

## February 14, 2016

First Sunday of Lent

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Psalm: 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

Reading 2: Romans 10:8-13 Gospel: Luke 4:1-13



### 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



Happy Valentine's Day  
FROM FR. LUDVIK AND THE PARISH STAFF

### LENT

Lent is the time of spiritual preparation prior to the Easter season, just as Advent is for Christmas. Jesus taught us clearly that *there is no resurrection without the cross*, and Lent is the Church's great spiritual journey as she, the Bride of Christ, joins her Divine spouse in His great suffering on our behalf.

"Each year, Lent offers us a providential opportunity to deepen the meaning and value of our Christian lives, and it stimulates us to rediscover the mercy of God so that we, in turn, become more merciful toward our brothers and sisters. In the Lenten period, the Church makes it her duty to propose some specific tasks that accompany the faithful concretely in this process of interior renewal: these are *prayer, fasting and almsgiving*." -Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

### LENTEN HELP

Would you like a deeper, more powerful Lent this year? Exciting news! Once again, Bishop Barron will be offering daily email reflections throughout the season of Lent at [LentReflections.com](http://LentReflections.com). Each day From Ash Wednesday (February 10) through Easter Sunday (March 27), Bishop Barron will send you a short email with an uplifting spiritual reflection. The reflections are available in both English and Spanish. You'll also receive exclusive videos found nowhere else and free giveaways of Bishop Barron's DVDs and books. It's totally FREE! Join Bishop Barron and over 275,000 people on this journey through Lent. Sign up for Bishop Robert Barron's FREE daily Lent reflections at [LentReflections.com](http://LentReflections.com)

### CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE OF MERCY WITH AN EVENING OF MERCY

Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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:

**Tony Hiblar - St. Aloysius parishioner**

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

**\*Please notify Cindy Guillot with the update of names of those you wish to keep on the 2016 Long Term Prayer list and anyone one you would like to add.**



### SOUP SUPPERS... LENT IS HERE!

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. Ministry groups are providing the soups but if anyone wants to assist please come and volunteer for any of the Fridays.

*What we cannot do on our own...  
God does with our prayers.*

— unknown

### ST. VALENTINE

Patronage: Beekeeping, Epilepsy

One common story about St. Valentine is that in one point of his life, he was on house arrest with Judge Asterius. While discussing religion and faith with the Judge, Valentine pledged the validity of Jesus. The judge immediately put Valentine and his faith to the test. St. Valentine was presented with the judge's blind daughter and told to restore her sight. If he succeeded, the judge vowed to do anything for Valentine. Placing his hands onto her eyes, Valentine restored the child's vision. Judge Asterius was humbled and obeyed Valentine's requests. Asterius broke all the idols around his house, fasted for three days and became baptized, along with his family and entire 44 member household. The now faithful judge then freed all of his Christian inmates. St. Valentine refused to renounce his faith and Christianity and was executed and while imprisoned he healed the jailer's blind daughter. On the day of his execution, he left the girl a note signed, "Your Valentine."

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Monday - Feb 15

Rosary 3:00pm  
 NO RE preK – 6th —  
 NO Youth Faith formation 7-12th —  
 Adult Faith Formation - Unlocking the Bible 7:00pm

## Tuesday - Feb 16

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

## Wednesday - Feb 17

Parish Potluck Luncheon 12:00pm  
 Divine Mercy 7:00pm

## Thursday - Feb 18

Mass - +Rose Grover by Zeober Family 8:30am

## Friday - Feb 19

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

## Saturday - Feb 20

Confession 3:30pm  
 Mass - + Tony Hiblar 5:00pm

## Sunday - Feb 21

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

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

February 20th - KC food drive begins

March 5th - First Reconciliation 10a (note date change)

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

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

May 21—First Holy communion—10:30a

May 22—Welcome new parishioners lunch



## CRS RICE BOWL

Let CRS Rice Bowl be your ticket to global solidarity as you pray, fast, learn and give this Lent in order to change the lives of our brothers and sisters in need. All you need is a CRS

Rice Bowl and a Lenten Calendar! Our journey with CRS Rice Bowl begins in Colombia, where coffee beans are changing lives! What actions can we take this Lent to change lives—at home and around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more. CRS Rice Bowls are at the entrance to church please pick one up. A white CRS Rice Bowl envelope is now available to use for your donations. Please drop it in the regular collection or the Rice Bowl box on the altar. If you would like donation credit please add your name to the envelope. Checks should be made out to your parish with CRS Rice Bowl in memo.



## HEAVENLY DUSTERS

Are you looking for a ministry? We need volunteers to clean the church for the month of June and December. If you're interested please call Bea Wilson 360-829-0776, training is provided.



## POTLUCK LUNCHEON

The monthly "Potluck" Luncheon for parishioners and friends will get together on Wednesday, February 17th 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.

## THANK YOU

The Camron Cozzi fund raiser was a wonderful, generous success! We raised \$1,465.00 for the family and DIPG [brain cancer]. Thank you to all the bakers, buyers and donations! Shelby Salinas – RE coordinator

## CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION

Feb 13-14 **This Weekend.**

Strengthening the Church at Home

The 80+ home mission diocese in the US, including communities of Native Americans, Alaska Native people, African American people are unable to fund essential pastoral work, such as religious education, seminarian formation and lay ministry training. Because of this, they are unable to attend to the unique needs of the communities they serve without outside help. Through your support, this appeal helps them form vibrant faith communities. Envelopes are in the pews today. Please be generous.

## 21ST CENTURY CHURCH!!

How Churches might be in 2020:

**PASTOR:** Can we please turn our iPads and Kindle Bibles to Exodus 20:1. When you're done, kindly switch on your Bluetooth to receive the homily. Please have your debit cards ready as we shall now collect tithes and offering. You can connect to the church WiFi using password LordJESUS99087 and as for the renovation donations; you're welcome to contribute via EFT or mobile banking. The holy atmosphere is truly electric as the iPads beep and flicker.

**CHURCH SECRETARY:** This week's meetings will be held on the various WhatsApp groups so please don't miss out! Wednesday Bible teachings will be held live on Skype @1900hrsGMT.

By the way, you may follow the Pastor on Twitter for counseling and don't forget our weekly prayers on YouTube. God bless You All.

**CONGREGATION:** And with your Spirit!!!!

Have a blessed week, and please let us know how we can serve you better! *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast."* —Ephesians 2:8-9

## FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 02-07-16

<u>St. Aloysius</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Weekly Revenue	\$3,759.00	\$2,770.00	\$980.00
Fiscal YTD	\$99,820.49	\$88,640.00	\$11,180.49
<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u>			
Weekly Revenue	\$947.00	\$790.00	\$157.00
Fiscal YTD	\$25,804.00	\$25,280.00	\$524.00

### Single Catholic Young Adult Women & Men

Are invited to a Reflection Day on Consecrated Life to explore a Call to Religious Life as Sisters, Brothers or Priests  
Saturday, March 19th 9:30 am-2:30 pm  
University of Washington Newman Center  
4502 20th Ave NE, Seattle, 98105  
Hosted by Religious Communities of Women & Men serving in the Archdiocese of Seattle. Coffee & Donuts when you arrive, Lunch provided. Includes prayer, quiet time, multi-media info on Religious life, time to meet with religious Sisters, Brothers & Priests. Email Sr. JoAnne Miller, CSJP: jmiller@cspj-olp.org or call/text 206-920-8560

### The Jubilee Year of Mercy Retreats

The Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center, Federal Way  
Register today at PalisadesRetreatCenter.org  
206-274-3130 \$205 per person

Life Everlasting: The Mystery and the Promise  
Men's Silent Retreat  
April 1-3 Monsignor Brian Bransfield

The Year of Mercy  
Young Adult Retreat April 8-10 Fr. Sean Raftis

The Face of Mercy  
Women's Silent Retreat May 6-8 James Zakowicz, O.C.D.

### Iron Sharpens Iron-Seattle Catholic Men's Conference 2016

Manhood in the Year of Mercy  
April 23rd from 8 am-4:30 pm  
Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church  
\$50 at the door or website SeattleMensConference.org  
Speakers include: Archbishop Peter Sartain, Fr. Kevin Duggan, Fr. Bill Watson (Sacred Story Institute), Tom Curran (My Catholic Faith), Mauricio Perez (NW Catholic columnist)

### 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 is in Cuba and 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.**

### 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.

### GIVE UP...

GIVE UP grumbling! Instead, "In everything give thanks." Constructive criticism is OK, but "moaning, groaning, and complaining" are not Christian disciplines.

GIVE UP 10 to 15 minutes in bed! Instead, use that time in prayer, Bible study and personal devotion.

GIVE UP looking at other people's worst points. Instead concentrate on their best points. We all have faults. It is a lot easier to have people overlook our shortcomings when we overlook theirs first.

GIVE UP speaking unkindly. Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding. It costs so little to say something kind and uplifting. Why not check that sharp tongue at the door?

GIVE UP your hatred of anyone or anything! Instead, learn the discipline of love. "Love covers a multitude of sins."

GIVE UP your worries and anxieties! Instead, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about: like tomorrow! Live today and let God's grace be sufficient.

GIVE UP TV one evening a week! Instead, visit some lonely or sick person. There are those who are isolated by illness or age. Why isolate yourself in front of the "tube?" Give someone a precious gift: your time!

GIVE UP buying anything but essentials for yourself! Instead, give the money to God. The money you would spend on the luxuries could help someone meet basic needs. We are called to be stewards of God's riches, not consumers.

GIVE UP judging by appearances and by the standard of the world! Instead, learn to give up yourself to God. There is only one who has the right to judge, Jesus Christ. (Craig Gates, Jackson, MS, "What to Give up for Lent")



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### Knights of Columbus Charity Raffle

Sponsored by Rainier Council #9637

Ticket price \$25 each.

Only 196 tickets will be sold!!

#### Cash Prizes:

50<sup>th</sup> number drawn receives \$50.00

100<sup>th</sup> number drawn receives \$100.00

150<sup>th</sup> number drawn receives \$150.00

196<sup>th</sup> number drawn receives \$500.00

Drawing will be held on Sunday, March 13, 2016

Tickets will be drawn at St. Patrick's Day Dinner

St. Aloysius Church Hall

**Winners need not be present**

For ticket purchases contact one of the Knights of Columbus Members or ticket chairman Jim Plowden at 360-802-3702

### 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

We can help you on a

Rachel's Vineyard™ retreat.

March 4-6, 2016

April 15-17, 2016

Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673)

**You are loved with an everlasting Love!**

Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The spring 40 Days for Life started on Ash Wednesday and runs through Palm Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a peaceful prayer vigil conducted at abortion businesses throughout the world. Volunteers pray – for mothers, the fathers, the babies, and those who work in this terrible industry – offer real, life affirming help to those in need and witness to the sacredness of human life to the surrounding community. **It is a PERFECT work of mercy for Lent!** We pray 8:00am – 4:00pm 7 days a week at Cedar River abortion clinic, 1401-A Martin Luther King Way, Tacoma. Please Join us or pray on your own. **Prayer is working!**



### Soup



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### THANK YOU!

Thank you to St. Aloysius Altar Society for providing the soup last Friday. All donations go to CRS Rice Bowl. Please write your check

donations to St. Aloysius and in MEMO write CRS Rice Bowl. Thank you for your generosity. Next Friday, on the 19<sup>th</sup>, the Knights of Columbus will provide a famous Clam Chowder and an alternate vegetable soup will be available. Soup will be served at 6:00pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm. Remember to bring your BOWL.

### THE CATHOLICISM SERIES – EPISODE 6

A Body Both Suffering And Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and The Church

This FREE DVD is just a part of the engaging 10-part Catholicism series. Clearly answering the question, "What is the Church?" Bishop Barron presents the reality of the Church as "one, holy, catholic and apostolic." The Body of Christ can be seen on earth from the Church's center in Rome to the cities of New York, Sao Paulo, Manila, Namugongo and Uganda, while still escaping total understanding as the mystical union between Christ and his Church. Bishop Barron also explores the Catholic conviction that the life and presence of Christ continues to embrace humanity in all its joys and sorrows through the presence of the Church. Pick up your free DVD in the entrance of the church. Also available for your Lenten journey is Bishop Barron's Lent Reflection booklet. The booklet contains 47 daily reflections from Bishop Barron in both English and Spanish.

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

**Ash Wednesday & Good Friday:** Days of fast and abstinence (No meat for those 14 years and older and limit of one full meal along with two smaller meals for all 18 years to 59 years of age)

**All Fridays in Lent:** Days of abstinence/No meat

**Weekdays of Lent:** Self-imposed observance of fast and voluntary acts of self-denial recommended

**Holy Saturday:** Fast & abstinence encouraged

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE

The quarterly food drive will be February 20th - 27th. Please place your non-perishable food items in the baskets at the entrance to church or in the blue box in the hall.

**PLEASE TRIPLE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES!**

*Please share your blessings!*

**SUGGESTED FOOD ITEMS - THANK YOU**

Canned vegetables

Canned Fruits

Boxed Jell-O

Boxed Pudding mix

Boxed Cereal

Pasta

Spices

Canned Soups

Rice

Canned Fish or Meats

Boxed Crackers

Bagged Chips

Tea, Cocoa, Sealed Coffee

Flour and Sugar (Sealed)

Packets of mixes:

taco, spaghetti, gravy

Canned or Boxed Ready to

Eat Meals

### YEAR OF MERCY PAMPHLETS

Jubilee of Mercy - Experience the love of God

Confession Guide - Experience God's mercy

Both pamphlets are available at the entrance to the church.

They contain information about how to obtain a Jubilee Indulgence, the rite of reconciliation, works of mercy and the Doors of Mercy. Please pick one up today.

*"Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks, but bears it out even to the edge of doom."*

—Shakespeare

