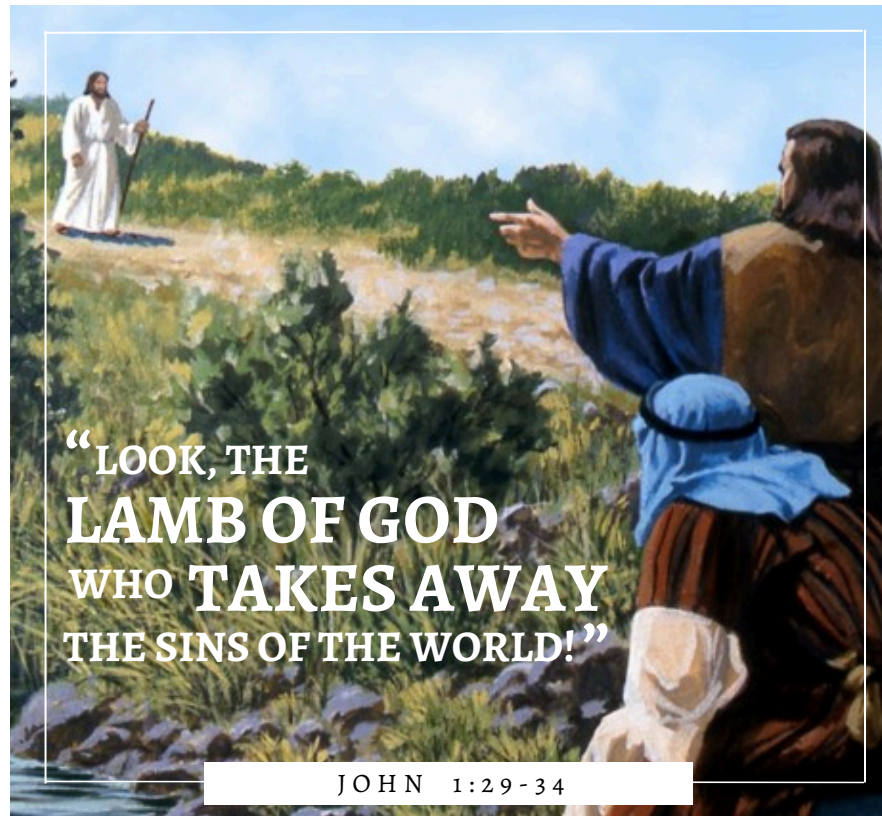


PARISH FAMILY 14

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



“LOOK, THE
LAMB OF GOD
WHO TAKES AWAY
THE SINS OF THE WORLD!”

JOHN 1:29-34

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



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Website: <https://stalseattle.org>



ST. BENEDICT PARISH

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

January 18, 2026
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

	ST. ALPHONSUS		ST. BENEDICT		ST. JOHN	
January 18 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8 AM	Confession	11 AM	Mass with CLOW (Livestream)	8:30 AM	Mass
	9 AM	Mass	12 PM	Coffee & Donuts	9:30 AM	SVdP Meeting - Parish Admin
	10 AM	Coffee & Donuts		SVdP Collection at Mass	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
January 19 Monday	7 AM	Confession	8:30 AM	SMdP Sandwich Making		
	7:30 AM	Daily Mass RIP: Helen L. Peralta	7 PM	Gospel Study via Zoom		
	<i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Parish Offices Closed</i>					
January 20 Tuesday <i>Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr</i>	7 AM	Confession				
	7:30 AM	Daily Mass RIP: Crystal Mayez				
January 21 Wednesday <i>Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</i>	7 AM	Confession				
	7:30 AM	Daily Mass RIP: Tobias Callan				
January 22 Thursday	7 AM	Confession			3 PM	Family Adoration
	7:30 AM	Daily Mass				
	10 AM	Scripture Study				
	7 PM	OCIA - McGrath Rm				
January 23 Friday <i>Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin</i>	8:15 AM to 8 PM	Adoration Chapel open			9 AM	Daily Mass
January 24 Saturday <i>Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	8 AM	Daily Mass	9:30 AM	Craft Group	5 PM	Vigil Mass (Livestream)
	4 PM	Confession	11:00 AM	Funeral Mass for Raul Batayola		
	5 PM	Vigil Mass				
January 25 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8 AM	Confession	11 AM	Mass with CLOW (Livestream)	8:30 AM	Mass
	9 AM	Mass	12 PM	Coffee & Donuts	9:45 AM	Confession
	10 AM	Coffee & Donuts	12 PM	Grief Support Group	10:30 AM	Catholic Schools Week Mass
	10:30 AM	OCIC - McGrath Rm			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	



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PARISH FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS

TIME TO REST, REFLECT, AND RENEW

Fr. Parrish was on vacation from December 29 to January 13, a truly well-deserved time of rest following his dedicated service throughout the Advent season. We are deeply grateful to Fr. Nkolombidzo, our priests-in-residence, and our guest priests, who so generously stepped in to ensure the celebration of our Masses during this time.

Last week, January 12–16, Fr. Parrish and Fr. Nkolombidzo attended a priest retreat at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center in Federal Way. This retreat offered them an opportunity for prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal.

Let us continue to keep them in our prayers, asking God to bless them with renewed strength, deep peace, and abundant grace as they continue their ministry among us.

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR LENT

Our Parish Family Faith Formation Team has begun prayerfully planning for the season of Lent. Hard as it may be to believe, Ash Wednesday is just a few weeks away.

Lent invites us into a sacred time of preparation - a time to slow down, reflect, and renew our relationship with God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

To support this meaningful season, we are carefully planning a variety of opportunities for our Parish Family, including Stations of the Cross, community dinners, a parish-wide Penance Service, and the liturgies and Masses of Holy Week.

We invite everyone to take part and make this Lenten season a meaningful time of quiet prayer, personal reflection, and deepening faith for our Parish Family.

END OF YEAR PARISH TAX STATEMENTS COMING SOON

Thank you to all who have supported St. Alphonsus, St. Benedict and St. John Parishes financially during this past year—it is greatly appreciated! Currently we are working on sending out the End of the Year giving statements for 2025. The statements will be emailed to those who have an email and mailed to those who don't. If you would rather have yours mailed instead of emailed, please let us know by Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

We continue to make sure we have the most up to date information for our parishioners, so as you read your statement, please feel free to contact Teresa Gillet, Director of Development for Parish Family 14, at 206-782-2810, ext 355 or tgillet@parishfamily14.org with any questions or updates.



**PARTNERS
IN THE GOSPEL**
UDPATES

Where are we in the One Parish Planning Process?



One Parish Planning (OPP) is the process our Parish Family uses to restructure and re-envision parish life as we prepare to become one canonical parish.

The fruit of this discernment will be the One Parish Plan, which will be submitted to the Archbishop as part of forming the new unified parish.

We are currently in the **“Who Are We?”** stage. This phase lays the foundation for understanding our Parish Family and the broader community we serve. Last October and November, we held synodal listening sessions and conducted a survey to learn more about the gifts, charisms, experiences, and spiritual impact of our parish in our family.

Our Parish Leadership Council (PLC) has completed its discussions and synthesis of the listening session results. These reflections will be shared with all three parishes next month.

This spring, we will gather and reflect on Parish Family demographic information to better understand whom we serve and to identify both the opportunities and challenges before us. As part of this next phase, a second round of listening sessions will be scheduled, and we warmly encourage everyone to participate and share their voice.

Additionally, the PLC is scheduled to conduct a tour of our parish and school campuses to review facilities and meet with key staff and volunteers. This will be a valuable opportunity for relationship-building and for the PLC to gain a fuller picture of parish life across our Parish Family.

For questions or inquiries about our Partners in the Gospel efforts, please feel free to submit them here: <https://bit.ly/PF14Queries>.

To learn more about the OPP Process, visit archseattle.org/partners.

FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTS

SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS

Faith Sharing Group

January 18, 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

January 19, 7 PM | St. Benedict Gospel Study via Zoom
Meeting ID: 864 2616 6842 Password: 961919 (Contact: Brenda Stratton at bjandmes@msn.com)

January 22, 10 AM | St. Alphonsus Scripture Study in the St. Alphonsus McGrath Room (Contact: Mary Green at mgquilt46@gmail.com)

Women's Group

January 27, 6:30 PM | St. Alphonsus Women's Group in the McGrath Room; Join us for a **DE-ESCALATION TRAINING** offered by Marty Reinsel, MA LMHC. Learn how to identify and manage difficult behavioral situations and enhance your personal safety. Ideal for all parish and school staff and volunteers. No RSVP needed. Questions? Contact olivia@raesegroup.com.



