

February 7, 2016

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Psalm: 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

Reading 2: 1 Cor 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11



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 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

CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE OF MERCY WITH AN EVENING OF MERCY

Thursday February 18th 7:00pm at St. Charles Borromeo, Tacoma

An evening of mercy presented by the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, which will include Stations of the Cross and veneration of first class relics of St. Faustina and St. John Paul II. The Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy was founded in Warsaw, Poland in 1862. The Congregation has become more widely known in recent years because of one of its members: Sister Faustina Kowalska. They carry out Saint Faustina's mission by spreading the devotion to the Divine Mercy, by proclaiming the message of the infinite mercy of God, and by imploring divine mercy for the entire world. A carpool will be organized for those interested contact Patty in the office.

LENTEN MOMENTS OF MERCY

Lent presents a wonderful time to reflect on themes of mercy, and Lenten Moments of Mercy aims to help. This daily e-mail series delivers fresh reflections based on the Scriptures of Lent, sharing the inspiring words of Pope Francis and suggesting Lenten actions and prayers. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, take time each day for Lenten Moments of Mercy and prepare your heart for a new appreciation of the journey to Easter.

LENTEN SUPPORT...

Sign up to receive the daily messages via e-mail from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday. <http://www.loyolapress.com/lenten-moments-of-mercy>

POPE FRANCIS ON CONFESSION

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis said he goes to confession every two weeks, knowing that God never tires of forgiving those who repent, but also knowing that having a priest say "I absolve you" reinforces belief in God's mercy. Using the literal Italian translation of a Spanish saying, "It's better to turn red once than yellow a thousand times," Pope Francis said he knows some people are embarrassed to confess their sins to a priest, but it is the best path to spiritual healing and health. During his Wednesday audience, Pope Francis encouraged the pilgrims filling St. Peter's Square to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. "Everyone say to himself: 'When was the last time I went to confession?' And if it has been a long time, don't lose another day! Go, the priest will be good. And Jesus, (will be) there, and Jesus is better than the priests - Jesus receives you. He will receive you with so much love! Be courageous, and go to confession." "The only people God will not forgive are those who do not want God's forgiveness, just like only those who stand in the shade are not warmed on a sunny day," Pope Francis said.

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:

Douglas Marshall

Our Lady of Lourdes parishioner

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.

SOUP SUPPERS...

LENT IS APPROACHING



Soup & Bread Lenten Suppers will soon be here! We'll be starting Soup Suppers on February 10th, after the evening 6pm Ash

Wednesday Mass. We will be hosting our Soup and Bread meals on Friday nights again this year at 6pm. Plan on coming for Soup Supper and then attending the Stations of the Cross in the church afterwards at 7pm. Since they will be on Fridays, this means the menu will be Vegetarian soup, vegetarian chili, clam chowder, potato soup, and others. Please REMEMBER to bring your OWN BOWL, this will help with cleanup. Groups are providing the soups but if anyone wants to assist please come and volunteer for any of the Fridays.

YEAR OF MERCY

An integral and recurring theme in the papacy of Pope Francis has been his own deep humility and acknowledgment of himself as a sinner "I am a sinner...on whom the Lord has turned his gaze" and the ongoing example and call to receive the Sacrament of Penance (Confession/Reconciliation).



THE WORD AMONG US

A complete Lenten Catholic Mass and Daily Meditations: February 10 - March 27 is here. Pick up a booklet in the church entrance. Please only one copy per household, thank you.

"It all comes down to Mercy"

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday - Feb 8

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 9

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

Wednesday - Feb 10

Mass—Ash Wednesday **8:30am**
 Mass—Ash Wednesday **6:00pm**
 Soup Supper **7:00pm**

Thursday - Feb 11

Mass—Zach Querry—Deployed soldier **8:30am**
 AA Meeting **7:00pm**

Friday - Feb 12

Mass **8:30am**
 Soup Supper **6:00pm**
 Stations of the Cross **7:00pm**

Saturday - Feb 13

Confession **3:30pm**
 Mass **5:00pm**

Sunday - Feb 14

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

LENTEN CALENDAR

Ash Wednesday: Mass 8:30a and 6:00p & Soup Supper 7:00p
All Fridays: Soup Supper 6:00p & Stations of the Cross 7:00p
 (except Good Friday)

SACRAMENTAL RECORDS

With Sacrament preparation coming up, many of you may need copies of your child's Sacramental records. If this is the case, please notify the Parish office at SA. First Communicants and Candidates for Confirmation will need to present a copy of their Baptism Certificate.

CRS RICE BOWL

This Lent our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that will help you experience Lenten spirituality by living in solidarity with people in need around the world. As we, the global Church, continue our prayerful walk through this Holy Year of Mercy, it is especially appropriate to come together in prayer as a family this Lent, reflecting on how we can live this call to mercy more abundantly. **Pick up your family's rice bowl from the entrance of church starting Ash Wednesday February 10th.** Use your cardboard CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar to guide your Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As a family, read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey—and motivate your Lenten giving. Be sure to visit crsricebowl.org to watch videos of the people and communities whose lives your Lenten gifts are changing through CRS Rice Bowl.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

Month of February

Universal: Care for Creation

That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

Evangelization: Asia

That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

"I have often thought about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy. It is a journey that begins with a spiritual conversion." —Pope Francis

Pope Francis will visit Mexico Feb. 12-17. He will visit some of the country's most marginalized communities. With the poverty on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border, Pope Francis' visit to the region will be an important opportunity for the Catholic Church "to emphasize the mercy of God that is at the core of the Christian faith." The Feb. 17 papal Mass, at the border is expected to draw hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from both the U.S. and Mexico. Please pray for the Holy Father and the communities he is visiting.

CATHOLIC ADVOCACY DAY—Tomorrow!

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

St. Michael Church Olympia

Archbishop Sartain is asking all Catholics to show up!

SOMETIMES

Sometimes things must change so you can change!

Sometimes mistakes happen so wisdom can be earned.

Sometimes you must overcome heartache so you can follow your heart.

Sometimes you must break a little so you can have a peek inside yourself and see how great you are!

~unknown

THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

So, what is a Catholic Home Mission?

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops defines a home mission as a "diocese or parish that can't provide the basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help." The U.S. bishops established the Catholic Home Missions Appeal in 1998.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place next week 13/14 February. One way that this appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States is by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. The blessing of seminarians is a financial burden on these dioceses, educating each seminarian costs \$35-40K per year. Your support is needed for these young men so that they might go back and serve their parishes. Please strengthen the Church at home by making a generous gift to next week's appeal. Envelopes are in the pews.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 01-31-16

<u>St. Aloysius</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Weekly Revenue	\$4,201.25	\$2,770.00	\$1,431.25
Fiscal YTD	\$96,061.49	\$85,870.00	\$10,191.49
<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u>			
Weekly Revenue	\$830.00	\$790.00	\$40.00
Fiscal YTD	\$23,465.00	\$24,490.00	\$367.00

LENT...

A BRIEF REFLECTION ON THE UNIQUE NATURE OF CHRISTIAN FASTING AS A SIGN OF REPENTANCE

The readings for the five Sundays of Lent (excluding Passion Sunday) are all intensely Christological. Given the Lukan focus upon the theme of mercy and compassion, the Gospel readings build up to a passionate presentation of God's mercy revealed in and through Jesus in weeks 3 and 4. The theme of the Year of Mercy is well-caught in the Lenten Gospel readings for Year C.

Ash Wednesday

The key to the Lenten discipline is made clear in the reading from the Prophet Joel and the Gospel of Matthew on the profoundly "internal" nature of any discipline ... not a matter of show. What about the ashes? Badge of honor?

There is a steadily increasing Christological focus across the Sundays, climaxing with two "mercy" Sundays that point beyond the practice of mercy to the Lord and God behind such a way of life and faith:

First Sunday

The theme of a relationship with God as "Father" in the Deuteronomy 26:4-10 reading culminating in the "if you are the Son of God" testing of Jesus in Luke 4:1-13. The key to Lent is expressed in Romans 10:8-13: "If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. Theme: relationship with Jesus and the Father.

Second Sunday

A focus upon the role of the transfiguration account in the Gospel narratives: as suffering and death looms, the Father identifies Jesus, and demands that we "listen to him." Who is it that asks us to follow a suffering Messiah?

Third Sunday

Focus upon the Gospel: the divine gift of "time and space" to be what we are called to be. The importance of this theme for the Gospel of Luke and its "history of salvation." An introduction to the mercy theme ... God gives time!

Fourth Sunday

The mercy theme: the Father with the two sons. Where is the Father at the end of the parable? Are we looking for God in the right place?

Fifth Sunday

The mercy theme: the woman caught in adultery. Focus: the change of dynamic in the relationship between the woman and other characters in the episode. No acceptance of sin, but the establishment of a relationship of mercy and compassion that inspires sinlessness, as Jesus was sinless.

As always, it is easy to trace the mind of the Church, as expressed through its Liturgy, in the Preface. Structure: two Sunday Prefaces, and two weekday Prefaces.

First Sunday Preface

Theme: the internal nature of the discipline: "By your gracious gift each year, your faithful await the sacred paschal feasts with joy of minds made pure."

Second Sunday Preface

Theme: the purpose of the discipline: For you have given your children a sacred time for the renewing and purifying of their hearts, that, freed from disordered affections, they may so deal with the things of this passing world as to hold rather to the things that endure eternally.

SUPER BOWL "50" SNACK & BAKE SALE!

Many delicious snacks and baked goods available after Mass TODAY!

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. 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



DAY OF MERCY

Saturday, March 5, 2016

During Lent of this Year of Mercy, all are invited to participate in the Day of Mercy at St. James Cathedral. Archbishop Sartain, Bishop Elizondo, and priests from across the archdiocese will hear confessions throughout the day, beginning at 9:00am and concluding at 5:00pm. All are welcome to stop in, to spend time in prayer, and to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation, where we encounter the mercy of the Father.

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY

Forgiveness & Freedom: Accepting mercy for ourselves and others The date, Sat., February 20th, following 12:30 pm Lunch (provided by Recovery Café). The program will run from 1:00-2:30 pm with Rev. Dave Shull and Fr. Peter Ely, S.J., both from Seattle University. Join men from the Ignatian Spirituality Center and Recovery Café for an afternoon of reflection and ritual to explore what it might mean to accept the gifts of forgiveness and mercy for ourselves, freeing us to offer them to others. Experience large and small group reflection and conversation, & a closing ritual of forgiveness. Bring a friend, and discover the freedom of forgiveness! No cost—donations however are appreciated. Please RSVP to Andrea at (206) 329-4824 or andrea@ignatiancenter.org by Tuesday, February 16. Vince Herberholt, facilitating. Co-sponsored by Recovery Cafe.

HUMOR

Rejection at the Pearly Gate...

A cab driver reaches the Pearly Gates and announces his presence to St. Peter, who looks him up in his Big Book. Upon reading the entry for the cabby, St. Peter invites him to grab a silk robe and a golden staff and to proceed into Heaven. A preacher is next in line behind the cabby and has been watching these proceedings with interest. He announces himself to St. Peter. Upon scanning the preacher's entry in the Big Book, St. Peter furrows his brow and says, "Okay, we'll let you in, but you will have only a cotton robe and wooden staff." The preacher is astonished and replies, "But I am a man of the cloth. You gave that cab driver a gold staff and a silk robe. Surely, I rate higher than a cabby." St. Peter responded matter-of-factly: "Here we are interested in results. When you preached, people slept. When the cabby drove his taxi, people prayed."

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE

From February 10th to March 20th, our community will take part in 40 Days for Life ... a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city — and beyond. The 40 Days for Life campaign is firmly rooted on a foundation of prayer and fasting. To help maintain focus on the Lord and stay in tune with His guidance, we will prepare and distribute a series of daily devotionals — one for each of the 40 days of the campaign. In Tacoma we have seen 60 lives saved!

Vigil Location

Public right-of-way outside
Cedar River abortion clinic
1401-A Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Tacoma, Washington

Vigil Hours: 8:00a-4:00p 7 days a week

Get involved: www.40daysforlife.com/tacoma



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

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"At age 20, we worry about what others think of us. At 40, we don't care what they think of us. At 60, we discover they haven't been thinking about us at all." - Jock Falkson

YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2016 when...

1. You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries...
7. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen
8. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't even have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it
10. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee
11. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. :)
12. You're reading this and nodding and laughing.
13. Even worse, you know exactly to whom you are going to forward this message.
14. You are too busy to notice there was no #9 on this list.
15. You actually went back to check that there wasn't a #9 on this list.