

PARISH FAMILY 14

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



**“COME, FOLLOW ME
AND I WILL SEND YOU OUT
TO FISH FOR
PEOPLE.”**

MATTHEW 4:12-23

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
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 & 3rd Wed: 8:45 AM at St. Alphonsus
1st & 3rd Thurs: 9:00 AM at St. Benedict
1st & 3rd Fri: 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

106 N 79th St, Seattle, WA 98103
Website: <https://stjohnsea.org>

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

January 25, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

	ST. ALPHONSUS	ST. BENEDICT	ST. JOHN
January 25 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8 AM Confession 9 AM Mass 10 AM Coffee & Donuts 10:30 AM OCIC - McGrath Rm	11 AM Mass with CLOW (Livestream) 12 PM Coffee & Donuts 12 PM Grief Support Group	8:30 AM Mass 9:45 AM Confession 10:30 AM Catholic Schools Week Mass 7:30 PM Faith Sharing Group via Zoom
January 26 Monday Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops	7 AM Confession 7:30 AM Daily Mass RIP: Alfonso T. Gemora 7 PM Men's Group - McGrath Room	7 PM Gospel Study via Zoom	
January 27 Tuesday Saint Angela Merici, Virgin	7 AM Confession 7:30 AM Daily Mass 6:30 PM Women's Group - McGrath Room	7 PM Young Adult Men's Group - St. Mary Room	
January 28 Wednesday Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church	7 AM Confession 7:30 AM Daily Mass INT: Lisa Paroni 8:45 AM School Mass - All are welcome!		
January 29 Thursday	7 AM Confession 7:30 AM Daily Mass 10 AM Scripture Study 6:30 PM Young Adult Adoration 7 PM OCIA - McGrath Room	9 AM School Mass - All are welcome!	3 PM Family Adoration
January 30 Friday Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin	8:15 AM Adoration Chapel open to 8 PM		9 AM Daily Mass RIP: Venus Lusterio
January 31 Saturday Saint John Bosco, Priest	8 AM Daily Mass 4 PM Confession 5 PM Vigil Mass		5 PM Vigil Mass (Livestream) SVdP Collection at Mass
February 1 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8 AM Confession 9 AM Mass 10 AM Ham & pancake Breakfast 10:30 AM OCIC - McGrath Rm	11 AM Mass with CLOW (Livestream) Special collection for St. Martin de Porres Italian Dinner 11 AM to 8 PM 12 PM Grief Support Group	8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Lectio Divina 9:30 AM SVdP Meeting - Parish Admin 9:45 AM Confession 10:30 AM Mass with CLOW SVdP Collection at both Masses Coffee & Donuts after both Masses 2 PM St. Francis of Assisi - Parish Admin 5 to 8 PM Italian Dinner - Egan Hall 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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<https://bit.ly/PF14NotifyMe>



Subscribe to **weekly bulletin and e-newsletter**.

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Submit your **questions & feedback** about our Parish Family.

<https://bit.ly/PF14Queries>



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PARISH FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS



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.

As part of the **“Who Are We?”** stage in laying the foundation for a deeper understanding of our Parish Family and the broader community we serve, the Pastoral Leadership Council (PLC) conducted a campus tour on January 16. PLC members visited the facilities and met with key staff of St. John the Evangelist, St. Alphonsus, and St. Benedict parishes and schools.

The tour was intended to foster shared awareness and provide firsthand insight into the unique resources, and needs of each parish and school. As we move forward, this shared understanding will help us steward our gifts more wisely, support one another more intentionally, and proclaim the Gospel more effectively as one Parish Family.



COMING UP

In February, our Parish Leadership Council (PLC) will share the synthesis of the listening session results with all the three parishes.

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.

For questions or inquiries about our Partners in the Gospel efforts, please feel free to email our PLC: partners.info@parishfamily14.org.

