

January 31, 2016

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Psalm: 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17

Reading 2: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30



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

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

"Since all our love for God is ultimately a response to His love for us, we can never love Him in the same way He loves us, namely, gratuitously. Since we are fundamentally dependent on God and in His debt for our creation and redemption, our love is always owed to Him, a duty, a response to His love. But we can love our neighbor in the same way that He loves us, gratuitously—not because of anything the neighbor has done for us or because of anything that we owe him, but simply because love has been freely given to us. We thereby greatly please the Father. God the Father tells Catherine [of Siena]: *This is why I have put you among your neighbors: so that you can do for them what you cannot do for me—that is, love them without any concern for thanks and without looking for any profit for yourself. And whatever you do for them I will consider done for me.*"

— Ralph Martin, Pope Benedict XVI appointed Ralph as a Consultor to the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization.

CANDLEMAS DAY



The tradition of carrying candles on Candlemas Day can be traced back as far as the fifth century. It represents the entry of Christ, the light of the world, into the temple of Jerusalem. Bringing the candle into the home is a sign that Christ is with you in your everyday life. If you would like candles blessed for your home please bring them to mass 8:30am on Tuesday February 2nd.

THE FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

The Feast of St. Blaise recognizes the martyred Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, reputed to have miraculously saved the life of a choking young boy. It is customary to bless the throats of the faithful on this day to reserve them from illnesses of the throat. Blessings of the throats will take place this weekend.

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is upon us. But have we really taken the time to ask ourselves 'What is Lent?'. CRS Rice Bowl has developed a video series answering exactly that question—and they want to share these reflections with you. Watch and learn with prominent Catholic figures like Cardinal Timothy Dolan; Father James Martin, SJ; Dr. Carolyn Woo; Archbishop José Gomez; and others as they examine such central Lenten themes as fasting, solidarity, mercy and more. Visit these CRS websites: www.crsricebowl.org/what-is-lent www.crsricebowl.org/about/how-to-practice-lent

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Remember all those who have asked for prayer.

Most recent request for prayers:

Tina Spann, Camron Cozzi

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 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.

CATHOLIC ADVOCACY DAY

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

St. Michael Church Olympia

Archbishop Sartain is asking all Catholics to show up!

DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE THIS LENT

Are you searching for a deeper sense of purpose? A clearer understanding of God's plan for your life? What matters most and what matters least? Then it's time to rediscover Jesus. Based on Matthew Kelly's new bestseller Rediscover Jesus, Dynamic Catholic's free Best Lent Ever email program will take you on a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus—and yourself—in a deeply personal way, and begin (or nourish) a habit of daily prayer. Visit: <http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever>

END OF YEAR TAX REPORTS

End of Year tax reports were sent out this week. Please review and contact Patty Rumpza in the office if any corrections are needed or you do not receive one. 360-829-6515

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday - Feb 1

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

Tuesday - Feb 2

Mass – Eta Kovacs by St. A Altar Society 8:30am
 Candlemas
 St. Aloysius Altar Society 1:00pm
 Prayer Shawl 7:00pm

Wednesday - Feb 3—St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

Mass 8:30am

Thursday - Feb

Mass 8:30am
 No Parish Council Meeting —

Friday - Feb 5—First Friday

Mass 8:30am
 Adoration 9a-7:55p

Saturday – Feb 6

Confession 3:30pm
 Mass 5:00pm

Sunday - Feb 7

Mass at OLOL 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

February 17th - Parish Potluck Lunch - 12:00p

March 13th - KC St. Patrick's Day Dinner 5p

April 3rd - Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society Bunco 1p

WHY DOES MISSION MATTER?

“I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out in the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security.” — Pope Francis (Evangelii Gaudium, 49)

When parishes focus on mission, they inspire their parishioners to grow. They see the Church as a body not just looking out for itself, but going forth and giving of itself. They see a Church willing to venture outside of itself, outside of its comfort zone, in order to grow. We mostly deal with maintenance of buildings and programs.,

Catholics often separate money from religion, failing to recognize how the two are connected. Rather than linking their use of money to their relationship with God, Catholics tend to consider money and material possessions as having little or no connection to spiritual or religious issues. When, however, Catholics begin to see their money as ultimately God's money—as a gift from God—and begin to see their use of money and material possessions for God's purposes as a part of their spiritual life—as their gift to God, Catholics become just as generous as other Christians.

One of the most important reasons that mission matters is because it forces the Church to give of itself. Ideally, our Church is, at its core, an ongoing elaboration of that original self-gift on the cross by which Christ created the Church. When the Church embodies this ideal, it becomes a model of spiritual growth for its members. People are inspired by ideals, not merely by needs.

