

PARISH FAMILY 14

ST. ALPHONSUS | ST. BENEDICT | ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



SUNDAY MASSES

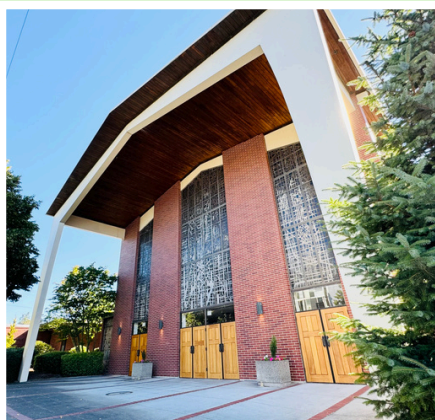
Saturday: 5:00 PM Vigil at St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM Vigil at St. John
Sunday: 8:30 AM at St. John
9:00 AM at St. Alphonsus
10:30 AM at St. John
11:00 AM at St. Benedict

DAILY MASSES

Mon - Thurs: 7:30 AM at St. Alphonsus
(except **1st** Wed and **1st** Thurs,
refer to School Masses)
Fri: 9:00 AM at St. John
Sat: 8:00 AM at St. Alphonsus
(except **1st** Sat: 9:00 AM at St. John)
School Masses (Sept-June): All are welcome!
1st Wed: 8:45 AM at St. Alphonsus
1st Thurs: 9:00 AM at St. Benedict
1st Fri: 9:00 AM at St. John

CONFESSION

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM at St. Alphonsus
4:30 PM at St. John
First Thursday Confession and Adoration:
7:00-8:00 PM at St. Alphonsus



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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

July 27, 2025
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

	ST. ALPHONSUS		ST. BENEDICT		ST. JOHN	
July 27 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9 AM 10 AM	Mass No Coffee & donuts after Mass	10 AM 11 AM Noon	Coffee & donuts Mass with CLOW (Livestream) RIP: Mary Alice Tully Elias Coffee & donuts; welcoming Fr. Nkolombidzo	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass Coffee & donuts after both Masses
July 28 Monday	7:30 AM 7 PM	Daily Mass RIP: Charles Bielaczy Men's Group - McGrath Room	7 PM	Gospel Study		
July 29 Tuesday <i>Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus</i>	7:30 AM 6:30 PM	Daily Mass INT: Jonathan Kessler Women's Group - McGrath Room				
July 30 Wednesday <i>Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	7:30 AM	Daily Mass RIP: Janice Zitz				
July 31 Thursday <i>Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i>	7:30 AM 10 AM	Daily Mass RIP: Rita & Franca Bertucci Scripture Study	6 PM	SVdP Monthly Meeting		
August 1 Friday <i>Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	8:15 AM to 8 PM	Adoration Chapel open			9 AM	Daily Mass
August 2 Saturday <i>Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest</i>	4 PM-4:45 PM 5 PM	Confession Vigil Mass			9 AM 4:30 PM 5 PM	1 st Saturday Mass RIP: Ramiro Brito Ceron Confession Vigil Mass (Livestream)
August 3 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9 AM 10 AM	Mass No Coffee & donuts after Mass	10 AM 11 AM	Coffee & donuts Mass with CLOW (Livestream) INT: Thanksgiving to St. Benedict	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass with CLOW No Coffee & donuts today
	For livestream and recorded masses, click the links:		https://parish.stbens.net https://www.facebook.com/stben-seattle		www.stjohnsea.org/live-stream-masses	



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PARISH FAMILY UPDATES



ST. ALPHONSUS
ST. BENEDICT
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST **PARISH FAMILY 14**

We'd love to see a SNAPSHOT OF YOU!

It only takes a few minutes to fill out our Parishioner Profile Update Form, and it really helps us stay connected with you! Here's how:

Step 1: Scan the QR code, visit the link, or grab a paper form in the vestibule.

Step 2: Update your contact info so we can reach you (no spam, we promise!).

Step 3: Answer just four quick questions, hit submit, and you're done!

St. Alphonsus
bit.ly/PF14StAl



St. Benedict
bit.ly/PF14StBen



St. John
bit.ly/PF14StJohn



This is a simple way for us to get to know you—your story, your gifts, and what matters to you. Whether you're new or have been with us for a while, your presence is a blessing to our Parish Family. We look forward to walking this journey with you!

A Special Welcome for Fr. Nkolombidzo (en-colom-beads-o)

Please join us for a special coffee and donuts **after the 11am Mass, July 27 at St. Benedict**, to welcome our new Parochial Vicar, Fr. Nkolombidzo (en-colomb-beads-o), to our Parish Family.

A wonderful addition to our amazing Family!



A BEAUTIFUL DAY OF COMMUNITY AT OUR PARISH FAMILY BBQ!

Thank you so much to everyone who came out to our Parish Family BBQ!

It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces enjoying good food, fun, and great company. The photos below give you a peek at all the laughter, conversations, and happy moments we shared together.

We hope you had as much fun as we did and felt the warmth of our Parish Family coming together. Looking forward to many more joyful gatherings like this!



UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. ALPHONSUS & CHOPPERS BRASS: MUSIC FOR ORGAN & BRASS

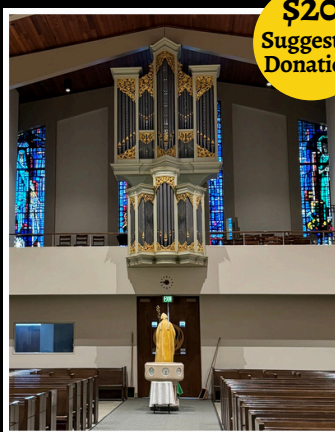
CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF FRITTS OP. 4

FRIDAY | 08 AUG 2025

7:00 PM

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH

<https://bit.ly/StAlOrgan40th>



**\$20
Suggested
Donation**

Join us for the first of our concerts celebrating the 40th anniversary of the magnificent Paul Fritts Organ at St. Alphonsus Church. Organist and Music Director Andrew Koch joins the Choppers Brass quintet for an evening of music for organ and brass spanning the centuries from the Baroque to present day.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER...



Please remember the following people who are ill, homebound, or need your prayers this week: Marnie Ahern, Lillian Anderson, Charles Bielaczy, Alexander Bodsky, Anneliese Bodsky, Jon Condon, Donna Day, Jeff D'Amelio, Natasha Ryan D'Amelio, Rosalia Dimaunahan, Bertha Eriksson, Todd Galvão, Espedito P. Galvão, Margaret Goodrich, Carol Grimes, Lianne Grimes, Myrna Israkul, Emily Jones, Joan Knebel, Daniel Love, Josephine Lynch, Seamus Lynch, Norma Macke, Anne Manfredi, Ginny Massett, Darren Miller, Joanne Morgan, Jerry Mulka, Patricia Mulka, Jennifer Nagel, Ray Naidu, Dan Nichols, Gary Olsen, Bob Pohlman, Lucy Rogers, Jack Serwold, Abby Simpson, Jeannette Tannario, Jane Treeheal, Dennis Weiler, Jerilyn Wetzal, Shea Wilson, Lillian Yamamoto, Carmen Marie Bravo, Megan Yoshimura, Hilda Saleh, Scott Tom, and Joe Chitty.

For those who have died, that they may rest in the healing embrace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray to the Lord. For Armed Forces personnel throughout the world, that they come home safely to their families, we pray to the Lord.

Note: To request a prayer, please call the Parish Office or use the QR code or this link: <https://bit.ly/PF14Prayer>



**The prayer list is updated monthly.
To keep your request active, please resubmit it each month.**

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

All things are vanity!

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Psalm

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Psalm 90

Second Reading

In Christ you have died. In Christ you have been raised up.

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel

Avoid greed in all its forms.

Luke 12:13-21

"Vanity of vanities," we hear right off the bat today, a condemnation of our inclination to labor and obsess over the many material goods we have or hope to accumulate. In the Gospel, Jesus invites us to listen to a parable that addresses this pointless avarice. We get to hear the surprise awaiting the rich man whose harvest was so huge his barns couldn't hold it. In between, we hear Saint Paul's advice to the Colossians: "seek what is above." It's too late for the rich man in Jesus' parable, but it's always timely advice for us.

FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTS

SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS

Scripture/Gospel Study

July 28, 7 PM | St. Benedict Gospel Study via Zoom
Meeting ID: 864 2616 6842 Password: 961919

July 31, 10 AM | St. Alphonsus Scripture Study at
St. Alphonsus McGrath Room

Men's Group

July 29, 7 PM | St. Alphonsus Men's Group fellowship and
faith sharing at St. Alphonsus McGrath Room

Women's Ministry

July 29 | St. Alphonsus Group
August 5, 7 PM | St. Benedict's Group via Zoom
Meeting ID: 83832067839 Password: 042299

Book Group

August 7, 7 PM | St. Benedict's Group at St. Mary Room
(upper level of Parish Center)



To learn more about our small groups and get contact information, please visit: bit.ly/PF14SmallGroups.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Infant Baptism

Baptisms in our Parish Family are scheduled during the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses at our three churches. Please see the schedule below for upcoming dates. For more information, contact Julia Rudden at jrudden@stjohnsea.org or Claire Shea at claireshea@stalseattle.org.