Looking to grow in faith and friendship? Check out the many Small Faith Sharing Groups across our Parish Family! Visit: bit.ly/PF14SmallGroups, or call 206-632-0843 and ask for Lori Corcoro.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Infant Baptism

Baptisms in our Parish Family are scheduled during the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses at our three churches.

Upcoming baptism dates: February 28 and March 1. For more information, contact Julia Rudden at jrudden@parishfamily14.org.



Please feel free to contact us for the following:

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

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

Sancta Vita

The National Prayer Vigil for Life is a pro-life prayer vigil held on the eve of the March for Life each January since 1979. It is held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Note: The 5:00–8:00 PM prayer events on January 22 and the 8:00–9:00 AM. Mass on January 23 will be televised by EWTN and livestreamed on the Basilica's webpage. For schedule: <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/national-prayer-vigil-life-schedule>.

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena! 9 Days for Life, Friday, January 16 – Saturday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>.

HAM AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT ST. ALPHONSUS

On Sunday, **February 1**, the **Holy Name Society** will serve up a ham and pancake breakfast after the 9 AM Mass, at the St. Alphonsus Family Center. **All Parish Family members are invited!**



ARE YOU MOURNING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE? ARE YOU LONGING FOR UNDERSTANDING, COMFORT, OR SIMPLY A PLACE TO BE HEARD?

You don't have to grieve alone. Join our Grief Support Group. Together, we walk the journey of healing with faith, prayer, and mutual support.

Eight weekly 2-hour meetings (Sundays). ♦

A minimum of 8 participants is needed. ♦
Registration is required.

Begins January 25—right after St. Benedict's ♦

11:00 AM Mass. Enjoy a quick Coffee Hour at the School Cafeteria, then head over to the St. Benedict Parish Center.

For questions and to register, please email Maggie at margaretalquist1@gmail.com. ♦

ANNOUNCEMENT:

St. Benedict Parish will hold special collections to support our local ministries:

- St. Vincent de Paul: Every 3rd Sunday of the month
- St. Martin de Porres: Every 1st Sunday of the month

Your generosity helps bring hope, support, and care to those in need. Thank you for sharing God's love through your giving!

PARISH FAMILY UPDATES

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER...

Please remember the following people who are ill, homebound, or need your prayers this week: Akeem Arana, Bill Quackenbush, Lou Ayres Salumbides, Ritchell Cunanan and Todd Stinebrickner.

For those who have died, including Dawn Walton, and Donna Day, 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: The prayer list is updated monthly. To keep your request active, please resubmit it each month. To request a prayer, please call the Faith Formation Office at 206-632-0843 or use the QR code or this link: <https://bit.ly/PF14Prayer>.



FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Funeral Mass for **Raul Batayola** will be on Saturday, January 24, at 11 AM at St. Benedict Parish. Reception follows at the School Cafeteria.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

Psalm

Psalm 27

"The Lord is my light and my salvation."

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Let there be no divisions among you.

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

Andrew and Peter abandon their nets to follow the Lord.

As we begin this final week of January, it does our hearts good to hear that a great light has shone through darkness and gloom. We realize, though, that Isaiah is speaking of the Lord, especially after Matthew writes in the Gospel that Jesus fulfills this passage. He is the light of the world, shining throughout Galilee, preaching repentance, calling disciples, proclaiming the gospel, and healing the sick. We also hear Paul urge the Corinthians to unity. In Christ, we have enlightenment, unity, and salvation. On this Sunday of the Word of God, may God's word light our way.

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 January 11, 2026

St. Alphonsus Parish

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, 5 PM	95
Sunday, 9 AM	197

PARISH COLLECTION

Mass Collection	\$ 6,273.00
Online Donations	\$ 2,467.71
Mailed-in	\$ 1350.00

Total Collection \$10,090.71

Weekly Budget \$ 9,833.00

Over Weekly Budget \$ 257.71

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	174
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PARISH COLLECTION

Mass Collection	\$464.00
Online Donations	\$ 2,810.19
Mailed-in	\$ 220.00

Total Collection \$ 3,494.19

Weekly Budget \$ 6,055.00

Under Weekly Budget \$ 2,560.81

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

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St. John Parish

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, 5 PM	111
Sunday, 8:30 AM	166
Sunday, 10:30 AM	196

PARISH COLLECTION

Mass Collection	\$ 5,333.00
Online Donations	\$ 10,893.66
Mailed-in	\$ 1,591.00

Total Collection \$ 17,817.66

Weekly Budget \$ 17,228.00

Over Weekly Budget \$ 589.66

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

Set up your recurring online giving now!

