

January 17, 2016

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm: 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

Reading 2: 1 Cor 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11



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

WEDDING FEAST AT CANA

As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

—Isaiah 62:5b

The wedding prefigured in the humble home at Cana will be celebrated in glory at the coming of Christ, in whom humanity and divinity are wedded in everlasting love. Jesus performs his first public sign revealing his true identity, at the request of his mother. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." John 2:3 Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." John 2:4 His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." John 2:5

YEAR OF MERCY WEEKLY REFLECTION

"The manifestation of the Son of God on earth marks the beginning of the great time of mercy, after sin had closed the heavens, raising itself as a barrier between the human being and his Creator. With the birth of Jesus the heavens open! God gives us in Christ the guarantee of an indestructible love. From the moment the Word became flesh it is therefore possible for the shepherds of Bethlehem, for the Magi of the East, for the Baptist, for Jesus' Apostles, and for St. Stephen, the first martyr, who exclaimed: 'Behold, I see the heavens opened!' (Acts 7:56). And it is possible for each one of us, if we allow ourselves to be suffused with God's love, which is given to us for the first time in Baptism by means of the Holy Spirit. Let us allow ourselves to be invaded by God's love! This is the great time of mercy! Do not forget it: this is the great time of Mercy!" —Pope Francis

HEARTS OPEN TO MY MERCY

Lord Jesus, help me to be more present to Your presence in my heart. I pray for the grace of Your mercy that I may persevere in keeping my heart open to You. And I pray that the hardened hearts of sinners may be softened for conversion, which is also a grace of Your mercy. Amen

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Remember all those who have asked for prayer.

Most recent request for prayers:

Terry Eastman

For the repose of the soul of:

+ Donna Hall

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 AND MARCH 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.

TRANSPORTATION

St. Andrew will be charting a coach bus for the 2016 Mass and March for life this Tuesday January 19th. The bus will depart the church parking lot at 7:45 am an return no later than 3:30 pm. Bring your lunch. We will attend the Mass for Life at St. Martins University with Archbishop Sartain then proceed to the state Capitol for the rally. Signups will be this weekend, there are 56 seats available and it will be first come first served. The cost \$20.00 per person, any questions or to signup, please call or E-mail Jim Covell at 253-988-8746 or jimcovell@msn.com.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday - Jan 18

Rosary 3:00pm
 No RE preK – 6th —
 No Youth Faith formation 7-12th —

Tuesday - Jan 19

Mass – Eta Kovacs by St. A Altar Society 8:30am

Wednesday - Jan 20

Mass + Julia Gatene by Teresa Russell 8:30am
 Parish Luncheon 12:00pm

Thursday - Jan 21 – St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Mass - Barbara Miller by Teresa Cover 8:30am

Friday - Jan 22 – USA Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Mass 8:30am

Saturday – Jan 23

Confession 3:30pm
 Mass 5:00pm

Sunday - Jan 24

Mass at OLOL + Donna Hall 8:30am
 Mass for parishioners/intentions 10:30am

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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

January 20th - Luncheon Potluck 12:00p

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

February 7th - New Parishioners Welcome Lunch

February 8th - Catholic Advocacy Day - Olympia

March 13th - St. Patrick's Day Dinner

BIBLE CLASS STARTING



The Bible timeline study class will begin on January 25th at 7:00p in St. Aloysius Hall. Study books have been ordered and will be given out at the first class. Please remember to bring your Bible or we have a few to borrow.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"It is not enough to own a Bible; we must read it. It is not enough to read it; we must let it speak to us. It is not enough to let it speak to us; we must believe. It is not enough to believe; we must live it."
 - William A. Ward

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IS OVER

The celebration of the Baptism of the Lord concludes the Christmas season and reminds us of our birthday in the Roman Catholic Church, the day we were forgiven and incorporated to the mystical body of Christ. As we take down our different Christmas decorations we would like to thank all our volunteers in the music ministry, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, artists, sacristans, altar servers, ushers and greeters who donated their time and talents to make this season as prayerful as possible in an appropriate environment. To serve God is our joy. Now let's recharge our batteries for our next busy season starting February 10th with Ash Wednesday, Lent and Easter Season.

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

The Pastoral Council is starting a monthly "Potluck" Luncheon for parishioners and friends. The first get together will be held on Wednesday, January 20th at 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited for lunch and fellowship. Plan to attend. Renew old acquaintances and make new friends.



PRAYER HUMOR

Three preachers sat discussing the best positions for prayer, while a telephone repairman worked nearby. "Kneeling is definitely best," claimed one. "No," another contended. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven." "You're both wrong," the third insisted. "The most effective prayer position is lying prostrate, face down on the floor." The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Gentlemen," he interrupted, "the best praying I ever did was hanging upside down from a telephone pole."

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

Archbishop Sartain is asking all Catholics to show up!

