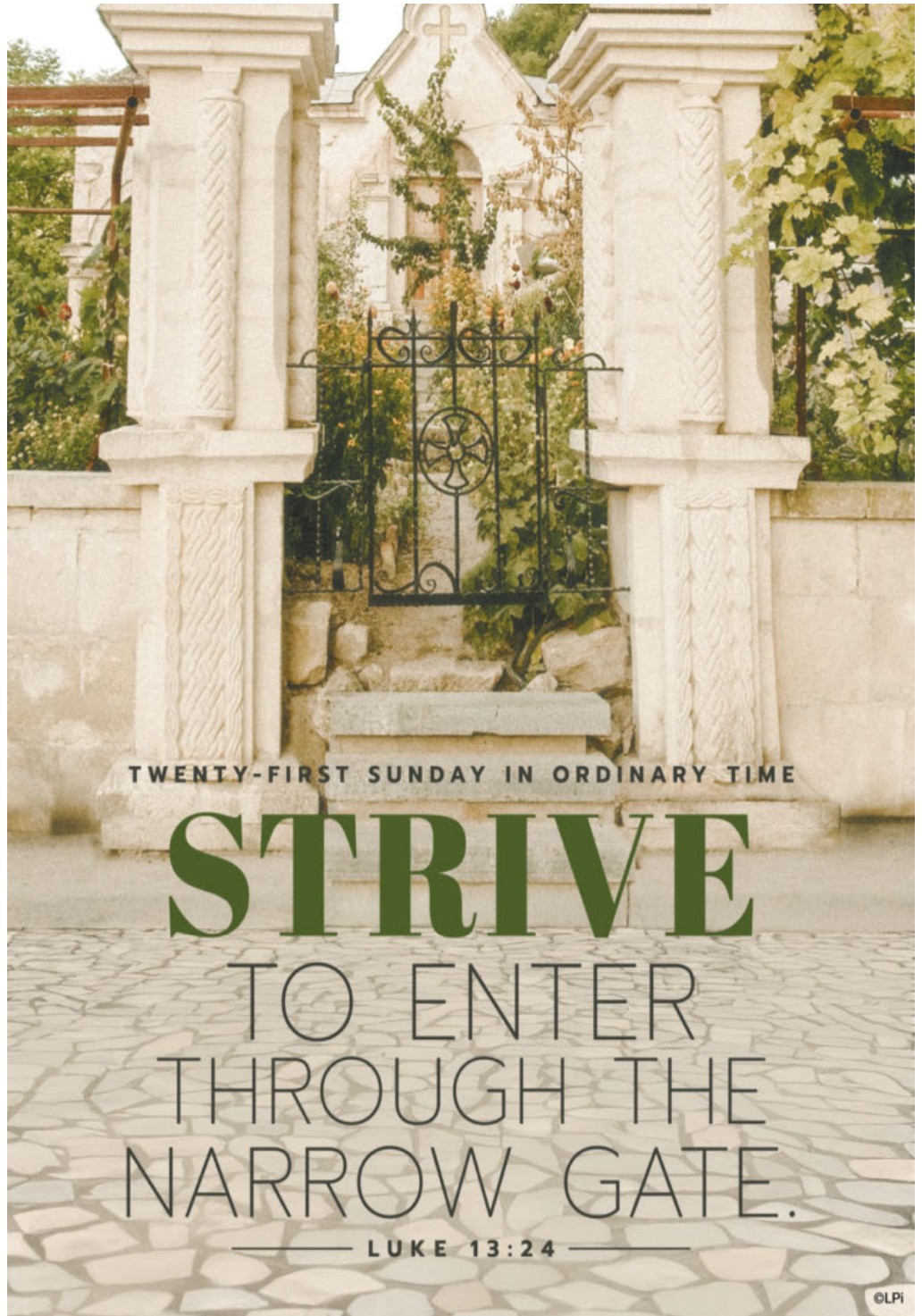
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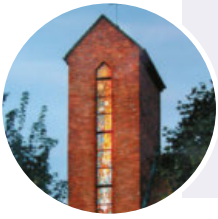


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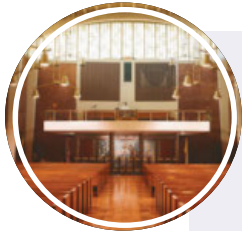
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### MASS TIMES

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Reconciliation: Wednesday at 5:30pm

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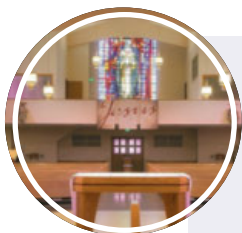
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Sunday at 11:00am | Reconciliation: Saturday at 4:00pm

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# 03 | GET TO KNOW US

NE Seattle Catholic Community



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## A REFLECTION BY FR. HERIC

