

February 21, 2016

Second Sunday of Lent

Reading 1: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Psalm: 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14

Reading 2: Phil 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36



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

LENT BEST PRACTICES

The entire season of Lent should be a penitential season. The liturgical color for Lent is purple (just like Advent) to show that it is a special time of penance. Self-imposed fasting at other times outside of the obligations to do so on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, special Lenten devotions and spiritual reading, Stations of the Cross, etc. all enhance the penitential and spiritual aspect of Lent.

- ~ Make the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) an important part of your Lenten penitential practice
- ~ Attend Mass on Holy Thursday to commemorate the institution of the Eucharist, called the "Mass of the Lord's Supper."
- ~ At 3 o'clock on Good Friday, pause and make a special effort to keep this hour sacred, as the hour of Christ's death on the cross, after which redemption for mankind was completed. Praying the Divine Mercy chaplet is ideal or check your parish for a 3 o'clock service.
- ~ Participate in the veneration of the Cross at your parish on Good Friday.
- ~ Continue your Good Friday fast up to the start of the Easter Vigil, to correspond to the entire time from Christ's death on the cross until his resurrection on Easter Sunday.
- ~ Attend the Easter Vigil at sundown on Holy Saturday to welcome the Easter Sunday feast.
- ~ On Easter Sunday and throughout the Easter season, fully celebrate the joy of Christ's Resurrection and the conquering of sin and death he merited for us!

CRS RICE BOWL STATIONS OF THE CROSS

STATION 1: Jesus Is Condemned to Death - Around the globe, 1.2 billion people live on less than \$1.25 a day. What if you only had \$1 to pay for the food you ate today? GIVE \$1 to your CRS Rice Bowl for each meal you ate today.

STATION 2: Jesus Carries the Cross - Conflict forces many Colombians to leave their homes. They are treated as strangers—a heavy cross. GIVE 25¢ to your CRS Rice Bowl for every house you can see from your front door that belongs to a person you don't know.

STATION 3: Jesus Falls for the First Time - Harming nature causes farmers around the world to "fall." Because crops are so dependent on specific climate conditions, farmers are often affected first and worst by changes to the environment. GIVE 50¢ to your CRS Rice Bowl for each type of food you ate today that came from a farm. -More CRS Stations of the Cross next week

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Remember all those who have asked for prayer.



Most recent request for prayers:

Maddie Jenkins, Pat Wilson, Andrea Weymiller and Kimerly Rosebush Coyle

For the repose of the soul of:

Matt Hall - OLOL 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.

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.

LENT

Lent Penitential practices take many forms: apologizing to an injured party, healing divisions within our families, fasting during the Lenten season, or graciously accepting the menial tasks of life. The purpose of penance is not to diminish life but to enrich it. - USCCB

FROM THE POPE

"If you have some time at home today, take the Gospel, Matthew's Gospel, chapter five. At the beginning there are the Beatitudes; in chapter 25 the rest. And it will do you good to read them once, twice, three times. Read this program for holiness. May the Lord give us the grace to understand his message."

—Pope Francis
Morning Meditation, 9 June 2014

KNOW YOUR FAITH

Which of the following are important parts of Catholic social teaching? (Circle all that apply!)

- Caring for the poor
- Making a lot of money
- Having a fancy car
- Protecting human life in all forms

Answer somewhere in the bulletin...

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday - Feb 22

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 23

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

Wednesday - Feb 24

Mass + Inez Coyne by the Family 8:30am

Thursday - Feb 25

Mass - + Jim Malneritch 8:30am
 Stewardship Committee 9:30am
 Finance Committee 7:00pm

Friday - Feb 26

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

Saturday - Feb 27

Confession 3:30pm
 Mass 5:00pm

Sunday - Feb 28

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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

February 20th - KC food drive begins

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

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

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!

This week, CRS Rice Bowl takes us to Laos, where Hongkham is using her love of cooking to provide for her family—and feed an entire school. How do we use our passions and gifts for the betterment of those we meet? Visit 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 December. **Thank you to Paul and Donna Kelly** for covering June. If you're interested please call Bea Wilson 360-829-0776, training is provided.

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." 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.

HUMOR

I was at the drug store to pick up my prescription. The line wasn't clearly formed, and there was an old man with a cane nearby me. It was unclear as to who was next. When we got to the front of the line, the man gestured to me and said, "After you." I smiled at him and said, "No, please, after you. I have all day." Then he said, "No. You go ahead. My doctor says I have at least six months."



