

PARISH FAMILY 14

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MATTHEW 11:2-11

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
Friday: 9:00 AM at St. John
Saturday: 8:00 AM at St. Alphonsus
(except 1st Sat: 9:00 AM at St. John)

CONFESSION

Mon - Thurs: 7:00 - 7:20 AM at St. Alphonsus
Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM at St. Alphonsus
Sunday: 8:00 - 8:45 AM at St. Alphonsus
Sunday: 9:45 - 10:15 AM at St. John
By appointment: info@parishfamily14.org
First Thursday Confession and Adoration:
7:00-8:00 PM at St. Alphonsus



ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH

5816 15th Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98107
Website: <https://stalseattle.org>



ST. BENEDICT PARISH

1805 N 49th St, Seattle, WA 98103
Website: <https://parish.stbens.net>



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

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For pastoral emergencies, please call: 206-271-3543.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

December 14, 2025
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

	ST. ALPHONSUS	ST. BENEDICT	ST. JOHN
December 14 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8 AM Confession 9 AM Mass with Baptisms 10 AM Coffee & Donuts 10:30 AM OCIC - McGrath Room	11 AM Mass with CLOW and Baptisms (Livestream) 12 PM Coffee & Donuts	8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Lectio Divina 9:35 AM Confirmation Class PF14 9:45 AM Confession 10:30 AM Mass with CLOW & Baptisms Coffee & Donuts after both Masses 6:30 PM Book Group - Parish Admin Bldg 7:30 PM Faith Sharing Group via Zoom
December 15 Monday	7 AM Confession 7:30 AM Daily Mass RIP: Dorothy Gallus 7 PM Men's Group - McGrath Room	8:30 AM SMdP Sandwich Making	
December 16 Tuesday	7 AM Confession 7:30 AM Daily Mass RIP: Gary Olsen	7 PM Lector Training	6 PM Advent Community Dinner - Egan Hall
December 17 Wednesday	7 AM Confession 7:30 AM Daily mass 8:45 AM Mass		
December 18 Thursday	7 AM Confession 7:30 AM Daily Mass INT: Rose Mary Elevteri 10 AM Scripture Study 7 PM OCIA - McGrath Room		3-4 PM Family Adoration
December 19 Friday	8:15 AM Adoration Chapel open to 8 PM 7:30 PM A Festival of Lessons & Carols		9 AM Daily Mass RIP: Maria Nhi Dang & Maria Ly Nguyen & Than Nguyen 1 PM Funeral Mass for Carol Evavold
December 20 Saturday	8 AM Daily Mass - CANCELLED 4 PM Confession - RELOCATED 5 PM Vigil Mass - RELOCATED	4 PM Confession 5 PM Simbang Gabi - Vigil Mass 6 PM Parish Family Festive Dinner Potluck	5 PM Vigil Mass - RELOCATED
December 21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8 AM Confession 9 AM Mass 10 AM Breakfast by Angel's Cafe 10:30 AM OCIC - McGrath Room	11 AM Mass with CLOW (Livestream) 12 PM Coffee & Donuts	8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Lectio Divina 9:45 AM Confession 10:30 AM Mass with CLOW SVdP Collection at both Masses Coffee & donuts after both Masses 7:30 PM Faith Sharing Group via Zoom
	For livestream and recorded masses, click the links:	https://parish.stbens.net www.facebook.com/stbenseattle	www.stjohnsea.org/live-stream-masses



Sign up to **get notified of mass cancellations** or mass time changes.
<https://bit.ly/PF14NotifyMe>



Subscribe to **weekly bulletin and e-newsletter**.
<https://bit.ly/PF14WeeklyBulletin>



Submit your **questions & feedback** about our Parish Family.
<https://bit.ly/PF14Queries>



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PARISH FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS

PARISH FAMILY ADVENT CALENDAR

Don't miss out on our Advent excitement!



Please check out **Upcoming Events** section of this bulletin or go to bit.ly/PF14Advent2025 for complete details.

