

January 24, 2016

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm: 19:8, 9, 10, 15

Reading 2: 1 Cor 12:12-30

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



FROM THE DESK OF FR. LUDVIK

Welcome to Saint Aloysius and Our Lady of Lourdes!

New? Visiting? Interested? Are you visiting for the first time? Interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities? Direct questions to Fr. Ludvik or the Office. Register! Are you a Catholic attending Mass at one of our parishes, yet haven't officially registered? Join us! Why register? Our parish communities are vibrant parishes offering many avenues for ministry, connecting with other parishioners and spiritual development. We're small in comparison to a lot of parishes but we'd love to get to know you, connect with you, and inform you of our various activities, groups and events going on at the churches. Please pick up a registration form in the back of either church or stopping by the office. —Fr. Ludvik

**RESOLUTIONS: WHAT TO DO?
HELPS FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY**

It struck me that New Year's resolutions are a bit like stewardship: typically they start with something we have received (e.g. our health) and then rally energy toward improvement (e.g. diet, exercise, reduced stress). Our Lord Jesus' parable of the talents is a Resolutions story, with a reward for the person who successfully achieved the resolution (a good steward), and condemnation for the one who did not even try. Thanks to a priest friend in Lakewood I became aware of some resolutions offered by our beloved Pope Francis – resolutions offered to his staff at the Vatican. In that my boss', boss', boss offered these resolutions to his employees, in the name of job security I thought I better pay attention to them myself. Hey, I might need your help and coaching to follow through all of these during the next 11 ½ months. In case you, like me, did not make any resolutions for yourself, you might consider these from our Pope.

10 New Year's Resolutions to Consider:

1. Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are
2. Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love.
3. Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy
4. Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence
5. Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others
6. Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord
7. Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people
8. Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continuously, which leads to desperation
9. Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker . . . the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this
10. Making sure your next Christmas is about Jesus and not about shopping So, will you hold me accountable? Gently now. Please help me be a better steward in 2016 — and I will try to help you, as well.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but rather, I believe in order that I may understand."

— St. Anselm of Canterbury

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Remember all those who have asked for prayer.

Most recent request for prayers:

Camron Cozzi

For the repose of the soul of:

+ Will James

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.*



RENEWING MARRIAGE

Give one another an early Valentine—the gift of time together! Recognize God's grace in your past, and open yourself to God's vision for your future. A blessing of couples will be a part of the liturgies on the February 13/14 weekend. Invite your spouse's to share in this opportunity. Celebrate Valentine's Day in a spiritual way.

YEAR OF MERCY READING

REDISCOVER JESUS by Matthew Kelly

"Rediscover Jesus" follows on the heels of his best-selling "Rediscover Catholicism", and offers helps to grow in holiness and in closeness to Christ. Matthew Kelly skillfully leads you with examples from everyday life.

It's easy to latch onto meditations like this:

- * God wants to empty your heart of judgment.
- * God loves even those who seem unlovable.
- * People are a priority for God.
- * Life is a course designed to teach us to love.
- * God has a mighty, awesome, wonderful transformation in mind for you.

THANK YOU

The following people helped undecorate the church, I really appreciated the help...James and Rita Deady, Cindy Guillot, Marian Euscher and Nancy Fregon. A thank you also to Jeanne Parkko, Alice Alfano, Cindy and Father's miracle help separating the tree in the hall. BZ Wilson

ALTAR SERVERS

I had intended to have a Server's Training and it hasn't happened yet. I have a sense that two children are interested. Please let me



know whoever wants training so I can set a date with some of our experienced servers. Those interested please observe the servers, they should learn a lot beforehand. We are getting low on servers, boys and girls are welcome. Fr JJJ

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday - Jan 25

Rosary 3:00pm
 RE preK – 6th 4:30pm
 Youth Faith formation 7-12th 6:30pm
 Adult Faith Formation - Unlocking the Bible 7:00pm