September 6 and 7, 2025

December 13 and 14, 2025

February 28 and March 1, 2026

June 13 and 14, 2026



First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion preparation is offered for children typically in 2nd grade (around ages 7–8) who have been baptized. Classes start in **September at St. Alphonsus, and October at St. John and St. Benedict**. For questions or more information, please contact Claire Shea at claireshea@stalseattle.org or Julia Rudden at jrudden@stjohnsea.org.



Youth Confirmation

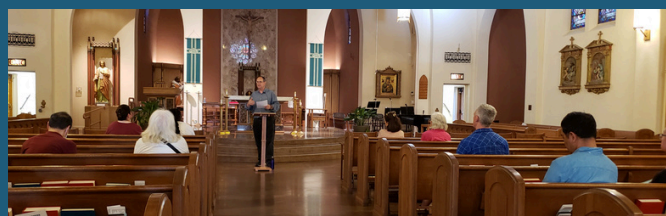
Youth Confirmation is for students in 7th grade and older who have been baptized and received First Holy Communion. Classes start in **November**. For questions or more information, please contact Julia Rudden at jrudden@stjohnsea.org.



THE CREED

On July 16, 2025, Daniel Pelfrey hosted an engaging and enriching presentation on The Creed at St. John. The session explored the historical development of the Creed, its theological significance, and how it continues to shape our faith today.

Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the discussion. We look forward to offering more opportunities for learning and reflection in the future!



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you an adult who participates in the life of the church, but has not been confirmed? Would you like to receive this sacrament of initiation and become a full member of the Catholic community? Please contact Daniel Pelfrey at ceff@stjohnsea.org.



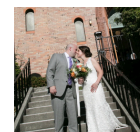
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults Adapted for Children (OCIAAC)

OCIAAC is designed for children in 3rd grade and above who are either unbaptized or baptized in another Christian tradition. Through age-appropriate catechesis, they will prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist. For more information, please contact Daniel Pelfrey at ceff@stjohnsea.org.



Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples are asked to contact the Parish Office at least six to eight months in advance to begin preparation. For more info or to start the process, please reach out to Julia Rudden at jrudden@stjohnsea.org or Christine Cavanaugh at christine.cavanaugh@outlook.com.



Parish Advocate for Annulments

For parishioners seeking a marriage annulment, please contact the Parish Office or email annulment@stjohnsea.org.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

St. Francis of Assisi Ministry

The Parish Family 14 Saint Francis of Assisi Ministry is rooted in Catholic faith and inspired by the spirit of St. Francis. They bring together individuals who care deeply about the sanctity of the Earth and all life God has created. They meet monthly and take part in community-wide actions and initiatives that promote environmental stewardship and sustainability. Its mission is to educate, inspire, and encourage action to care for our common home. All are welcome to join!

Learn more at saintfranciseseattle.org or contact Paul Litwin at paul@thelitwins.com.

Racial Justice and Equity

Join this ministry for a good opportunity for increasing knowledge and skills with strategies to address racism. For more info, contact Daniel Lefebvre at frenchman429@gmail.com.

Holy Name Society

St. Alphonsus' Holy Name Society is a men's group dedicated to honoring the name of Jesus Christ and promoting reverence for it. The Society participates in parish activities, like family breakfasts, events, and service projects. To join and for more information, please contact Karl Hoffman at 206-784-7152 or karl3hoffmann@gmail.com.

Cabrini Ministry

Are you homebound, in nursing home or hospital and want to receive the holy communion? Our Cabrini Ministers would be happy to bring the holy communion to your home. For inquiries, please contact the following:

St. Alphonsus: Lori Corcoro - lorcorco@stalseattle.org
St. Benedict: Brenda Stratton - bjandmes.bjs@gmail.com

Grief Support Group

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you don't have to go through it alone. Our Parish Family Grief Support Group is here to offer comfort, support, and a listening ear.

While regular monthly meetings take a break during the summer, it will resume with weekly drop-in sessions this fall.

For more information, please reach out to Margaret Alquist at margaretalquist1@gmail.com.

SANCTA VITA

NEXT STEP PREGNANCY SERVICES ANNUAL GALA

SEP 20, 2025

- Stay tuned for official invitations and ticket information!
- Sponsors are welcome! Please contact Heather at: heather@nextstepnw.com.
- You can also help by donating toy basket for baby's first year (infant to one year old). All items are needed by July 20.



Sancta Vita

"If it is true that the weakness of the elderly needs the strength of the young, it is equally true that the inexperience of the young needs the witness of the elderly in order to build the future with wisdom. How often our grandparents have been for us examples of faith and devotion, civic virtue and social commitment, memory and perseverance amid trials! The precious legacy that they have handed down to us with hope and love will always be a source of gratitude and a summons to perseverance.