Dec 16 - Advent Community Dinner

Dec 19 - A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Dec 20 - Simbang Gabi - Vigil Mass at St. Benedict (Note: **5PM Masses at St. Al and St. John are relocated**)

Dec 24 and 25 - Christmas Masses

HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR GIFT YET? SIGN UP ON FORMED FOR FREE!

1. Go to formed.org/signup.
2. Enter 98107 for zip code or Parish Family 14 Seattle
3. Enter your name and email address.



Listening Sessions and Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in our listening sessions and parish survey. Your voices helped us identify the many gifts, strengths, and hopes present in our Parish Family.

A brief summary of the results for each parish is available in a separate handout distributed in church and in this week's e-newsletter.

Our survey remains open until December 21, so there's still time to share your voice. If you haven't yet participated, you can scan the QR code or pick up a printed form in the vestibule of any of our churches. Your input is valuable and helps shape the future of our Parish Family.



bit.ly/PF14WhoRWeSurvey

ADVENT WREATH PARTY: ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Advent Wreath Party after Mass last Sunday. We saw many members of our Parish Family and everyone enjoyed treats and conversation!

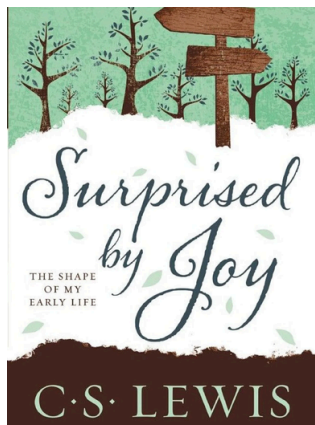
Adding up those made by the Confirmation class (40+ strong) and the rest of our Community & Family, over 100 wreaths were made!

A HUGE shout out to the amazing volunteers: Rebecca Wagner, Anna Brunette, Bridgett Simon, Rula Saleh, parents of the Confirmation candidates who helped cut up all of the greens, the Coffee & Donut Crews and so many other volunteers. We could not have pulled this off without you!

See everyone same time next year!



UPCOMING EVENTS



ADVENT COMMUNITY *Dinner*

**Tuesdays of Advent
6 - 8 PM
December 16**
Hosted at St. John's Egan Hall



bit.ly/PFAdventDinner

Join our last week of the four-week Advent series as we reflect together on *Surprised by Joy* by C.S. Lewis. Come for dinner, stay for prayer, and leave with a renewed connection with your parish community. Childcare available.

**RSVP by calling the Faith Formation Office at
206-632-0843 or online.**

Northwest Boychoir's **A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**DECEMBER 19, FRIDAY, 7:30 PM
ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH**



Buy
tickets
here:



www.nwchoirs.org/events/a-festival-of-lessons-carols-2/

Experience the beauty of the season with the Northwest Boychoir in their concert and enjoy inspiring music, sacred readings, and a joyful celebration of the holidays!

**DEC 20
SAT
5PM**

SIMBANG GABI

AT ST. BENEDICT CHURCH



Join our Parish Family for *Simbang Gabi*, a traditional Filipino Advent Mass, as we come together to prepare our hearts for Christmas.

(Note: December 20 5PM Vigil Masses at St. Alphonsus and St. John are relocated.)

CHRISTMAS MASSES

**December 24
4:00 PM**

- St. Alphonsus Church
- St. Benedict Church
- St. John the Evangelist Church

**December 24
11:00 PM**

Come and sing beautiful Christmas carols with us beginning at 10:30 PM!

- St. Benedict Church

**December 25
9:00 AM**

- St. Alphonsus Church
- St. John the Evangelist Church with Brass



For details on all our meaningful and joyful Parish Family Advent programs and events, click here: bit.ly/PF14Advent2025.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. BENEDICT WOMEN'S MINISTRY
invites you all to the



COOKIE EXCHANGE



Bake and bring at least 2 dozens of your favorite cookie. Leave with a plate filled with a variety of homemade cookie delights.

TUESDAY

16
DEC

7 - 9 PM

St. Benedict Parish Center

Please, prepare gluten-free cookies with nonporous utensils, bowls and baking pans keeping gluten-free cookies away from non-gluten-free cookie.

