

March 6, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Reading 1: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Psalm: 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Reading 2: 2 Cor 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



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

YEAR OF MERCY REFLECTION

"As we can see in Sacred Scripture, mercy is a key word that indicates God's action towards us. He does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible. Love, after all, can never be just an abstraction. By its very nature, it indicates something concrete: intentions, attitudes, and behaviors that are shown in daily living. The mercy of God is his loving concern for each one of us. He feels responsible; that is, he desires our well-being and he wants to see us happy, full of joy, and peaceful. This is the path which the merciful love of Christians must also travel. As the Father loves, so do his children. Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other."

—Pope Francis

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

In Service to Others



In order to be capable of mercy, therefore, we must first of all dispose ourselves to listen to the Word of God. This means rediscovering the value of silence in order to meditate on the Word that comes to us. In this way, it will be possible to contemplate God's mercy and adopt it as our lifestyle. *Misericordiae Vultus*, N. 13

Lord, your words and deeds reveal the tender mercy and love of God. You continue to reveal yourself in so many ways, but I often do not pay attention. You are present in my heart, in creation, in the Word of God, in the Eucharist and sacraments, in the human condition and especially in the poor. Move me to create a sacred space where I can be present to you. Inspire me to prayerfully read your Word and meditate on the various ways you reveal God's love and mercy. Help me to rediscover the richness of the Word of God and its power to transform me in your image and likeness. Amen

CRS STATIONS OF THE CROSS

STATION 7: Jesus Falls the Second Time

For infants like Olga, a lack of medicine and good nutrition means childhood sickness and death. Give 25¢ to your CRS Rice Bowl for every type of medicine in your house.

STATION 8: Jesus Comforts the Women

By serving free daily meals at school to Honduran students who might otherwise go hungry, CRS is providing comfort—and a reason to stay in school. GIVE 50¢ to your CRS Rice Bowl for every year of school you've completed

STATION 9: Jesus Falls the Third Time

Nearly 65% of Hondurans live on less than \$2 a day. That's more than 5 million people. GIVE \$2 to your CRS Rice Bowl in solidarity with our Honduran brothers and sisters.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Remember all those who have asked for prayer.

Most recent request for prayers:

Jan & Van Thomsen, Mercedes Eckelkamp and her newborn baby Journee, Richard Miller, Dan O'Brien, JoEtta Lane, Gladys Plowden, Leo Meyer



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 to this list for prayers all year long. The new list will be printed in the bulletin Palm Sunday.**

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

Month of March

Universal: Families in Difficulty

That families in need may receive the necessary support and the children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

Evangelization: Persecuted Christians

That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Through supporting today's collection, you help **Jesus in disguise**. "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, those who suffer from unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Please be generous. Envelopes are in the pews. Thank you

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"If you feel stuck, bring your whole self to Christ, not just the problem, but you. Ask God to change your heart. Commit yourself to pray to that end. It's God's heart to give good gifts to His children."

- Sheila Walsh

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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. Please pick one up today with the other Free Lent reflection items.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday - Mar 7 —Ss. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs	
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 8	
Mass	8:30am
Knights of Columbus 7p	7:00pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society 7p	7:00pm
Wednesday - Mar 9 —St. Frances of Rome, Religious	
Mass	8:30am
Thursday - Mar 10	
Mass	8:30am
AA meeting	7:00pm
Friday - Mar 11	
Mass	8:30am
Soup Supper	6:00pm
Stations of the Cross— *Women of Calvary	7:00pm
*more information in the bulletin	
Saturday - Mar 12	
Knights of Columbus—4th Degree	9:00am
Confession	3:30pm
Mass	5:00pm
Sunday - Mar 13	
Mass at OLOL	8:30am
Mass for parishioners/intentions	10:30am

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

March 10th - St. Joseph Novena March 10 -18
March 12th - **First Reconciliation - 1:00pm**
March 12th - St. James Cathedral Special Needs Mass 11am
March 13th - **KC St. Patrick's Day Dinner 6:00pm**
April 3rd - **Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society Bunco 1pm**
May 21st - **First Holy communion—10:30a**

CRS RICE BOWL - HUNGERING TO LEARN

We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to the Central American country of Honduras, where we meet students who are learning that it's better to help your neighbor learn and grow than to leave him or her behind. To whom are we called to extend a hand this week? 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. 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 Youth Group for providing Soups and helping with the Stations of the Cross on 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.



NEXT WEEKEND (Daylight Savings Time)

On March 12th we again make the change in time...to Daylight Savings Time. Set your clocks forward and remember to get up for Church early next Sunday morning.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNED BEEF DINNER

Sunday March 13 6:00PM
 Corned Beef with the traditional trimmings
 Dessert & Coffee
 Wine extra by donation
 Help celebrate St. Patrick's Day-Wear Green

INNOCENCE...

One night when my daughter was 5 years old and I was tucking her in bed and praying with her, she had a tummy ache. She said, "Well, that shouldn't be hard for Jesus to heal my tummy. He's in my heart so He doesn't have far to go!"
 —By Sherrill Kilgas

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.

YO-YO

Put the loop around your finger so you're ready to operate it but instead, cradle it in your hand. From the moment of our creation, God loves us very much and wants to keep us close all ways. God gives us everything in the world that we can possibly need—air to breathe, food to eat, and each other. Some people stay close to God all their lives. Let the yo-yo down a few inches, supporting it in your hand. Other people are always looking for something more. They don't want to follow the rules God gives us to live a good life. Let the yo-yo down a few inches, moving your hand lower. They aren't satisfied with what God gives them. God is sad to see people act this way. Let the yo-yo down almost to the bottom. Sometimes these people are sorry and want to come back to God. Do you think God forgives their bad behavior? Yank the string, bringing the yo-yo back up to the cradled position. God forgives us whenever we are ready to say we are sorry for what we have done!

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 02-28-16

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
St. Aloysius			
Weekly Revenue	\$1,839.00	\$2,770.00	-\$931.00
Fiscal YTD	\$107,848.59	\$96,950.00	\$10,898.59
Our Lady of Lourdes			
Weekly Revenue	\$830.00	\$790.00	\$40.00
Fiscal YTD	\$27,783.00	\$27,650.00	\$133.00



WHY SHOULD I GO TO CONFESSION?

This is a big question. Here is part of the answer that Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI gave in 2011:

“The absolution of the priest, sacramental absolution, is necessary to really absolve me of this link with evil and to fully reintegrate me into the will of God, into the vision of God, into his Church and to give me sacramental, almost bodily, certitude: God forgives me; he receives me into the community of his children. I think that we must learn how to understand the Sacrament of Penance in this sense: as a possibility of finding again, almost physically, the goodness of the Lord, the certainty of reconciliation. The necessary absolution by the priest, the sacrament, is not an imposition — let us say — on the limits of God’s goodness, but, on the contrary, it is an expression of the goodness of God because it shows me also concretely, in the communion of the Church, I have received pardon and can start anew.”

During the Jubilee Year of Mercy make time for God’s Divine Mercy – The Sacrament of Reconciliation.

WHAT IS THE RETROUVAILLE PROGRAM?

Retrouvaille is Catholic in origin and is endorsed by the Seattle Archdiocese. Retrouvaille is a community of volunteers committed to helping hurting couples heal their marriages. The Retrouvaille program offers couples the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine their lives in a new and positive way. No matter what is causing the hurt, couples can find healing. Is Your Marriage Everything it was Meant to be? Take some time to reflect on your marriage this Lenten season. If you feel a sense of sadness or disillusionment, you are not alone. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vī) can help your marriage heal and thrive. 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.

MARRIED COUPLES

Spend a weekend focused on your relationship without outside distractions (work, TV, sports, chores, children). Apply for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – Enjoy a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend at the Sheraton Hotel in Bellevue on May 20 – 22, 2016. Additional dates and locations are listed online. For more information call [206-772-2344](tel:206-772-2344) or apply on line at www.wwme.org.

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

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
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.

JESUS IN DISGUISE PRAYER

In families striving to stay intact through adversity.

Let us see Christ.

In the poor and lowly of the world.

Let us see Christ.

In those forced to leave their homes because of war or famine.

Let us see Christ.

In children who go to bed hungry and who cannot attend school.

Let us see Christ.

In those who are living with HIV/AIDS and other diseases.

Let us see Christ.

In immigrants and refugees seeking freedom and hope.

Let us see Christ.

In those who are orphaned or abandoned.

Let us see Christ.

In the elderly who are forgotten.

Let us see Christ.

In those who struggle to find meaningful work.

Let us see Christ.

In those who work for justice and peace for all people.

Let us see Christ.

LET US PRAY.

Jesus, teach us to recognize your presence in those who are in need. May we give of ourselves in service to them and so hasten the coming of the Kingdom you have promised, where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.
Amen



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

THANK YOU...

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank you for your generous donations to our Buckley Food Bank.

CONFESSIONS

The Light Is On for You!

(Saturday Confessions) Have you experienced the Sacrament of Reconciliation lately? Also known to many as "confession," it is a powerful, healing experience of mercy that brings us closer to God and others. During Lent "The Light is On for You." Confessions are available each Saturday, except Holy Saturday, from 3:30pm to 4:30pm.

Lenten penance services are another great option:

Enumclaw will have their Reconciliation Service this coming Wednesday, March 9th, at 7pm with a number of priests present at their service.

Fr. Ludvik will provide Reconciliation Services before each weekend Mass next Weekend, March 12-13 with Communal Absolution. (If you are guilty of grave sins you are to confess those sins in individual confession). As part of the Year of Mercy the theme will call each person to receive the Mercy of Christ.

ANNULMENT UPDATE

A decision regarding Annulments, a decision in keeping with Pope Francis' pastoral message...

On December 8, 2015, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the first day of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, a very important decision was made regarding fees for the annulment process. Pope Francis has asked local bishops to do their best to make marriage nullity cases free to the parties.

Therefore, Archbishop Sartain has determined that fees will be waived for processing requests for annulment cases in first instance by the Seattle Metropolitan Tribunal. The Tribunal's expenses will be covered by the faithful of the Archdiocese of Seattle through their gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Because the Seattle Tribunal invests considerable time and money in order to process marriage cases, donations are gratefully accepted to offset expenses after the process is complete.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each week we have had a great turnout for the Soup Suppers and the Stations of the Cross. Make sure that you attempt to at least attend them once during Lent. They can be a great devotion for all of us and help us appreciate the sufferings of Jesus. Regarding the Stations of the Cross in Buckley, Bill Rumpza has recently been working on making the plaques for each station more bold and artistic with a larger frame and red background to blend with the red colors that are present in the Church. Thanks so much Bill.

How the new Stations of the Cross display Came about...

The background display for the Stations of the Cross that you now see in the church was a community effort. Gerry Dieringer had the wonderful idea that the display of the stations should be prominent and provided several designs. Bill Rumpza did the fabrication and the Roman numerals. Father selected the red background and Brother Knight Jim Devlet did the background painting. Bill painted the details; the gold frame and cross and the new Roman numerals; Marieta selected the grey since it matched the grey already in the stations. Jim and Bill did the mounting of the stations on the new display and hung them in place. Please prayerfully ponder our enhanced Stations of the Cross. Thank you to all involved.



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 19

Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm Buckley

Sunday March 20

Masses: 8:30am Wilkeson

10:30 am Buckley

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, March 24: 7 pm

Adoration: until 9:00 pm

Good Friday Service

Stations and Veneration of the Cross: 3 pm

The Passion of the Lord

March 25: 7 pm

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil

March 26: 7:00 pm

*No Reconciliation on Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday

March 27: 8:30 am Wilkeson

10:30am Buckley

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)

*WOMEN OF CALVARY

Come witness the Stations of the Cross through the eyes and words of the women of Calvary. Several of our parishioners will be reading these words on Friday March 11th during the Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm.