

**September 4, 2016**

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Reading 1: Wisdom 9:13-18b**

**Psalm: 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17**

**Reading 2: Philemon 9-10, 12-17**

**Gospel: Luke 14:25-33**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

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



**Mary Andrews, Barbara Anderson**

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



**FROM THE DESK OF FR. LUDVIK**

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

We welcome you into our parish community this weekend. We sincerely hope you feel at home and among friends! If you are a visitor just for today, God's blessings to you on your continued journey and thank you for coming to our church. If you are seeking a new church home, we welcome you into our parish family.

Thank you, Fr. John J. Ludvik, Pastor

**COMMITMENT TO DISCIPLESHIP**

The Church's liturgy this Sunday remind us that, if we are to be true followers of Jesus, we must be willing to accept the responsibility that comes with discipleship, and part of that responsibility is a commitment to peace and justice, a dedication to building God's kingdom here and now. And so, we pray, we fast, and we give to the poor. Any one of those acts is good and noble. But the question before each one of us is, "Where is my heart? To whom, or to what, does it belong?" If we continue to hold back, any words we speak or pray, the acts of penance we perform, and the gifts we share will always fall short and will never be what they might be, unless we act out of love for God and a spirit of gratitude for all that God has done for us.

Our modern saints had moments in which they made a decision that marked a moment of conversion: the newly canonized Saint Teresa of Kolkata asking permission from her religious superiors to begin working with the poor on her own. She demonstrated a willingness to make the Gospel the primary focus. Knowing the cost of discipleship, she willingly took on the burden of faith and set out on a new way, taking the words of Christ at face value: "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple" (Lk 14:26-27).

In these tense days, as people around the world struggle to make sense of the terror and violence that have become such a part of daily life, we are reminded that "there is no such thing as low-cost Christianity. Following Jesus means swimming against the tide, renouncing evil and selfishness" (Pope Francis via Twitter, September 5, 2013). We are being invited to trust in providence and to focus our attention on the common good and search for peace, asking for the grace of wisdom and discretion: "Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what

the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans ... who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight" (Wis 9:13, 17-18b).



—Br. Silas S. Henderson, SDS

**YEAR OF MERCY  
WEEKLY REFLECTION**



"In today's Gospel Jesus insists on the conditions for being his disciples: preferring nothing to the love of Christ, carrying one's cross and following him. Many people in fact drew near to Jesus, they wanted to be included among his followers;

and this would happen especially after some miraculous sign which accredited him as the Messiah, the King of Israel. However Jesus did not want to disappoint anyone. He knew well what awaited him in Jerusalem and which path the Father was asking him to take: it was the Way of the Cross, the way of sacrificing himself for the forgiveness of our sins. Following Jesus does not mean taking part in a triumphal procession! It means sharing his merciful love, entering his great work of mercy for each and every man and for all men. The work of Jesus is, precisely, a work of mercy, a work of forgiveness and of love! Jesus is so full of mercy! And this universal pardon, this mercy, passes through the Cross. Jesus, however, does not want to do this work alone: he wants to involve us too in the mission that the Father entrusted to him."

— Pope Francis

**WORDS OF WISDOM**

Thus says the Lord: Do not let the wise boast in their wisdom, do not let the mighty boast in their might, do not let the wealthy boast in their wealth; but let those who boast, boast in this, that they understand and know me, that I am the Lord; I act with steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the Lord.

—Jeremiah 9:23-24



# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Monday – Sept 5

Rosary 3:00pm  
Adult Faith Formation Study of the Catechism 7:00pm

## Tuesday - Sept 6

Mass +Walter and Mae Peterson by BettyAnne Peterson 8:30am  
St. A. Altar Society 1:00pm  
Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00pm

## Wednesday - Sept 7

Mass + Araceli Aragon by Vera Wedde 8:30am

## Thursday - Sept 8

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Mass —Parishioner special intention 8:30am  
AA meeting in parish hall 7:00pm

## Friday - Sept 9 – St. Peter Claver, Priest

Mass +Ellen Caviezel Linder by Betty Ross 8:30am

## Saturday – Sept 10

Confession 3:30pm  
Mass 5:00pm

## Sunday - Sept 11

Mass at OLOL 8:30am  
Mass for parishioners/intentions 10:30am  
Harvest Breakfast fundraiser 10a-12p  
OLOL Bunco 1:00pm



## BUNCO! SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11th - 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! Enjoy a wonderful Harvest breakfast, then stay for BUNCO!

## FAIR TIME!! All Saints School Parking Fundraiser

The Washington State Fair in Puyallup began on Friday September 2nd and runs through September 25th (the Fair is closed on Tuesdays this year). Help support Catholic education in East Pierce County by parking at one of the All Saints Catholic School's fair parking lots. Their main entrance is located on 7th Ave SW between 2nd & 3rd St SW. Their paved parking lots are located on 3rd St SW between 5th and 6th Ave SW in downtown Puyallup. They are just a short distance from the main gate of the fairgrounds. All proceeds from the fair parking fundraiser goes directly to our school's operating budget. For your convenience, you can pay your parking fee with a major credit card. Look for the friendly volunteers in red aprons to direct you to the lots. For more info Call Diana or Mona at 253-845-5025.