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

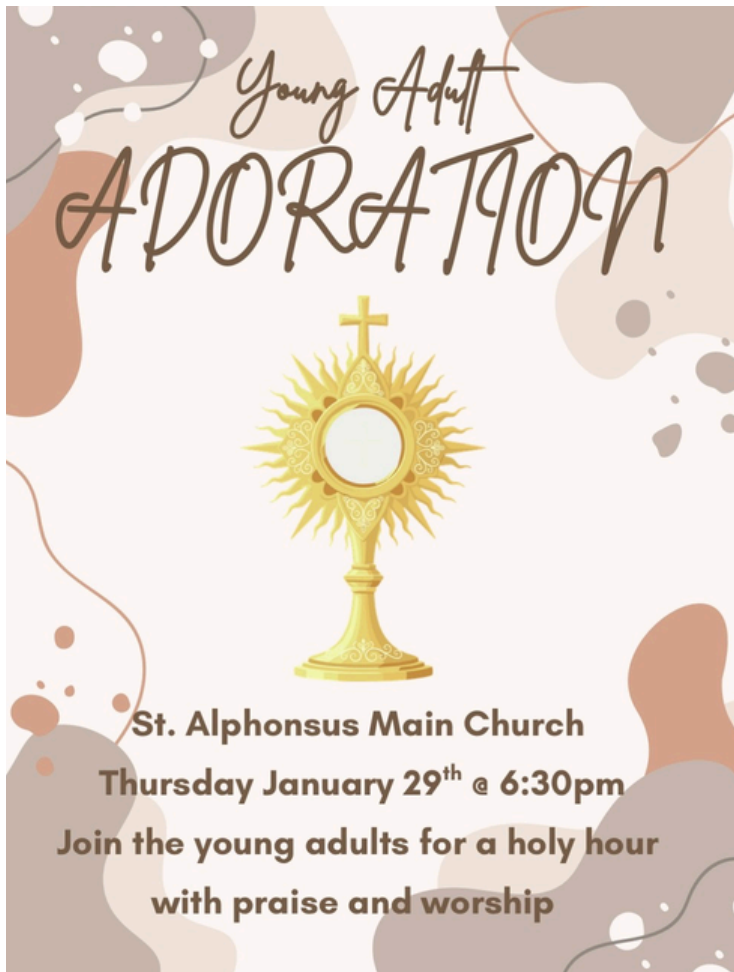


Here's a quick overview of the Lent 2026 Calendar. Take a moment to plan your Lenten journey from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week.

Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday
Feb 22 - First Sunday of Lent
Mar 1 - Second Sunday of Lent
Mar 8 - Third Sunday of Lent
Mar 15 - Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mar 19 - Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mar 22 - Fifth Sunday of Lent
Mar 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord
Mar 29 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Apr 2 - Holy Thursday
Apr 3 - Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Apr 4 - Holy Saturday
Apr 5 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Stay tuned for our Parish Family Lenten 2026 calendar with details on our traditions and community gatherings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A poster for Young Adult Adoration. It features a golden monstrance with a cross on top, set against a background of soft, abstract shapes in shades of brown and beige. The text "Young Adult ADORATION" is written in a mix of cursive and bold, sans-serif fonts. Below the monstrance, it says "St. Alphonsus Main Church Thursday January 29th @ 6:30pm Join the young adults for a holy hour with praise and worship".

Young Adult
ADORATION

St. Alphonsus Main Church
Thursday January 29th @ 6:30pm
Join the young adults for a holy hour
with praise and worship

Grounded in Grace

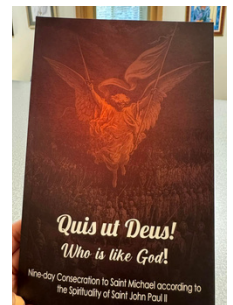
If you are navigating the pain of divorce or marital separation, join Grounded in Grace, a safe and confidential space for healing and hope. Explore spirituality as a source of strength, share your experiences, and find peace and clarity on this new path. The group will meet on **February 19, Thursday, 6 PM at St. Alphonsus Family Center**. For more information, please contact Olivia Raese at olivia@raesegroup.com



Consecration to St. Michael the Archangel

Participate in the Consecration to St. Michael the Archangel, a solemn act of entrusting oneself, one's family, or our community to the protection and leadership of the chief of the heavenly armies. This powerful devotion deepens our trust in God's protection, strengthens us in spiritual battle, and renews our commitment to live faithfully under St. Michael's guidance.

Consecration booklets are available at the St. John Parish Admin Building and the St. Benedict Parish Center for a \$20 suggested donation.



