

PARISH FAMILY 14

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

**“I AM
THE WAY,
THE TRUTH,
AND THE LIFE.”**

JOHN 14:1-12

SUNDAY MASSES

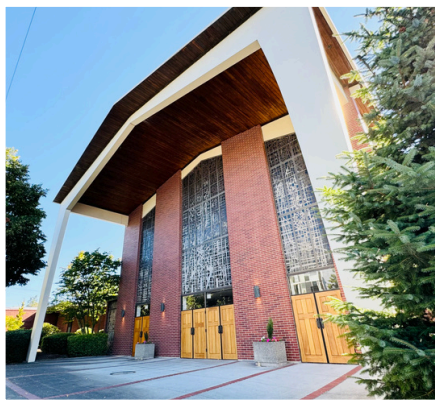
Saturday: 5:00 PM Vigil at St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM Vigil at St. John
Sunday: 8:30 AM at St. John
9:00 AM at St. Alphonsus
10:30 AM at St. John
11:00 AM at St. Benedict

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 Friday 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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  @parishfamily14

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

May 3, 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

	ST. ALPHONSUS	ST. BENEDICT	ST. JOHN
May 3 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8 AM Confession 9 AM Mass 10 AM Coffee & Donuts 10:30 AM 1 st Communion Class - McGrath Rm & Church	11 AM Mass with First Holy Communion (Livestream) 12 PM Coffee & Donuts Special collection for St. Martin de Porres	8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM FHC rehearsal - Church 9:30 AM SVdP Mtg - Parish Admin Bldg 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 Building 7:30 PM Faith Sharing Group via Zoom
May 4 Monday	7 AM Confession 7:30 AM Daily Mass INT: Dru Tellefson 7 PM Men's Group - McGrath Rm	8:30 AM SMdP Sandwich Making 7 PM Gospel Study via Zoom	
May 5 Tuesday	7 AM Confession 7:30 AM Daily Mass INT: Patience Calvetti	7 PM Women's Ministry via Zoom	
May 6 Wednesday	7 AM Confession 7:30 AM Daily Mass RIP: Elizabeth Matilda Kershner 8:45 AM School Mass		
May 7 Thursday	7 AM Confession 7:30 AM Daily Mass INT: The Otano Family 10 AM Scripture Study	9 AM School Mass 5 PM Confession 6PM Daily Mass RIP: Vicky Frantz 7PM Book Group	3 PM Family Adoration
May 8 Friday	8:15 AM Adoration Chapel open to 8 PM		9 AM Daily Mass RIP: Vincenzo Bertucci
May 9 Saturday	8 AM Daily Mass RIP: Rosina Bertucci 4 PM Confession 5 PM Vigil Mass	9:30 AM Craft Group	5 PM Vigil Mass with First Holy Communion (Livestream)
May 10 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8 AM Confession 9 AM Mass 10 AM Coffee & Donuts	11 AM Mass (Livestream) Coffee & Donuts	8:30 AM Mass 9:45 AM Confession 10:30 AM Mass with First Holy Communion (Livestream) Coffee & Donuts after both Masses in Egan Hall 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>

PARISH FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS



WHAT IS ACA?

The Annual Catholic Appeal provides ministries that no one parish can manage alone. Together in faith, we foster the mission of the Catholic Church. Your support brings more than 60 ministries to life across Western Washington.

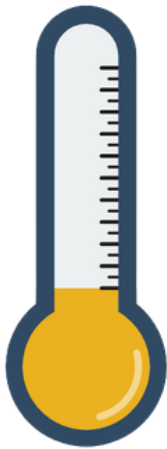
Your gift provides support for clergy, faith formation, hospital and healthcare ministry.



TOGETHER, WE CAN REACH OUR GOAL - GIVE TO ACA NOW!

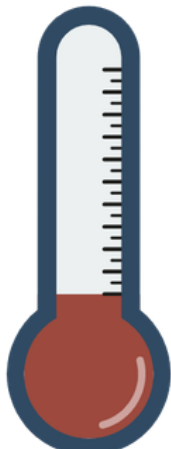
Every gift, no matter the size, brings us closer to our goal and strengthens the impact we can make together.