## IMPORTANT DATES

**SEPT 11th** Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society BUNCO!  
**SEPT 11th** Harvest Breakfast Fundraiser –see flyer insert  
**SEPT 21st** Monthly Parish Potluck in the hall - 1:00pm  
**OCT 1st** Knights of Columbus spaghetti dinner 5:45pm



## BLUE MASS HONORING PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL

On Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> the Knights of Columbus Council #9637 will offer a Mass to honor the work of all public safety personnel. Local police, fire, State Patrol and Sheriff deputies will be invited to our 10:30am Mass. So we at St. Aloysius can show our appreciation for the work they do to protect our community. If you are or know of any public safety personnel, active or retired, please invite them, in uniform if possible, so we can say thank you. If you have questions please call Joe Schamer Grand Knight 253 2981720.

## LABOR DAY

Our Parish office will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day. Many celebrations are going on as many look at this day as the last 'fling' for the summer. Please use caution when traveling. Have a safe and happy holiday weekend!

## REGISTER NOW FOR K TO 6TH GRADE RELIGIOUS ED FALL 2016 CLASSES!

We are taking registration forms for Kindergarten to 6th grade Religious Education fall 2016 classes. You can pick up your form in the entrance to church or the office. For more information contact Shelby Salinas (253) 888-2770.

Classes will start Monday, September 26th 4:30p-5:30p. The fees are \$30.00 per child, \$45.00 for two children or \$60.00 for three or more children. Please make checks payable to St. Aloysius.

**Note:** Children 7 years old or in the second grade are eligible for First Holy Communion, however in order to fully understand the Sacrament they should start faith formation in K- 1st grade.

**Important:** In order to begin class, candidates for First Communion must provide a Baptismal Certificate.

## NEW FISCAL YEAR REPORTS FOR 09-04-16

<u>St. Aloysius</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Weekly Revenue	\$2,721.00	\$2,963.00	-\$242.00
Fiscal YTD	\$27,275.50	\$26,667.00	\$608.00
<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u>			
Weekly Revenue	\$826.00	\$790.00	\$36.00
Fiscal YTD	\$7,008.30	\$7,110.00	-\$107.70



## NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

September 8

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on

December 8 (nine months earlier).

Mary's parents Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child that will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story (like many biblical counterparts) stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in his creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and peace to the world. This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning.

Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large. —AmericanCatholic.org

### HAPPINESS...

*"We will be the happiest people in the world if we belong to God, if we place ourselves at his disposal, if we let him use us as he pleases. To be this happy, we must belong to Jesus fully without reservation. He alone is worthy of our love and our total surrender. Once we really belong to him then he is free to use us, to do with us whatever he pleases."*

— St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

### — SEPTEMBER SALES — PLATEAU OUTREACH MINISTRIES

More Pennies from Heaven  
1806 Cole St, Enumclaw, WA 98022

Sept 6-10 Men's Clothing 50% Off  
Sept 13-17 Summer Clothing & Sandals 75% Off  
Sept 20-24 Women & Juniors' 50% Off  
Sept 27-30 Summer Clothes 75% Off

**PLEASE TAKE A COPY OF THE BULLETIN HOME FOR FUTURE REFERENCE AND READING!**

## YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL HOLY DOORS OF MERCY



On Sunday, October 9th, you are invited to join a pilgrimage to St. James Cathedral. We will walk through the Doors of Mercy at 3:00pm and have a short tour of the Cathedral. Then all are invited to join the Cathedral Parish community for Vespers (Evening Prayer) with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4:00pm. Please contact Patty Rumpza in the office if you are interested 360-829-6515 or email [office@saint-aloysius-catholic-church.org](mailto:office@saint-aloysius-catholic-church.org). A carpool will be planned for those who want to share a ride. A wonderful way to end the Year of Mercy.

### THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Dan Rather once asked Mother Teresa, "What do you say to God when you pray?" Mother Teresa answered quietly, "I listen." Taken aback, Rather tried again, "Well, then, what does God say?" Mother Teresa smiled, "He listens."

### PASS ON YOUR FAITH - VOLUNTEER

Being a Catechist is a wonderful opportunity that each person plays, by virtue of his or her Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. It's also an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Please contact Shelby Salinas (253) 888-2770 or the office (360)829-6515 for more information and to volunteer to pass on your faith in the 2016-2017 school year. We are looking for catechists and assistants for each grade.

### CELEBRATING YOUTH

Lord, thank you for the promise of youth. Grant young people the strength and perseverance to achieve their goals in life and become good stewards of the world you've given us. May they grow in wisdom and compassion through your example. We ask this in your name.  
Amen.

