

March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday

Reading 1: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Psalm: 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Reading 2: Col 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9



FROM THE DESK OF FR. LUDVIK

Welcome to Saint Aloysius and Our Lady of Lourdes on this most Holy Day!

Our small staff and parishioners hope your visit to our parish this weekend will be a significant help to your spiritual journey. We encourage you to consider our communities a home, to be your parish if you live in the area. 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

Easter Joy! from Father Ludvik and Staff

O Jesus, stretch forth your wounded hands over your people to heal and to restore, and to draw us to yourself and to one another in love. Amen

May the Glory of our Risen Savior bring to you and yours Peace, Happiness and Spiritual Contentment. Happy Easter!



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 |
| Otto Fresonke | Billy Rumpza |
| Bill Gray | Deona Rumpza |
| Leon Gray | Tom Saunders |
| Ricky Gray | Tosha Slanning |
| Kyle Guillot | Eileen Smith |
| James Howell | Tom Steffen |
| Patty Kauzlarich | Jan & Van Thomsen |
| Mercedes Eckelkamp and baby Journee | |

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.**

EASTER SUNDAY



The Gospel story today is, in a nutshell, the story of our very own lives. It is a story of restored hope. Like those disciples, we must always, when in despair, see and believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. We look to the empty tomb to find that hope was lost, however it was found. It is for this that we raise heart and voice in endless "Alleluia!"

The Resurrection of our Lord is the central mystery of Christian faith. It is also the central hope of daily human existence. With the Resurrection we can be certain that suffering and death is not the final word on the human condition. This is the deepest source of Christian hope. And it is the wellspring of true Christian joy. On Easter Sunday God's Word bursts forth in a joyful hymn of praise as the Church resounds with Alleluias. Our Lenten observance now finds its fullest meaning. As the message of Easter resounds in our minds and hearts, the truth of Jesus' Resurrection finds echo in our lives. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Alleluia! He lives now to lead us to the fullness of hope and joy in God. Alleluia! Alleluia! How has your reflection on God's Word during Lent prepared you to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection?

EASTER TIME

It is the most important of all liturgical times. Easter is the celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14)

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (5)

Memento of the Dead

At every Mass the Church prays for the living and the dead. Just because a person has died does not mean he is no longer part of the Church. And the Church always remembers the souls of the faithful departed. The body dies, but the soul lives forever. At the end of the world, the souls will be reunited with their bodies. So why do we pray for the 'faithful departed'? Because if they are still in purgatory, they need our prayers. They cannot pray for themselves, but we can pray for them and we can apply the grace and fruits of the Mass to their souls for their purification.

It is very helpful to pray for the dead by name. "Who should we pray for? Family and friends who have died, and then especially for all those who have died anywhere or at any time who have no one to pray for them. We pray that they all share in the Easter Resurrection!!!!!!!"

TO BE CANONIZED THIS YEAR

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the nun who dedicated her life to helping the poor, will be made a saint of the Roman Catholic Church at a ceremony on Sept. 4, Pope Francis said Tuesday, March 15th.' In addition to Mother Teresa's canonization on September 4, Pope Francis announced four other holy men and women he will canonize this year:

- Bl. Stanislaus of Jesus Mary - June 5
 - Bl. Mary Elizabeth Hesselblad - June 5
 - Bl. Jose Sanchez del Rio - October 16
 - Bl. Jose Gabriel del Rosario Brochero - Oct 16
- All you holy men and women, pray for us!
The Communion of Saints embraces the world:
India, Poland, Sweden, Argentina & Mexico

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

April 2&3rd - St. A's Altar Society Bake Sale after Mass

April 10th - Knights of Columbus Breakfast 10am

April 24th - Spring Clean fund raising Breakfast 10am

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

May 22nd - Welcome to the Parish Lunch - NOON

Monday - Mar 28

Divine Mercy Novena 3:00pm
 Rosary 3:30pm
 RE preK – 6th 4:30pm
 Ignite Your Torch Fund raising meeting 5:30pm
 Youth Faith formation 7-12th 6:30pm

Tuesday - Mar 29

NO MASS
 Divine Mercy Novena 3:00pm

Wednesday - Mar 30

NO MASS
 Divine Mercy Novena 3:00pm

Thursday - Mar 31

Mass 8:30am
 Stewardship committee 9:30am
 Divine Mercy Novena 3:00pm
 Finance committee 7:00pm

Friday - Apr-1

Mass - First Friday 8:30am
 Adoration 9a-7:55p
 Divine Mercy Novena 3:00pm

Saturday - Apr-2

Divine Mercy Novena 3:00pm
 Confession 3:30pm
 Mass 5:00pm

St. A's Altar Society Bake Sale after Mass

Sunday - Apr-3 - Feast of Divine Mercy

Mass at OLOL 8:30am
 Mass for parishioners/intentions 10:30am
 OLOL Altar Society BUNCO 1:00pm
 St. A's Altar Society Bake Sale after Mass

CRS RICE BOWL

Justice Works Opportunities
HUNGERING FOR CELEBRATION



We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends in our own hearts, where Jesus reigns forever. Let us rejoice in our risen Lord—and in the lives we've changed this Lent in Colombia, Laos, Rwanda, Honduras, Madagascar and all over the world! If you haven't yet, don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice bowls donations as soon as possible! Checks should be made out to your parish with CRS Rice Bowl in memo. Please place in the regular collection or the Rice Bowl box on the Altar. Every donation helps!

POPE FRANCIS TWEETS

"My life, my attitude, the way of going through life, must really be a concrete sign of the fact that God is with us."

SOUL WINNING EFFORTS

A very zealous soul-winning young preacher recently came upon a farmer working in his field. Being concerned about the farmer's soul, the preacher asked the man, "Are you laboring in the vineyard of the Lord, my good man?" Not even looking at the preacher and continuing his work, the farmer replied, "Naw, these are soybeans." "You don't understand," said the preacher. "Are you a Christian?" With the same amount of interest as his previous answer, the farmer said, "Nope my name is Jones. You must be lookin' for Jim Christian. He lives a mile south of here."

The young, determined preacher tried again, asking the farmer, "Are you lost?" "Naw! I've lived here all my life," answered the farmer. "Are you prepared for the resurrection?" the frustrated preacher asked. This caught the farmer's attention and he asked, "When's it gonna be?" Thinking he had accomplished something, the young preacher replied, "It could be today, tomorrow or the next day." Taking a handkerchief from his back pocket and wiping his brow, the farmer remarked, "Well, don't mention it to my wife. She don't get out much, and she'll wanna go all three days.".... Easter Triduum

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA



The Divine Mercy Novena: Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent. The Solemn Novena leading to Divine Mercy Sunday continues at St. Aloysius, 3:00pm each day thru April 2nd.

BUNCO! SUNDAY APRIL 3 - 1:00PM

Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society would like to invite all parishioners to an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Entry fee is \$5.00. Bunco's win prizes and most Bunco's at the end win cash.



"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion."

— St. Maximilian Kolbe

YOUTH GROUP - IGNITE YOUR TORCH 2016

Fund raising meeting Monday March 28th 5:30-6:30pm
 All parents of the youth group children are requested to attend this meeting before Youth Group on Monday. Ignite your Torch 2016 will be the weekend of August 4-7th. We need to start planning to raise funds for the early discount deadline of May 31st. Thank you for coming, Rita and James Dedy

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 03-20-16

St. Aloysius	Actual	Budgeted	Variance
Weekly Revenue	\$2,668.50	\$2,770.00	—\$101.50
Fiscal YTD	\$117,373.84	\$105,260.00	\$12,113.84
Our Lady of Lourdes			
Weekly Revenue	\$1,173.00	\$790.00	\$383.00
Fiscal YTD	\$30,557.50	\$30,020.00	\$537.50