St. Alphonsus
Goal: \$36,396



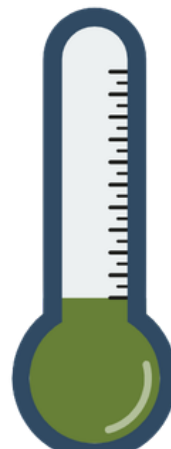
Rebate project:
Continued improvement
of our sound system

St. Benedict
Goal: \$38,016



Rebate project:
Refurbishment of our
monstrance

St. John
Goal: \$101,536



Rebate project:
Repair and upgrade of
interior church
lighting



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

What's next?

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 in the next listening sessions as we prayerfully discern both the opportunities and challenges before us.

Questions? Email our PLC:
partners.info@parishfamily14.org

CELEBRATING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

May 3, 11 AM - St. Benedict
May 9, 5 PM - St. John
May 10, 10:30 AM - St. John
May 17, 9 AM - St. Alphonsus

As the children come to the Table of the Lord for the first time, we rejoice with them and their families on this beautiful milestone in their faith journey.

Please keep our First Communicants in your prayers.

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800-809-4921



UPCOMING EVENTS

MINISTER TRAINING

LECTOR TRAINING

May 11, Monday, 7 PM

St. John Church

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING

May 19, Tuesday, 7 PM

St. Benedict Church

**All aspiring and currently serving
Lectors and
Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion are
invited to join!**

**For more info, email
dpelfrey@parishfamily14.org.**



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

Pentecost NOVENA

May 16 - 20, 22, 6 PM | St. Alphonsus Church

May 21, Thurs, 5 PM | St. Benedict Church

May 23, Sat, 4 PM | St. John Church

May 24, Sun, 10 AM | St. Alphonsus Church

Pentecost Vigil Mass

May 23, Saturday, 5 PM, St. John Church

(St. Al's Vigil Mass is combined with St. John on this day.)

FAMILY ADORATION

St. John Chapel
(inside the Church)

Every Thursday
3 - 4 PM
(after school)

**St. Benedict
Church**

May 14, Thursday
2:15 - 3:15 PM



You are all invited to Family Adoration! Kids, parents and caregivers are encouraged to visit Jesus for 5 minutes or more! All are welcome!

What is Adoration?

Adoration is spending quiet, personal time with Jesus, who is truly present in the Eucharist (the Blessed Sacrament) displayed in a special golden stand called a monstrance.

What can you do at Adoration?

Adoration is just like visiting your best friend. Greet Jesus, by genuflecting, then sit or kneel. You can pray silently, read the bible or prayer book, pray the rosary with the group or “just be” with Jesus.

Why should kids come to Adoration?

- **Builds a Personal Relationship:** It helps children realize that Jesus is real and present, transforming Him from a figure in a storybook to a friend they can visit.
- **Fosters Belief in the Real Presence:** Regular adoration helps children understand that the host is truly Jesus, strengthening their faith in the Eucharist.
- **Learn to Pray in Silence:** It offers a rare, quiet space for children to listen to God and develop a personal prayer life.
- **Model Reverence:** Children learn how to act in church—kneeling, bowing, and sitting in quiet, respectful adoration.
- **Welcoming God's Love:** Jesus welcomes children just as they are—wiggles, noises, and all—offering them a place to feel His love, joy, and peace.

COME and ADORE

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER...

Please remember the following people who are ill, homebound, or need your prayers this week: Marnie Ahern, Linda Amsden, Akeem Arana, Michael Eugene James Chiles & his surviving wife & family, Ritchell Cunanan, Joyce Farrell, Brian Gough, Rich Huntsman, Tom Jepson, Nicholas Konopik, Lucy McGovern, Jeffrey Myers, Joel Ocampo, Patricia Patterson, Bill Quackenbush, Lou Ayres Salumbides, Abby Simpson, Shannon Weiler, and Lillian Yamamoto. For those who have died, including Stephanie Diaz, 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

Stephanie Diaz - Wed, May 13, 11 AM at St. John; Reception to follow in the Parish Admin Bldg.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 10 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading

Peter and John laid hands upon them.

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Two weeks before we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles at Pentecost, we hear of the Spirit both before and after that blessed event. In the first reading, the people of Samaria receive the Holy Spirit after Peter and John come to lay hands on them. In the Gospel, Jesus promises the disciples that the Holy Spirit will stay with them always. As we listen to God's word, may we realize the Holy Spirit's enduring presence in our lives.

