

PARISH FAMILY 14

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



SUNDAY MASSES

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

DAILY MASSES

Mon - Thurs: 7:30 AM at St. Alphonsus
 Thurs: 6:00 PM at St. Benedict
 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!
Refer to This Week's Calendar, page 2.

CONFESSION

Mon - Thurs: 7:00 - 7:20 AM at St. Alphonsus
 Thursday: 5:00 - 5:45 PM at St. Benedict
 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>

Parish Family Admin Office: 206-782-2810 | 206-770-6494 (Fax) | info@parishfamily14.org | 106 N 79th St, Seattle
 Parish Family Faith Formation Office: 206-632-0843 ext 6005 | lcorcoro@parishfamily14.org | 1805 N 49th St, Seattle

  @parishfamily14

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

April 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Mt 28:1-10

“Do not be afraid... He has been raised from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.” - Matthew 28:5-7

	ST. ALPHONSUS	ST. BENEDICT	ST. JOHN
April 5 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	9 AM Mass	11 AM Mass (Livestream) Special collection for St. Martin de Porres	8:30 AM Mass (Livestream) with Brass 10:30 AM Mass SVdP Collection at both Masses
April 6 Monday	7 AM Confession 7:30 AM Daily Mass RIP: Remedios London 7 PM Men's Group - McGrath Rm <i>P a r i s h O f f i c e s C l o s e d</i>	8:30 AM SMdP Sandwich Making 7 PM Gospel Study via Zoom	
April 7 Tuesday	7 AM Confession 7:30 AM Daily Mass RIP: Mike H. Sohns	7 PM Women's Ministry via Zoom	
April 8 Wednesday	7 AM Confession 7:30 AM Daily Mass RIP: Alicia Chandler 7 PM Lector Training		
April 9 Thursday	7 AM Confession 7:30 AM Daily Mass RIP: Evelyn Elizaga-Reyes 10 AM Scripture Study	5 PM Confession 6PM Daily Mass RIP: Len Andrews INT: Judy Andrews 7 PM Book Group - St. Mary Rm	
April 10 Friday	8:15 AM Adoration Chapel open to 8 PM		9 AM Daily Mass INT: Susan Donat
April 11 Saturday	8 AM Daily Mass INT: Abraham Family & the souls in purgatory 4 PM Confession 5 PM Vigil Mass	9:30 AM Craft Group	5 PM Vigil Mass (Livestream)
April 12 SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY	8 AM Confession 9 AM Mass 10 AM Ham & pancake Breakfast 10:30 AM 1 st Communion Class - McGrath Room	10 AM 1 st Communion Class 11 AM Mass with CLOW (Livestream) 12 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet 12 PM Coffee & Donuts 12 PM Grief Support Group - Parish Center	8:30 AM Mass 9:45 AM Confession 10:30 AM Mass with CLOW Coffee & Donuts after both Masses 7:30 PM Faith Sharing Group via Zoom
	<i>For livestream and recorded masses, click the links:</i>	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

Welcome TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

PARISH FAMILY 14

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

We extend a special welcome to everyone who joined us for Mass for the first time this Easter Sunday, and to all who are new to our Parish Family. We are truly grateful and delighted that you are here. You already belong!

If you'd like to learn more about our three churches, explore the sacraments, find ways to get involved, or register as a parishioner, we would be so happy to assist you. Please email us at info@parishfamily14.org or call 206-782-2810 or 206-632-0843.

We look forward to getting to know you and walking this journey of faith together!

SAVE THE DATE!

Parish Family
BBQ

JULY 12, 2026
SUN, 12 PM
ST. ALPHONSUS



GIVING MADE SIMPLE!

Supporting our parishes has never been easier. No cash, no worries!

Just follow these quick steps:
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Verify with your phone number
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That's it! You're all set!

With recurring giving, you can support your parish consistently without the need for envelopes or cash. It's simple, secure, and a meaningful way to give back.

Thank you for your generosity and support!



St. Alphonsus



St. Benedict



St. John the Evangelist

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ST. JOHN EGAN HALL MEZZANINE

AUGUST 10 - 14, 2026
9:00 AM - 12 PM

SIGN UP NOW!



bit.ly/PF14VBS2026



Age: Grades K-4 (Fall 2026)
Cost: \$75 per child, \$125 per family
Older kids are welcome to volunteer! No one will be turned away from this camp.

Contact Teresa Gillett at tgillett@parishfamily14.org or call 206-782-2810 with questions or for more information.

PARISH FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS

SIXTH WEEK OF LENT

Two Faces in the Shadows

We are grateful to all who made this presentation possible, especially our performers, Len Kannapell and Mark Adolph, and volunteers who brought the snacks and refreshments. Thank you to everyone who joined us and entered more deeply into this Lenten journey.



