

May 17, 2015

The Ascension of the Lord—Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26
1 John 4:11-16

Psalm: 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20
Gospel: John 17:11b-19



FROM THE DESK OF FR. LUDVIK

Welcome to Saint Aloysius and Our Lady of Lourdes

If you are new to our church or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not home to you, we invite you to become a part of our parish family. Our church is open to anyone looking for a spiritual home. Fr. John Ludvik

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Ikos ASCENSION IN THE EASTERN CHURCHES

Amid the confusion of the Church before Pentecost there is the Mother of God, prayerfully and peacefully entreating God, and hoping upon His promised return. Gazing out, she exhorts us, whilst still amid the confusion and disorder of the world, to do the same: spiritually gazing to the heavens in prayer, awaiting the return of Our Lord. *Abandoning on earth the things of earth, leaving to the dust the things of ash, now, let us come to our senses and raise on high our eyes and minds. Mortals, let us make our sight together with our senses fly to heaven's gates. Let us imagine we are standing on the Mount of Olives and that we bend our gaze on the Redeemer, as he rides up on a cloud. For, from where the Lord has hastened back to heaven, there too the One who loves to give has distributed his gifts to his Apostles. Cherishing them as a father and confirming them, guiding them as sons and saying to them, 'I am not parting from you. I am with you, and there is no one against you.* (Hymn by St Romanos the Melodist for the Ascension Feast)



ASCENSION IN BRIEF

Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11); this humanity in the meantime hides him from the eyes of men (cf. Col 3:3). Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him forever. Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.



Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2

THE SOUL DOESN'T RESPOND TO AGENDAS

When you're feeling overwhelmed by a to-do list, consider these thoughts from Emily Freeman. There is without question a lot to do. But there is also an invisible world that lives inside our bodies, the inner world of the soul. And this world won't show up in your newsfeed, it won't get a headline on the evening news, and it won't push a notification to your phone. This inner world needs our attention, but it doesn't respond to programs, agendas, or hustle. The soul responds to space, silence, and Jesus. In other words, sometimes we need to disconnect and do a simple practice to be able to listen to God in a new way. We may recognize this in times of formal discernment or retreat, but what about on a daily basis?

Calendar for the Week

Monday - May 18

Rosary 3:00pm
RE—Last Day! 4:30pm
Adult Faith Formation: The Creed 7:00pm

Tuesday - May 19

Mass +Gus Soler by M. Soler 8:00am
Legion of Mary 10:45am
Youth Group 6:30pm

Wednesday - May 20

Mass 8:00am

Thursday - May 21

Mass—Ben Ernst by Patty Rumpza 8:00am

Friday - May 22

Mass 8:00am

Saturday - May 23

Confession 3:30-4:30pm
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday - May 24

Pentecost Sunday

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

Pillars of the Church: The Creed

Continuing Education Adult Faith formation opportunity. We will dig deeper into the teachings behind the Creed. Join us Monday evenings 7-8:30p in St. Aloysius hall or at St Andrew in Sumner Thursday after the 9am Mass (10-11:30) and bring your Catechism, if you have one. It is okay to come and be a part of the discussion at any class. All are welcome, come strengthen and deepen your faith. For more information, call Evan Twombly at 253-863-6755.

DEACON FORMATION

The Permanent Deacon Formation Program is taking applications for the next class beginning on August 10th. There will be informational meetings for potential candidates and their spouses. Some Qualities: Serving the Church now, especially concern for the vulnerable and poor. Solid moral character. Man of virtue. Humility, Good listening skills. Empathy, Mastery of English language. Bilingual skills are desirable. Good physical health. At least 31 years old but not more than 56. College Degree or substantial education. Stable family situation and valid marriage and have wife's support. Ability to commit to a weekend away from home once a month for four years beginning August 2016. And recommendation from one' pastor. Contact Fr. Ludvik if you believe the Lord is calling you and you can meet qualifications.

Lumberjacks

Q: What's the lumberjack's favorite book of the Bible?
A: The Axe of the Apostles.