For further info, contact Deb Reilly @
206-755-1751

PARISH FAMILY LECTOR TRAINING

TUES | DECEMBER 16 | 7 PM
ST. BENEDICT CHURCH

Our Parish Family is hosting a lector training for new *and* seasoned lectors. Whether you're an experienced proclaimer of the word, new to the ministry or simply curious about serving as a lector at Mass, this is for you.

Contact dpelfrey@parishfamily14.org for more information.

LET GOD'S
WORD
BE HEARD
AND FELT.



Breakfast by Angel's Cafe

December 21 | Sunday | St. Alphonsus Family Center

Join us for a delicious breakfast immediately following the 9 AM Mass at St. Alphonsus. All are welcome!

- ✓ Scrambled eggs
- ✓ Sausage patties
- ✓ Mixed fruit
- ✓ Homemade cinnamon holes
- ✓ Assorted sliced sweet breads

EVERYONE'S WELCOME!



ST. AL/ST. JOHN CYO VOLLEYBALL CYBERTHURSDAY SALE

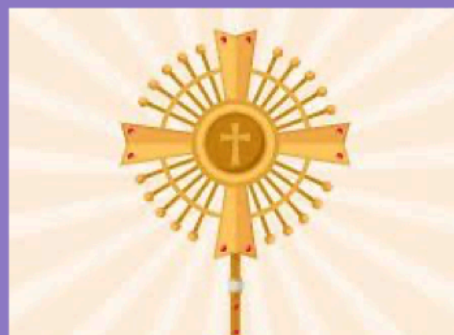
Volleyball registration is now open for the winter 2026 season.

Enroll before winter break for discounted enrollment!

For season details and dates, see the St. Al/St. John CYO Volleyball page here cyo.st-johnschool.org/.



FAMILY HOLY HOUR of Eucharistic Adoration in St. Benedict Church



COME and ADORE.

Looking for a moment of stillness and calm from the busy pace of life? All are welcome to come and rest in the presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. This is a time of quiet personal reflection and prayer. Stay for any part of the hour that you are able.

2:15 - 3:15 PM, January 15, Thursday

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Funeral Mass for **Carol Evavold** will be on Friday, December 19, at 1:00 PM at St. John Parish. Reception to follow in Egan Hall.



**DEC 20
SAT
5PM**

SIMBANG GABI

AT ST. BENEDICT CHURCH

FESTIVE POTLUCK

Dinner

immediately following mass
at the School cafeteria

Please sign up
and let us know
what dish you
plan to bring so
we can be sure
there's enough
food for everyone
to enjoy.



bit.ly/PFPotluck



And if you're not able to bring anything
this time, no worries at all, your
presence is more than enough!

**Note: The Saturday 5 PM Masses normally held at
St. Alphonsus and St. John will take place at St. Benedict
on December 20.**

PARISHFAMILY14

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

FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTS

SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS

Faith Sharing Group

December 14, 7:30 PM | St. John Group via Zoom
Everyone is welcome to join, ask questions, and share insights as they grow together in faith. For zoom link and more info, contact tressa.Lombardi@hotmail.com

Gospel/Scripture Ministry

Suspended in December | St. Benedict Gospel Study via Zoom; Meeting ID: 864 2616 6842 Password: 961919
(Contact: Brenda Stratton at bjandmes@msn.com)

December 18, 10 AM | St. Alphonsus Scripture Study in the St. Alphonsus McGrath Room (Contact: Mary Green at amgquilt46@gmail.com)

Women's Group

December 30, 6:30 PM | St. Alphonsus Women's Group in the McGrath Room; Join us for a discussion with Fr. Justin Ryan, Director of Vocations who will provide an update on vocations in the Archdiocese of Seattle. No RSVP needed. Questions? Contact olivia@raesegroup.com.