Psalm

"Let all the earth cry out to God with joy."

Psalm 66

Second Reading

Christ suffered for sins to lead us to God.

1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel

I will give you another Advocate, the Spirit of truth.

John 14:15-21

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 April 26, 2026

St. Alphonsus Parish

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, 5 PM	100
Sunday, 9 AM	197

PARISH COLLECTION

Mass Collection	\$ 3,215.00
Online Donations	\$ 5,113.06
Mailed-in	\$ 0.00

Total Collection \$9,112.06

Weekly Budget \$ 9,833.00

Under Weekly Budget \$ 720.94

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	160
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PARISH COLLECTION

Mass Collection	\$ 900.00
Online Donations	\$ 3,427.00
Mailed-in	\$ 403.00

Total Collection \$ 4,730.00

Weekly Budget \$ 6,055.00

Under Weekly Budget \$ 1,325.00

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	82
Sunday, 8:30 AM	133
Sunday, 10:30 AM	141

PARISH COLLECTION

Mass Collection	\$ 3,222.00
Online Donations	\$ 7,376.98
Mailed-in	\$ 383.00

Total Collection \$ 10,981.98

Weekly Budget \$ 17,229.00

Under Weekly Budget \$ 6,247.02

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

May 3, 7:30 PM | St. John Group via Zoom
We are meeting the saints this year through film, discussion, and prayer. 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

May 4, 7 PM | St. Benedict Gospel Study via Zoom
Meeting ID: 834 8544 8854 Password: 846849
(Contact: Brenda Stratton at bjandmes@msn.com)

May 7, 10 AM | St. Alphonsus Scripture Study in the St. Alphonsus McGrath Room
(Contact: Mary Green at mgquilts46@gmail.com)

Men's Group

May 4, 7 PM | St. Alphonsus Men's Group fellowship and faith sharing in the St. Al McGrath Room
(Contact: Brian LeBlanc at brianleblanc76@gmail.com)

Women's Group

May 5, 7PM | St. Benedict Women's Ministry on Zoom
Meeting ID: 83832067839 Password: 042299. All women from our Parish Family are invited to this monthly gathering. On May, we will watch and discuss **Most Reluctant Convert** by CS Lewis. Feel free to come whether you were able to read info or no. For more info call/leave message for Deb @ 206.755.1751

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS

Infant Baptism

Infant Baptisms in our Parish Family are celebrated during Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses across our three churches, offering families the opportunity to welcome their children into the faith within the Sunday community.

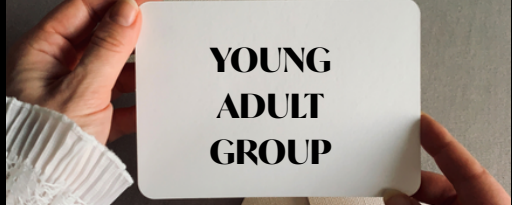
Parishioners of Parish Family 14 may choose from the following upcoming dates and locations:

- Pentecost Vigil – May 23, 5:00 PM Mass at St. John the Evangelist
- June 27–28, 5:00 PM Vigil and 9:00 AM Sunday Masses at St. Alphonsus
- August 16, 11:00 AM Sunday Mass at St. Benedict
- September 26–27, 5:00 PM Vigil and 10:30 AM Sunday Masses at St. John the Evangelist
- November 14–15, 5:00 PM Vigil and 9:00 AM Sunday Masses at St. Alphonsus

For more information or to begin the registration process, contact Julia Rudden at jrudden@parishfamily14.org.

Book Group

May 7, 7 PM | St. Benedict Book Group at St. Mary Room (upper level of Parish Center); Our next selection is **The Hired Girl** by Laura Amy Schlitz, a historical coming-of-age story about a 14-year-old girl, Joan Skraggs, who runs away from her difficult farm life in 1911 to seek a better future. Told through her diary, the novel explores her personal growth as she discovers who she wants to become. For more information, contact Brenda Stratton at bjandmes.bjs@gmail.com.



YOUNG ADULT GROUP

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.



