

March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday

Reading 1: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Reading 2: Phil 3:8-14

Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56



FROM THE DESK OF FR. LUDVIK

Welcome to Saint Aloysius and Our Lady of Lourdes!

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, stopping by the office or going online to our website.

—Fr. Ludvik

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday is the start of Holy Week, which is the week before Easter, commemorating events in the last days of Jesus Christ's life. According to Christian belief, Jesus rode into Jerusalem where people gave him a hero's welcome during the Jewish Passover celebration. They heard about his miracles and regarded him as the leader who would deliver them from the Roman Empire's domination. They carried palm branches, which is a traditional symbol of victory, and spread them throughout the streets before him.

Many western churches have observed palm blessings and distributions to the congregation on Palm Sunday since the middle ages. Early references to Palm Sunday observations, including a procession and blessing of palms, go as far back as the fourth and eighth centuries. Many modern Christian churches, including the Catholic and eastern churches, as well as the Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches celebrate Palm Sunday as part of Holy Week.

Christians observe Palm Sunday on the Sunday before Easter, celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The reason they call it Palm Sunday stems from the fact that when Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem, a large crowd of people in the city spread out palm branches on the ground before him as a sign of his kingship. Throughout Jesus' three-year ministry, he downplayed his role as Messiah and sometimes even told people whom he healed not to say anything about the miracle to others. Palm Sunday is the one exception in which his followers loudly proclaimed his glory to all.

Today, Christians often celebrate Palm Sunday in a joyous, triumphant manner during worship services, emphasizing the glory of Jesus Christ. In the simplest of terms, Palm Sunday is an occasion for reflecting on the final week of Jesus' life. It is a time for Christians to prepare their hearts for the agony of His Passion and the joy of His Resurrection.

Symbols: The palm branch is traditionally a symbol of joy and victory. It is a sign of victory over the flesh and the world in Christianity. It is also associated in memory of Christian martyrs. Willow is commonly used instead of palm branches in some European countries. They are sometimes placed in the fields to ensure that there will be good crops.

CRS STATIONS OF THE CROSS

STATION 13: Jesus Is Taken Down From the Cross

Today is World Water Day—a day to reflect on the importance of water in our daily lives. Even parts of our own country experience drought, which means water is in limited supply. GIVE 50¢ to your CRS Rice Bowl for each faucet in your home.

STATION 14: Jesus Is Buried

20% of children in the United States live in poverty. That's 14.7 million people. As Lent comes to an end, how will you make a difference? GIVE 50¢ to your CRS Rice Bowl for every child in your house.

LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS



During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, please remember all those who have asked for prayer. A Spiritual Work of Mercy.

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| Kurt Alfano | JoEtta Lane |
| Camron Cozzi | Leo Meyer |
| Father Darrin Connall | Bernice Money |
| Rhonda Dunlap | Richard Miller |
| Barbara Dunn | Joanne & Neal Nittinger |
| Sylvia Ewaskow | Dan O'Brien |
| Mercedes Eckelkamp and baby Journee | Billy Rumpza |
| Otto Fresonke | Deona Rumpza |
| Bill Gray | Tom Saunders |
| Leon Gray | Tosha Slenning |
| Ricky Gray | Eileen Smith |
| Kyle Guillot | Tom Steffen |
| James Howell | Jan & Van Thomsen |
| Patty Kauzlarich | |

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.**

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.

HOLY WEEK PRAYER

Holy God, be with us now as we meditate on your Son's journey to Calvary. Remind us that still, in this present day, many of your children continue that walk to Calvary, carrying heavy, difficult crosses. May we be Simon to those whose burdens are too heavy to be borne alone. May we be Veronica to those who need the touch of love and comfort. And may we, struggling with our own crosses, always remember your promises of justice, mercy and peace. Amen. — CRS RICE BOWL

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 21	
Rosary	3:00pm
RE preK – 6th	4:30pm
Youth Faith formation 7-12th	6:30pm
Tuesday - Mar 22	
Mass	8:30am
Wednesday - Mar 23	
Mass - Shelley Ernst by Patty Rumpza	8:30am
Thursday - Mar 24—Holy Thursday	
Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00pm
Adoration follows until 9:00pm	
Friday - Mar 25-Good Friday	
Stations of the Cross and Veneration	3:00pm
Divine Mercy Novena	3:45pm
Service - The Passion of the Lord	7:00pm
Saturday – Mar 26—Holy Saturday	
No Confession	—
Divine Mercy Novena	3:00pm
Mass—Easter Vigil	7:00pm
Sunday - Mar 27—	
Easter—Resurrection of the Lord	
Mass at OLOL	8:30am
Mass for parishioners/intentions	10:30am
He is Risen, He is truly risen!	
Divine Mercy Novena	3:00pm

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

April 3rd - Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society Bunco 1pm
April 10th - Knights of Columbus Breakfast 10am
April 24th - Spring Clean fund raising Breakfast 10am
May 21st - First Holy communion—10:30a

CRS RICE BOWL

HUNGERING TO BUILD COMMUNITY

We follow Jesus this week on our Lenten journey as he enters Jerusalem, a community he knew well. CRS Rice Bowl asks us to prayerfully enter into our own communities, to find those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we encounter in our daily lives?



Visit crsricebowl.org for more information. 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.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

A Pontifical Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land. Christians, along with all of the clergy and religious who serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate your prayers and financial help!

The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these challenging times in the Middle East, your support means that our church will conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers in the Holy Land.

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. You can support this Pontifical collection even if you do not attend services on Good Friday.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday

HOLY THURSDAY

from Pope Francis

To be "merciful like the Father," which is the theme of the Year of Mercy, means "to follow Jesus on the path of service." Jesus told the disciples that if he, their Lord, washed their feet, they must do the same for others. "In this way Jesus indicates service as the path to follow if they want to live their faith in him and give witness to his love,"

"Washing the apostles' feet," he said, "Jesus wanted to reveal the way God acts toward us and give an example of his new commandment of loving one another as he loved us, that is, by giving his life for us."

Loving service also involves placing the gifts God has given one at the service of the community so it can grow, he said, but it also is expressed "in the sharing of material goods so that no one is in need." "When you forget yourself and think of others, that's love," Pope Francis said. "And with the washing of feet, the Lord teaches us to be servants."

THANK YOU!

Thank you to OLOL Altar Society for providing the soup and bread for Friday. Your contributions to the CRS Rice Bowl Soup Suppers have been greatly appreciated.

REMINDER: No soup supper on Good Friday



FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 03-13-16

<u>St. Aloysius</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Weekly Revenue	\$2,020.00	\$2,770.00	-\$750.00
Fiscal YTD	\$114,705.34	\$102,490.00	\$12,215.34
<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u>			
Weekly Revenue	\$637.50	\$790.00	-\$152.50
Fiscal YTD	\$29,384.50	\$29,230.00	\$154.50



THE GOD OF MERCY
Reflections by Bishop Robert Barron

God is much more interested in your future than in your past. Why worry excessively about what came before? Why obsess over your past sins? We have a God who "makes all things new," and in that we find hope.

Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore" (John 8:11). How rich is that little word "go." Again, what is being emphasized is the future not the past, on what lies ahead instead of obsessing with what lies behind.

Do you feel terribly imprisoned by your past? Perhaps you've done something terrible, something awful and shameful and every time you think of it, you cringe. Or maybe someone has harmed you so severely that you just can't let go of the hurt and you continue to seethe with resentment.

Perhaps you feel that you've done something so wrong that not even God can forgive you. You don't even bother going to confession because you're just too ashamed or so convinced that God wouldn't forgive you. What I want you to know right here and right now is that there is a way out, a way forward, a path opening up in the desert. The Sacrament of Reconciliation.

You might be *miseria* (in misery) but standing right in front of you is *Misericordia* (mercy). So, go.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
PLEASE JOIN US ON THIS
FINAL WEEKEND



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!**

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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ON LYING...OUCH!

A priest told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17." The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, Father asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. Father smiled and said, Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying.

POPE FRANCIS MARKS THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF ELECTION WITH TALK ON MERCY

by Cindy Wooden Catholic News Service

Jn 8:1-11 from Sunday 13th (Partial remarks.)

"How good it would be for us, too, to be aware that we are sinners," Pope Francis said. "How good it would be if we had the courage to let fall to the ground the stones we have for throwing at others and rather to think about our own sins." In his talk March 13, the pope focused on God's forgiveness and mercy. "God does not nail us to our sins; he does not identify us with the evil we have committed," the pope told the crowd. "God wants to free us," He wants people to use their freedom to do good and not evil. "This is possible -- it's possible -- with his grace."

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

PALM SUNDAY HUMOR

One Palm Sunday, little Johnny was sick and stayed home from church. When his brothers and sisters came home carrying palm branches, Johnny asked where the palms came from. His father replied, "When Jesus walked by, people held palm branches over his head." "Just my luck!" Johnny said. "The one time I don't go to church, Jesus shows up."

THANK YOU!



A Viscount Piano and bench have been donated by Mary and Gary Schwartz. It has been placed in the parish hall to be used by our musicians. Please do not allow your children to "play" on it. Thank you Mary and Gary for this generous donation.

The nicest place to be is in someone's THOUGHTS!
The safest place to be is in someone's PRAYERS!
And the best place to be is in GOD'S HANDS!



RETURNING YOUR CRS RICE BOWLS

Please begin to return your white envelopes for your Alms Collection for the Rice Bowl and your rice bowls. 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 steward-ship helping those in need especially for families with children.

"Every Little Bit Helps."

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

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>

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

JUST A REMINDER

5 things you should always remember

- 5.) God has a plan for your life.
- 4.) God is always there for you.
- 3.) God will help you through anything.
- 2.) God made you special.
- 1.) God always loves you!



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: 3:00 pm
Divine Mercy Novena 3:45pm
The Passion of the Lord
March 25: 7 pm

Holy Saturday

Divine Mercy Novena 3:00pm
Easter Vigil
March 26: 7:00 pm
*No Reconciliation on Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday

March 27: 8:30 am Wilkeson
10:30am Buckley
Divine Mercy Novena 3:00pm



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA MARCH 25—APRIL 2

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena is recited at the Hour of Great Mercy — the three o'clock hour. The Novena will begin on Good Friday after the Stations of the Cross and Veneration. It will continue for the next 8 days at 3:00pm at St. Aloysius. Come and experience this Novena during the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

CARING FOR SOMEONE WITH MEMORY LOSS?

Alzheimer's Association caregiver support groups provide a consistent and caring place for people to learn, share and gain emotional support from others who are also on a unique journey of providing care to a person with memory loss. Two separate free information and support groups for unpaid care partners, family members and friends are held the 1st and 3rd Thursday s of each month from 1:00-2:30 pm at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Cedar Room - 1455 Battersby Ave., Enumclaw, WA 98022. For more information, contact Kathy Cregan 253-203-4179.