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FAITH IN FOCUS



Ordinary Time

ORDINARY TIME, the longest season of the Church year, fills the weeks that do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ (*Universal Norms*

on the *Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*, 43). It's the no-particular-reason season. Christmas Time honors the birth of Christ. Easter Time rejoices in the Resurrection. Ordinary Time is devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects.

The number of the weeks of Ordinary Time replaces the old counting of weeks "after Epiphany" and "after Pentecost." The old calendar suggested that Pentecost ran for six months. The new calendar gives Pentecost a day. Then we return to Ordinary Time.

At first glance, the principles of Ordinary Time seem basic enough. Start counting the weeks after Christmas Time. Break for Lent and Easter. Resume after Pentecost and keep counting until Advent. Basically, that's how it works. But we have a few quirks.

For example, there is no "First Sunday in Ordinary Time"; however, there is a first week. Usually Christmas Time ends on a Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. The lectionary also calls it the First Sunday in Ordinary Time, but it is part of Christmas Time. (Some years the Baptism of the Lord falls on a Monday, but that's another story.) Ordinary Time gets underway on a weekday. When the next Sunday rolls around, we start week two. On the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, we see the last of Ordinary Time until after Pentecost. Even then, it emerges only on weekdays. Trinity Sunday always follows Pentecost Sunday, and the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord comes the next Sunday in the United States. (In countries where this solemnity is a holyday, it falls on a Thursday.) Therefore, when the numbered Sundays in Ordinary Time return in summer, we start out a little higher than where we left off. Sometimes we skip one or two entire weeks of Ordinary Time during the Easter break. We want to close the Sundays of the year with Christ the King, one week before Advent. Christ the King always falls on the Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. So, we determine the week number after Pentecost not based on where we left off before Lent, but by counting backwards from Christ the King. One or two weeks may disappear, but Ordinary Time still serves the complete mystery of Christ.

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SAINT OF THE MONTH

Elizabeth Ann Seton

Feast Day: January 4

Canonized: September 14, 1975

Beatified: March 17, 1963



Mother Seton is one of the keystones of the American Catholic Church. She founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. She opened the first American parish school and established the first American Catholic orphanage. All this she did in the span of 46 years while raising her five children.

Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton is a true daughter of the American Revolution, born August 28, 1774, just two years before the Declaration of Independence. By birth and marriage, she was linked to the first families of New York and enjoyed the fruits of high society. Reared a staunch Episcopalian, she learned the value of prayer, Scripture and a nightly examination of conscience. Her father, Dr. Richard Bayley, did not have much use for churches but was a great humanitarian, teaching his daughter to love and serve others.

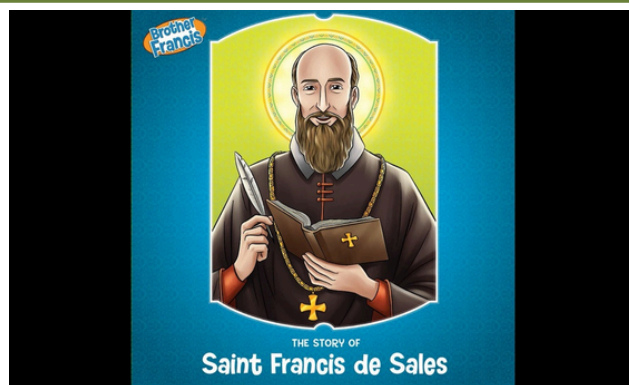
The early deaths of her mother in 1777 and her baby sister in 1778 gave Elizabeth a feel for eternity and the temporariness of the pilgrim life on earth. Far from being brooding and sullen, she faced each new "holocaust," as she put it, with hopeful cheerfulness.