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



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN - *Fill a Baby Bottle, Change a Life!*

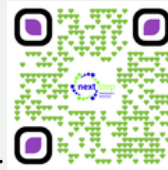
Pick up a baby bottle at St. Alphonsus Church the weekend of May 2–3, fill it with spare change, cash, or a check, and return it the weekend of May 17–18. You may also drop it off in person at our welcoming Pregnancy Care Clinic at 19526 64th Ave W, Lynnwood, WA 98036 (Monday–Friday, 10:00 AM–5:00 PM) and see this beautiful ministry in action.

- Please make checks payable to Next Step Pregnancy Services
- Please return all bottles—filled or empty—as they are reused each campaign

Prefer to give online? Join our Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign at nssupport.org/donate and select Baby Bottle Campaign.

When completing your gift, be sure to designate St. Alphonsus as your church.

Every coin, every dollar, every prayer helps support mothers, babies, and families in need. Thank you for making a difference!



Join the next packing and sorting event!

**May 6, 2026
Wed, 6- 8 PM**

Note that all volunteers must register in advance (FLL recommends 5 days prior). If you don't have an FLL account (required), it usually takes 2-3 minutes to create the account.

Sign up now by scanning the QR code or contact Len Kannapellat kannapell@yahoo.com.



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!

**May 4 and 18, Monday, 8:30AM
St. Benedict Parish Center**

Contact Vicky Briones at vicster912@gmail.com for more information.



Bitter Lake Dinner

Join us on the third and fourth Wednesdays of every month serving dinner at the Bitter Lake Community center. Arrive to help set up by 4:45pm, serve meals, coffee, and help clean up. We are usually done by 5:30pm. Dinner is served regardless of the weather! This is a wonderful ministry serving our neighbors. This ministry is suitable for teenagers but not younger children. Contact Lori (lcorcoro@parishfamily14.org) with questions!

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.

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

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.

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!

FAITH IN FOCUS



The Wedding Procession

TRIVIA QUESTION: How does the *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*, the official Catholic liturgical book for weddings, describe the wedding procession?

First, the mothers are seated. The priest comes in from the sanctuary.

The groomsmen form a line on one side up front. The organist starts a march. The bridesmaids, ring bearer, and flower girl come down the main aisle. The bride comes last accompanied by her father. He lifts her veil, kisses her, and hands her to the groom who escorts her to kneelers in the sanctuary. Right?

No. Surprisingly the liturgical book does not provide those details. They have evolved in custom.

The Order of Celebrating Matrimony provides two forms for the Entrance Procession. The first encourages a procession “in the customary way” accompanied with song. The procession, like other liturgies, could therefore include a cross-bearer, candle-bearers, a deacon or reader with the Book of the Gospels, the presider, attendants, and finally the bride and groom, possibly accompanied by their parents. However, some people interpret “the customary way” to be the procession described at the start of this article, except that all are singing a hymn, and the priest has gone to the door of the church to greet the bridal party and enter with them.

The second form is simpler. The presider and servers meet the couple at the place prepared for them. He then warmly greets the couple, and then all sing an Entrance Song as he approaches the altar to reverence it. This form provides some justification for the entrance described above, in which the priest does not greet the couple until they all reach their places for the ceremony.

In the original Latin and in Spanish, the text for the first option gives you the impression that the bride and groom enter together. They are the ministers of the ceremony. They join a single procession. The bride and groom come last because we generally put the presider at the end of the procession, and in marriage, it's the bride and groom who give this sacrament to each other. The rest of us, including the priest, are witnesses.

Local custom may permit at least two witnesses and parents to join the procession. In the more detailed Latin original, “parents” is in the plural. The bridesmaids and groomsmen aren't mentioned specifically. The focus belongs on the couple, not on their friends. The father does not pass his daughter off to another male like a used sofa. All parents take part in the celebration. The organist does not play a solo. The people who witness this marriage sing the Gathering Song to begin their participation in the wedding. The bride is not the focus of the procession; the couple is.

Often we repeat traditions long after they've lost their meaning. In a society that praises equality of the married partners, this procession is a good idea waiting to happen.

