

January 10, 2016

The Baptism of the Lord

Reading 1: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Psalm: 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

Reading 2: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



FROM THE DESK OF FR. LUDVIK

Welcome to Saint Aloysius and Our Lady of Lourdes!

We've begun the Year of Mercy. Let's move into this Year of Mercy by being merciful with ourselves. We are God's great works of art! Perhaps the first door to pass through is the one that rids us of this clutter and fills us with faith, positivity, prayer, joy, laughter, love, gratitude, community, service, ministry, stewardship! Maybe there will be several doors to pass through this year and this is the first! This door will bring you out from some of the self-darkness into the light. You are a wonderfully gifted child of God! Let your light shine for all to see! You will now be more ready to be merciful to others and practice better the corporal and spiritual works of mercy! The door is open... it is up to us to be ready to pass through! Happy Jubilee!

"I think that if God forgives us we must forgive ourselves. Otherwise, it is almost like setting up ourselves as a higher tribunal than Him." —C.S. Lewis

The Baptism of the Lord

On January 10, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This day marks the end of the Christmas season and the return to Ordinary Time for our liturgical cycle. But the occurrence of Christ's Baptism is one that raises some interesting questions. The first and most obvious question is this: Why did Jesus need to be baptized? Baptism, we believe, is for the forgiveness of sins, and John said that this was the purpose of his Baptism as well. But Jesus was without sin. So, why did he need to be baptized? In Matthew, Jesus and John have a small dialogue, where John objects, but Jesus explains that it's necessary for him to be baptized to fulfill God's designs for righteousness. Luke slyly glosses over this scene, simply saying, "After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened . . ." In John's Gospel; the Baptism of Jesus isn't mentioned. Instead, John catches sight of Jesus walking by and announces to the crowds that Jesus is the savior. Some commentators have speculated that Jesus' Baptism marked the dawn of his awareness of his divinity and mission. Others have said that the encounter between Jesus and John is the point of transition between the Old Covenant and the New, between the era of the prophets and the messianic era. But for all of us who have been baptized, this event makes holy the waters of Baptism we have received. We have been baptized into a community of faith and into Christ's Death and Resurrection. Just as our Baptism marks the beginning of new life for us, Christ's Baptism marks the beginning of his earthly mission, which makes that new life possible.



by Fr. Larry Rice - USCCB

"John said: One mightier than I is coming; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Parishioners who were at Epiphany Sunday Mass are very aware of the lack of heat. We are getting the furnace repaired but have been warned that there are some bigger problems with our furnaces and boiler. For the second time, on Sunday night we had a problem with sewage backup in the rest-rooms. They are temporarily working but more work will need to be done. We will be faced with some urgent decisions in the coming months. We will keep you posted on the needs, costs, and how to best provide for the future. Thank you for wearing an extra sweater.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Remember all those who have asked for prayer.

Most recent request for prayers:



Tom Saunders, Camron Kozzi

Prayer request must be made through Cindy Guillot 253-862-9100.

**As a reminder please call Cindy with 2016 Long Term Prayer Request or email the office.*

9 Days for Life: Prayer, Penance, and Pilgrimage

On January 22 our nation will mark the 43rd anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal throughout the U.S. Since that tragic decision, more than **57 million children's lives have been lost to abortion**, and many suffer that loss --often in silence. Join thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for a Culture of Life from Saturday, January 16, 2016 - Sunday, January 24, 2016.

YOUR PRAYERS MATTER! Your sacrifices make a difference. Please visit the USCCB website for Novena prayers: <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program>

MASS FOR LIFE

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 • 9:30 A.M.
Marcus Pavilion • Saint Martin's University,
Lacey

"Human life is always sacred, valuable and inviolable. And as such, it must be loved, defended and cared for." -Pope Francis

All are encouraged to participate in the March for Life at the Capitol Building in Olympia and to schedule a time to meet with your legislators after the March. More information is available at www.washingtonmarchforlife.org.