Friends in Christ,

The Catholic Church has been in the news of late with the early evaluation of our new **Pope Leo XIV**, and more locally, the second year of the **Partners in the Gospel** plan to merge parishes. In the midst of all these variables, I think it's important to keep focused on the **essential purpose of the church**. The late Pope Benedict XVI helped by identifying the following three basic tasks to guide us:

**The first is to worship God**, which for us as Catholics means regular participation at Sunday Mass. Hopefully, with summer vacations ending and many families planning to return their children to school, Sunday Mass will become a regular part of your weekly schedule. To give our folks another option, we will be adding a Sunday 5:00 pm Mass beginning in January, in addition to a Saturday 5:00 pm Mass, and the two 9:00 am and two 11:00 am Sunday morning Masses. You are welcome wherever these Masses are celebrated in our family of parishes!

**The second task is to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to all the world**, beginning with each other. A reminder about the various faith formation options that will begin this fall: sacramental prep for children to receive first reconciliation and communion; confirmation for middle and high school students; and the OCIA/OCIC process for those adults and older children interested in being baptized or received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Please also check the bulletin for Bible Study and other adult faith formation opportunities.

**The third basic task of the church is to care for the poor**, not as an afterthought, but at the forefront of our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. The need is great, as are the outreach ministries for you to support. I would highlight here the important work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society with conferences at all four of our parishes. While financial support is very much needed, I also encourage you to consider becoming a member of SVDP. All ages are welcome!

Blessings of peace,

Fr. William Heric, Pastor



**Holy Mary Mother of God...pray for us!**  
**St. Bridget of Kildare...pray for us!**  
**St. Catherine of Siena...pray for us!**  
**Live Jesus in our hearts...forever!**



## Mass Intentions

Our Mass celebrants will remember the following Intentions during the celebration of the Eucharist:

### MONDAY, AUGUST 25

9:00 am | For the Parish † - AP

9:00 am | For the Parish † - STB

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00am | For the Parish † - STC

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00am | For the Parish † - AP

9:00am | For the Parish † - OLL

6:30pm | For the Parish † - STB

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

9:00am | For the Parish † - OLL

9:00am | For the Parish † - STC

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00 am| For the Parish † - AP

9:00 am| For the Parish † - STB

*Mass intentions may be requested through the parish office.*



## Readings for the week of August 24, 2025

### Sunday:

Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/  
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

### 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/Mt 23:23-26

### 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 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

### Friday:

1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10,  
11-12/Mk 6:17-29

### Saturday:

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

### Next Sunday:

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5  
(1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

## Prayer Corner

### Please pray for those who are ill:

Vincent Anthony (OLL)

Carmina Bacani (OLL)

Ryan Corr (AP)

Lori Griswold (STC)

John Hassay (STC)

Patti Herlihy (AP)

JoAnne King (AP)

Julie Kirkevold

Jim McFarland (AP)

Patrick Mulvihill (OLL)

Carole Phillippi (STC)

Marianne Roulet (AP)

Carter Schlichmeyer

June Simon (STC)

Renita Worn (STC)

### For those who have died:

Larry Doll (OLL)

Gary Gardner Hill (STB)

Raj Javeri (STC)

Jennifer (AP)

Fr. Lyle Konan

Ricky Katri Lesmana (OLL)

Michael Nguyen (STC)

Richard Steven Stockinger (STB)

# 05 | COMMUNITY LIFE

NE Seattle Catholic Community

## Get Involved in Our Ministries!

### Altar Servers

#### ALL PARISH

Altar Servers have the important job during Mass of assisting the priest through the procession, prayers, and Communion. You can be an altar server if you have received the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion! If you are interested in this important ministry, please contact the following to sign up!

**STB - Alex Chopyak** alex@stbridgetparish.org

**STC - Kristin Holland** kholland@neseattlecatholic.org

**OLL - Pam Thomas** trockcreek@msn.com

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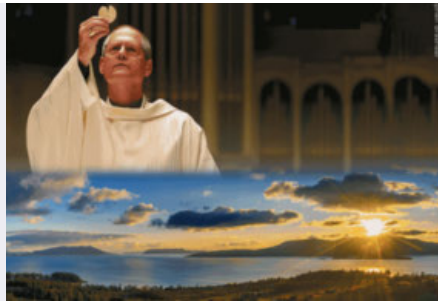
### DID YOU KNOW?

Volunteering in liturgical roles - both for adults and kids - **counts towards school service hours!** Please see the Weekly Word or your parish website for more volunteering opportunities!

