

March 13, 2016

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reading 1: Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm: 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Reading 2: Phil 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11



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



YEAR OF MERCY

Converting the sinner. First it must be said that the grace of conversion comes from God alone. We do not approach others with the intention to fix them; we might turn them away. Instead we explain God's mercy and encourage them to seek him. In a certain situation, we might be called to point out the error of someone's ways, but we do so humbly, and only after prayer, as fellow sinners who rely on God's mercy ourselves.

—Archbishop J. Peter Sartain

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass is one of the most important celebrations of the liturgical year. Archbishop J. Peter Sartain with the priests of the Archdiocese blesses and consecrates the sacred oils to be used in the celebrations of the sacraments at Easter and throughout the year. It is a time when all the baptized can come together and remember that, like Christ, we have been anointed to be prophets, and priests, living and sharing our faith. It will be held Thursday, March 17th, 7 pm at St. James Cathedral, Seattle.

**CULTIVATING A JUBILEE
YEAR OF MERCY**

O soul, whoever you may be in this world, even if your sins were as black as night, do not fear God, weak child that you are, for great is the power of God's mercy. Diary of St. Faustina, 1652

CRS STATIONS OF THE CROSS

STATION 10: Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments

When natural or manmade disasters strip the environment, CRS training means farmers like Vaviora have the skills and knowledge to rebuild. GIVE 50¢ to your CRS Rice Bowl for every tree you can see from the highest window in your house.

STATION 11: Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross

Pope Francis reminds us that not caring for our common home—the earth—often means the poorest and most vulnerable are forced to carry the heaviest crosses. GIVE 25¢ to your CRS Rice Bowl for every recyclable item in your trash can.

STATION 12: Jesus Dies on the Cross

Hunger is the biggest health risk in the world. More people die on the cross of hunger than from any disease. GIVE 50¢ to your CRS Rice Bowl for each time you threw food away this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Remember all those who have asked for prayer.



Most recent request for prayers:

Julienne Zembal, Tecla Teernstra

*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.

Today March 13th, is the third anniversary of Pope Francis's election as Supreme Pontiff. Please honor Pope Francis today by praying for his intentions.

CHILDREN'S BAPTISM

Do you have a child that needs the Sacrament of Baptism? Please make an appointment with Father Ludvik or call him. Parents must attend a class for pre-Baptism Instructions.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

As we enter into the heart of the Lenten season we ask you all to spend time talking and praying with your children. Now, more than ever they must be assured of God's unconditional and everlasting love. Pray for God's peace!

UPCOMING NOVENA'S *

Divine Mercy Novena March 25—April 2

Easter Octave March 27 – April 3

Mother's Day Novena April 29 - May 7

Pentecost Novena May 6 -14

** MORE INFO in BULLETIN*

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 14

Rosary 3:00pm
 RE preK – 6th 4:30pm
 Youth Faith formation 7-12th 6:30pm
 Adult Faith Formation - Last class this session 7:00pm

Tuesday - Mar 15

Mass 8:30am
 Legion of Mary -1000th meeting! 10:45am

Wednesday - Mar 16

Mass - Marieta Rumpza by family 8:30am
 Divine Mercy Cenacle 7:00pm

Thursday - Mar 17—St. Patrick, Bishop

Mass 8:30am

Friday - Mar 18

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

Saturday - Mar 19—St. Joseph, Spouse of the

Blessed Virgin Mary
 Confession 3:30pm
 Mass—Palm Sunday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday - Mar 20 Palm Sunday

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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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

April 10th - Knights of Columbus monthly Breakfast 10am

May 21st - First Holy communion—10:30a

CRS RICE BOWL

HUNGERING TO GROW A NEW TOMORROW

This week's CRS Rice Bowl country is the island nation of Madagascar, where we're reminded of the important role farmers play in caring for God's creation. As we prepare our meals throughout the week, let us reflect on where our food comes from—and what role we can play in caring for our environment. 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 Divine Mercy Cenacle for providing the soups on Friday. Also to the ladies of the parish for the Women of Calvary presentation during Fridays' stations of the Cross. 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.



'Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful.'

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNED BEEF DINNER

TODAY! March 13th at **5:00PM**

Corned Beef with the traditional trimmings
 Dessert & Coffee
 Wine—extra by donation
 Help celebrate St. Patrick's Day-Wear Green



PARISH COFFEE HOUR

Please join us in the parish hall following the 10:30 a.m. Mass for the weekly parish coffee and donut hour. Everyone is welcome. Free will offerings are appreciated.



MERCY MEDITATION

"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."
 —Pope Francis

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Collection, as requested by Pope Francis. Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help carry the cross under very difficult circumstances in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

You can give at any time during the regular collections for the next couple of weeks. Please place your donation in an envelope and mark Good Friday Collection. Please make checks out to your parish and write in memo – Good Friday Collection. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday

SAY "NO" TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Join the Sisters of St. Dominic and their Associates on March 18th from 12-12:30 pm for a peaceful silent vigil at 2211 6th Ave., Tacoma (next to Tuell-McKee Funeral Services). All are welcome to bring signs or just stand in solidarity. This one-half hour is well spent because of the importance in raising awareness. Side street parking is encouraged.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 03-06-16

St. Aloysius	Actual	Budgeted	Variance
Weekly Revenue	\$4,836.75	\$2,770.00	\$2,066.75
Fiscal YTD	\$112,685.34	\$99,720.00	\$12,965.34
Our Lady of Lourdes			
Weekly Revenue	\$964.00	\$790.00	\$174.00
Fiscal YTD	\$28,747.00	\$28,440.00	\$307.00



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.

ANOTHER CHANCE ABOUNDS WITH GOD

God always gives us another chance:

Possible Lenten applications:

1. We need to let God give us a second chance: forgive ourselves, be humble, accept his forgiveness in Confession.
2. We need to give others a second chance—learn to condemn the sin, but not the sinner, as Jesus did.
3. We need to accept our need for mercy—none of us are free from sin and selfishness; and that’s okay: God can handle it.
4. Every day is a “second chance”—a chance to trust God, to do his will, to follow the example and teaching of Christ.
5. We need to tell others, who are without hope, that they can have a fresh start in Jesus—who can you tell this week?

WHAT A PARISH SHOULD BE

“People need to find [in a parish], first of all, a high quality spirit of welcome, thanks to the presence of likable and competent people whether they be priests, religious or lay people. They need high quality liturgical ceremonies which are an aid to active participation in a prayer which holds the Christian mystery in great respect. Whether they are children, youth or adults, they need high quality catechetical and doctrinal teaching” --Pope St. John Paul II; Address to Bishops of France in 1982

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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April 15-17, 2016

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FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

Although the feast of St. Joseph is next Saturday March 19th, remember to celebrate his feast as a family. We know Joseph was a man of faith, obedient to whatever God asked of him without knowing the outcome. When the angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him the truth about the child Mary was carrying, Joseph immediately and without question or concern for gossip, took Mary as his wife. When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and the baby. He waited in Egypt without question until the angel told him it was safe to go back.



LIFE EVERLASTING

The Mystery and the Promise

This men’s silent retreat will be led by Monsignor Brian Bransfield on April 1st thru 3rd. All participants will receive a copy of his new book. This traditional silent retreat of men will offer a Christian answer to one of the oldest and deepest questions that each of us asks: What happens when we die? The retreat will fall on Divine Mercy Sunday weekend, the perfect time to reflect on God’s promises of love and mercy. Monsignor Bransfield will offer practical ideas. For times of the retreat or more info call (206) 274-3130 or email palisades@seattlearch.org.

SIGNS AND WONDERS...

Jesus said, *“Unless you see signs and wonders, you will not believe!”*

This brings to mind a story about an atheist professor forcing his unbelief on his students by saying: “I do not believe in God, and to prove to you that there is no God, I challenge God to strike me down this very moment...” As he was speaking, a big burly young man in a college football t-shirt came down and punched him in the jaw sending the poor professor to the floor. The stunned professor asked the big student why he punched him. The young man replied: “God told me to do it...”

Some people want to prove their unbelief by seeking wondrous signs that they know will not happen. Others like us believe enough to ask for small signs from God to help us with our decisions. Sometimes God grants us special signs like white roses and stuff, but most of the time his signs are so subtle that it takes a well-practiced personal relationship with Jesus and a regular prayer/quiet-time to recognize his whispered signs.

Have you ever asked God to help you with your decision with a sign?

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

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

-Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7pm with Soup Supper beforehand at 6pm.

-Begin to return your envelopes for your Alms Collection for the Rice Bowl and return before Easter. Please return your donations by check or cash. Part of Lenten preparation includes alms giving - i.e. giving of money to help those who are less fortunate than oneself. Rice Bowls are a longstanding tradition with collections sent to CRS for use throughout the world. Rice Bowls allows each of us to effectively participate in giving, by collecting our coins and filling up the rice bowl over the 40 days of Lent and then returning the bowl at Easter. One suggestion is to include the difference of what you would save not eating meat on days of abstinence and add in the amount you would have spent on food on days of fasting as well. Actively gathering money and placing it in a bowl provides great opportunities to share the importance of stewardship helping those in need especially for families with children. "Every Little Bit Helps."

-Do you have some extra clothes or belongings that during Lent yet, you might give to the homeless or Vincent de Paul or to another organization?

LENTEN REGULATIONS

These regulations unite the whole Catholic Church throughout the world in the Lenten journey of repentance and conversion of heart. Observed in a spirit of generosity, fast and abstinence remind us of our own frailty and make us more sensitive to the needs of others. Acts of penance find their completion in works of charity and justice.

FASTING

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 years old (inclusive) are obliged to observe the laws on fasting. Traditionally, fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal in the day and two smaller meals. The two prescribed days of fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

ABSTINENCE

The law on abstinence obliges all those who are over the age of 14. On days of abstinence, meat is not eaten at any meal. The prescribed days of abstinence are Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday.

* WHAT IS A NOVENA?

A novena is a nine-day period of private or public prayer to obtain special graces, to implore special favors, or to make special petitions. (Novena is derived from the Latin "novem", meaning nine.) As the definition suggests, the novena has always had more of a sense of urgency and neediness. Please visit the following website for Novena Prayers: <https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/novena.asp>

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Mature disciples make a conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Christ, no matter the cost to themselves. Thank you for giving of your First Fruits!

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: 7:00 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

MY PRAYER FOR YOU

I pray that your Lenten Season is sacred and holy. I pray for all of you on a daily basis. May the Holy Spirit bless you, your family and friends! Make plans to attend Holy Week Services!!!
Father John Ludvik



MORNING PRAYER – HUMILITY

Today I am free from confusion about who I am, because I now know who I am. Good morning, Lord. I dedicate myself to do and be your will. Today I seek to be nothing other than what I authentically am. Humility calls me to be real, to claim my hurts but also to claim by strengths equally. Help me not forget that I am gifted, and that your gifts in me yearn to be exercised, lest I lose them. Humility calls me to be true to my-self, my True Self, not the facsimile ego self that sometimes masquerades around as me. I am first and foremost your child, Lord; all else is meager and transitory, only time-limited roles I play here on this plane. Only you define my real self, Lord. Humility calls me to honor that real self as the only true definition of me. I am in this world to discover the truest reality of me, the love you have invested in me. Today, in the name of humility, I will take off any masks that I've been wearing, and take down any facades that I may have constructed that may block healing from my _____. In this way I am free from worry and confusion about who I am because I now know who I am. Amen