Due to limited parking, all are encouraged to use buses or carpool. Directions to campus and parking are available online at www.seattlearchdiocese.org/CFF/

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC

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Special Collection January 23-24, 2016**

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday - Jan 11

Rosary **3:00pm**
 RE preK – 6th **4:30pm**
 Youth Faith formation 7-12th **6:30pm**

Tuesday - Jan 12

Mass – Eta Kovacs by St. A Altar Society **8:30am**
 OLOL Altar Society **7:00pm**
 Knights of Columbus **7:00pm**

Wednesday - Jan 13

Mass + Wayne & Audrey Russell by Teresa Russell **8:30am**

Thursday - Jan 14

Mass **8:30am**
 AA meeting **7:00pm**

Friday - Jan 15

Mass – Anne Miller by Teresa Cover **8:30am**

Saturday – Jan 16

Confession **3:30pm**
 Mass - Patty Rumpza by Mom & Dad **5:00pm**

Sunday - Jan 17

Mass at OLOL **8:30am**
 Mass for parishioners/intentions **10:30am**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST... THIS WEEKEND!

Sunday 10:00am in the hall

Come enjoy a wonderful breakfast of pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, coffee and juice. No charge, but donations are appreciated. :) Yes! the SEAHAWKS GAME will be on TV in the Knights of Columbus room!

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS—JANUARY 2016

Universal: Interreligious Dialogue

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Evangelization: Christian Unity

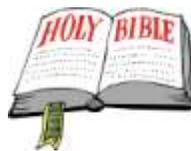
That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

MOTHER TERESA'S MESSAGE TODAY

“We will be judged according to how we have treated the hungry, the sick, the marginalized. We will be judged on the love we have shown them...We should...treat them as we would treat Jesus himself.”

END OF CALENDAR YEAR REMINDER

The Parish books closed for 2015 on December 31st. Any contributions received AFTER December 31st will be posted for 2016. Per IRS regulations, charitable contributions MUST be applied to the year in which they are received or postmarked. If you have not mailed or submitted a check by year end 2015, no matter what date is on the check, and it is received in 2016, it will be posted as a contribution for 2016. No exceptions.



UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

Have you made a New Year's Resolution yet? If not, maybe think about becoming better acquainted with your Bible. This engaging journey through Salvation History provides an easy way to understand the Bible. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible makes the complex simple. It helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it is all about. The Bible is a story about the Father's unending love for you - a love that you are now called to share with others. Start the Jubilee Year of Mercy with this 8 week overview. The meetings will be on Monday Evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 starting on January 25th in St. Aloysius hall. The cost of materials is \$20, so it is necessary to pre-register in order to get a count of how many workbooks to order. Please call Patty in the office to register 360-829-6515 by Friday January 15th. Space is still available.

Student Workbook only \$20.00

By Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer

This full-color Student Workbook is essential for each participant of Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. You will use it to get the most out of every step of the study. It includes:

- The fold-out Bible Timeline Chart
- The Bible Timeline Bookmark
- Talk Notes for the Video Presentations
- Engaging Discussion Questions
- Lesson Summaries, Readings, Reflections, and Prayers for Home Preparation
- Maps, charts, and images that bring salvation history to life.

TRAPPIST QUOTE

God will bring people and events into our lives, and whatever we may think about them, they are designed for the evolution of His life in us.

—Thomas Keating

CATHOLIC ADVOCACY DAY

Monday, February 8, 2016 9:00a-3:00p

St. Michael Church Olympia

“Love...is also civic and political, and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world.” —Pope Francis

Meet us at St. Michael Church for our program, Mass and a legislative briefing before going to scheduled appointments with your legislators at the capitol. All parish members, staff, and Catholic organizations are invited to join us to ensure that the Gospel message to care for our brothers and sisters is heard in Olympia. For registration questions please call 206-223-1138 or email catholicadvocacy16@ipjc.org
 Please register by January 18, 2016.