At 19, Elizabeth married a wealthy businessman, William Seton. They had five children before his business failed and he died of tuberculosis. At 30, Elizabeth was widowed and penniless, with five small children to support.

While in Italy with her dying husband, Elizabeth witnessed Catholicity in action through family friends. Three basic points led her to become a Catholic: belief in the Real Presence, devotion to the Blessed Mother and conviction that the Catholic Church led back to the apostles and to Christ. Many of her family and friends rejected her when she became a Catholic in March 1805.

To support her children, she opened a school in Baltimore. From the beginning, her group followed the lines of a religious community, which was officially founded in 1809. She died January 4, 1821, and became the first American-born citizen to be beatified (1963) and then canonized (1975). She is buried in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-elizabeth-ann-seton



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The Story of Saint Francis de Sales

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SCHOOL NEWS



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St. Benedict Catholic School
St. John Catholic School**
Seattle, Washington

CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

JANUARY 25–31, 2026

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Italian Dinner

Sunday February 1st | 11AM – 8PM

**Hosted by 6th grade families
at St. Benedict School**

Tickets available online
or in person after mass
<https://stbens.ejoinme.org/ItalianDinner2026>



Proceeds fund 2026 Environmental Camp for middle school students

**ST. AL/
ST. JOHN
CYO**



LAST CALL for Volleyball Registration!

Don't miss out—enroll now! Visit bit.ly/StAlJohnCYO (under the Volleyball tab) for full season details and important dates.

Coaches Needed!

St. Al/John CYO Volleyball serves several hundred players each season, and we need coaches and coaches' helpers to ensure every child can participate. Please consider volunteering. It's a fun and rewarding way to support our youth and earn your volunteer hours.

You can register as a volunteer when you sign up your player for the season. There is no cost to volunteer.



February 7, 2026 | 6 - 10 PM
St. Alphonsus Family Center
5816 15th Ave. NW Seattle, WA 98107

St. Alphonsus Parents' Club
pcboard@stalseattle.org



Tickets & Donations



ITALIAN DINNER FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1st 2026
between 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

ST JOHN EGAN HALL
123 N 79TH ST, LOWER LEVEL

Help support the Greenwood Scout's Troop 121 by enjoying a great dinner with your family, friends, and the north Seattle community.

To pay and for more details, go to:
bit.ly/GrScoutsItalianDinner.

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!

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THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE



Monday, Jan 19 | 11 AM | St. Ignatius Chapel at Seattle Univ.

The Mass will be followed by a talk, "Power that is moral is essential for justice and equality."

Keynote speaker: Sharon Spence-Wilcox

Mass president: Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S.

For more details, go to <https://bit.ly/4pi58iz?r=qr>



Thursday, January 22 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM | Virtual

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/4iwyCGB>



Thursday, January 22 | 7 - 9:30 PM | St. Bridget Parish Hall

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

There will be a screening of a documentary about The IF Project, a collaboration of currently- and formerly-incarcerated adults, community partners, and law enforcement focused on holistic intervention and the reduction and prevention of incarceration and recidivism. The IF Project's founder, a Seattle police detective, and the current director will be present for post-film conversation.

Reservations are appreciated for planning purposes:

<https://forms.gle/CoSy5ANWrGMR6Sry9>

Questions? Email nescc.socialjustice@gmail.com



Open to single Catholic women, ages 17-30

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vocation@op-tn.org

UW Newman Center
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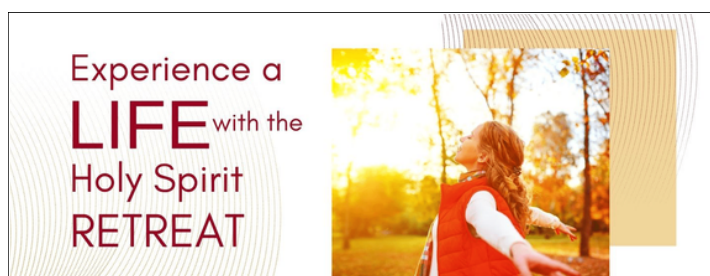
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prayer, Eucharistic
Adoration, talks,
and lunch*