Pope Francis wanted the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly to be celebrated primarily through an effort to seek out elderly persons who are living alone. For this reason, those who are unable to come to Rome on pilgrimage during this Holy Year may "obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if they visit, for an appropriate amount of time, the elderly who are alone... making, in a sense, a pilgrimage to Christ present in them (cf. Mt 25:34-36)" (APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, Norms for the Granting of the Jubilee Indulgence, III). Visiting an elderly person is a way of encountering Jesus, who frees us from indifference and loneliness.

- Pope Leo XIV, Message for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2025



Join the next packing and sorting event!

Wednesday | September 3, 2025 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Note that all volunteers must register in advance (FLL recommends 5 days prior). If you don't have an FLL account (required), it usually takes 2-3 minutes to create the account.

Sign up now by scanning the QR code or contact Len Kannapel at kannapell@yahoo.com.



NOTE: To learn more about these ministries, we invite you to visit bit.ly/PF14SocialJustice and the website of each parish.

FAITH IN FOCUS



Book of the Gospels

THE *BOOK of the Gospels* is a collection of Gospel passages proclaimed at Mass. It is an excerpt of the lectionary, usually containing the Gospels for Sundays and solemnities, and decorated with dignity. It does not contain the entire texts of all four Gospels. The words of Jesus are highly esteemed by Christians, so the *Book of the Gospels* receives more respect than other volumes of the lectionary.



It is not required to use of the *Book of the Gospels* at Mass, but it is recommended. This book—not the lectionary—may be carried in the Entrance Procession by a deacon, or by a reader when there is no deacon. The minister walks with the book slightly elevated and places it upon the altar, which represents Christ, the living stone (1 Peter 2:4). This placement unifies two primary symbols for Christ from the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

During the Gospel Acclamation, the deacon or priest goes to the altar, lifts the *Book of the Gospels*, and carries it to the ambo. He may incense the book after announcing the evangelist. He proclaims the Gospel and then kisses the book. If a bishop presides, the deacon who proclaims the Gospel carries the *Book of the Gospels* to the bishop for him to kiss. The bishop may then grasp the book and bless the people by making the Sign of the Cross with it. Afterward, the book may be placed on the credence table or in some other worthy place.

During the ordination of a deacon, the *Book of the Gospels* is placed briefly in his hands. During the ordination of a bishop, the *Book of the Gospels* is briefly laid upon his head.

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SAINT OF THE MONTH

Saint Veronica

Feast Day: July 12

Patron Saint of laundry workers and photographers

We hear the story of Veronica when we pray the Stations of the Cross. At the Sixth Station, Jesus stopped to allow Veronica to wipe the blood, sweat, and dirt from his face. This simple act of kindness is all we know about Veronica, a woman in Jerusalem. She is not mentioned in the Gospels, but Jesus' followers must have shared the story of her loving care for the Lord so often that it has become part of our tradition.



It is believed that Veronica used her veil to wipe Jesus' face. Afterward, the image of Jesus' face was imprinted on the cloth. Veronica's veil is a treasured Church relic, an object of a personal item of religious importance. According to legend, Veronica later touched Emperor Tiberius with the veil and he was cured of an illness. The veil has been preserved, or safeguarded, in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome since the eighth century.

We do not know if Veronica was a follower of Jesus before the day he was crucified or if she became a Christian because she was a witness to Jesus' suffering. We do know that Veronica responded to Christ on that first Good Friday by reaching out to comfort him.

The Church honors Veronica as a saint. We can imitate her loving and caring actions by doing all we can to help people who are hurting.

Source: www.saintsresource.com/veronica

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PARISH FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS

Meet Fr. Nkolombidzo (en-colum-beads-o): Our Parish Family's New Parochial Vicar

Fr. Nkolombidzo is a priest from the Archdiocese of Blantyre in Malawi, born on January 7, 1981. He grew up in a poor village deeply influenced by the life and ministry of his parish pastor, a Belgian Montfort Missionary who dedicated his life to serving the people of the surrounding villages. This missionary priest not only nurtured the spiritual life of the community but also worked tirelessly to improve living conditions by building schools, a technical college, and a hospital. His example inspired Fr. Nkolombidzo to pursue the priesthood.

At the age of 13, Fr. Nkolombidzo entered Pius XII Minor Seminary. After five years of formation, he continued his studies at St. Anthony – Kachebere Major Seminary and later at St. Peter's Major Seminary, where he studied Theology. He was ordained to the priesthood on July 18, 2009, at Kamuzu Stadium in Blantyre.

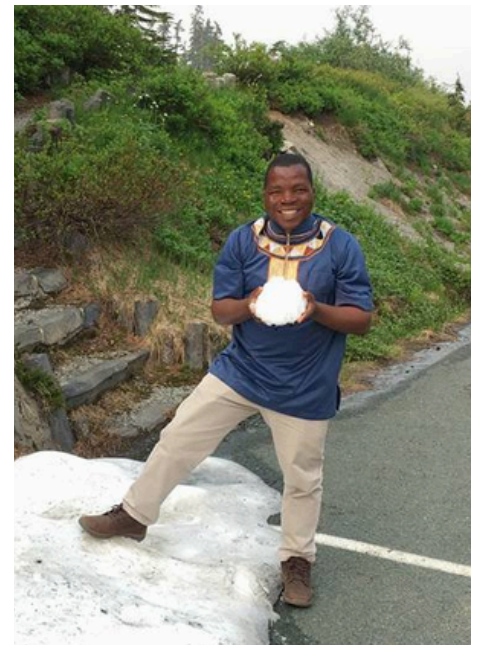


Fr. Nkolombidzo is passionate about community engagement and development. Drawing from his own experience of growing up in poverty, he founded a banana plantation cooperative aimed at enhancing food security for poor households by offering a sustainable alternative to maize, Malawi's staple crop. He also established an irrigation scheme in partnership with small Christian communities to help mitigate the effects of drought in areas dependent on rain-fed agriculture.

His interests include community involvement, reading, writing, volunteering, music, travel, culture, and leadership development. Fr. Nkolombidzo continues to be a compassionate and visionary leader, committed to both the spiritual and practical upliftment of the communities he serves.

We are blessed to welcome Fr. Nkolombidzo as the new Parochial Vicar of our Parish Family!

Please join us in extending a warm and heartfelt welcome as he begins his ministry among us. Let us keep him in our prayers as he brings his gifts, experiences, and deep faith to serve our community.





Saint John the Evangelist Parish

PARISH NEWS

MINISTRY NEEDS

Eucharistic Ministers

Serving at the altar of God is a most sacred way of participating in Mass. Eucharistic Ministers function as servant to the body of Christ, God's people. The primary focus of their ministry is to serve our parish with fidelity, reverence, and love. Eucharistic ministers distribute either the Blood of Christ (the Cup) or the Body of Christ (the Plate). Duties are entirely during mass, and do not require early arrival or late departure from mass. All Confirmed Catholics can be Eucharistic ministers. Training will be provided!

Contact Lauren Exnicios at lexnicios@gmail.com for more information.

Sacristans

Sacristans set God's table. Sacristans arrive 45 minutes – 1 hour prior to mass to prepare the church and remain after mass to clean the holy materials in the sacristy and set everything back in its place before leaving the church. Responsibilities include turning on the lights, lighting the candles, setting out the vessels and books for the priest to use at mass, assisting during the liturgy if needed by the priest, and supporting the altar servers in their roles.

Training will be provided!

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All ministries at St. John Parish & School require Safe Environment training. Please contact Sheila Marty at the Parish Office or email smarty@stjohnsea.org.

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ST. JOHN BOOK CLUB - September 7 at 4:00 PM

We are reading *Joan of Arc* by Mark Twain. In Twain's own words, "I like *Joan of Arc* best of all my books; and it is the best; I know it perfectly well. And besides, it furnished me seven times the pleasure afforded me by any of the others; twelve years of preparation, and two years of writing. The others needed no preparation and got none." We will meet at Sheila Marty's house. Email her for address and directions. smarty@stjohnsea.org



AGAPE SERVICE PROJECT 2025

Give back to others this summer; participate in the AGAPE service project on **August 13!** Join other St. John families in bringing food, fun, and fellowship to farmworkers and their families in Whatcom County.

This unique event gives students a safe and powerful way of encountering Jesus in those who live on the margins. The day-long event will include interacting with children, as well as food-based activities, such as food bank organization, or preparing and serving food. Register at <https://bit.ly/43KxVT9> (Optional \$15 for a T-shirt available on site)

SCHOOL NEWS

It's not too late!

There's still time to apply for Kindergarten at St. John School for the 2025–26 school year!

Give your child a strong start in a nurturing, faith-filled community where learning comes to life and every student is known and loved.

Apply today and join the St. John family!

<https://st-johnschool.org/admissions>

Week of July 20, 2025

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, 5 PM	105
Sunday, 8:30 AM	109
Sunday, 10:30 AM	145

Invite your friends and family to attend Mass and experience the peace, community, and spiritual growth it brings!

PARISH COLLECTION

Mass Collection	\$ 3,409.00
Online Donations	\$ 10,595.85
Mailed-in	\$ 2,373.00
Total Collection	\$ 16,377.85
Weekly Budget	\$ 15,546.00

Over Weekly Budget \$ 831.85

Thank you so much for all your support to St. John Parish!