Holy Day and Weekend 01-03-16

St. Aloysius	Actual	Budgeted	Variance
Weekly Revenue	\$4,883.00	\$2,770.00	\$2,113.00
Fiscal YTD	\$83,117.74	\$74,790.00	\$8,327.74
Our Lady of			
Lourdes			
Weekly Revenue	\$1,254.00	\$790.00	\$464.00
Fiscal YTD	\$22,248.00	\$21,330.00	\$918.00

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Following Christmas, while we in the Catholic Church celebrate the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, it is very fitting for us to share with all people of the world, the Message of Divine Mercy that Christ had given to us through Saint Faustina. One of the beautiful gifts that Saint Faustina had received from Jesus was the following excerpt found on page 42 of her Diary, entry # 83 (which Jesus wanted her to share with the world): "Before I come as the just Judge, I am coming first as the King of Mercy." May each of you find the Mercy that our Lord desires for you during this Year of Mercy. In his New Year's Message he wrote: "Mercy is the heart of God," Francis wrote. "It must also be the heart of the members of the one great family of his children: a heart which beats all the more strongly wherever human dignity — as a reflection of the face of God in his creatures — is in play."

PARTICULAR CELEBRATIONS IN JANUARY

In the midst of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity there is a good opportunity for "ecumenism in the trenches" on Saturday, January 22, as, together with many other Christians, Catholics in the United States are invited to participate in the March for Life. All parishes should also honor this as a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion and as a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal right to life by celebrating a Mass for Peace and Justice (Lectionary, 887– 891, Sacramentary, 901ff..... and Catholic Schools Week (January 30 to February 5).

ASTRA

All Saints Theatrical Repertoire Association

is a theatre ministry of All Saints Parish in Puyallup. ASTRA is excited to announce that their 2016 summer family musical will be "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang." Auditions will be held January 15-17, 2016. Parts are available for actors able to sing and perform in the 8-75 age range. Audition information is available at www.astramusical.com or call 253-579-6192, or email at info@astramusical.com. Come join us!

HIDING FROM GOD

A pious man, who had reached the age of 105, suddenly stopped going to Mass. Alarmed by the old fellow's absence after so many years of faithful attendance, the priest went to see him. He found him in excellent health, so the priest asked, "How come after all these years we don't see you at Mass anymore?" The old man lowered his voice. "I'll tell you, Father," he whispered. "When I got to be 90, I expected God to take me any day. But then I got to be 95, then 100, then 105. So, I figured that God is very busy and must've forgotten about me, and I don't want to remind Him!"

SIX BEST DOCTORS IN THE WORLD

1. Sunlight
2. Rest
3. Exercise
4. Diet
5. Self Confidence
6. Friends

Maintain them in all stages of Life and enjoy healthy life.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

January 19th - Mass for Life - Lacey 9:30a

January 25th - 8 week Bible Study starts 7:00p

February 7th - New Parishioners Welcome Lunch

February 8th - Catholic Advocacy Day - Olympia

Buckley's Community Soup Supper Buckley Senior Center—Wed. 13th - 5:00pm

This free dinner is hosted monthly with the intent of providing a great way for neighbors to get out and meet neighbors. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting January's Soup Supper on the 13th. Various soups, breads, desserts and drinks will be provided. All you need to bring is our bowl, your spoon, and a smile!

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

In contrast, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity that begins on Tuesday, January 18, and continues until the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul on Tuesday, January 25, may require some special preparation. This is a good time to pray for Christian Unity.

MARRIAGE MEDITATION

"And if we seek for a further exercise of that Christian charity, we should begin with the person who has the greatest claim upon that charity. And that person is not society in general. For the most important person in the world to a married man should be, and must be, his wife. Therefore, after their personal practices, the spiritual life of married people—in its external expression—begins in their relation with each other; and this relation is always one of its most important expressions and certainly that which is primary. No romantic novelist, no poetic idealist, no impractical dreamer, has ever dared set so romantic an ideal for married love as God does by the pen of St. Paul . . . in other words, not only are the love and mutual surrender of Christ and His Church the model proposed by God for the love and mutual surrender of husband and wife, but their union is also a 'sacrament' of that union of Christ and His Church."

—*Dom Mary Eugene Boylan Irish priest,
Trappist monk, and spiritual writer*

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our father, you made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow your will. Send workers into your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

THANK YOU

The Epiphany Lasagna dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus and the Play performed by the youth of our parish was enjoyed by all attending. Thank you to all who organized and all the children and youth participating. Please our costumes are in need of cleaning and repairs. Thank you to any seamstress who would like to offer their assistance with this project! Please contact Chris Korolsky 253-686-0784 who has offered to coordinate. Thank you Chris!