For more information, please contact Mauricio Torres at 323-404-1621 or mauriciototustuus@hotmail.com.



Our mission is to grow in community and faith with other Catholic young adults (21-35) within our Parish Family 14 community. We strive to have people come together to ignite a community that lives the true mission of the Church. We offer men's and women's bible study groups, monthly events, and volunteer opportunities.

Scan the QR code to be connected or contact Eva-Maria at 469-251-9391.



PARISH FAMILY UPDATES

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER...

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

For those who have died, including Oscar Richardson, 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 every first week of the month. 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>.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

"Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth."

Psalm

Psalm 146

"Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!"

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise.

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12a

Blessed are the lowly, the sorrowing, the poor in spirit.

Zephaniah prepares us for today's Gospel, instructing us to seek justice and humility. Paul writes that God purposely chose the weak and lowly, for Christ has become our strength and our glory. Jesus teaches the crowds the Beatitudes, telling them that it is those who are meek, merciful, and poor in spirit who are blessed. So today we sing out, "Blessed are the poor in spirit," looking to the Lord to satisfy our every need.

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 18, 2026

St. Alphonsus Parish

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, 5 PM	79
Sunday, 9 AM	174

PARISH COLLECTION

Mass Collection	\$ 2,783.47
Online Donations	\$ 3,787.58
Mailed-in	\$ 3,264.95

Total Collection \$9,836.00

Weekly Budget \$ 9,833

Over Weekly Budget \$ 3.00

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	\$ 989.00
Online Donations	\$ 2,978.89
Mailed-in	\$ 650.00

Total Collection \$ 4,617.89

Weekly Budget \$ 6,055.00

Under Weekly Budget \$ 1,437.11

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	49
Sunday, 8:30 AM	143
Sunday, 10:30 AM	212

PARISH COLLECTION

Mass Collection	\$ 2,856.91
Online Donations	\$ 9,226.67
Mailed-in	\$ 9,353.00

Total Collection \$ 21,436.58

Weekly Budget \$ 17,229.00

Over Weekly Budget \$ 4,207.58

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

Set up your recurring online giving now!

<https://bit.ly/PushpaySJ>



FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTS

SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS

Faith Sharing Group

January 25, 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

Men's Group

January 26, 7 PM | St. Alphonsus Men's Group fellowship and faith sharing in the St. Al McGrath Room
(Contact: Brian LeBlanc at brianleblanc76@gmail.com)

Gospel/Scripture Ministry

January 26, 7 PM | St. Benedict Gospel Study via Zoom
Meeting ID: 864 2616 6842 Password: 961919 (Contact: Brenda Stratton at bjandmes@msn.com)

January 29, 10 AM | St. Alphonsus Scripture Study in the St. Alphonsus McGrath Room (Contact: Mary Green at mgquilts46@gmail.com)

Book Group

February 5, 7 PM | St. Benedict Book Group at St. Mary Room (upper level of Parish Center); Book for discussion is *Accidental Pope* by Raymond Flynn and Robin Moore; (Contact: Brenda Stratton at bjandmes@msn.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.

February 3, 7 PM | St. Benedict Women's Ministry on Zoom Meeting ID: 83832067839 Password: 042299. All women in our Parish Family are invited to our monthly gatherings on the first Tuesday of each month from 7–9 PM.

This year, we're reading *Jesus, the God Who Knows You* by Max Lucado. For our February meeting, we'll be discussing Part 4 – Miracle Worker. Come as you are, whether you've read the chapter or not, you are always welcome!

For more information, please call or leave a message for Debra Reilly at debras.reilly@gmail.com or 206-755-1751.



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. 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

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.

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.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Are you an adult seeking confirmation or interested in becoming Catholic? Join our OCIA! Sessions are held on **Thursday evenings at 7 PM in the St. Alphonsus Family Center.** Email Claire Shea at cshea@parishfamily14.org for more information. All are welcome!

Funerals

The death of a loved one brings sorrow and grief, yet our faith in Christ's Resurrection offers comfort and grace amid sadness. The Church's funeral rites bring hope and consolation as we commend our loved one to God's loving mercy. To begin making funeral arrangements, please contact Julia Rudden at jrudden@parishfamily14.org or 206-632-0843 ext 217.