TOGETHER IN MISSION: STAFF AND SOME PLC MEMBERS COMPLETE 6-WEEK FORMATION JOURNEY

Our staff recently completed a six-week evangelization webinar organized by Catholic Christian Outreach from February 16 to March 26, focused on responding to the Church's call to form missionary disciples. Through this formation, we were introduced to Intentional Accompaniment (IA), a Christ-centered approach to evangelization that emphasizes journeying with others, building authentic relationships, and being led by the Holy Spirit. This experience has equipped our team with practical tools to foster a culture of evangelization within our Parish Family, helping us grow a movement of disciples who can multiply and share the Gospel more effectively.



Discover how Partners in the Gospel is shaping our Parish Family!

What is Partners in the Gospel?

Read here: bit.ly/WhatIsPITG

What is our Parish Family story and how did we start as a family?

Read here: bit.ly/PF14PITGStory

Who are leading our Partners in the Gospel? Read here: bit.ly/PF14PITGLead

Where are we now in the One Planning Process? Read here: bit.ly/PF14PITGNow

What did we achieve together?

Read here: bit.ly/PF14PITGAchieve

Questions? Email our PLC:

partners.info@parishfamily14.org

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We would like to inform everyone that the **previously announced listening sessions scheduled for April have been postponed**. In our desire to ensure that these gatherings are truly meaningful and fruitful for all, we recognize the importance of first providing a clear and shared understanding of our Parish Family.

In the coming weeks, we will be sharing a "Data Snapshot" of Parish Family 14, which will include important information such as our pastoral coverage area, demographics, and our human, financial, and physical resources. This overview will help guide our conversations as we prayerfully discern both the opportunities and challenges before us.

By taking this step, we hope to better prepare our community for deeper listening, thoughtful dialogue, and Spirit-led discernment. We thank you for your patience and continued commitment to the life and mission of our Parish Family. Further details about the rescheduled listening sessions will be shared soon.



UPCOMING EVENTS



**THE
DIVINE
MERCY**
Chaplet

April 12, Sunday
after the 11 AM Mass
St. Benedict Church

Join us in prayer for the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a beautiful devotion that draws us closer to the boundless mercy of God.

Below are some resources in relation to the Divine Mercy Chaplet:

- How to recite the chaplet: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet>
- Benefits and promises: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/top-22-quotes-saint-faustina>
- The Faustina Story: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/stfaustina/bio>

**Youth
MASS**

Every 3rd Sunday

APRIL 19, 2025
SUNDAY, 11 AM
ST. BENEDICT CHURCH



*Calling all youth in our Parish Family!
Volunteer as altar servers, ushers,
readers, or Eucharistic ministers.*

*It is a great way to serve the Lord and get
involved in our parish community. Scan
the QR code to sign up!*