STEWARDSHIP

by Bishop Robert Morneau

What is this way of life, this putting God first in all things, this proportionate giving of everything unto the Lord, this refusal to take more than we need? Yesterday I met a flock of them, these stewards, gathered to thank God for his providential love and tell again and again the joy, the peace of giving. It wasn't the words that touched me, rather the quiet assurance that things were ordered, time, talent, treasure aligned with Transcendence, all coming from Love, lived in Love, directed toward Love. What touched me was the rightness of this way of life, this joyful giving, this sacrificial attitude, this sublime joy.

Your Gift To The Annual Catholic Appeal Is Still Needed!

Thank you to all who have responded to the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal. Once we have achieved our goal, any monies received that exceed our goal will be returned to the parish. Gifts of any amount are welcome; your gift will make everything possible. It is not too late to return your pledge envelope if you haven't already done so! Please fill out a pledge envelope today or go online to donate: www.seattlearchdiocese.org/donate

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National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea, May 22

The day is observed in conjunction with National Maritime Day in the United States, which has been celebrated since 1933, to recognize merchant mariners and others in the maritime industry. "Pope Francis has called on those who work for the wellbeing of seafarers and families to 'be the voice' of those workers who live far from their loved ones and face dangerous and difficult situations." Ninety percent of the world's goods are transported by sea and the waterways. Approximately 1.2 million seafarers work worldwide in 10,000 commercial ships and maritime vessels. The Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) is a worldwide Catholic maritime ministry for the spiritual and practical assistance to seafarers, fishermen, their families and all those who work and travel by sea and the waterways. The National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea was designated in 2005, to encourage the faithful in the country to support, remember and pray for merchant mariners, fishermen, port personnel and those in the maritime industry.

IGNITE YOUR TORCH

Ignite Your Torch Northwest

July 30 - August 2, 2015

Saint Martin's University - Lacey, WA



IGNITE YOUR TORCH is a high school Catholic youth conference that brings in vibrant religious and priests to evangelize and build up the culture of life through personal interaction, teaching, discussion, recreation, worship and just plain fun!

Save The Date—We will have a dinner June 13th to raise money for our Youth to attend this retreat! Our youth are also raffling off an awesome bike, of which the winner will be announced at the dinner. Raffle tickets will be on sale after mass for \$1 or 6 for \$5. Thank you for your support.

Registration is open to high school youth going into the 9th grade through graduating the 12th grade this year. Please contact Rita Deady at 360-802-0336, by May 17th if you are interested in joining a group from our parishes.

Visit www.ignitenw.org for more info.

ARCHBISHOP ROMERO—To be Beatified

Who would have predicted it? Who would have imagined on Feb. 3, 1977, the day of his appointment as archbishop of San Salvador, that the highly conservative Oscar Romero -- who was suspicious of the Catholic church's involvement in political activism -- would die a martyr's death for courageously defending his people against the murderous assaults of the Salvadoran government and military and their allied right-wing death squads? Romero's appointment was welcomed by the government, but many priests were not happy. They suspected their new archbishop would insist they cut all ties to liberation theology's defense of the poor. One of the priests who worked with Romero, Fr. Inocencio Alas, recalled key moments leading to the archbishop's dramatic conversion. According to Alas, the archbishop began to realize that the poor laborers waiting for work at the coffee plantations were sleeping on the sidewalks. A Bishop of great vision and spirituality. His beatification is on May 23rd.

ENVELOPE USERS

A quick reminder, this month there is an envelope for the Cemetery maintenance collection, thank you for your donations. This account is separate from the Parish, to help with our accounting please write a separate check with Cemetery in the Memo. If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to, please contact the office.

LOVE THEME HUMOR

After all these years of love: An old couple was sitting by the fireside. He looked over at her, had a romantic thought, and said, "After fifty years, I've found you tried and true." The wife's hearing wasn't very good, so she said, "What?" He repeated, "After fifty years, I've found you tried and true." "After fifty years, I'm tired of you too," she replied.

Financial Reports - May 10, 2015

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
St. Aloysius			
Weekly Revenue	\$ 3,243.00	\$ 2,475.00	\$ 768.00
Fiscal Year to Date Revenue	\$ 128,308.93	\$ 111,375.00	\$ 16,933.93
Our Lady of Lourdes			
Weekly Revenue	\$ 535.00	\$ 741.00	(\$ 206.00)
Fiscal Year to Date Revenue	\$ 38,066.30	\$ 33,345.00	\$ 4,721.30