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

Sancta Vita would like to request your support for the deacons ministering to the ladies working Aurora Ave N.

The deacons meet with the ladies offering prayers, listening, reminding the ladies they are loved by God, and providing requested safety supplies. If desired, they hand out referrals to local agencies who help folks to escape from this street life.

Please consider this ministry in your prayers.

You can donate here: <https://ppay.co/XJr26JFdNLg>. Or you can mail or put a check in the collection basket made out to St. Luke in an envelope marked Aurora Avenue Ministry no later than Sunday, February 8. St. Luke administers this ministry, we will get all donations to them. Thank you for your support of this ministry.



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. ♦

HAM AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT ST. ALPHONSUS



On Sunday, **February 1**, the men of 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!

St. Vincent de Paul Society



SVDP society assists the poor and needy within our parish boundaries through grocery, transportation and rent vouchers. Support by donating and volunteering with them. For more info, contact the following:

St. Alphonsus: Doug Martin - doug@martinenv.com

St. Benedict: Sherry Zane - svdp@stbens.net

St. John: Joyce Farrell - joycefarrello8@gmail.com

If you need assistance, please call Helpline Call Center at (206) 767-6449, M-F, 8 AM - 3 PM.

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 **February 2, 2025, Monday, 8:30AM** in the St. Benedict Parish Center. Contact Vicky Briones at vicster912@gmail.com for more information.



Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus is a global organization of Catholic men committed to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. The local council supports the community through fundraising for local organizations, assisting with parish events, hosting pancake breakfasts, and holding regular meetings to plan and grow its outreach. For more info, contact the following:

St. Alphonsus: Louie Van Hollebeke - louiervh@gmail.com

St. John: Aaron Amort - aaronamort@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!

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!



SCHOOL NEWS



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

CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

JANUARY 25–31, 2026

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Join us
right after
mass!

Italian Lunch

Sunday February 1st
11AM – 8PM



Get tickets or donate

<https://stbens.ejoinme.org/ItalianDinner2026>



A fundraiser for St Benedict environmental camp

It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!



St. Benedict's own **Girl Scout Troop 44467** is raising funds for an overnight campout in the Cascades, where girls will build outdoor and adventure skills.

Funds support troop adventures and community service projects. Our Girl Scouts are learning how to set goals, budget, and work together as a team. They will build confidence through talking to customers and practice serving their community with cookie donations.

**Order your cookies
now in Troop 44467's
Digital Cookie
Store!**



bit.ly/4qXCaoY

Love is in the Air



Rosé & Gold

St. Alphonsus Parish School
37th Annual
Auction and Gala

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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FAITH IN FOCUS



Sunday



OUR ENTIRE society sees something special about Sunday. Business hours change. Breakfast menus expand. Work hours shrink. Sporting events surface. The newspaper inflates. Movie schedules increase. We expect leisure on Sunday. Part of the weekend, it begins the week and ends the week. It is a sacred day, a time outside normal time when life takes a break. Sunday symbolizes paradise, a place, and pace of leisure and pleasure.

How did all this happen? We Christians owned Sunday first. It is our most important day. On a Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead (Matthew 28:1). On Sundays, his followers met to break bread (Acts 20:7). The Resurrection is our most central belief. We choose Sunday for our primary gathering because the day itself proclaims our faith. Mass on Wednesday or Monday just would not be the same. Sunday is Easter. You can change the day you shop for groceries or go to the bank without much loss. But church is different. It demands a particular day, like a holiday or an anniversary. If we did not gather for Eucharist on Sunday, we have not proclaimed the Resurrection.

Our definition of "Sunday" includes Saturday night. This does not compromise to convenience. Jesus rose from the dead during the night. So our Eucharist still honors the Resurrection when it takes place at the beginning of that night—namely, on Saturday evening.

If a serious reason keeps you from attending church on Sunday, your pastor may dispense you. Your conversation with him honors your commitment to your community. On a Sunday when you cannot participate in the Eucharist, you may wish to pray the Scriptures of that day and share a prayer at meal with other believers.