bit.ly/PF14
YouthLitMinistry

**JOIN US FOR SOCIAL HOUR AT THE
SCHOOL CAFETERIA AFTER MASS!**



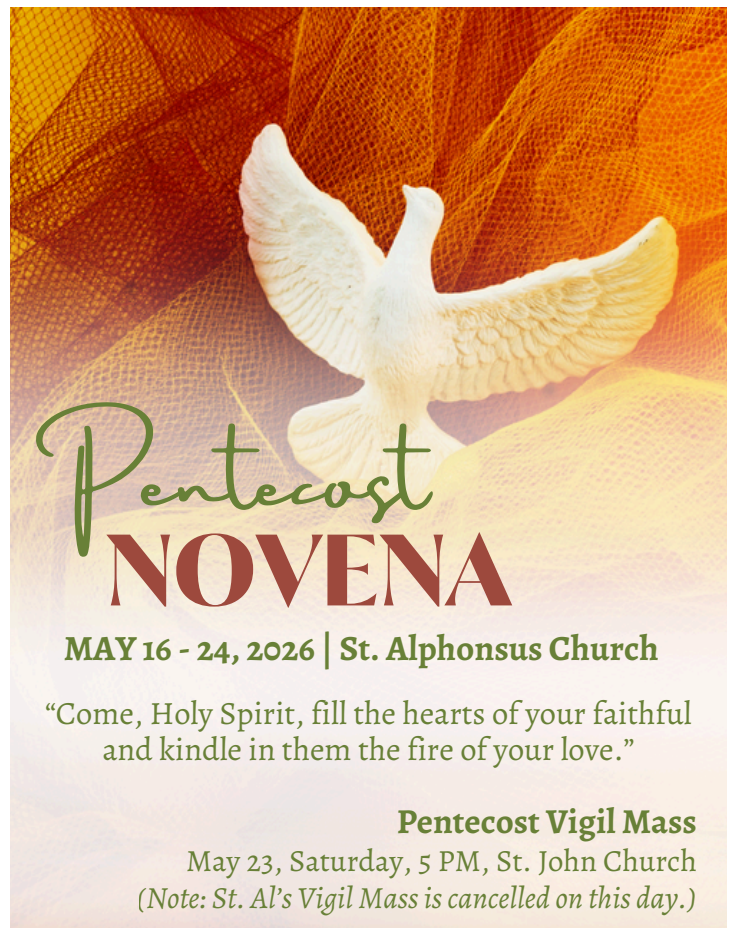
APRIL 21, TUES, 7-8 PM

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH - SEATTLE

**ORGAN
RECITAL**

GWENDOLYN TOTH
AN EARLY MUSIC SPECIALIST BASED IN NEW YORK CITY

Join us for an evening of early music presented by one of the leading performers on early keyboard instruments. Free admission with a suggested donation of \$20 to support music ministry at St. Alphonse.



**Pentecost
NOVENA**

MAY 16 - 24, 2026 | St. Alphonse Church

“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.”

Pentecost Vigil Mass
May 23, Saturday, 5 PM, St. John Church
(Note: St. Al's Vigil Mass is cancelled on this day.)

PRAYER, SCRIPTURE & LITURGY

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER...

Please remember the following people who are ill, homebound, or need your prayers this week: Marnie Ahern, Akeem Arana, Michael Eugene James Chiles & his surviving wife & family, Ritchell Cunanan, Joyce Farrell, Rich Huntsman, Tom Jepson, Nicholas Konopik, Lucy McGovern, Jay Parrish, Patricia Patterson, Bill Quackenbush, Lou Ayres Salumbides, Abby Simpson, and Lillian Yamamoto. For those who have died, including Len Andrews, Vicky Frantz, Lilia Salangad and Bill Kirch, 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>.



FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Parish Family gathers in faith and hope to celebrate the Funeral Masses for:
Bill Kirch - Thurs, April 23, 11 AM at St. Alphonsus
Rosary starts at 10 AM; Reception to follow at the Family Center.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 12 - Sunday of Divine Mercy

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Those who believed shared all things in common.

Psalm

Psalm 118

"Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting."

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

God has given us new birth.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

"My Lord and my God!"

Today's readings capture the wonder and joy of the early church as they celebrate the new life they have found in the risen Lord. In the first reading, the disciples come together to listen to the teaching of the apostles, to pray, and to break bread, much as we are doing right now. The first letter of Peter extols the gift of salvation, which animates a "living hope" in us. The risen Lord gifts the apostles with the Holy Spirit and the power to forgive sins in his name. Let us listen and imagine ourselves alongside the earliest members of the infant church.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Children's Liturgy of the Word (Sunday School)

Children ages Preschool and older are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word, offered **most Sundays during the 10:30am Mass at St. John, and all Sundays at the 11 AM Mass of St. Benedict.**



If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Daniel Pelfrey at dpelfrey@parishfamily14.org or Gian Orquia at gianrfelo@gmail.com.



Lector

TRAINING

April 8, 2026

Wed, 7 PM
St. Alphonsus Church

All aspiring and currently serving lectors are invited to join our Parish Family Lector Training.

This session will help you grow in confidence, improve your proclamation skills, and deepen your love for God's Word. We look forward to seeing you!



SHARE YOUR GIFTS: VOLUNTEER IN FAITH FORMATION!

We warmly invite you to share your time and talents in our parish faith formation programs. Whether you are young or young at heart, there is a meaningful way for you to serve! All volunteers are required to complete safe environment training and a background check.

To learn more, sign up, or get assistance volunteering, please email dpelfrey@parishfamily14.org or reach out to the ministry heads. Join us in nurturing faith and building community!

- Lector
- Altar Server
- Eucharistic Minister
- Usher
- Sacristan
- CLOW Lead
- Funeral Support
- Wedding Support
- Catechist

FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTS

SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS

Men's Group

April 6, 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

April 6, 7 PM | St. Benedict Gospel Study via Zoom
Meeting ID: 864 2616 6842 Password: 961919
(Contact: Brenda Stratton at bjandmes@msn.com)

April 9, 10 AM | St. Alphonsus Scripture Study in the St. Alphonsus McGrath Room
(Contact: Mary Green at mgquilts46@gmail.com)

Grounded in Grace

April 16, 6 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. Explore spirituality as a source of strength, share your experiences, and find peace and clarity on this new path. For more information, please contact Olivia Raese at olivia@raesegroup.com



Our mission is to grow in community and faith with other Catholic young adults (21-35) within our Parish Family 14 community. We offer men's and women's bible study groups, monthly events, and volunteer opportunities. The men's group meets every other Tuesday, while the women's group currently meets every Monday. Contact youngadultsp14@gmail.com to be connected.