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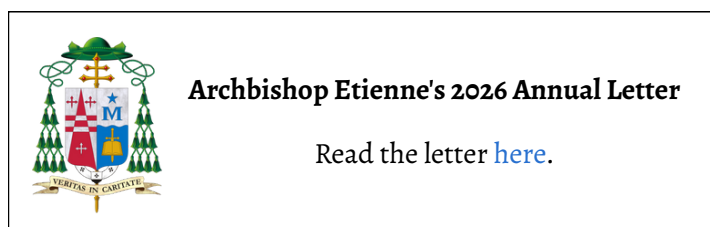


Saturday, January 31 | 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Church of the Visitation in Tacoma at the Social Hall

Spend the day on a personal journey with Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Through teaching, personal stories, discussion and prayer together, you can experience what life with the Holy Spirit looks like and be better equipped to use the Gifts bestowed on you at your Sacramental Baptism. Hosted by the Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Register early online at wwccr.org or call 206-364-2272.



Read the report [here](#).



Read the letter [here](#).

ADVENT 2025

A SEASON RECAP

From Advent
LONGING
To Christmas
JOY!

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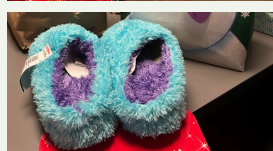
ADVENT COMMUNITY DINNERS

Gather • Share • Prepare

Over four weeks of Advent, our Parish Family came together for Advent Community Dinners, sharing meals, prayer, and fellowship as we prepared our hearts for Christmas.

These evenings of hospitality and reflection reminded us that Advent is not only a season of waiting, but also a time of coming together as one family in Christ.

Nov 25,
Dec 2, 9 & 16



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

Giving as Christ Gave

This Christmas season, our Parish Family's Giving Trees were a meaningful sign of generosity and compassion. Through the kindness of parishioners, gifts were shared with individuals and families in need, reflecting our community's desire to live out the spirit of Christmas by sharing Christ's love.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Crafting Symbols of Hope

Our Parish Family gathered for Advent Wreath Making as we began the season of Advent together. Parishioners of all ages created wreaths that will accompany them through four weeks of prayer and reflection at home.

This cherished tradition helped us reflect on the meaning behind the Advent wreath - hope, peace, joy, and love - and helped prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

Nov 30



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Renewed in Mercy, Ready for Christmas

During Advent, parishioners took part in the Penance Service, entering a prayerful time of reflection, receiving God's mercy and preparing their hearts for Christmas.

PAROL (LANTERN) MAKING

Faith and Culture United in Light

Our Parish Family's Parol (Lantern) Making was met with overwhelming participation, drawing parishioners of all ages and backgrounds. While rooted in a Filipino Advent tradition, the event warmly welcomed and engaged participants from many different cultures, all coming together to create symbols of light and hope. The gathering beautifully reflected the diversity of our parish community, united in faith as we prepared for the coming of Christ.



A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Story of Christ Told in Songs

Through readings and songs, we reflected on God's promise of salvation and welcomed the joy of the Christmas season.



SIMBANG GABI

A Tradition That Brings Us Together

We joyfully celebrated *Simbang Gabi* with a festive lantern procession and joyful sounds of Filipino Christmas carols.

This cherished tradition brought our community together in faith uniting us in celebration and the hope of Christmas.

After Mass, the festive potluck dinner brought us together over delicious dishes and warm conversations. It was a great chance to strengthen Parish Family bonds and celebrate our community's joyful spirit.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Glory to God in the Highest

Our Parish Family Christmas Masses were a truly special celebration, filling our three parishes with warmth, joy, and reverence. Families and individuals came together in large numbers to celebrate the birth of Christ.

The Masses were enriched with beautiful music, inspiring homilies, and a spirit of togetherness, making this holiday season memorable for all.



ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH

Dec 24, 4 PM - 452 attendees

Dec 25, 9 AM - 120 attendees

ST. BENEDICT CHURCH
Dec 24, 4 PM - 390 attendees
Dec 24, 11 PM - 245 attendees



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Dec 24, 4 PM - 615 attendees

Dec 24, 4 PM (Overflow at Egan Hall) - 175 attendees

Dec 25, 9 AM - 215 attendees



EPIPHANY POTLUCK

Gathered by the Light of Christ

Our Epiphany Potluck was a joyful celebration of community and faith. Thank you to everyone who brought food, helped organize, and joined in making this gathering a beautiful reminder of God's light among us.



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