Men's Group

December 15, 7 PM | St. Alphonsus Men's Group fellowship and faith sharing in the St. Al McGrath Room
(Contact: Brian LeBlanc at brianleblanc76@gmail.com)

Book Group

December 14, 6:30 PM | St. John Book Group in the Parish Admin Building; The book for discussion is **Babette's Feast**, an Academy Award winning 1987 Danish movie based on a short story by Isak Dinesen (author of Out of Africa). A Parisian refugee is sent to serve as the family cook in an austere household that abjures the fleshly pleasures of fine foods and wine. Through a turn of fortune, she is able to present the family with a lavish celebratory banquet that tempts the family's dwindling congregation. (Contact: Diana at diana.gruszczynski@outlook.com.)

Grounded in Grace

January 15, 6:00 PM | St. Alphonsus Family Center
If you are navigating the pain of divorce or marital separation, join Grounded in Grace, a safe and confidential space for healing and hope. Childcare provided. Questions? Contact olivia@raesegroup.com.



Looking to grow in faith and friendship? Check out the many Small Faith Sharing Groups across our Parish Family! Scan the QR code or visit: bit.ly/PF14SmallGroups. These groups are wonderful opportunities to pray together, reflect on Scripture, share life experiences, and build meaningful connections within our community. Everyone is welcome, whether you're new or have been with us for years. Come find a group that feels right for you!



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

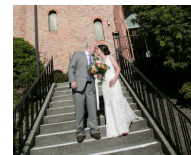
Infant Baptism

This weekend, we joyfully welcome new members into our faith community through baptism. Please join us in celebrating this special occasion!

Baptism dates for 2026: February 28 and March 1; June 13 and 14. For more information, contact Julia Rudden at jrudden@parishfamily14.org.

Marriage

Marriage in the Catholic Church is a sacrament and a lifetime commitment—preparation is vital to ensuring that the bride and groom are ready to enter into this serious, life-affirming and life-long commitment. We aim to support and assist you as you start your journey toward the joys of married life. To get started, please contact Julia Rudden at jrudden@parishfamily14.org or 206-632-0843 ext 217.



Order of Christian Initiation of Children (OCIC)

If your kids are from another faith tradition but feel at home in our Parish Family, or baptized Catholic but want to learn more, OCIC might be the perfect place for them to grow in faith.

Join us for classes on Sundays from 10:30 to 11:30 AM in the St. Alphonsus McGrath Room. For more information, please contact Claire Shea at cshea@parishfamily14.org.

Please feel free to contact us for the following:

First Holy Communion and Reconciliation, Youth Confirmation, Sacrament of Matrimony and Funeral -

Julia Rudden at jrudden@parishfamily14.org

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children - Claire Shea at cshea@parishfamily14.org

Parish Advocates for Annulment - annulment@stjohnsea.org

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

THANKSGIVING *Dinner*

Thank
you! :)

We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who generously contributed to this year's Thanksgiving meal fund. We are pleased to share that a total of \$2,700 was collected. The total cost of the meals, including tax, came to \$2,500, and all remaining funds have been donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society to support their ongoing work with our neighbors in need.

We also delivered a thank-you card and gift certificate to Alta, the QFC Wallingford deli manager, whose dedication has made these Thanksgiving meals possible for nearly 15 years.

Thank you once again to everyone who helped make this effort a success!

St. Martin de Porres Sandwich Making

SMDP sandwich makers prepare a total of 800 sandwich lunches every month for men who live at the SMDP shelter in downtown Seattle.

Join the next sandwich making on **December 15, 2025, Monday, 8:30AM** in the St. Benedict Parish Center. Contact Vicky Briones at vicster912@gmail.com for more information.

Sancta Vita

Human beings receive life as a gift: they do not ask for it, they do not choose it, they experience it in its mystery from the first to the last day. Life has its own extraordinary specificity: it is offered to us, we cannot give it to ourselves, but it must be constantly nurtured: it needs care to maintain, energize, protect and revive it.

- Pope Leo XIV, 11/26/2025

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: saintfrancisseattle.org or contact Paul Litwin at paul@thelitwins.com.