Looking to grow in faith and friendship?

Check out the many Small Faith Sharing Groups across our Parish Family! Scan the QR code or go to: bit.ly/PF14SmallGroups.



Women's Group

April 7, 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 April meeting, we'll be discussing Part 6 "Returning King". Come as you are, whether you've read the chapter or not, you are always welcome! Contact: Brenda Stratton at bjandmes@msn.com)

April 28, 6:30PM | St. Alphonsus Women's Group in the McGrath Room; Join us for a discussion and reflection on feminism and womanhood. What does our faith say about womanhood, equality, and vocation? No RSVP needed. Questions? Contact olivia@raesegroup.com.

Book Group

April 9, 7 PM | St. Benedict Book Group at St. Mary Room (upper level of Parish Center); Due to Holy Thursday falling on the first Thursday of the month, discussion is moved to April 9. Our next selection is *The Dance of the Dissident Daughter* by Sue Monk Kidd, the acclaimed spiritual memoir by the author of *The Secret Life of Bees*. In this powerful and thought-provoking work, Kidd shares her journey of rediscovering her feminine soul and learning to live authentically from that place. For more information, contact Brenda Stratton at bjandmes.bjs@gmail.com.

April 26, 7 PM | St. John Book Group at St. John Admin Bldg. For our next book we will be reading *Flunking Sainthood: A Year of Breaking the Sabbath, Forgetting to Pray, and Still Loving My Neighbor* by Jana Riess. This is a short, little book by a writer who tries 12 spiritual practices to become more saintly. She fails at every single one. The story is funny, but her reflections on Catholic practice made me appreciate them anew. Contact Diana Gruszczynski at diana.gruszczynski@outlook.com.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS

Infant Baptism

Baptisms in our Parish Family are scheduled during the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses at our three churches. Please stand by for upcoming schedule. For more information, contact Julia Rudden at jrudden@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!

Please feel free to contact us for the following:

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

Sacramental Records - 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

HAM AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT ST. ALPHONSUS

On Sunday, **April 12**, 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 are invited!



Holy Name Society

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

Angel's Cafe

St. Alphonsus' The Angels Café is a vibrant ministry of women who come together to cook and serve meals in the spirit of Matthew 20:28: "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." The group meets at least four times a year. Food preparation takes place on Saturday mornings, followed by cooking and serving after Sunday Mass. New members are always welcome to join this joyful service ministry. For more information or to get involved, contact Shelle Bjolstad at shelleb2@gmail.com.

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 (first Sunday of every month at 2 PM in the St. John Parish Admin Bldg) 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

Grief Support Group

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you don't have to go through it alone. Our Parish Family Grief Support Group is here to offer comfort, support, and a listening ear. For more information, please reach out to Margaret Alquist at margaretalquist1@gmail.com.

Sancta Vita

SanctaVita will meet next Saturday April 11 at St Alphonsus in the McGrath room at 9:10am (following Mass and rosary.) We will discuss the baby bottle drive for Next Step.

Please pray this month the April 2026 Prayer Intention from Pope Leo XIV: For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

<https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/>

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 **April 20, Monday, 8:30AM** in the St. Benedict Parish Center. Contact Vicky Briones at vicster912@gmail.com for more information.



Hunger Project

St. Benedict collects food donations that are sent to the Family Works Food Bank every month. Donations may be placed at the box in the vestibule or brought over to the Parish Office. For more info, contact Len Kannapel at kannapell@yahoo.com.

ARE YOU HOMEBOUND, IN NURSING HOME OR HOSPITAL AND WANT TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION?

Our Ministers to the Homebound would be happy to bring the holy communion to your home. For inquiries and to volunteer as a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the following:

St. Alphonsus: Lori Corcoro - lcorcoro@parishfamily14.org

St. Benedict's Cabrini Ministry: Brenda Stratton - bjandmes.bjs@gmail.com

St. John: Marion Johnson - marij09974@yahoo.com

Training for all Homebound Ministers will be scheduled soon. Stay tuned for details or contact Lori Corcoro at lcorcoro@parishfamily14.org for inquiries.