Set up your recurring online giving now!

<https://bit.ly/PushpaySJ>



EXECUTIVE

Speaker Series

STEPPING OUT IN WITNESS FOR CHRIST



Tricia Bølle

Founder of the St. Francis Xavier
Lay Missionary Society

Thursday, August 7, 2025
7 PM | St. Alphonsus Church



YOUNG CATHOLIC
PROFESSIONALS
SEATTLE

THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE

Planned Giving Webinar

August 1, 2025
12:00pm – 1:00pm
Zoom Presentation

 Brought to you by the Fulcrum Foundation & the Archdiocese of Seattle.

Discover how you can make a lasting impact on our Church's mission through planned giving. This informative webinar will guide you through the various ways you can support our community and ensure the future of our faith.

Highlights:

- Hear from representatives from the Fulcrum Foundation and the Archdiocese of Seattle and attorney John Keckemet.
- Understand the importance of planned giving.

This webinar is perfect for parishioners, donors, and anyone interested in supporting their parish or schools' future. Register for this free webinar at <https://bit.ly/3Tunlex> or find out more information by contacting emilina.seats@seattlearch.org.



Aug 8, 6-9 PM | Aug 9, 9 AM - 3 PM | Aug 10, 2-5 PM
Saint Thomas Church, Tukwila

It is an invitation to receive emotional healing personally which will renew families and relations. Jesus is able to heal you, physically, emotionally and spiritually. (1 Thes 5.23). Bring yourself, your family and friends.

Register at <https://forms.gle/kmH3g81PjCJq1RTB7>.
Registrations are limited to the first 250.



Seattle Men's Retreat Monastic Weekend at Westminster Abbey, Mission, B.C

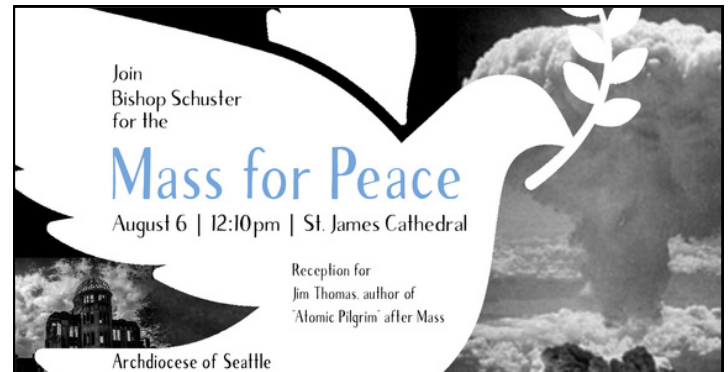
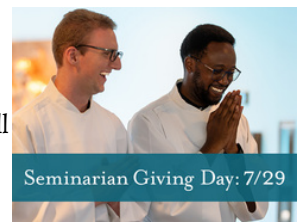
Aug 15, 6:00 PM - Aug 17, noon

The 68th Annual Seattle Men's Retreat Monastic Weekend with the Benedictines of **Westminster Abbey, Mission, B.C.** is scheduled for **August 15-17**. You will have an opportunity to immerse yourself in the lives & liturgy of the monks and experience religious life in the beautiful British Columbia countryside.

Cost: \$145. Reservation deadline: **August 1, 2025**
For further information, call Dr. Greg Gosch @ 425.220.3019 or email GJGosch@gmail.com.

1st Seminarian Giving Day - July 29

The goal is to raise \$60,000, the cost of one year of education per seminarian. Thanks to a generous matching gift, all donations of \$1,000 or more will be doubled. GIVE TODAY! To donate, go to <https://bit.ly/453B94X>



Join Bishop Schuster to help us commemorate the 80th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima & Nagasaki, Japan at our Annual Mass for Peace.

All are invited to pray for continued peace in our world and reflect on the tragedy of war.

Attend mass in person or livestream on Vimeo, Facebook or YouTube @ArchdioceseofSeattle

After Mass there will be a reception with Jim Thomas author of *Atomic Pilgrim* in the Isaac Orr Conference room. Jim will share highlights from his book followed by a Q&A and book signing.



August 12 - 14 | 1:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Unplug with the Lord: A Retreat for High School Juniors, Seniors and Recent Graduates

High School juniors, seniors, and recent graduates are invited to attend this prayerful 3-day/2-night retreat at the beautiful **Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center**! Retreat leader Fr. Chad Hill will offer a variety of approaches to prayer as a way of growing closer to God and discerning His plan. This summer is the perfect time to get away and Unplug with the Lord as big decisions and next steps await this fall!

Register at <https://bit.ly/4lOoj16>
Cost to attend: \$100. Financial assistance is available, if needed.