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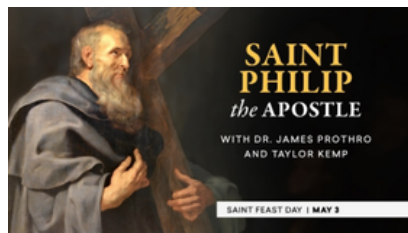
This Week on Formed
Week of May 3, 2026



<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3583599>

The Boy From Milan: Stories of Carlo Acutis

Discover the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, the young boy from Milan. You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving “gamer saint” of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.



<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2978856>

St. Philip the Apostle | Catholic Saints

Dr. James Prothro and Taylor Kemp reflect upon St. Philip the Apostle. St. Philip often brought others to Jesus Christ. His feast day is May 3. Jesus shows Philip that by following Himself, he will see God the Father, and that we can be bold in our evangelization and intercession in praying for others.



<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3764391>

Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer

“Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer” is a beautifully animated film that brings to life the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, a modern teenager who used his passion for technology to share the Catholic faith with the world.

Our Parish Family has a **free Formed subscription** for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit formed.org/signup to create your account and select our Parish Family to get free access to these contents and much more!



SCHOOL NEWS

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S
2026 PRODUCTION OF

Disney
FROZEN JR.

Music & Lyrics by
Kristen Anderson-Lopez
& Robert Lopez

Book by
Jennifer Lee

Based on the
Disney film
written by
Jennifer Lee

and directed by
Chris Buck and
Jennifer Lee

MAY
8TH & 9TH
AT 7:00 PM

in the school auditorium

Doors will open at 6:30 PM

TICKETS - \$15

Questions? Contact musical@stbens.net

Bring the kids and the whole family for a magical, fun-filled evening of joy, laughter, and unforgettable memories!

DISNEY'S FROZEN JR. IS PRESENTED THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH AND ALL AUTHORIZED MATERIALS ARE SUPPLIED BY MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL, NEW YORK, NY. 212-541-4684 MTISHOWS.COM

LAST BINGO OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL BINGO NIGHT!

6:30 PM
KITCHEN OPENS

7:00 PM
GAME STARTS

FOOD & BEVERAGES
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

SAINT ALPHONSUS PARISH SCHOOL
MAY 8TH

Bring Your Friends & Family!

DISCOVER THE GIFT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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

We invite you to consider them for your child's education and contact our schools. We look forward to welcoming your family into our school communities!



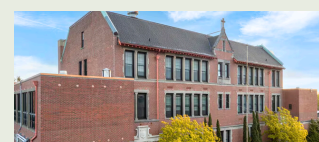
St. Alphonsus Parish School
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St. Benedict Catholic School
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Penny Ziemer, Advancement Director
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206-633-3375



St. John Catholic School
Abby Mansfield, Principal
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Jonna Skokan, Director of Admissions
skokan@st-johnschool.org
206-782-2810 ext 310

THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE

Open House at Holyrood Cemetery May 3 | 10 am - 2 pm

Families and individuals are invited to join us for an Open House at Holyrood Cemetery in Shoreline, where faith, reflection and community come together. Explore our sacred grounds, and learn how advanced planning can be a meaningful act of love and stewardship. There will be a limited time 10% discount for attendees.



May 4 | 7:30 - 8:30 AM | Blessed Sacrament Church

Attendees are encouraged to attend in uniform and sit together.



To register and receive the Zoom link, please email Joe Cotton at joe.cotton@seattlearch.org.



Join us for a **Catholic Dating Workshop**

Preparing Our Hearts and Minds for Love in the Modern World

May 9 | 9am-12pm
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Fearless Leo: What a Pope Invites Us to Be

This letter is in support of Pope Leo XIV's leadership and encourages all of us toward love and action.

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At a time when armed conflicts proliferate, and democracies strain under polarization and the coercion of autocrats, truth itself is contested and trust for moral authority stands at a crossroads. This week, we are seeing how religion is used as a balm—or a blade.

Around the world, sacred traditions are being invoked to justify violence, exclusion, and domination of our neighbors. Political opportunists wrap themselves in the mantle of religious language, while advancing policies that erode human dignity and render us suspicious of empathy, the moral adhesive of any healthy society. Meanwhile, billions of everyday religious adherents—across faiths—daily practice compassion, service, and humility, even when drowned out by louder, more divisive voices.

This tension has come into stark relief this week in exchanges between Donald Trump and Pope Leo XIV. One sees a world enshrined in avarice and ambition; the other invites us into a moral universe guided by the pursuit of peace as a global virtue.

Pope Leo says he is not afraid of Donald Trump, or presumably any autocrat clothed in the vain and ruinous garments of omnipotence. The Pope is only one human being, but his service at the margins, his courage in truth-telling, and his indictment of the forces that would manipulate and destroy whole civilizations, is a compelling mandate to act. Pope Leo's words while strong and encouraging require more human beings who claim love and fearlessness, together.

When religion becomes a political blade, it loses its prophetic power, ceases to challenge injustice and instead sanctifies it. This is not new—but it is newly dangerous in an era of global instability and instant amplification.

This week we witness not only a choice between Trump's unbridled autocracy and Pope Leo's undaunted faith. We witness ourselves, our choice to be remade now, in our time. We must concert our collective work toward justice or languish under moral death and the finality of a civilization in decline.

Religious traditions, in all their diversity, share common moral ground: the dignity of every human being, the call to care for the vulnerable, the imperative of truthfulness, and the pursuit of peace. These are not abstract ideals; they are actionable principles every day. They demand our courage; they require us to forge serious albeit imperfect bonds as close as those who founded and framed us for life on this planet undeniably suspended in all this black wonder and awe.

When political authority berates moral authority—such as the recent public attack of a US President on the Vicar of Christ—meanness should never be given a pass.

This world need not be anemic of integrity, purpose, and reverence. Our story must exude these and more. We require leaders who engage religion with humility, and religious voices that speak truth to power without fear or favor.

In this moment of global uncertainty, the world does not need more righteous rhetoric. It needs more of Pope Leo's moral clarity. It needs more of you as well.

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One Minute Meditations

St. Rita of Cascia

Born in 1381 near Spoleto, Italy, St. Rita was known for her holiness and charity from a young age. She wanted to be a nun but was forced into marrying when she was twelve. Unfortunately, her husband was cruel and violent. After eighteen years, she was widowed. Following the deaths of her sons, she finally entered the convent, where she became known for her piety, kindness, and humility. She is the patron saint of impossible causes.

“Come, Holy Spirit!”

On the Feast of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles and ignited their mission to baptize and preach. For this reason, Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church. This same Spirit, who empowered twelve frightened men to travel, preach, baptize, and labor for the Kingdom of God, also comes to our aid in our struggle for holiness, even in our prayer (Romans 8:26). This month, keep with you this short yet powerful prayer: “Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love!”

“Jesus answered him, ‘If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him’” (John 14:23).

Who is my neighbor?

This question matters. In the Two Greatest Commandments, Jesus calls us to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves. But that raises a real, practical question: who is our neighbor? Our Lady offers a clear answer. Through her example, we begin to see that our neighbors include:

Family: Mary’s first thought after the Annunciation was for her cousin Elizabeth. Despite the immense honor Mary had just received, she went in haste to serve Elizabeth. That sets the pattern. The first neighbors we’re called to love are the ones closest to us: those in our own home and family.

Friends: Tradition holds that Mary and Jesus were close to the couple at the wedding in Cana. When the wine ran out, Mary didn’t draw attention to herself. She noticed the need and acted, gently guiding things toward a solution. Loving our friends often looks the same—paying attention, stepping in quietly, and serving without needing

recognition.

Those who suffer: At the Cross, Jesus entrusted His mother to St. John. In that moment of deep loss, Mary and John were given to each other, able

“If you want to change the world, go home and love your family.”
St. Teresa of Calcutta

to share a bond shaped by suffering. When someone in your life is hurting, that person is your neighbor. Who is carrying something heavy right now? How can you stand with them?

Each person we meet: As Queen of Heaven and Mother of the Church, Mary cares for all of us, especially through her prayers. To love God is to love those He loves—which means everyone. Sometimes the most meaningful act of love we can offer is also the simplest: to pray for them, asking that they come to know her Son more deeply.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics call Mary our Mother?

Mary’s role in salvation history is to lead people to her Son. As the Church teaches, “The Virgin Mary... is the mother of the members of Christ” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 963). Her motherhood extends to all who belong to Him. At the Cross, in the Gospel of John, Jesus says, “Behold

your mother” (John 19:27), entrusting Mary not only to St. John but to every disciple. From that moment, her care became personal. Because of her unique closeness to Jesus, she intercedes for us, always guiding us toward Him and helping us follow His will more faithfully.

St. Joseph - the quiet strength behind May

Though May is traditionally dedicated to Mary, it fittingly begins with the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. The Church invites us to honor St. Joseph and entrust our lives to his care, just as Jesus did during His hidden life on earth.

He protects. St. Joseph safeguarded Mary when her pregnancy placed her at risk (Matthew 1:19) and led the Holy Family to safety in their flight from Herod (Matthew 2:14-15). We can place ourselves under that same protection—formally through consecration or simply through daily prayer—entrusting our families, homes, and

responsibilities to his care.

He provides. As a carpenter, St. Joseph faithfully provided for Jesus and Mary. Christians have long trusted in his continued help. St. Teresa of Ávila famously wrote that she never asked anything of him without receiving help. We can confidently bring him our needs, work, and concerns.

The saints became holy by being open to God's grace. In St. Joseph, we're given a quiet but steady guide—one who helps us, step by step, follow God more faithfully on the path to heaven.

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John 3:16-18, Jesus' sacrifice reveals God's love

"For God so loved the world..." When doubt sets in—when God seems distant or silent—the Church directs our attention to the Cross. In the Crucifix, we don't see a contradiction of God's love, but its clearest expression. Christ does not stand apart from human suffering; He enters into it. What looks like defeat becomes the place where divine mercy is most fully revealed—a love that holds nothing back.

"He sent His only begotten Son." Faced with suffering and evil, we naturally look for solutions we can measure and manage—strategies, systems, progress. God's response is not a method but a

gift: He gives Himself. Evil, which is a distortion or absence of the good, cannot ultimately be overcome by partial fixes. It yields only to perfect goodness, just as darkness gives way to light.

"That all who believe in Him might not perish but have eternal life." This life is not the destination but the path. Its trials, uncertainties, and even its sufferings are not meaningless when lived with Christ. If we remain close to Him—whether in darkness, in turmoil, or at the foot of the Cross—we are not off course. We are being led, step by step, toward the life that does not end.

Feasts & Celebrations

May 14 - The Ascension of the Lord. This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and His triumphant entry into Heaven.

Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.

May 14 - St. Matthias (1st century). When the Apostles met to choose Judas' successor, Peter said that the new Apostle must have followed Jesus from His Baptism to His Ascension and witnessed His Resurrection. St. Matthias was chosen by lots to fill Judas' place.

May 18 - Pope St. John I (526). Born in Tuscany, Italy, John was elected pope in 523 while still a deacon. During his

pontificate, he battled the Arian heresy, and worked to improve diplomatic relations with the East. He was the first pope to visit Constantinople, during which he restored peace with the Eastern Church yet raised political suspicions. Arrested by King Theodoric, St. John I died in prison.

May 25 - Mary, Mother of the Church (2018). On the Cross, Jesus gave us His mother to be our mother (John 19:27). Now in Heaven, she prays and cares for us as our spiritual mother until we are safely home with God. We can look to her motherly care with confidence since she always leads us to her Son by the shortest, safest, and fastest route. This memorial highlights one central truth: Mary is not only the Mother of Jesus, but the Mother of all who belong to Him—the Church.

Q & A How can the Church be holy if her members aren't?

First, Jesus was aware of the failures within religious life. In the Gospel of Matthew, He strongly rebuked the Pharisees—the religious leaders of His time—for not practicing what they taught (Matthew 23:3). Among His own disciples, there were moments of division, betrayal, and abandonment (John 6:66). Yet the redemption He offers is not reserved for the perfect, but for all who place their faith in Him.

Second, the Church's holiness does not depend on the virtue of each individual member, but on the holiness of her Founder, Jesus Christ. A church building remains sacred even when its physical condition is imperfect because it is dedicated to God. In the same way, the Church, as the Mystical Body of Christ, remains holy even as her members continue to struggle and grow.

Third, history shows that God raises up saints precisely in times of difficulty. St. Athanasius, St. Catherine of Siena, and St. Thomas More each responded to periods of division and crisis with prayer, sacrifice, witness, and fidelity to the truth. Their example reminds us that holiness is always possible—and that we are called to live it, even now.

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