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

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 March 29, 2026

St. Alphonsus Parish

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, 5 PM	89
Sunday, 9 AM	257

PARISH COLLECTION

Mass Collection	\$ 2962.00
Online Donations	\$3,054.99
Mailed-in	\$ 495.00

Total Collection \$6,511.99

Weekly Budget \$ 9,833.00

Under Weekly Budget \$ 3,321.01

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	232
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PARISH COLLECTION

Mass Collection	\$ 820.00
Online Donations	\$ 2,390.72
Mailed-in	\$ 468.00

Total Collection \$ 3,678.72

Weekly Budget \$ 6,055.00

Under Weekly Budget \$ 2,376.28

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

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St. John Parish

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, 5 PM	128
Sunday, 8:30 AM	234
Sunday, 10:30 AM	270

PARISH COLLECTION

Mass Collection	\$ 4,590.23
Online Donations	\$ 8,783.56
Mailed-in	\$ 1,339.00

Total Collection \$ 14,712.79

Weekly Budget \$ 17,229.00

Under Weekly Budget \$ 2,516.21

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

Set up your recurring online giving now!

<https://bit.ly/PushpaySJ>



SHARON PHILIPS - EMBARKING ON A EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE ALONG THE EAST COAST

This summer, nine young adults, including Sharon Philips, a convent resident at St. Alphonsus, will embark on a cross-country



pilgrimage bringing Christ in the Eucharist to communities along a patriotic route. Known as the 'perpetual pilgrims,' they will travel from St. Augustine, Florida, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, sharing the love of Jesus through processions, volunteer service, and prayer. United in faith and mission, these young adults invite the nation to celebrate God's presence in every stop along their journey.

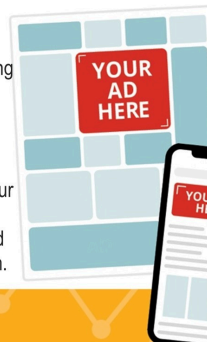
ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR PARISH BULLETIN!

It's a great way to reach fellow parishioners while supporting the weekly printing and distribution of the bulletin that keeps our community updated on parish news and events.

AVAILABLE NOW!
PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Julie Blissett from LPI, our bulletin publisher, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



Julie Blissett
425.305.1357
JBlissett@4lpi.com



Fr. Parrish warmly invites everyone to join him for this Eucharistic Revival Conference.

Bellevue, WA | May 16, 2026



ASCEND
EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

**In Him,
We Rise.**



REGISTER NOW!



Easter Vigil

THE EASTER Vigil is the most important Mass of the year. In the complete ranking of all Catholic Church celebrations, the Triduum occupies the top spot. The Triduum, which begins with Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, concludes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday; it reaches its climax with the Easter Vigil. If there is one Mass in which Catholics should make every effort to participate every year, it is the Easter Vigil. If you attend church Easter Sunday morning, but miss the Easter Vigil, you have missed the most important celebration of the year.



The Easter Vigil celebrates the Resurrection of Christ and the commitment of believers. It has four parts. It begins with a *Lucernarium* or service of light. The community gathers in darkness to hear that Christ is our light, shattering the darkness of sin. The next part of the Vigil is the Liturgy of the Word. We hear up to nine Scripture passages that tell the story of salvation, ending with the Gospel of the Resurrection.

The third part is the Baptismal Liturgy. Some catechumens have already been listed among the elect, those chosen for Baptism this year. They now come forward to be plunged into the waters of new birth. Anointed with Chrism, they celebrate Confirmation, receiving the strength of God's Spirit for the Christian life. Then the entire community renews its Baptismal Promises. Together we pledge our faith in the resurrection and promise to follow Christ more closely.

The Vigil culminates in the fourth part, the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The length of the celebration has sharpened our hunger for Communion. For the very first time, the newly baptized will join us in the Eucharistic feast. At the Easter Vigil, we recommit ourselves to our faith and rejoice with the newly baptized.

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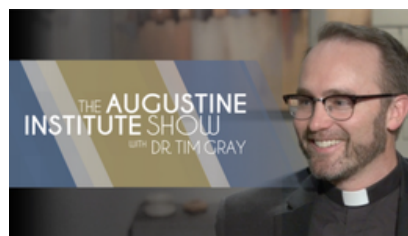
This Week on Formed
Week of April 5, 2026



<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3156669>

What Catholics Believe About the Resurrection: Was Jesus a Ghost?

Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Did the Resurrection actually happen? Was Jesus a ghost when he appeared to the apostles? And what's the deal with the Easter Bunny?



<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1443249>

Easter and the Resurrection | The Augustine Institute Show

Alleluia! He is Risen! Join Fr. Brian Larkin, Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Denver, Colorado, as he discusses the Resurrection and the Easter season with Dr. Tim Gray on the Augustine Institute Show.



<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3619636>

The Resurrection

In this episode, Mark Hartfiel and other experts unpack the mystery of the Resurrection, going back to the historical places where these world-changing event happened.