## Mass For Creation

Celebrate the Mass for Creation with Archbishop Etienne on **Sept 6 at 5:30pm at St James Cathedral**. This brand-new mass is to help kick-off our celebration of the Annual Season of Creation, a month-long prayerful observance that calls the planet's 2.2 billion Christians to pray and care for God's Creation. Learn more here:

<https://archseattle.org/events/annual-mass-for-creation/>



## Support Our Parish Bulletin

Julie Blissett from LPi, our bulletin publisher, is currently securing new print and digital ads for our parish bulletin. Advertising in the bulletin is an affordable way to support our church while reaching local families every week. Your participation not only helps us produce the bulletin at no cost to the parish, but it also promotes your business to a loyal and supportive audience. **To learn more, contact Julie at 425-305-1357 or JBlissett@4lpi.com.**



## The "If" Project

We invite you to experience how the "If Project", started by a Seattle police detective, dismantles the cycle of incarceration. More details to follow.

**October 16, 7:00 - 9:30 at St. Bridget's Parish Hall.**



project rachel

Peace starts here

## Rachel's Corner

### Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreats

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away. The one who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.'" - Revelation 21:4-5

Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ and discover the peace of having Our Lord wipe away your tears from past abortion decisions and allow Him to make all things new in your heart again. It is His gift to you. Will you receive it?

**English Retreat - Friday, October 10- Sunday, October 12, 2025**

**Spanish Retreat - Friday, October 31- Sunday, November 2, 2025**

**English Retreat - Friday, March 6 - Sunday, March 8, 2026**

**English: (206) 920-6413 (leave a confidential message)**

**Español: (206)-450-7814 (deje un mensaje confidencial)**

Email [projectrachel@ccsww.org](mailto:projectrachel@ccsww.org). Visit us at [www.ccsww.org/projectrachel](http://www.ccsww.org/projectrachel)

Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

***You are loved with an everlasting Love!***



## Help Families in the Holy Land

The USCCB is encouraging parishes to donate to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected families in the Holy Land, including Gaza and surrounding areas in the Middle East.

Gaza's families are enduring conditions of catastrophic collapse as hostilities escalate and basic elements for survival vanish. Death from starvation and severe malnutrition have been rising daily. Families and civilians are grappling with death, injury, forced displacement, and deep psychological trauma.

This conflict has extended to Lebanon, where hundreds of thousands of people were displaced in 2024, and have returned to damaged homes and infrastructure.

With your gift, families and civilians across the Holy Land will continue to receive vital relief and care as they seek refuge and relief. Your prayers and support will make so much difference. Please give a vital gift today!

**Donate here:** <https://www.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict>

Thank you for your generosity!



## Formation Films

### A Catechesis at the Movies

Join Nina Butorac for a 13-week course in Catholic formation using classic films to illustrate our sacramental perspective. Class focus will be on the virtues, conscience, moral action, grace, the sacraments, and redemption. (You must have access to an online streaming platform to view the films at home, as we will not be showing them.)

**Classes will be held at St. Catherine's Benincasa conference room on Thursday evenings, 7:00-8:30 pm, beginning September 18.**

There is no fee, but class size is limited. Please email [nbutorac@yahoo.com](mailto:nbutorac@yahoo.com) to register or for more information.



## Retrouvaille Seattle

**September 19-21**

Retrouvaille is for couples struggling in their marriages, even those considering divorce. No matter the source of the hurt, couples can find healing with Retrouvaille. Through a weekend experience plus six follow-up sessions, couples learn to communicate once again, to reconnect with and rediscover each other.

For confidential information about Retrouvaille Seattle, call **(206) 706-2608** or visit their website at <https://marriagehelpnw.com/>

## Tent City 4 Meals

Our parish family is extending its commitment to provide meals to Tent City 4 adjacent to the Lake City Library (12531 28th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98125) on Sundays, Aug. 31, Sept. 28, and Oct. 26. Sign up to bring an item towards a meal between 5:00-5:30 pm. Scan the QR code to sign up to provide an ingredient. Working together, our parishioners are making a tremendous difference to these encampments, which are self-governed and include families with children and working adults. Tent City 3 is moving away from this neighborhood in July. Both encampments have expressed deep gratitude!





# 07 | COMMUNITY LIFE

NE Seattle Catholic Community



## St Bridget Nursery

**Nursery Resumes on September 7 at St. Bridget**

We're excited to announce that the nursery for children ages 6 months to 3 years will resume on September 7 at St. Bridget. Nursery check-in will be available before Mass. For the safety and health of all, please refrain from bringing children who are ill to the nursery. We look forward to welcoming your little ones!

## Sacramental Preparation Registration is Open!

Do you have a 2nd grader, 7th grader, or a child eager to receive the sacraments? We're excited to walk with them on this important step in their faith journey! Classes begin soon, so don't wait—scan the QR codes to register today.



**First Communion**



**Confirmation**

## Fr. Duc Out of Town

Fr. Duc will be out of town from September 9-30th. Please pray for his safe travels to Vietnam and a joyful visit with his family! There will be changes to the Mass schedule, so please check the schedule before attending!

Have a bulletin story or pictures to share? Scan this code to learn more.



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