Christmas Giving Tree

1 Pick a tag from the Christmas Tree in the narthex



2 Include the requested items when you shop for Christmas gifts



3 Make this holiday season a little brighter for someone in need!



You can also choose or submit your gifts online!



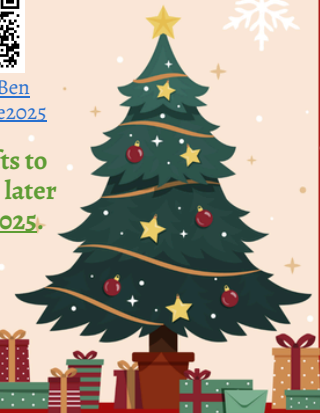
nextstepnw.com/donate



bit.ly/StBenGivingTree2025

Bring your **UNWRAPPED** gifts to the church or Parish Office no later than **Sunday, December 14, 2025.**

Your heart, your hands, and your gifts can light up lives this Christmas!+



**FOOD
LIFELINE**
HUNGER DOESN'T HAVE TO HAPPEN



Join the next **packing and sorting event on Wednesday, January 7, 6:00 - 8:00 PM** at the South Park Warehouse. Children as young as 10 years old (with parental accompaniment) can join.

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 at kannapell@yahoo.com.



Want to put your faith into action?

Our Social Justice Ministries need hearts and hands like yours. For more details, go to bit.ly/PF14SocialJustice. Everyone is welcome!



PARISH FAMILY UPDATES

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER...

Please remember the following people who are ill, homebound, or need your prayers this week: Marnie Ahern, Lillian Anderson, Len Andrews, Fridon Bahrimandarlini, Alexander Bodsky, Anneliese Bodsky, Linda Broderick, Joe Chitty, Donna Day, Jeff D'Amelio, Natasha Ryan D'Amelio, Bertha Eriksson, Ritchell Cunanan, Todd Galvão, Espedito P. Galvão, Margaret Goodrich, Carol Grimes, Lianne Grimes, Myrna Israkul, Joanne Jepson, Emily Jones, Joan Knebel, Nicholas Konopik, Daniel Love, Josephine Lynch, Seamus Lynch, Norma Macke, Ginny Massett, Darren Miller, Joanne Morgan, Jerry Mulka, Patricia Mulka, Jennifer Nagel, Ray Naidu, Dan Nichols, Patricia Patterson, Jack Piza, Bob Pohlman, Lucy Rogers, Hilda Saleh, Lisa Schmidt, Jack Serwold, Abby Simpson, Lil' Stanley, Jeannette Tannario, Scott Tom, Jane Treeheal, Dennis Weiler, Jerilyn Wetzell, Shea Wilson, Lillian Yamamoto, Cheryl Kerner, and Megan Yoshimura.

For those who have died, including Carol Evavold, 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>



READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading

The virgin shall be with child.

Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm

"Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory."

Psalm 24

Second Reading

Jesus is the son of David and the Son of God.

Romans 1:1-7

Gospel

Joseph, son of David, have no fear about taking Mary as your wife.

Matthew 1:18-24

Twice today we hear the words Isaiah proclaimed hundreds of years before Christ's birth: "the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel." This Hebrew name means "God is with us," and when Joseph, a devout and righteous man, is visited by an angel in his dream, he recalls Isaiah's prophecy. We know that God is also with us as we gather here to listen to God's word, and so at this time we allow ourselves to be immersed in God's presence as we actively listen to today's readings.

PARTICIPATION AND STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Invite your friends and family to attend Mass and experience the peace, community, and spiritual growth it brings. Sharing our mass times with them can help strengthen our Parish Family!

Week of November 30, 2025

St. Alphonsus Parish

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, 5 PM	82
Sunday, 9 AM	188

PARISH COLLECTION

Mass Collection	\$ 5,237.30
Online Donations	\$ 3,291.20
Mailed-in	\$ 555.00

Total Collection \$9,083.50

Weekly Budget \$ 9,833.00

Under Weekly Budget \$749.50

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

Set up your recurring online giving now!