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**Co-Workers in the Vineyard
Lay Ministry Convocation**

April 23, 2026 | 9 AM - 2:45 PM
Holy Family, Kirkland

SCHOOL NEWS



Ticket sales for St. Benedict School's annual auction, Run for the Roses, close on April 6th! All parishioners are warmly invited to attend and join the fun and participate in the school's largest – and most festive – fundraiser of the year on April 17th at the Ballard Elks Club! It promises to be a joyful opportunity for our parish and school communities to come together in support of St. Benedict students and programs.

Tickets and event details:
<https://stbens.ejoinme.org>

Thank you for supporting St. Benedict School—we hope to see you at the races! on the [auction website](#).



St. Al/St. John CYO Track & Field – Calling All Runners, Jumpers, and Throwers!

Registration is now open for CYO Track & Field for grades 3-8! Yes, we are including 3rd graders this year! It's time to lace up your running shoes and join the St. John/St. Al's Track & Field Team!

Practice Schedule:

- Tuesdays & Fridays: 7-8:30 pm at Nathan Hale High School
 - Thursdays: 6:30-8 pm at Whitman MS
- Friday practices are optional*

Registration Fee: \$40 for early registration through 4/10/26. \$70 registration after 4/10 (Financial aid is available, contact Brian Haid at stjohnad@st-johnschool.org). Register at <https://teamsideline.com/sites/seattlecyo/home>

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-  Feast of Saint Mark 4/25
-  Feast of Saint Matthias 5/14
-  Solemnity of the Ascension 5/17
-  Solemnity of Pentecost 5/24

As Catholics, we celebrate the Easter Season from Easter Sunday through Pentecost. This year, the Easter Season is marked by three solemnities and two feasts. We also observe the month of Mary in May. Learn more about these great feasts and ways to celebrate all Easter season at archseattle.org/easter.

Experience a
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Saturday, April 18 | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | St. Jude Parish

Join us and 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. For more information and to register, go to <https://wwccr.org/holy-spirit-retreat>

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**Holy Name Society
Monthly Mass
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April 6 | 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.



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To find out more or to apply, go to wwme.org. The next opportunities are in the fall.



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One Minute Meditations

St. Anselm of Canterbury

Born in Aosta, Italy, he attended a Benedictine school as a youth. After traveling around France and Italy for his studies, St. Anselm entered the Benedictine Order. When the current Archbishop of Canterbury died, Anselm, who by then was a Benedictine abbot, was promoted as Canterbury's new Archbishop. St. Anselm navigated church reforms, theological study, and political tensions. He was exiled for resisting the king's interference in Church matters but was allowed to return in peace.

Glorious wounds

Every Easter, we celebrate that Jesus definitively conquered sin, evil and death. God, not evil, has "the last laugh." Yet, He still has His wounds. The Resurrection transformed what were wounds of rejection into glorious trophies - proof of His love, power, and trustworthiness as our Savior. When we encounter difficulty, even great suffering, we can look to the glorious wounds of our Savior with hope. If we stay close to Him, we'll be victorious too.

"It comes down to this: If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, then Christianity is a fraud and a sham. If He did rise from the dead, then He is who He said He is, and our lives must change accordingly. There is no middle ground."

Bishop Robert Barron

Don't Just Celebrate Easter. Step Into It.

At the heart of Christianity is not just an idea or a rule of life, but an encounter with the Risen Christ and the new life of grace He offers. Easter invites us to step into that life more deliberately. Here are four simple ways to begin:

Encounter the Risen Christ. Mary Magdalene stood before Jesus and didn't recognize Him until He spoke her name (John 20:16), and her grief became joy. That encounter is possible for us. Come to Mass with intention. Don't just attend—arrive expecting to meet Him. Listen closely, pray honestly, and remember that in the Eucharist, Christ is truly present.

Practical step: Before Mass, pray, "Jesus, help me recognize You today."

Take an "Emmaus walk." Two disciples left Jerusalem discouraged, and Jesus met them on the road. He helped them to see God's faithfulness in their lives. He can do the same for you. Take time this Easter season for a quiet walk with Him. Speak openly about what's

on your heart, and listen for His voice.

Practical step: Ask, "Lord, where have You been at work in my life that I haven't seen?"

Choose mercy. Jesus gave His Apostles the power to forgive sins (John 20:21–23), ensuring His mercy would always be available. We're called to receive it—

"Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ." John Paul II

and extend it. Forgive, hold back harsh words, and choose patience.

Practical step: Identify one situation where you can offer a concrete act of mercy this week.

Be open to mission. The Resurrection sends us out. God still calls ordinary people for His work. Your mission may be simple: show patience, reach out, or step up where needed.

Practical step: Ask, "Where am I being nudged to act?" Then take one small step.

Easter isn't just celebrated—it's lived, one step at a time.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe in the Resurrection?