CORRECTION

A Correction to last weekend's bulletin – Lenten Soup Supper for Ash Wednesday was provided by St. Aloysius Altar Society and last Friday was provided by the Lector ministry. Friday the Knights of Columbus provided Clam Chowder and a vegetable soup. Thank you to all ministry groups making soup suppers a success raising money for the CRS Rice Bowl campaign. A reminder to make checks payable to St. Aloysius and in memo write CRS Rice Bowl, we will mail one check to CRS Rice Bowl.



SOUP SUPPERS... BRING YOUR BOWL!

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.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 02-14-16

<u>St. Aloysius</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Weekly Revenue	\$3,125.00	\$2,770.00	\$355.00
Fiscal YTD	\$102,945.49	\$91,410.00	\$11,535.49
<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u>			
Weekly Revenue	\$374.00	\$790.00	-\$416.00
Fiscal YTD	\$26,178.00	\$26,070.00	\$108.00

ATTENTIVE TO THE GRANDEUR OF GOD 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Oh, to be Peter, James, and John! In the company of others, they walked with Jesus, heard him teach, saw him heal and perform miracles, and had dinner with him. Who wouldn't want to have such everyday moments with the Lord? In Sunday's Gospel, we hear how they went up the mountain with Jesus, saw him transfigured before their eyes, and heard the voice of the Father. What it must have been like! No wonder Peter asked to build tents for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Who wouldn't want to simply stay and soak it in? Have you ever wished that God would suddenly appear to you, alleviating doubt, giving you direction, providing courage to live selflessly as a person of faith? Most of the time, knowing that God is with us is enough. We spend a little time in prayer, maybe occasionally read a passage from the Bible, or offer some time in service, and all seems fine. Then, something happens. An illness is detected, a family member is in crisis, a job is uncertain or is ended, and we suddenly wish God would simply appear and tell us what to do. Or, an unsettled feeling takes hold and we just cannot figure out how to shake it. The news is filled with stories of tension, violence, and suffering; we wonder how to respond. It is easy enough to say that God is with us, we might think to ourselves, yet far harder to live with faith during such challenging times. Peter, James, and John encountered the transfigured Christ on the mountain. No doubt, that experience stayed with them long after Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. They glimpsed the grandeur of God, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, responded through their actions, as witnesses and servants who stood firm in the Lord. How will we respond to the transforming grace of God in our lives? How will our attitudes and actions be transfigured by the love of Christ? How will we share Christ's mercy and compassion, as a reflection of that which has been shown to us? These are important things for us to consider this second week of Lent, and throughout our lives as Christian disciples.

- Liturgical Publications

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.

BIBLE KNOWLEDGE...

A ten-year-old's mother had taught her lots about the Bible and the little girl enjoyed showing off her Bible knowledge to her teacher and the other kids in her class. During the month of May the kids built a special May altar to the Virgin Mother of God. The little girl raised her hand and asked the teacher "Which Virgin was the Mother of Jesus - the Virgin Mary or the King James Virgin?"

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The spring 40 Days for Life started on Ash Wednesday and runs through Palm Sunday March 20th. 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!**



Knights of Columbus Charity Raffle

Sponsored by Rainier Council #9637
Ticket price \$25 each.
Only 196 tickets will be sold!!

Cash Prizes:

50th number drawn receives \$50.00
100th number drawn receives \$100.00
150th number drawn receives \$150.00
196th 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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE

The quarterly food drive will begin 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 Fish or Meats
Canned Fruits	Boxed Crackers
Boxed Jell-O	Bagged Chips
Boxed Pudding mix	Tea, Cocoa, Sealed Coffee
Boxed Cereal	Flour and Sugar (Sealed)
Pasta	Packets of mixes:
Spices	taco, spaghetti, gravy
Canned Soups	Canned or Boxed Ready to
Rice	Eat Meals

KNOW YOUR FAITH ANSWER...

(a) The Preferential Option for the Poor is an important principle of Catholic social teaching. Jesus tells us to care for those who are most in need in the world. (d) The Sacredness and Dignity of the Human Person is the foundational principle of Catholic social teaching, reminding us that, being made in the image and likeness of God, we each have a special value and purpose.