



2026 *L*ent to  
**EASTER**

A Walk Through  
Our Holy Season

**PARISHFAMILY14**

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

## Ash Wednesday

We celebrated Ash Wednesday Masses on February 18 with the schools and as one Parish Family, marking the beginning of the Lenten season. Penance service was also made available before, during, and after Mass, offering all an opportunity for reconciliation and spiritual renewal.

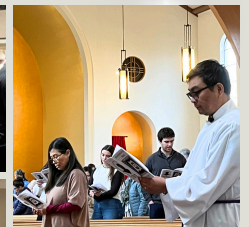
Attendees: 449



## Stations of the Cross

Throughout the Fridays of Lent, our Parish Family, led by Fr. Parrish and Fr. Nkolombidzo, gathered to pray the Stations of the Cross, reflecting on Christ's journey to Calvary. Many parishioners shared how meaningful this cherished tradition is, offering a time for quiet reflection, prayer, and a deeper connection to the Lenten season.

Attendees: 100 (Average each Friday)



## Community Dinners

Our Lenten community dinners after the Stations of the Cross were wonderful gatherings filled with fellowship and joy. We are grateful to everyone who came together to share in these meals, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to those who lovingly prepared the food and generously served our parish community.

Attendees: 70 (Average each Friday)



## Lent Retreat

Parishioners from across our Parish Family gathered to deepen their Lenten journey on February 28 through inspiring talks, quiet reflection, and shared fellowship in a retreat lead by Fr. Nkolombidzo and our Faith Formation Team.

Attendees: 25



## Camino de Seattle

Parishioners from our three parishes, including Fr. Nkolombidzo, took part in the Camino de Seattle on March 7, walking together in faith from St. John to St. Benedict and St. Alphonsus. Along the way, participants prayerfully reflected on the Stations of the Cross at each church, making it a meaningful journey of devotion, fellowship, and spiritual renewal.

Attendees: 35



## Journey Through Lent and Holy Week: A Presentation

Parishioners gathered on March 18 for an engaging presentation on Lent and Holy Week by Daniel Pelfrey, exploring the practices that help us enter more fully into the Church's journey of prayer, reflection, and deeper conversation.

Attendees: 12



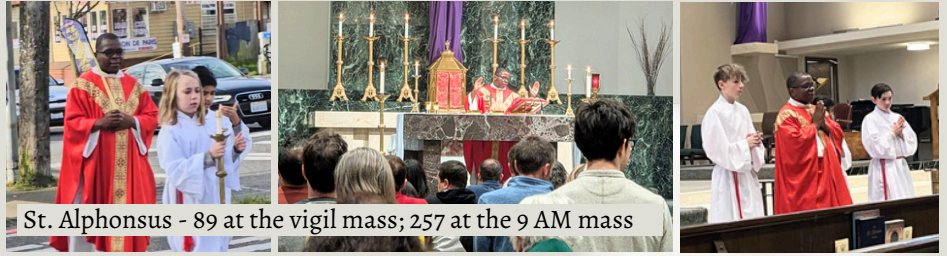
## Two Faces in the Shadows

On March 26 and 29, parishioners experienced a powerful storytelling and engaging performance of *The Two Faces in the Shadows* by Len Kannappell and Mark Adolph.

Attendees: 20

# Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, March 29, each church held a solemn blessing and procession of palms, enriched by the beautiful music of our choirs. This celebration marks Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and invites us to begin Holy Week in prayer and reflection.



St. Alphonsus - 89 at the vigil mass; 257 at the 9 AM mass



St. John - 128 at the vigil mass; 234 at 8:30 AM mass; 270 at 10:30 AM mass

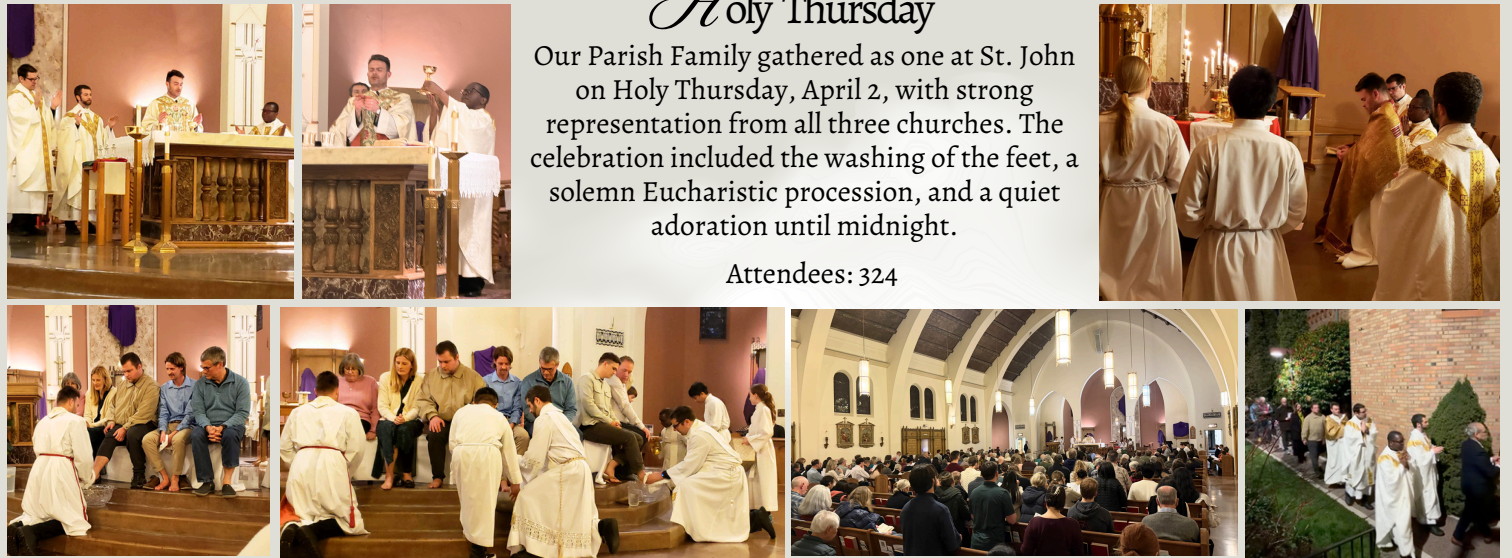


St. Benedict - 232 attendees

# Holy Thursday

Our Parish Family gathered as one at St. John on Holy Thursday, April 2, with strong representation from all three churches. The celebration included the washing of the feet, a solemn Eucharistic procession, and a quiet adoration until midnight.

Attendees: 324



# Good Friday

On Good Friday, April 3, the service at St. Alphonsus gathered the faithful in solemn prayer and reflection. Commemorating the Passion and death of Christ, the liturgy invited all to reflect on His sacrifice and God's love, with the Veneration of the Cross as a central and reverent moment.

Attendees: 449



# Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil was a truly beautiful celebration of faith, moving from darkness into light as the Easter fire and Paschal candle illuminated St. Benedict Church and proclaimed the joy of Christ's Resurrection. During the liturgy, 12 were baptized and a total of 26 were received fully into the Church through Confirmation and initiation into the Eucharistic life. It was a powerful and joyful night of welcome, renewal, and new life in Christ.

Attendees: 296



## Welcomed into the Faith

Aidan Lauer  
Alejandro Swinford  
Allan Beck  
Bilal Aslam  
Brian Endter  
Carmen Cortes  
Dajon McHayle  
Elijah Selman  
Haley Jorgenson  
Ianthie Jayakody  
James Barry  
Jonathan Lindell  
Julia Lowe

Kaleb Martinez  
Katrina Hunt  
Liz Reimers  
Mac Schudiske  
Mackenzie Boden  
Matthew Lechner  
Michelle Chang  
Olga Ivanova  
Orion Wu  
Philip Menchaca  
Primer PJ Juan  
Sophia Quevedo  
Spencer Burnstead



# Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday was joyfully celebrated at each of our churches with an overwhelming number of Mass attendees, reflecting the deep faith and vibrant life of our Parish Family. The celebrations were filled with joy and thanksgiving as we proclaimed the Good News together: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**



St. Alphonsus - 451 attendees



St. Benedict - 258 attendees



St. John the Evangelist - 404 attendees at 8:30 AM mass; 568 attendees at 10:30 AM mass

## Thank you...

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this Lent and Holy Week such a meaningful and grace-filled journey for our Parish Family. We are deeply grateful to the volunteers who organized and served our community dinners, those who ministered so faithfully during the liturgies, and all who participated so prayerfully throughout the season.

Special appreciation goes to our dedicated Faith Formation team, Music Directors, our Pastor and Parochial Vicar, and our priests-in-residence for their leadership, guidance, and presence throughout these sacred days.

Your service and dedication have made a real difference in our Parish Family, bringing us closer together and helping all of us grow closer to Christ during this holy season.