The Resurrection is not only a matter of faith; it has also been examined through historical and forensic inquiry. The New Testament accounts draw on early eyewitness testimony, preserved with notable consistency compared to other ancient sources. The Shroud of Turin has likewise been widely studied, with some researchers noting

features consistent with a first-century Roman crucifixion, while the image's formation remains unexplained. Finally, despite intense early persecution, Christianity spread rapidly, reflecting the deep conviction of its first followers. Together, these considerations suggest the Resurrection is rooted in both faith and historical reflection.

After Lent, the work begins

Pope Leo XIV described Lent as a time to “place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives.” Yet the growth in holiness and renewal of faith that begins in Lent is meant to continue well beyond the season.

Keep custody of the heart. To guard the heart is to protect it from whatever disrupts our relationship with God. It means “allowing the word of God to touch our hearts and welcoming it with a docile spirit.” The habits formed during Lent can help sustain this: a daily Morning Offering, reading the Gospel, or setting aside time to visit the Blessed Sacrament. A healthy spiritual life depends on staying connected to the God who loves us most.

Keep custody of the tongue. This is a form of fasting that

lasts all year. Pope Leo urges us to “disarm our language,” avoiding harsh words and rash judgment. Refusing gossip and slander is an act of self-denial. Instead, we are called to measure our words and practice kindness and respect. This simple discipline can bring new life not only to our own hearts, but to those around us.

Keep custody of your time. What we give our time to shapes who we become. It’s easy to let our days fill with noise, distraction, and busyness that leave little room for God. Be intentional about how you spend your time. Protect moments for prayer, rest, and what truly matters—your family, your vocation, your relationship with the Lord. Even small choices, repeated daily, create space for grace to grow.

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John 10:1-10, The Good Shepherd seeks us

In this passage, Jesus uses the image of a shepherd to reveal who He is, how He cares for us, and how He invites us to respond. But why a shepherd?

In Jesus’ time, shepherding was a demanding and often dangerous way of life. A good shepherd knew each sheep personally and remained constantly with the flock. Many sheepfolds had no gates; at night, the shepherd would lie across the entrance, becoming the barrier that protected the sheep from danger. If a sheep was lost, injured, or attacked, the shepherd would go after it, tending to its wounds and, if

necessary, risking his own life.

The meaning is clear. Without the steady care, guidance, and protection of the shepherd, the sheep would not survive. In the same way, we depend on God. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows each of us by name. He does not abandon us. He seeks us out when we are lost, heals us when we are wounded, provides for our needs, and protects us—even to the point of laying down His life.

In response, He asks for our trust, so that He may lead us safely home.

Q & A

Why Do Catholics eat bacon on St. Mark’s feast day?

The Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist (April 25) has become, for many Catholics, a fitting day to enjoy bacon. The Church has a long tradition of honoring saints through liturgical celebrations, local customs, and even particular foods—practices that help preserve our shared spiritual heritage and remember their heroic witness.

In 828, Venetian merchants transferred the relics of St. Mark from Alexandria, Egypt, to Venice, Italy. To pass safely through Muslim-controlled ports, they hid the relics beneath layers of pork, a meat considered unclean under Islamic law. According to tradition, port officials, repelled by the cargo, chose not to inspect it closely, allowing the relics to reach Venice safely, where they remain today. In remembrance of this event, some Catholics mark his feast day—or the anniversary of the relics’ arrival on January 31—by eating pork.

Honoring a saint’s relics is a tangible expression of reverence, much like placing flowers on the graves of fallen soldiers. It reflects respect for their lives, their witness, and their service to God. Ultimately, in honoring the saints, we honor the God who formed them.

Feasts & Celebrations

April 2 – Holy Thursday. Today, we celebrate Jesus’ institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood to perpetuate it. Today, we celebrate He who remains really present to us in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for priests.

April 12 – Divine Mercy Sunday. In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the “Feast of Mercy.” Jesus promised special graces to those who honor Him as the King of Mercy and pray The Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

April 17 – St. Stephen Harding (1134). St. Stephen and two companions founded the Cistercian religious order in Citeaux. As abbot, he guided the community through many hardships. St. Bernard of Clairvaux and

several companions joined him and revived the order. St. Stephen founded twelve more religious communities throughout France.

April 20 – St. Agnes of Montepulciano (1317). At a young age, she begged her parents to let her enter the Franciscans. When she was thirteen, the pope asked her to found a monastery at Proceno. Inspired by a vision, she founded a Dominican order at Montepulciano.

April 30 – Pope St. Pius V (1572). Born to a poor family in Italy, Antonio Ghislieri became a Dominican, taught theology, and became Pope Pius V. As Pope, he established seminaries and hospitals, and published the Roman Catechism, Roman Breviary, and the Missal. He promoted the praying of the Rosary for the victory of Christian forces at the Battle of Lepanto (1571). He is also known for efforts to implement the Council of Trent.

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Easter

Living in the Light of the Risen Christ

Easter is the radiant heart of the Christian year—the feast of feasts, the celebration of Christ’s triumph over sin and death. Everything in our faith flows toward this moment and springs forth from it. The light that breaks from the tomb on Easter morning is not merely the dawn of a new day, but the dawn of new life for the whole world.

On that first Easter, the disciples found the stone rolled away and heard the words that changed history: *“He is not here; he has been raised.”* In that instant, fear gave way to faith, grief to joy, and death to life. The Resurrection reveals the fullness of God’s love—a love stronger than hatred, deeper than sorrow, and more powerful than death itself.

Easter is not only a past event; it is a living reality. Through baptism, we share in Christ’s risen life, and each Mass renews that mystery within us. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is at work in our hearts, transforming our weaknesses into hope and our wounds into grace.

The joy of Easter is meant to be shared. We are called to be witnesses of resurrection—to bring light where there is darkness, mercy where there is division, and life where there is despair. Each act of forgiveness, kindness, or courage becomes a small echo of the empty tomb.

Easter reminds us that the story does not end in suffering but in glory. The Risen Christ stands before us, offering peace and renewal. May this season fill your heart with the hope that comes from knowing that Christ is truly risen—and that his victory is ours to live and proclaim.



THE EASTER SEASON AND ITS TIMING

Easter is the central feast of the Church year, but unlike Christmas, it does not have a fixed date. The early Church sought to link Easter closely with the **Jewish Passover**, the context of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection. In A.D. 325, the **Council of Nicaea** established that Easter would be celebrated on **the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox**.

This ancient formula connects Easter to both the sun and the moon—the cycles of light and life in creation. Because of this, Easter can fall anywhere between **March 22** and **April 25**. Western Christianity follows the **Gregorian calendar**, while many Eastern Churches use the **Julian calendar**, sometimes celebrating Easter on different dates. Yet both traditions proclaim the same mystery: Christ's victory over death and the dawning of new life for the world.

The celebration of Easter does not end on Easter Sunday—it begins there. The **Easter Season**, or **Eastertide**, lasts for fifty days, culminating in the feast of **Pentecost**. These days form one great festival of joy, during which the Church rejoices in the Risen Lord's presence and the gift of new life received in baptism.

Throughout Eastertide, the liturgy shines with light and renewal. The **Paschal Candle**, lit at the Easter Vigil, remains near the altar as a sign of Christ, the Light of the World. The word **Alleluia**, silent during Lent, rings out again in hymns and prayers.

The season invites us to live as Easter people—bearing witness to hope, walking in the light of the Resurrection, and allowing the joy of new life in Christ to shape everything we say and do.

THE SYMBOLS OF EASTER

Easter is rich with symbols that proclaim life, light, and renewal. The **Paschal Candle** is the central symbol of the season, representing Christ, the Light of the World. Its flame dispels darkness and reminds us that the Resurrection shines into every shadow of life.



Water is another key sign. During the Easter Vigil, new water is blessed, and the faithful renew their

baptismal promises, recalling that through baptism we die and rise with Christ. **White vestments and altar cloths** replace the purple of Lent, symbolizing joy, purity, and new life.



The **empty tomb**, the **cross transformed by lilies**, and the word **Alleluia** all speak of victory and renewal. Even common springtime symbols—**eggs, flowers, and light**—echo the message of new beginnings.



Through these signs, the Church expresses the truth that Easter is not only about Christ's Resurrection but about our own: we are called to live as people of hope, reflecting the light of the Risen Lord in our daily lives.

THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

The first eight days of the Easter Season are known as the **Octave of Easter**, an extended celebration of the Resurrection. Each day is liturgically treated as Easter Sunday itself, emphasizing the depth and joy of the mystery.

During the Octave, the Church continues to sing "*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!*" The **Gloria** is sung at daily Mass, and the readings recount the appearances of the Risen Lord to his disciples.

The Octave concludes with **Divine Mercy Sunday**, established by Pope St. John Paul II in 2000. This feast highlights the boundless mercy poured out through Christ's Resurrection. The image of Jesus, with rays of red and white light streaming from his heart, invites us to trust in his mercy and share it with others.

The Easter Octave reminds us that resurrection joy cannot be contained in a single day—it is a grace that fills the whole Church with light and life.



Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Alleluia is our song. May the light of the Risen Christ dispel the darkness of our hearts and renew the face of the earth.— *Pope St. John Paul II*

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