Tuesday - Jan 26

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

Wednesday - Jan 27

Mass —Don & Marlene May by Teresa Cover 8:30am
 Divine Mercy Cenacle 7:00pm

Thursday - Jan 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Mass 8:30am
 Stewardship Committee 9:30am
 Finance Council 7:00pm

Friday - Jan 29

Mass – Don & Heather May by Teresa Cover 8:30am

Saturday – Jan 30

Confession 3:30pm
 Mass 5:00pm

Sunday - Jan 31

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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

February 7th - New Parishioners Welcome Lunch —
CANCELED sorry Superbowl Sunday!
February 8th - Catholic Advocacy Day - Olympia
March 13th - KC St. Patrick's Day Dinner
April 3rd - Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society Bunco 1p

CATHOLIC ADVOCACY DAY

Monday, February 8, 2016 9:00a-3:00p
 St. Michael Church Olympia

Archbishop Sartain is asking all Catholics to show up!

WEDNESDAY POTLUCK



Our first gathering was a wonderful time. There was tasty food and fun fellowship. We are planning to keep this as a monthly function. See you at next month's get together February 17th at noon. Please plan on bringing your favorite dish!

THANK YOU

To all who were able to purchase olive wood items this past weekend after Masses. Your support was greatly appreciated.

PARISH ENVELOPES

Welcome to St. Aloysius and Our Lady of Lourdes. We are so grateful you are with us. If you have been using the Welcome envelopes and would like your own envelopes please register. We will send you bimonthly envelope packets at no charge upon your request on the registration form. Please fill out a registration, located at the back of the church, and drop it in the collection basket or send via regular mail.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Northwest Catholic/Catholic Communications Campaign
This weekend January 23-24th

The New Evangelization calls each of us to deepen our faith, believe in the Gospel message and go forth to proclaim the Gospel. As a multimedia, multiplatform initiative in the New Evangelization, Northwest Catholic invites Catholics in the Archdiocese of Seattle to renew their relationship with Jesus Christ and his church. 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>

THE EUCHARIST, GOING TO MASS

St. Thomas Aquinas tells us, "O precious and wonderful banquet that brings us salvation and contains all sweetness! Could anything be of more intrinsic value? Under the old law it was the flesh of calves and goats that was offered, but here Christ himself, the true God, is set before us as food." Someone once said to St. Teresa of Avila, "If only I had lived at the time of Jesus . . . If only I had seen Jesus . . . If only I had talked with Jesus." Teresa responded, "But do we not have in the Eucharist the living, true and real Jesus present before us. Why look for more?" These saints, among many others, were devoted to the Mass and also to devotions associated with the Eucharist. Devotions to the Eucharist are invitations to prayer and contemplation. Placing yourself before the tabernacle is a commitment to be a sturdier branch on the vine, a healthier member of Christ's Body, a heart open to the unseen power of prayer.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"The life of the body is the soul; the life of the soul is God."
 — St. Anthony of Padua

TODAY'S HUMOR

Three older ladies were discussing the travails of getting older. One said, "Sometimes I catch myself with a jar of mayonnaise in my hand in front of the refrigerator and can't remember whether I need to put it away, or start making a sandwich." The second lady chimed in, "Yes, sometimes I find myself on the landing of the stairs and can't remember whether I was on my way up or on my way down." The third one responded, " Well, I'm glad I don't have that problem; knock on wood," as she rapped her knuckles on the table, then told them "That must be the door, I'll get it!"

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 01-17-16

St. Aloysius	Actual	Budgeted	Variance
Weekly Revenue	\$2,702.00	\$2,770.00	-\$68.00
Fiscal YTD	\$89,005.74	\$80,330.00	\$8,675.74
Our Lady of Lourdes			
Weekly Revenue	\$717.00	\$790.00	-\$73.00
Fiscal YTD	\$23,465.00	\$22,910.00	\$555.00