Unfortunately, as Pope Francis rightly emphasizes, when we as a Church become focused on self-preservation, on merely “paying the bills,” we become spiritually sick. Indeed, When we engage in mission, and give materially of our collectives ourselves, then we grow spiritually as a Church.

As parish members, in a true style of discipleship, mimic this form of spiritual growth, we will all begin to see an amazing amount of generosity unleashed on this world. This is the truth that Pope Francis has been proclaiming boldly and joyfully in his papacy.

Our Pastoral Council is checking out how we might assist with the homeless next fall. Let's all become more aware of how to become more missionary.

SUPER BOWL “50” SNACK & BAKE SALE!

RE students and parish families are baking and making Super Bowl snacks to benefit Camron Cozzi and DIPG Awareness. Caron Cozzi is a local 15 year old Bonney Lake High School student. He is fighting Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG); a brain stem tumor. Please come show your support. Many delicious snacks and baked goods available after Mass Feb 6th and 7th.

All donations go to the Cozzi Family and DIPG Awareness. Thank you for your support, RE K-6 Families Youth Group 7-12 Teaching Staff



REMINDER TO ALL ENVELOPE USERS

From time to time we have special collections for different things, such as the Northwest Catholic Communications Campaign. 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.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 01-24-16

<u>St. Aloysius</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Weekly Revenue	\$2,854.50	\$2,770.00	\$84.50
Fiscal YTD	\$91,860.24	\$83,100.00	\$8,760.24
<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u>			
Weekly Revenue	\$562.00	\$790.00	- \$228.00
Fiscal YTD	\$24,027.00	\$23,700.00	\$327.00

POPE'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pope decrees that not only men may be chosen for the washing of the feet in the Liturgy of Holy Thursday - he decrees that from now on, the people chosen for the washing of the feet in the liturgy of Holy Thursday may be selected from all the People of God, and not only men and boys. Pastors of the Church may choose the participants in the rite from among all the members of the People of God. This group may consist of men and women, and ideally of the young and the old, healthy and sick, clerics, consecrated persons and laypeople.

YEAR OF MERCY.....understanding

Unpacking the title: "Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy"

'EXTRAORDINARY'

- Very unusual or remarkable
- Specially convened
- Synonyms: remarkable, exceptional, amazing

'JUBILEE'

- A season or occasion of joyful celebration
- Biblical origins from the Hebrew words *yobel* or *yovel* meaning a ram's horn, trumpet or coronet
- Synonyms: anniversary, commemoration, emancipation, restoration

'YEAR'

- A period of 365 days
- Liturgical Year of Mercy (Dec-Nov) 348 days!
- Synonyms: a revolution of the earth

'MERCY'

- Compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm
- Synonyms: leniency, grace, humanity, charity, love

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

- Adopt a retired priest, and send him a card on his birthday or on his ordination anniversary, as one way of saying "thank you!" to him for his service to the church.
- Take that coat you have not worn (or have not been able to fit into for several years), and donate it to a thrift shop or place it in our food baskets so we can share.
- Find out and shop for the specific foods and make a donation, since the demands for food continue to rise.
- See which neighborhood organizations close to your home are accepting wash-up kits and ready-to-eat foods for homeless people, and for those who cannot or will not go to a shelter.

The opportunities to be a Steward of Mercy are limitless. As you thank God for the life you love, create the legacy of love for those who hunger and thirst for ordinary and everyday comforts.

VERSE OF THE DAY

"Therefore let any one who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

VOCATION VIEW

The word of God is incarnated when You live it in your life. Believe what you read; live what you believe. Be another Christ!

Word of Life

"We were made to love and be loved; we are meant to depend on one another, serving each other in humility and walking together in times of suffering. Our relationships are meant to help us grow in perfect love."

— Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. "2015 Respect Life Month Statement: Every Life is Worth Living"

Hidden Treasures: Spiritual Works of Mercy

Everyone carries wounds; but, these wounds are not always visible. For this reason, the Church has the Spiritual Works of Mercy. We are called to heal the wounds of those around us. Mostly, we do this through our relationships. We listen, share, and pray for them. We show them respect, care, and concern. Join us for the second Year of Mercy installment of the Hidden Treasures to become more aware about what the Spiritual Works of Mercy are and what we can do to apply them to our daily lives.

ARCHBISHOP BRUNETT RETREAT CENTER

The Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades provides a beautifully secluded setting for retreats, spiritual growth and professional formation. Our ministry is to serve the needs of the parishes and faith communities of the Archdiocese. Here are some of the coming retreats. Visit our website for more information: www.palisadesretreatcenter.org.

The Surprising Sacrament of Matrimony

February 12-14

Fr. Tom Vandenberg

Spiritual Poverty and the Beatitudes

March 4-6

Fr. Jacques Philippe

Finding God Wherever You Are

Women's Silent Retreat

March 11-13

Fr. Tom Landgraff, O.S.F.S



Rose Bowl Football Game

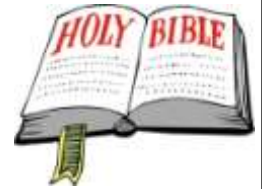
Little late for the Rose Bowl Game, but still football season so here's a humorous football story. Two elderly sisters donated \$5 to a charity and, to their surprise, won tickets and a flight to the Rose Bowl football game in Pasadena on New Year's Day. Since they had never seen a live football game before, Madge thought the free tickets would provide an excellent opportunity for doing so.

"I think so, too," said Mabel. "Let's go!" They soon found themselves high in a noisy stadium overlooking a large, grassy expanse. They watched the kickoff and the seemingly endless back-and-forth struggles that comprised the first half. They enjoyed the band music and cheerleader performance that followed. Then came the second half. When the teams lined up for the second-half kickoff, Madge nudged her sister. "I guess we can go home now, Mabel," she said. "This is where we came in."

SOME BIBLE TRIVIA

Did you know the word Bible isn't even in the Bible but the word Scripture appears fifty three times?

The word bible is from the Greek word "biblia" meaning a collection of books and that goes further back to the ancient word "biblios" which was used in reference to the papyrus plant which was used to make a paper like material.



The Holy Scripture in the Bible is the inspired word of God relayed to us by human authors.

The Catholic Church actually named the collection of inspired books of Scripture - The Bible - which is composed of the Old Testament (scripture written before the time of Christ) and the New Testament (scripture written after Christ)

The Old Testament has 46 books divided up into four categories: the 8 books of the Pentateuch (which includes the books of Joshua, Judges and Ruth), the 13 Historical Books, the 7 Wisdom books and the 18 Prophetic Books.

The New Testament has 27 books divided into 3 categories: the 4 Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles, 14 New Testament Letters and the 8 Catholic Letters.

The Old Testament relates an alliance which God made first with the Patriarchs and the Jewish people through Moses and the Law.

The New Testament is the covenant or alliance God made to all humanity through the mediation of Jesus Christ by which all can be saved.

The Church encourages us to make reading Scripture a daily activity and through this reading we come to grow deeper in our relationship to our God and Father. The Bible is the story of God's relationship to us whom he has called to be his people.

MASS INTENTIONS

From the EWTN website:

"The custom of requesting a priest to offer the Mass for a specific intention, even when one cannot be physically present at the Mass is a longstanding tradition in the Church. This is because the Church considers the Mass as the greatest possible prayer of intercession insofar as it is the perfect offering of Christ to the Father by making present the Pascal mystery of his death and resurrection. Because of the particular role of the priest as mediator between God and man, acting "in persona Christi" when offering the holy sacrifice of the Mass, it is usually considered that special graces may be obtained when he applies the Mass to a particular. The faithful generally make an offering, called a stipend, to the priest (or parish) in order to apply the Mass to a specific intention. By making this offering, the faithful, by parting with something that is their own, associate themselves more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the sacred Host, and obtain thereby more abundant fruits. This sacrifice has an infinite value and indeed there is no objective limitation to the number of intentions that can be offered at any Mass. The offering of a stipend is also a mean whereby Catholics may contribute and the money goes to the Parish Fund.

HEALING AFTER ABORTION

"This retreat was beyond what I expected. I thought I would mainly be here to support my wife. Instead, I uncovered some wounds in my soul, and the healing was started as a result of this retreat." - From a Rachel retreatant

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March 4-6, 2016

April 15-17, 2016

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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



WELCOME 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.

CHOIR TRIP FUND RAISER

The church choir was putting on a car wash to raise money to pay their expenses for a special trip. They made a large sign, CAR WASH FOR CHOIR TRIP, and on the given Saturday business was very good. However, by two o'clock the skies clouded and the rain poured and there were hardly any customers. Finally, one of the girl washers had an idea. She printed a very large poster which said, WE WASH (then an arrow pointing skyward) GOD RINSES. Business boomed!

PLEASE TAKE A COPY OF THIS BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU