

**May 8, 2016**

Seventh Sunday of Easter—Ascension of the Lord

**Reading 1:** Acts 7:55-60

**Psalm:** 97:1-2, 6-7, 9

**Reading 2:** Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

**Gospel:** John 14:23-29



**FROM THE DESK OF FR. LUDVIK**

**Welcome to Saint Aloysius and Our Lady of Lourdes!**

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

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

From the Staff at St. Aloysius and Our Lady of Lourdes!!!!

*"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother."*

—St. Therese of Lisieux

**REFLECTION**

Today's reading contains the somber warning that Jesus is coming soon and will bring each person the reward that his or her conduct deserves. Has my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me been such that I could respond joyfully, Amen!

**POETRY TO CELEBRATE ASCENSION**



**ASCENSION from the Hymn**

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,

"I am with you evermore"?  
—William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Second verse of Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (#460-461, 1982 Hymnal)

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I soar and rise  
Up to the skies,  
Leaving the world their day,  
And in my flight,  
For the true light  
Go seeking all the way.

—Henry Vaughan from Ascension Day

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

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



**Thomas Harris**

Prayer request must be made through Cindy Guillot 253-862-9100.

**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY**

**Universal: Respect for Women**

That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.

**Evangelization: Holy Rosary**

That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace.



**2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

The 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal campaign is underway and we are seeking everyone's participation this year so that we reach our goal of \$20,599.00 for St. Aloysius and \$6,564.00 for Our Lady of Lourdes as quickly as possible! **We have not heard from everyone in the parish**—if you have not yet given to the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign and you gave last year, please consider increasing your gift by 5% this year. If you did not give last year, would you **consider a gift of a dollar a day (\$365)?** Gifts of any amount are welcome, and your gift will make a big impact on many lives! (Spread payments out until April 2017) Help us achieve the largest Annual Catholic Appeal in the history of our parish! Your gift will also help us fund our parish project once we surpass our goal and start collecting our rebate! It's not just about the money we raise for more than 60 ministries and services, but more importantly, it's about all of us participating to help support the mission of the Church in Western Washington. **Thank you! to all those who have already responded to the Annual Appeal.** Your gift will help to build the lives of friends and neighbors in communities just like ours and throughout the region. Can your gift be doubled? Once your gift is fulfilled, ask your employer if they have a matching gift program. Your gift could possibly be doubled! (tax ID# 91-0778147)  
Donate today - [www.seattlearchdiocese.org](http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org)

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Monday - May 9

Rosary 3:00pm  
 RE preK – 6th 4:30pm  
 Youth Faith formation 6:30pm  
 Adult Faith Formation—The Sacraments 7:00pm

## Tuesday - May 10

Mass 8:30am  
 Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society 7:00pm  
 Knights of Columbus 7:00pm

## Wednesday - May 11

Mass 8:30am

## Thursday - May 12

Mass 8:30am  
 AA meeting 7:00pm

## Friday - May 13

Mass 8:30am

## Saturday - May 14—Pentecost Vigil

Confession 3:30pm  
 Mass 5:00pm

## Sunday - May 15—Pentecost

Mass at OLOL 8:30am  
 Mass for parishioners/intentions 10:30am  
 Knights of Columbus Breakfast 10a-12p

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**May 15th** - Knights of Columbus Breakfast - 10:00am  
**May 18th** - Parish Potluck Lunch - Noon  
**May 18th** - St. A & OLOL Altar Society Fellowship Dinner 6p  
**May 21st** - **First Holy communion - 10:00am NEW TIME**  
**May 22nd** - Celebrate Father's 45th Anniversary and Welcome our New Parishioners Lunch - NOON  
**June 26th** - St. Aloysius Feast day Parish Picnic and Raffle



## FELLOWSHIP PIZZA PARTY – update

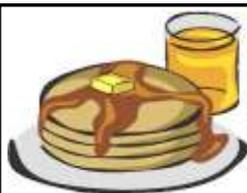
The St. Aloysius and Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Societies would like to WELCOME all women to join them for a Pizza Party on Wednesday, May 18th at 6:00pm. An evening for the women of both Churches to get together for fellowship and fun!

## LIVING STEWARDSHIP

We are grateful this week for all stewards whose giving - whether of alms or of service - becomes an expression of both spiritual and corporal works of mercy, making them missionaries of mercy to a world in such need of it!

## THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE

Quarterly food drive starts May 15th through May 22nd. Please bring non-perishable items to the hall or place in the baskets at the entrance to Church. Some suggested items are: pasta, sauces, rice, canned fish, meats, vegetables and fruits. Staple foods: flour, salt, sugar, pepper, etc..



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST Rescheduled...

Breakfast on Mother's day has been CANCELED. It is now changed to May 15th after masses 10:00am – Noon.

Come and enjoy a hearty breakfast. Donations are appreciated to fund future Knights of Columbus projects.

*"The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice and I know them." The voice of Jesus is unmistakable! He guides us along the path of life. — Pope Francis*

## VIVA! A WEEKEND RETREAT

For Single Catholic Women (ages 20-40) Exploring a Call to become a Sister

Saturday, May 14 Arrive at 9:30 AM - Sunday, May 15, ending at 3:00 PM or earlier. St. Placid Priory & Spirituality Center Lacey, WA. Registration Fee of \$10; covers all meals and overnight accommodations. Contact Sr. Lucy at 360-438-2595; 360-438-1771 or e-mail: lucywynkoop@gmail.com

## FAITH FORMATION

What exactly is a sacramental? It is a sacred sign that possesses a likeness to the sacraments and whose effects are obtained by the prayer of the Church. Sacramentals can be objects, such as holy water, medals, rosaries, or ashes; or they can be actions (for example, a pilgrimage); or they can be words (such as a blessing). In countless ways, these sacred visual images and words provide us opportunities to cooperate with the working of God's grace.

## HUMOR

Do Las Vegas churches accept gambling chips? This may come as a surprise to those of you not living in Las Vegas, but there are more catholic churches than casinos. Not surprisingly, some worshipers at Sunday services will give casino chips rather than cash when the basket is passed. Since they get chips from many different casinos, the churches have devised a method to collect the offerings. The churches send all their collected chips to a nearby Franciscan monastery for sorting and then the chips are taken to the casinos of origin and cashed in. This is done by the chip monks. You didn't even see it coming did you? It's so easy to fool ole folks!!! And younger ones too!

## DAILY INSPIRATION

*I know this for certain: God is at work in your life. Look for him in people, events, and circumstances and you will find him beckoning you.*  
 – Matthew Kelly

## FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 05-01-16

<u>St. Aloysius</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Weekly Revenue	\$3,107.25	\$2,770.00	\$337.25
Fiscal YTD	\$139,732.09	\$121,880.00	\$17,852.09
<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u>			
Weekly Revenue	\$1,074.00	\$790.00	\$284.00
Fiscal YTD	\$35,692.50	\$34,760.00	\$932.00

## OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Every day of the year, the Church celebrates our Blessed Mother, but we focus on her in a special way during the month of May. And there is much to celebrate! Mary is honored with many titles and devotions. But one of the most powerful of her titles is Mother. She is the Mother of God, giving Jesus his human life through her total surrender to his invitation. She is the Mother of the Church, watching over the Body of Christ on earth. She is our Blessed Mother, praying for us, keeping us close to her Son. We are protected and loved by Mary, our mother, throughout our lives. We ask her to "pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death." What greater comfort could there be than knowing that she is always praying for us?

## POPE FRANCIS CHALLENGE

Are we capable of bringing the word of God into the environment in which we live? Do we know how to speak of Christ, of what he represents for us, in our families, among the people who form part of our daily lives? Faith is born from listening, and is strengthened by proclamation.

—Pope Francis

## VENERATION OF RELICS OF POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II AND ST. FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Monday, May 16 St Joseph Issaquah

Schedule of Events:

6 pm Talk on Divine mercy

7 pm Vespers

8 pm Rosary

9 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Come anytime between 6 to 9 pm to venerate the relics, stay for a few minutes or the whole time.



## NIGHT OF MERCY THURSDAY, JUNE 2nd



Saint Luke Productions presents Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy. This one woman drama is based on the life and message of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), a Polish visionary whose personal encounters with Jesus have inspired a devotion to Christ's Divine Mercy. **In addition, our evening will include veneration of the relics of St. Faustina and St. Pope John Paul II.** Don't miss this wonderful evening at St Stephens!

Suggested minimum donation: \$10.

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"Love lies at the very core of God's nature. In fact, when John summed up the substance of God, he did so in a very simple statement: 'God is love.'...When that love touches you, you will discover there is nothing more powerful in the entire universe. It is more powerful than your failures, your sins, your disappointments, your dreams, and even your fears...That's why it is so critical to understand Jesus' death on the cross as an act of love for you...Seeing what Father and Son accomplished together in that climactic moment defines love...John said it best. 'We love because he first loved us' (1 John 4: 19)."

- various from Wayne Jacobsen



## WHAT MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME

1. My mother taught me RELIGION.  
"You'd better pray that will come out of the carpet."
2. My mother taught me TIME TRAVEL.  
"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
3. My mother taught me FORESIGHT.  
"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
4. My mother taught me IRONY.  
"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
5. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.  
"Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
6. My mother taught me about WEATHER.  
"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
7. My mother taught me about ENVY.  
"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
8. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.  
"Just wait until we get home."
9. My mother taught me about RECEIVING.  
"You are going to get it when you get home!"
10. My mother taught me HUMOR.  
"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
11. My mother taught me WISDOM.  
"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."
12. My mother taught me about JUSTICE.  
"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you".

**WE LOVE YOU MOM! AND GOD BLESS YOU!**