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Northwest Catholic/Catholic Communications Campaign

Next weekend January 23-24th

Northwest Catholic is the official publication of the Archdiocese of Seattle mailed 10 times each year to every registered Catholic household in Western Washington. Its mission is to promote the new evangelization and form disciples by proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ to Catholics in Western Washington. The CCC promotes evangelization by supporting communications through television, radio, internet, and other media, and through special projects of the Catholic press. Please give generously using the envelopes in the pews, in your envelope packets mailed to your home or even online: <https://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/Stewardship/Collections>

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 01-10-16

<u>St. Aloysius</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Weekly Revenue	\$3,186.00	\$2,770.00	\$416.00
Fiscal YTD	\$86,303.74	\$77,560.00	\$8,743.74
<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u>			
Weekly Revenue	\$500.00	\$790.00	-\$290.00
Fiscal YTD	\$2,2748.00	\$22,120.00	\$628.00

YOUTH MINISTRY SERVICES

Annual Archdiocesan Junior High Rally
March 12, 2016 Forest Ridge of the Sacred Heart, Bellevue

The junior high youth, grades 6-9, along with the junior high adult ministry are invited to be a part of Rally! This year's theme, "Know Mercy", will encourage participants to continue to live the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy by reflecting on Pope Francis's call to be disciples of mercy. We are excited to welcome national Catholic presenters, Kyle and Dan Poppo. They will weave the day together with inspiring talks, music, and participants will have an opportunity to participate in a prayer experience of their choice. For additional information and details please visit: www.seattlearchdiocese.org/jhr or contact Joy Galvez at 206.274.3175

Questions dogs might ask God:

Dear God: When we get to heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or is it still the same old story?

Dear God: Why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray, and the rabbit, but not ONE named for a Dog? How often do you see a cougar riding around? We do love a nice ride! Would it be so hard to rename the 'Chrysler Eagle' the 'Chrysler Beagle'?

Dear God: Are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?

Dear God: We Dogs can understand human verbal instructions, hand signals, whistles, horns, clickers, beepers, scent ID's, electromagnetic energy fields, and Frisbee flight paths. What do humans understand?

PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome to St. Aloysius and Our Lady of Lourdes. We are so grateful you are with us. If you have not registered or you would like to register to our Parish, please fill out a registration form, located at the back of the church, and drop it in the collection basket, take it to the office or send via regular mail.

WHY JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?

As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance program to protect your family. Contact Jason Osburn 253-223-9101

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all attending the monthly pancake breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus. All your donations are greatly appreciated for future projects. Next month we will not have the breakfast due to Valentines Day that Sunday. In March, instead of breakfast we will be hosting the annual St. Patty's Day Dinner. See you then!

BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST JANUARY 23, 2016

All boys and girls ages 9 - 14 are invited to participate in the 2016 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The competition will take place at Mountain Meadows Elementary School in Buckley. Registration will start promptly at 9:00am and end at 9:30am. Contact Jason Osburn 253-223-9101 or James Deady 360-802-0336

SAY 'NO' TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING JANUARY HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

Inspired by their religious beliefs and a desire 'to take practical action,' the pope and 11 leaders representing the Muslim, Jewish, Orthodox, Anglican, Buddhist, and Hindu faiths have made a united commitment to help eradicate slavery worldwide" by 2020.

RETROUVILLE

TENS OF THOUSANDS OF MARRIAGES HELPED!

Is your marriage in trouble? Are you considering separation or divorce? Are you losing hope? There is hope – it's called Retrouville (pronounced retro-v) Retrouville can bring reconciliation and healing to seemingly hopeless marriages. You are not alone. For confidential information about it, or to register for our upcoming program beginning Jan 22-24: call 360-671-6479 or visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

REMINDER TO ALL ENVELOPE USERS

From time to time we have special collections for different things, such as the Northwest Catholic Communications Campaign coming up on January 24th, etc. Parishioners using the mailed offering envelopes will find that at times there will be two envelopes for the same date, one for the regular Sunday offering and the other for a special collection. It is important to take care that the envelope you are going to use is appropriate for the offering you intend to make. This will ensure that your generous contributions go to the correct place. If you forget your envelope, please use the visitor envelopes that are in the pews...put your name and address on it. Also, it would help if you made out a separate check for the special collection. Please note in memo what it is for. Thank you.

QUOTES FOR LIFE

"Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.

Life is beauty, admire it.

Life is a dream, realize it.

Life is a challenge, meet it.

Life is a duty, complete it.

Life is a game, play it.

Life is a promise, fulfill it.

Life is sorrow, overcome it.

Life is a song, sing it.

Life is a struggle, accept it.

Life is a tragedy, confront it.

Life is an adventure, dare it.

Life is luck, make it.

Life is life, fight for it."

—Mother Teresa

One day at school, the third graders were drawing pictures illustrating Biblical stories. The teacher walked by and noticed one little boy was drawing an airplane! "My, my, Bobby," the teacher said, "I don't remember any Bible stories that had an airplane in them!" Bobby answered, "This is the Flight into Egypt. See, here is Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus. And this," he said, pointing to the front of the plane, "is Pontius. He's the Pilot."