St. Benedict Parish

MASS ATTENDANCE

Sunday, 11 AM	178
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PARISH COLLECTION

Mass Collection	\$ 985.00
Online Donations	\$ 500.11
Mailed-in	\$ 595.00

Total Collection \$ 2,080.11

Weekly Budget \$ 6,055.00

Under Weekly Budget \$ 3,974.89

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

Set up your recurring online giving now!



St. John Parish

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, 5 PM	91
Sunday, 8:30 AM	180
Sunday, 10:30 AM	235

PARISH COLLECTION

Mass Collection	\$ 2,327.00
Online Donations	\$ 6,273.07
Mailed-in	\$ 738.00

Total Collection \$ 9,338.07

Weekly Budget \$ 17,229.00

Under Weekly Budget \$ 7,890.93

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Set up your recurring online giving now!

<https://bit.ly/PushpaySJ>



FAITH IN FOCUS



Baptism Promises Renewed

WHENEVER CATHOLICS celebrate Baptism at Mass, all the faithful renew their Baptismal promises. At the Easter Vigil, those about to be baptized must respond to questions asking them to renounce evil and to profess their faith. Having witnessed this, the rest of the community responds to the same questions, renewing their Baptismal promises.

Whenever infants are baptized, their parents and godparents renew their promises because an infant is incapable of making them. In this renewal, the parents and godparents demonstrate their willingness to share their faith with this growing child. When the Baptism takes place at Sunday Mass, all the faithful respond to the questions with the parents and godparents. This renewal replaces the Creed, but it also gives all members of the community a chance to pledge that they will share their faith with this child as well.

On Easter Sunday in the United States, the entire assembly renews its Baptismal promises, and this replaces the Creed on that day. The design of the Easter liturgy is that the renewal takes place at the Vigil right after Baptism. However, not everyone attends the Vigil, and it was thought important for all to make a renewal of promises at least once a year. Every Catholic should make an effort to attend the Vigil, when they will celebrate the Resurrection of Christ and witness the Baptisms. They will also be invited to renew their promises in the presence of those who have renounced sin and professed their faith in order to join the Body of Christ.

During Lent, Catholics accept penance to turn away from sin and follow the Gospel. When they renew their Baptismal promises at Easter, they bring their Lent to a fitting climax.



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SAINT OF THE MONTH

Francis Xavier

Feast Day: December 3

Canonized: March 12, 1622

Beatified: October 25, 1619



The Catholic Church calls Saint Francis Xavier “the Apostle to the Indies” and “the Apostle of Japan.” The word apostle means “one who is sent.” Jesus sent his twelve apostles out to announce the coming of God’s kingdom. Hundreds of years later, the Church sent Francis Xavier out to preach the same good news.

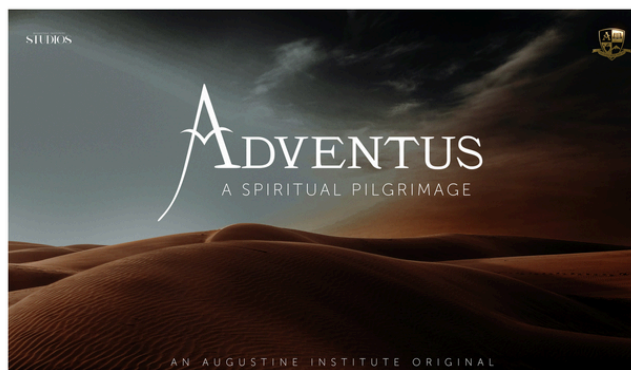
Francis was born in Spain in 1506. He studied in Paris and with Ignatius Loyola was one of the seven men who founded the Jesuit order, the Society of Jesus, in 1534. Then in 1541 he sailed to Goa, India. There he preached about Jesus—the poor carpenter of Nazareth.

Francis knew that actions speak louder than words, so he did not only tell the people of India the message of the Gospels. He acted out this message by living, sleeping, eating, playing, and working among the poor. Did they live in rickety huts? So did he. Did they eat only rice? So did he. Did they work long hours in the hot sun? So did he. Because of his words and actions, many thousands came to believe in the Christian God of mercy and love and tenderness.

In 1547, Francis sailed to Japan. In the two years he was there, he baptized thousands of people. But Francis had a dream. He wanted to take the good news to China. So in 1552 he set sail again. But he fell sick before reaching mainland China. On the island of Shangchuan, he died at the age of 46: far from home, but not far from God. He was canonized in 1622, at the same time as Ignatius of Loyola.

Francis Xavier is the patron saint of Catholic missionaries.

<http://www.saintsresource.com/francis-xavier>



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Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit [formed.org/signup](https://www.formed.org/signup) to create your account and select our parish family to get free access to this content and much more!

SCHOOL NEWS

DONATION DRIVE FOR FOOD BANK

We did it! Thanks to the generosity and kindness of our school community, St. Benedict School food drive collected an incredible 1,133.8 pounds of food!

Every can, box, and bag makes a meaningful difference for families in need.

We are so proud of everyone who contributed and helped us donate so much. Again, **thank you for helping make a difference this holiday season.**



DISCOVER THE GIFT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Our Parish Family is blessed with vibrant Catholic schools that partner with families in nurturing faith, knowledge, and community.

We invite you to consider them for your child's education and contact our schools.

We look forward to welcoming your family into our school communities!



St. Alphonsus Parish School

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Rosé & Gold

St. Alphonsus Parish School *37th Annual* *Auction and Gala*

February 7, 2026 | 6 - 10 PM

St. Alphonsus Parish School Family Center

5816 15th Ave. NW Seattle, WA 98107



St. Alphonsus Parents' Club
pcboard@stalseattle.org



Tickets & Donations

HELP STUFF THE DUMPSTER — EARN SERVICE HOURS!

Volunteers are needed on **Monday, December 22, starting at 9:00 AM until we finish.** We'll be cleaning out the front of Benedict House in preparation for painting and moving furniture. If you need service hours and don't mind a bit of demolition, including breaking old pianos and furniture, we'd love your help. To sign up and to let Miss Anita know what tools to have ready, please email ahardwick@parishfamily14.org. There will be pizza for all volunteers!

THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE

Join Archbishop Etienne for the
Mass for the Closing
of the Jubilee Year
Pilgrims of Hope



Sunday, December 28 | 10:00 AM | St. James Cathedral

In union with bishops throughout the world, Archbishop Etienne will celebrate a solemn Mass marking the end of the local observance of the Jubilee Year 2025 at St. James Cathedral in Seattle. It is the last opportunity to make a Jubilee Year pilgrimage to the Cathedral.

Pope Leo XIV will formally close the Holy Doors in Rome on January 6, marking the end of the Jubilee Year for the universal Church.

Join in person or watch by livestream on Facebook, Vimeo or YouTube @ArchdioceseofSeattle

- Unwrap the gifts in your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter. It is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together.
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Advent is a season of joyful anticipation as we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. On a deeper level, anticipation during Advent is about fostering a greater desire for the Lord and his presence in our daily lives.

Go to archseattle.org/advent or scan the code for Advent inspiration from Archbishop Paul D. Etienne, engaging stories from Northwest Catholic and resources to make this your best Advent ever.



Feb 13 - 15, 2026 | 5PM - 2PM | Archbishop Brunett Retreat Ctr

Join us for Three in One: A Valentine's Day Retreat for Parents from February 13 – 15, 2026 at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center. Parents will leave this retreat restored, encouraged, and more able to experience peace and hope amid the joys and challenges of family life. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Seattle's Lifelong Formation Ministry and led by Rebecca and Jason Burdullis, this weekend-long retreat coincides with Valentine's Day. Mass will be celebrated on Valentine's Day with an opportunity for married couples to have their marriages blessed. Time for adoration and confession will also be offered.

All parents are invited, including single parents and parents of young and grown children.

To register, go to <https://bit.ly/4rzYKoc>
For questions, please contact Rebecca Burdullis at Rebecca.Burdullis@seattlearch.org.

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