Unity, leisure, and prayer characterize a Sunday. Our attendance at church unites us with the believers of our own community and with all Christians throughout the world. Our abstinence from work frees our mind for prayer. Football, food, and freedom are all supplementary to Sunday's main purpose, celebrating Eucharist.

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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.

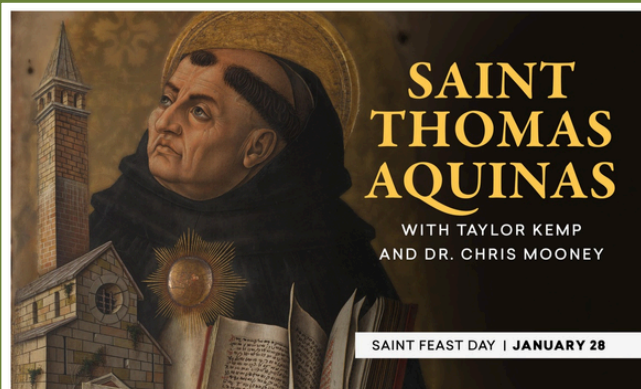
The early deaths of her mother in 1777 and her baby sister in 1778 gave Elizabeth a feel for eternity and the temporariness of the pilgrim life on earth. Far from being brooding and sullen, she faced each new "holocaust," as she put it, with hopeful cheerfulness.

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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THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF SAINT CECILIA

Discernment Day Seattle

Spend time with the Lord and get a glimpse of religious life.

Open to single Catholic women, ages 17-30

SAT | JAN 31
For more information or to RSVP:
vocation@op-tn.org
UW Newman Center
10 am-4:30 pm
www.nashvilledominican.org

*Includes Mass,
prayer, Eucharistic
Adoration, talks,
and lunch*

Women's Retreat
RE:CREATION
with Sarah Hart
SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026
at
St. Gabriel Catholic Church
1150 Mitchell Ave.,
Port Orchard, WA 98366
doors open at 8:30 AM

January 31 | 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM | St. Gabriel in Port Orchard

Who am I? What is my purpose? This retreat is designed to help us reflect on who we are and whose we are. We will remember our belonging and get in touch with God's purpose for our lives. Women 12 years and older are invited to spend a day together with other women of faith. \$40/person with childcare available. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Limited seating available. Sign up today: <https://bit.ly/4bF8KH8>
Contact Annie Kudrna at annie@stgabepop.org for questions.

**Registration for CYO
Summer Camp is open!**



Both day camp and overnight camp options available for grades 1-12.

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and register at
<https://cyo.camp>




The
**2024
2025
Annual
Impact
Report** is here

Read about the Archdiocese of Seattle's impact over the last year.

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CALLED BY NAME

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Called By Name weekend is January 31 & February 1, 2026.

Do you know someone aged 16-35 who might be called to the priesthood or religious life? Our Lord often calls young people forth through family, friends, teachers, mentors, and parishioners. Like Philip inviting Nathanael to "come and see," prayerfully consider those you know who show signs of a call through their love of the Lord, our Church, and their heart of service. Nominate someone by February 13, and they will receive a letter from Archbishop Etienne to encourage and support them in their discernment. There will also be an opportunity to attend an Operation Andrew or Miriam dinner, where they will learn more about these vocations and interact with their peers. More info at archseattle.org/called-by-name.



Holy Name Society Monthly Mass for First Responders



February 2 | 7:30 - 8:30 AM | Blessed Sacrament Church

The Archdiocese of Seattle's First Responder Ministry invites you to attend a special monthly Mass held on the first Monday morning of every month at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church for police, firefighters, and chaplains. Hosted by the Seattle Firefighters Holy Name Society. Attendees are encouraged to attend in uniform and sit together.



Police and Fire Chaplain Support Session



February 4, 2026 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM | Virtual

The Archdiocese of Seattle's First Responder Ministry invites all police and fire chaplains to join with Police Chaplain Linda Haptonstall for facilitated monthly peer support sessions. These sessions will be held virtually via Zoom on the **first Wednesday of every month** from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. Join with fellow Catholic police and fire chaplains to pray together in our tradition and debrief incidents, callouts, and pastoral encounters. To register and receive the Zoom link, please email Joe Cotton at joe.cotton@seattlearch.org.

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