For questions or financial aid requests, please email Kimberly Abadir, Director of Youth Ministry Services at kimberly.abadir@seattlearch.org

POPE LEO XIV

THE FIRST AMERICAN POPE

On Thursday, May 8th 2025, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, O.S.A., became the first American and the first Augustinian Pope. He was born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago to Louis Marius Prevost and Mildred Martínez. He has two older brothers, Louis Martín and John Joseph, and is of African, French, Italian, and Spanish descent.

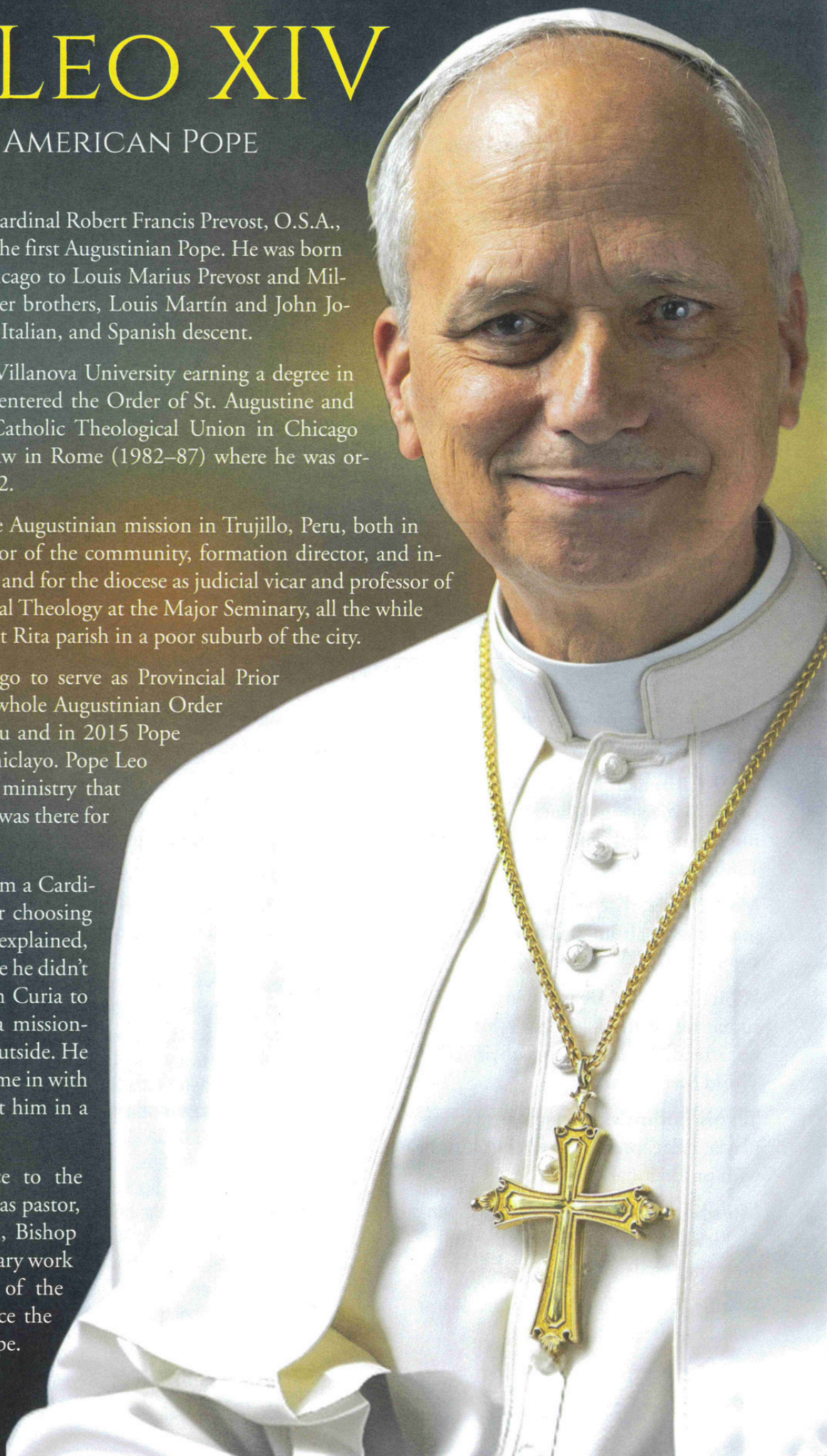
After high school he attended Villanova University earning a degree in Mathematics (1977). He then entered the Order of St. Augustine and studied theology first at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago (1978–82) and then Canon Law in Rome (1982–87) where he was ordained a priest on June 19, 1982.

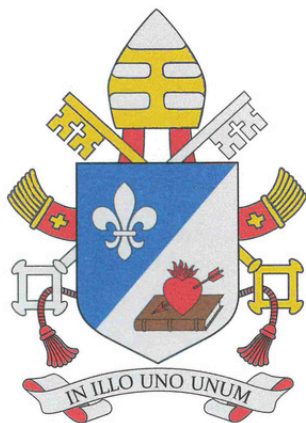
From 1988–99 he served in the Augustinian mission in Trujillo, Peru, both in various Augustinian offices: prior of the community, formation director, and instructor for professed members, and for the diocese as judicial vicar and professor of Canon Law, Patristics, and Moral Theology at the Major Seminary, all the while doing pastoral ministry for Saint Rita parish in a poor suburb of the city.

In 1999 he returned to Chicago to serve as Provincial Prior and then Prior General of the whole Augustinian Order (2001–13). He returned to Peru and in 2015 Pope Francis made him Bishop of Chiclayo. Pope Leo claimed that “The part of my ministry that most shaped my life was Peru. I was there for over 20 years total.”

In 2023 Pope Francis named him a Cardinal to head the Curia office for choosing new bishops. As Pope Leo later explained, “he called me specifically because he didn’t want someone from the Roman Curia to take on this role. He wanted a missionary. He wanted someone from outside. He wanted someone who would come in with a different perspective and assist him in a very specific ministry.”

Leo’s life experience of service to the Church both in administration as pastor, prior, provincial, Prior General, Bishop and Cardinal and in his missionary work as pastor, teacher and friend of the poor, well suits him now to face the challenges of his new role as Pope.





POPE LEO'S COAT OF ARMS

Pope Leo XIV's coat of arms reflects his desire to promote love for Jesus, veneration of Mary, and unity within the Church. It embodies both his personal faith and his Augustinian spiritual heritage.

Behind the shield appears the papal silver mitre symbolizing his papal office. It has three gold bands reminiscent of the traditional elaborate bejeweled triple tiara (crown) no longer worn by popes. It also has two fluttering red streamers fringed with gold and

adorned with gold crosses. The crossed gold and silver Petrine keys linked by a red cord symbolize his papal authority (Mt 16:19).

The shield is divided diagonally into two sections, the upper blue background recalls the heights of the heavens and displays a lily or fleur-de-lis symbolizing the Blessed Virgin Mary. The lower half has a light background displaying an image familiar to the Order of Saint Augustine: a closed book with a heart pierced by an arrow, recalling St. Augustine's personal encounter with God's Word using the phrase: "You have pierced my heart with your Word." The Latin motto, "*In Illo uno unum*" ("In the one Christ we are one"), is taken from St. Augustine's sermon on the *Exposition on Psalm 127*, explaining that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."

FAST FACTS ABOUT POPE LEO

First American-Born Pope: The first pope born in the USA.

Dual Citizenship: Holds US and Peruvian citizenship due to extensive missionary work in Peru during the 1980s and 1990s.

Math Whiz: Earned a Bachelor's in mathematics from Villanova University in 1977.

White Sox (and Bears) Fan: Lifelong supporter of the Chicago White Sox, he attended Game 1 of their 2005 World Series victory.

Tennis Enthusiast: An amateur tennis player, he's expressed interest in hitting with professional players.

Multilingual: Speaks English, Spanish, Italian, French, Portuguese, German, and reads Latin.

Wordle Player: Plays *Wordle* and *Words with Friends* with his brothers.

Car Enthusiast: Loves driving long distances and fixing cars, a skill he used as a missionary in Peru.

First Augustinian Pope: First pope from the Order of Saint Augustine.

Canon Law Expert: Holds a doctorate in canon law from Rome, with a thesis on Augustinian leadership roles.

Pope Leo's Prayer

God loves us, and evil will not prevail!

All of us are in God's hands.

So, let us move forward, without fear,
together, hand in hand with God
and with one another other!

We are followers of Christ.

Christ goes before us.

The world needs his light.

Humanity needs him as the bridge
that can lead us to God and his love.

Help us, one and all, to build bridges
through dialogue and encounter,
joining together as one people,
always at peace.

Born

Robert Francis Prevost

September 14, 1955

Chicago, Illinois

Citizenship

United States

Peru (since 2015)

Vatican City (since 2023)

Education

Villanova University (BS)

Catholic Theological Union (MDiv)

Pontifical University of Saint

Thomas Aquinas (JCL, JCD)

Holy Orders

Ordination as Deacon:

September 10, 1981

Ordination as Priest:

June 19, 1982

Ordination as Bishop:

December 12, 2014

Appointed Cardinal

By Pope Francis

September 30, 2023

Cardinal deacon (2023–2025)

Cardinal bishop (2025)

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(2014–2015)

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