

February 28, 2016

Third Sunday of Lent

Reading 1: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Psalm: 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11

Reading 2: 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9



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

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION SCHEDULE CHANGE

Our Holy Father has requested that all parishes have 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 5pm on Friday, March 4th and ending at 5pm on Saturday, March 5th. This initiative is called "24 Hours for the Lord." We will change our First Friday adoration schedule accordingly. First Friday adoration will begin on Friday, March 4th after the 8:30am Mass and will end with Benediction at 9pm with a form of Benediction. The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed during Stations of the Cross on Friday evening. Since we are small in number ...ours will be a "12 Hours for the Lord." I hope many of you can attend the stations and stay for that extra hour and close the time with Benediction. This can be a help for all of us in this Year of Mercy. Fr.JJL.

Pope Francis Reflection of the Week GO TO MASS LIKE SINNERS

The "Confession" which we make at the beginning [of Mass] is not "pro forma," it is a real act of repentance! I am a sinner and I confess it, this is how the Mass begins! We should never forget that the Last Supper of Jesus took place

"on the night he was betrayed" (1 Cor 11:23). In the bread and in the wine which we offer and around which we gather, the gift of Christ's body and blood is renewed every time for the remission of our sins. We must go to Mass humbly, like sinners, and the Lord reconciles us of us.

-General Audience, February 12, 2014

Reflection: The Mass is a deep encounter with the mercy of the Lord. Next time you are there, try to use each element of the Mass to meditate on His mercy. What is He saying to you through the prayers, the readings and the

CRS STATIONS OF THE CROSS

STATION 4: Jesus Meets His Mother - This week, we meet Hongkham—a mother who works hard so her family can survive. What do your parents do to help your family? GIVE \$1 to your CRS Rice Bowl in honor of mothers and fathers around the world.

STATION 5: Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross - In Laos, CRS is helping children stay focused in school by providing healthy meals. Good food is important for growth. GIVE 25¢ to your CRS Rice Bowl for every fruit or vegetable in your home.

STATION 6: Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus - Building peace among neighbors is important in Rwanda. Sometimes that means reaching out to another person even when it's uncomfortable—like Veronica did. GIVE 25¢ to your CRS Rice Bowl for every person you reached out to comfort today.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Remember all those who have asked for prayer.



Most recent request for prayers:

Karin Haagar, Denise Alvord,
Ann Fernandez

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.**

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

"Christianity asserts that every individual human being is going to live forever, and this must be either true or false. Now there are a good many things which would not be worth bothering about if I were going to live only seventy years, but which I had better bother about very seriously if I am going to live forever."

- C.S. Lewis; excerpt from *Mere Christianity*,

MARRIAGE MOMENT

It's Lent -a time of taking stock, self-sacrifice, and penance. Take stock of your marriage this week. Is there a sacrifice you can make for your beloved? Anything - it's time to forgive?

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.



POPE QUOTE

"Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God."

WHO SAID THE FOLLOWING?

"In an ever new miracle, Divine Mercy shines forth in our lives, inspiring each of us to love our neighbor and to devote ourselves to what the Church's tradition calls the spiritual and corporal works of mercy."

- Saint John Paul II
- Blessed Teresa of Calcutta
- Pope Francis
- Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Answer somewhere in the bulletin...

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday - Feb 29—Leap Day

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

Tuesday - Mar 1

Mass 8:30am
 St. Aloysius Altar Society 1:00pm
 Prayer Shawl 7:00pm

Wednesday - Mar 2

Mass 8:30am
 Divine Mercy Cenacle 7:00pm

Thursday - Mar 3

Mass + Walter Peterson by Betty Ann Peterson 8:30am
 Parish Council 7:00pm

Friday - Mar 4—First Friday

Mass 8:30am
 Adoration - 12 Hours for the Lord 9am-9pm
 Soup Supper 6:00pm
 Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Saturday - Mar 5

Confession 3:30pm
 Mass 5:00pm

Sunday - Mar 6

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

PRAYER SHAWL

This month we will meet at Kathy Stanley's in Bonney Lake please call Maureen Soler (360) 825-5715 with questions.

SPIRITUAL READING

There are new Prayer Notes from Abbey Press and Care Note booklets for your reading reflections during Lent. The booklets are located on the racks in the back of the hall. Please pick up one or more the next time you are at a function in the hall. Thank you to Maureen Soler for refreshing them.

HELPING JESUS IN DISGUISE

The annual Catholic Relief Services Collection will be held next weekend March 5/6, Laetare Sunday. The collection supports Catholic organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts and continues to help those suffering at home and across the globe who are all Jesus in disguise.

Programs supported by the collection include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal, pastoral and support services for immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy efforts. In keeping with the theme "Help Jesus in Disguise," the funds collected through the CRS Collection support vital Catholic programs that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person. Next week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and help Jesus in disguise.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

March 5th - St. James Cathedral Day of Mercy 9am
March 12th - St. James Cathedral Special Needs Mass 11am
March 13th - KC St. Patrick's Day Dinner
April 3rd - Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society Bunco 1pm
May 21st - First Holy communion—10:30a
May 22nd - Welcome new parishioners lunch

CRS RICE BOWL HUNGERING FOR A HEALTHY START

The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation of Rwanda, where we're reminded to care for the unborn. This week we pray for pregnant mothers, that they may have the medical and nutritional support they need to raise healthy, thriving children.

Visit crsricebowl.org for more information. 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! 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.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Lectors ministry for providing the Soup Supper meal Friday. Your contributions to the CRS Rice Bowl are greatly appreciated. If you are writing a check please make it out to St. Aloysius, in memo write CRS Rice Bowl. Remember to bring your bowl and spoon, this helps with the cleanup, so all can make it to Stations of the Cross on time at 7:00pm.



HEAVENLY DUSTERS

The Heavenly dusters December slot has been filled by **Annette James and Norma Catchpole**. Thank you all for volunteering for this Heavenly job.



ANSWER...

The answer to the quote is "c". The quote was cited from Pope Francis' message for Lent 2016.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 02-21-16

<u>St. Aloysius</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Weekly Revenue	\$3,064.10	\$2,770.00	\$294.00
Fiscal YTD	\$106,009.59	\$94,180.00	\$11,829.59
<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u>			
Weekly Revenue	\$775.00	\$790.00	-\$15.00
Fiscal YTD	\$26,953.00	\$26,860.00	\$93.00

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@csjp-olp.org or call/text 206-920-8560

POPE ON DEATH PENALTY

On Feb. 21, after the Angelus, Pope Francis observed that the increasingly strong public opposition to the death penalty, even as an instrument of legitimate social defense, is a sign of hope. "Indeed, modern societies are able to effectively control crime without definitively removing from the criminal the possibility of redeeming himself. The issue lies in the context of a perspective on penal justice that increasingly conforms to the dignity of man and God's design for man and for society. And also penal justice opens to the hope of being reintegrated in society. The command 'thou shalt not kill' has absolute value and refers to the guilty as well as the innocent. "The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy is a good opportunity to promote in the world an increasingly mature respect for life and the dignity of each person. Because even a criminal has the inviolable right to life, a gift of God. I appeal to the consciences of those who govern, so that an international consensus may be reached for the abolition of the death penalty. I propose to those among them who are Catholic to make an exemplary gesture of courage: that the death penalty not be applied in this Holy Year of Mercy". "All Christians and men and women of good will are called today to work not only for the abolition of the death penalty, but also to improve conditions in prisons, in respect for human dignity and the dignity of those deprived of freedom".

YEAR OF MERCY

Look at the night sky; don't pitch a tent. So many stars! Too many to count. That is the innumerable number of Abram's descendants – of which each of us is a part. God promised then, and promises still today in covenantal love and mercy to care for us, protect us, and be our only God. This Lent, let us go looking for descendant stars, people born of Abraham and Sarah and loved by God. Let us go looking for those who need embracing. Let us go looking for those who need some special care, some covenantal kindness, many kind words. Let us look. Then let us act. The Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been a part of the Christian tradition. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to "help our neighbor in their spiritual needs".

ADMONISHING THE SINNER

Do not judge, but be supportive in helping others find their way and correct their mistakes. Together we can learn to walk more closely with Christ.* In humility we must strive to create a culture that does not accept sin, while realizing that we all fall at times.

* Don't judge, but guide others towards the path of salvation (see Mt 7:1-2) * When you correct someone, don't be arrogant. We are all in need of God's loving correction.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE

The quarterly food drive will close February 27th. Please place your non-perishable food items in the baskets at the entrance to church or in the blue box in the hall. If you have additional items, you can stop by the hall Monday morning 10-12 to drop them off. Thank you for your generous support.



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



HEAL YOUR MARRIAGE

Make Your Marriage a Priority this Lenten Season
It's not too late to focus on something positive during Lent – making your marriage everything God intended it to be. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vī) can help you rediscover your spouse and move forward in a more positive and loving way. Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples and can help you too, no matter the source of conflict in your marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for our upcoming program beginning April 8-10, 2016 call 360-671-6479 or visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

HUMOR

A Sunday school teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible -- Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse. Little Bobby was excited about the task, but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Bobby was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my shepherd . . . and that's all I need to know!"

LEAP DAY

How to make the most of Leap Day

Strategies to help Catholics use 2016's extra 24 hours to the fullest

Every New Year starts off full of promise and full of hope. “This year,” we tell ourselves, “will be the year we finally make it to daily Mass ... or go on pilgrimage ... or clean out the basement.” In 2016, time is on our side. Which means that this month, we have the very thing we need to accomplish all (or at least one) of our New Year's goals: more time. Now, would it have been preferable if Pope Gregory XIII had tacked that extra day onto June or July? But, Feb. 29 is what we've got, so despite the wind, the cold, the gray skies and the snow-covered roads, we might as well make good use of it. Here are a few suggestions to get you started.

Get your spiritual house in order

Go to daily Mass. Go to confession. Go to Eucharistic adoration and spend 15 minutes in front of the Blessed Sacrament. While you're there, pray the Rosary ... or the Chaplet of Divine Mercy ... or the Divine Office. If you don't have a breviary of your own, you can find Morning Prayer, Night Prayer and all the prayers in between online. You can also read a book about the Faith.

Alternately, you can hop online and search for Catholic shrines within easy driving distance. Then, get in the car and go. Take the kids or a friend along with you. While you're there, see if there is a church nearby with a Door of Mercy, established in most major Catholic cathedrals, basilicas and shrines this year. Walk through them reverently, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, receive Communion, go to confession, reject your attachment to sin, and you've got yourself a plenary indulgence — either for yourself or a departed loved one.

Get your relational house in order

Do you owe a friend a phone call? Do you owe a relative a letter? Then, get to dialing or writing. Reach out to that long-lost college friend. Take your estranged sister out to lunch. Pay a visit to your Great Aunt Helen. Maybe just sit down and write those thank-you notes for all the Christmas gifts that came your way in December. You also can come home from work early and have dinner with your family. Or, better yet, take a vacation day and plan something special with those you love. Go for a drive. Play a game. Build a snowman. And invite others to join you. Ask the new family at church or a single friend over for dinner. Ask a bunch of friends over for dinner. Throw that party you've wanted to throw. Practice hospitality. It comes with its own reward.

Get your actual house in order

By a happy twist of fate, leap day 2016 falls within Lent. Sure, this means you have to live one extra day without chocolate. But it also means you have one extra day to tackle the 40 Bags in 40 Days challenge — pitching or giving away 40 bags worth of unused, unnecessary or unappreciated household items by the end of Lent. Start in the attic and work your way downward. Pray for detachment and discernment as you sort through closets and utility drawers, asking God for help in letting go of material possessions and trusting him to provide you with all that you really need, when you need it. If you're already living with Trappist-like simplicity, then use your one extra day to organize your linen closet, kitchen cupboards or dresser drawers. Scrub your baseboards, dust your light fixtures, wipe the grime off the pot rack and vent above the stove. Put together much needed bookshelves, filing cabinets or closet storage systems. Chuck over-the-counter medications that have passed their sell-by date. Toss old cosmetics and grooming supplies while you're at it. Sort through all the papers scattered about your house and place them where they go...preferably the trash. Plus, there's always that basement that needs organizing.

Love your neighbor

This is the Year of Mercy, a year where Catholics around the world are called not only to contemplate the mercy of Christ but also to show that mercy to others. Fortunately for us, the Church hasn't just told us to be merciful; she's also told us how to be merciful. The deposit of faith includes very specific instructions on putting mercy into action. So, on leap day, follow those instructions by practicing a corporal work of mercy. Feed the hungry by volunteering at a soup kitchen. Care for the sick by taking the kids to visit the elderly in a nursing home. Clothe the naked by knitting a warm woolen scarf (or 10) and delivering them to a local shelter. You can also give drink to the thirsty by distributing water to the homeless, welcome the stranger by writing a check to an organization that helps refugee families, bury the dead by attending the funeral Mass of an elderly parishioner; and help the imprisoned by praying for those behind bars. The corporal works of mercy aren't the only way to love our neighbor. The spiritual works of mercy are just as important. So, in your extra 24 hours, look for a way to counsel the doubtful (make time for a struggling friend); comfort the afflicted (make a meal for a widow or grieving parent); admonish sinners (write a letter to your pro-abortion congressman); forgive offenses (reach out in friendship to someone who hurt you); bear wrongs patiently (don't complain, about anything, all day on Feb. 29); and pray for the living and the dead (offer up a family Rosary for the good of someone's soul).

Love yourself

Yes, Lent begins with the reminder that we are dust and will one day return to dust. But, we are beloved dust, precious in God's eyes. This leap day, treat yourself accordingly. Eat your kale. Cook some salmon. Skip the deep-fried Twinkie. Afterwards, go for a walk or, if you live in warmer climes, a bike ride. Put yourself to bed early. Sleep in if you can. While you're at it, log off social media. Read a book. Watch a classic movie. See a play. Listen to a symphony. Drink a cup of coffee and watch the sun rise. Drink a glass of wine and watch the sun set. Cook a delicious dinner. Eat it sitting down, at a table, with forks, knives, napkins and all the accouterments of civilization. In the evening, light a fire. Have a long conversation with your spouse or best friend. Go on a date with your husband or wife. Read aloud to your children. Draw a picture. And sometime during the day, buy yourself a bouquet of bright pink tulips and remember that spring is coming. Give thanks for that. Give thanks for your life. Give thanks for your friends and family. Count all your blessings, taking note of the many ways God shows his love for you. Finally, praise him for every last one.

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