### SERIOUSLY—

"It is the duty of every man to uphold the dignity of every woman."

— Pope St. John Paul II

### HUMOROUSLY

My boss was complaining in our staff meeting the other day that he wasn't getting any respect. Later that morning he went to a local sign shop and bought a small sign that read, "I'm the Boss". He then taped it to his office door. Later that day when he returned from lunch, he found that someone had taped a note to the sign that said, "Your wife called, she wants her sign back!"



## MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA

August 26, 1910 to September 5, 1997

### SAINT MOTHER TERESA

Canonization to Sainthood September 4th

On May 24, 1937, Sister Mary Teresa made her final profession of vows. From that time on, she was called Mother Teresa. She was named principal of St. Mary's School in 1944. On September 10, 1946 during a train ride from Calcutta to Darjeeling, Mother Teresa, received her inspiration to help the poor: Jesus revealed to her "Come, be my light." He asked Mother Teresa to establish a religious order; the Missionaries of Charity, dedicated to the service of the poorest of the poor. Between 1948 and 1997, Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity grew to nearly 4000 members and were established in 123 countries. They are very active to this day around the world. Mother Teresa died on September 5, 1997. "Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely and the unwanted." – Mother Teresa

**FEAST DAY:** September 5

**PATRON:** Known informally as the "Saint of the Slums"

**BIRTH NAME:** Anjez, Gonxhe Bojaxhiu

**HOME TOWN:** Skopje, Macedonia

**RELIGIOUS ORDER:** The Missionaries of Charity

### LIFE-CHANGING MOMENT

Before founding the Missionaries of Charity, Mother Teresa was a sister of Loreto for nearly 20 years, serving as a teacher in Calcutta. On a long train ride from Calcutta to Darjeeling she experienced a powerful moment of prayer in which she received what she described as "a call within a call." Jesus was asking her to give up the life she knew to care for the "poorest of the poor" on the streets of Calcutta. "I was to leave the convent and work with the poor, living among them. It was an order. I knew where I belonged, but I did not know how to get there." Soon after, in 1948, she sought permission to leave her order and struck out on her own to begin this vocation.

### MISSION

Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity to provide wholehearted and free service to the poorest of the poor. She began by offering food, a bath, or even just an embrace to the people she encountered in the slums of Calcutta. She wanted to serve Jesus in his most distressing disguise. But she couldn't do this without a commitment to a radical life of prayer, even through the trials of a life of service and moments of doubt. Prayer helped her

remember that Jesus, who suffered and thirsted on the Cross, was the same Jesus who was suffering in the poor on the streets.

### LEGACY

Today the Missionaries of Charity comprise 4,500 sisters around the world. They provide basic care, like food, shelter and medicine, to vulnerable people around the world, including refugees, chronically and terminally ill children and adults, abandoned children, lepers, people living with or affected by HIV and AIDS, the elderly, and people with mental disabilities.

### IN HER OWN WORDS

If we really want to love others, we must first begin to love one another in our own home. Love begins at home, and so from here, from our own home, love will spread to my neighbor, in the street I live, in the town I live, in the whole world. Nakedness is not only for a piece of cloth. Nakedness is for human dignity, for respect. Homelessness is not only for a home made of bricks. Homelessness is being rejected, unwanted, unloved, uncared for, having forgotten what is human love, what is human touch.

**Source:** *Love: The Words and Inspiration of Mother Teresa*, Blue Mountain Press

### THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY AND CRS

Catholic Relief Services has been a friend of the Missionaries of Charity for nearly 50 years. In the early days, Mother Teresa would call up CRS and say, I need food! and CRS would jump to it. Mother Teresa credited CRS with providing early assistance to the Missionaries of Charity before the order was well known. Today, CRS partners with the Missionaries of Charity around the world. In Ethiopia, where the sisters have 18 homes, CRS supports their ministry by providing food, shelter and social services. CRS works on behalf of Catholics in the United States to relieve the suffering of poor and vulnerable people around the world. Get involved at [crs.org/get-involved](http://crs.org/get-involved).

### PRAYER

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, on the train to Darjeeling you heard what so many human hearts long to hear: The voice of God. Through the seed of his Word, you built a movement the world has rarely seen and so longs for, a movement of mercy, a movement of compassion, a movement of hope shining in the darkest places. And in each of your sister's chapels around the world, there hangs a crucifix: The suffering, dying Christ and the words, I thirst.

These words are a call to action. We gaze upon your example walking off the safe path to risk all in doing the will of the Lord for the poorest of the poor. And we hear the agonizing cry of the one who called upon you: thirst. Have we too not heard the voice of God?

Saint Mother Teresa, you know our hearts, crying for the one who cries for us. And as we respond to this cry in our prayers and in our works, we ask your intercession: Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us. Amen.