

**November 20, 2016**

Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Solemnity of Christ the King

Reading 1: Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm: 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5

Reading 2: Col 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43



### FROM THE DESK OF FR. LUDVIK

#### Welcome to our Parishes!

We extend a special welcome to all our visitors and new parishioners who have come to celebrate Mass with us today! If you are new to our community, please introduce yourself. If you live in this area and attend regularly, we invite you to join St. Aloysius in Buckley or Our Lady of Lourdes in Wilkeson. Registration is necessary for better care of souls, more effective administration of sick calls, and matters pertaining to baptism, education, marriage and burial. Registration forms are at the entrance to the churches or contact the office. Fr. John J. Ludvik, Pastor

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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



**Joann Howell, Bonnie Gerike  
and April Ghents**

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

### POOR SOULS

#### Book of the Names of the Dead

During the month of November, we remember and pray for our family and friends who have died. The Book of the Names of the Dead will be inside the church near the presider's chair. You are invited to write in it the names of your deceased loved ones.

### BE A MONUMENT TO MERCY

By Fr. Joseph, MIC



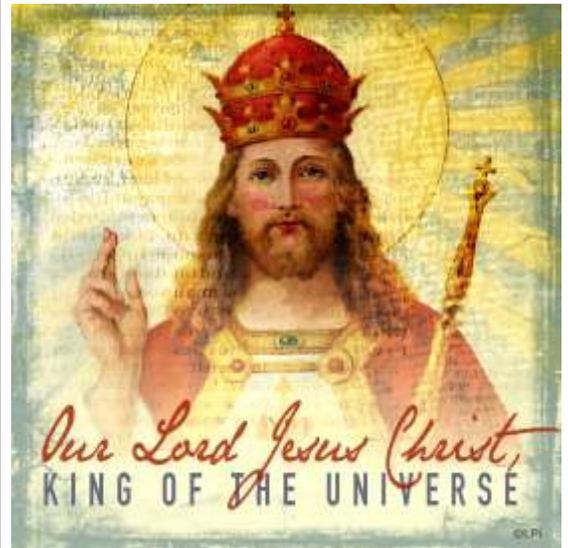
In calling for the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy (which began Dec. 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and ends Nov. 20, the Solemnity of Christ the King), Pope Francis encouraged the faithful to know the face of God's mercy — Jesus Christ Incarnate — and to show that face of mercy to our friends, neighbors, and enemies. To that end, a year ago I prepared a to-do list for the Jubilee Year, one that, if followed, would be of monumental consequence to ourselves and those around us. Let's revisit this to-do list. If you're lagging behind or have yet to cross any items off of it, it's not too late. The Lord will bless your efforts not just in this Jubilee Year.

#### To Do List

- Forgive those who have hurt you or have done you wrong. If possible, consider forgiving debts owed to you and/or paying off the debts you owe to others.
- Go to Confession regularly — monthly or even weekly.
- Read and meditate on the Sacred Scriptures, especially the Gospel of Luke.
- Perform one or more works of mercy every day.
- Go on a pilgrimage.
- Share the Good News of God's mercy through your words and deeds.
- Celebrate the next Divine Mercy Sunday in your parish, receiving Communion in the state of grace in order to receive the "clean slate grace."
- Place the Divine Mercy Image in a prominent place in your home and venerate it daily.
- Offer a novena of chaplets for the intentions Jesus gave St. Faustina in the nine days preceding Divine Mercy Sunday.
- Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily, imploring mercy "on us, and on the whole world."
- Make the Stations of the Cross regularly, especially at 3 p.m., the Hour of Great Mercy.
- Read the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska.
- Fulfill the conditions for plenary indulgences and offer those indulgences for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.
- Resolve to learn more about some saints who are outstanding for receiving mercy or showing God's mercy to those around them.

### POPE QUOTE

"In Mercy, we find proof of how God loves us. He gives his entire self, always, freely, asking nothing in return." —Pope Francis



Jesus loved children, the outcast, the marginal, the widow, and the orphan. He bothered to talk to them and touch them. It is what caused Jesus so much trouble in the end. The culture could not tolerate such love. It is why he went to the cross. It is how he saves, not himself, but us. It is why today we call him "King."

-Mary K. Matestic, MTS



# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Monday – Nov 21

Rosary 3:00pm  
 Religious Education K- 6th 4:30pm  
 Youth 7th – 12th/Confirmation Prep 6:30pm  
 Adult Faith Formation 7:00pm

## Tuesday - Nov 22 – St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

Mass + Deceased Legion of Mary members 8:30am

## Wednesday - Nov 23

Mass 8:30am

## Thursday - Nov 24 – Thanksgiving Day

Mass 8:30am

## Friday - Nov 25

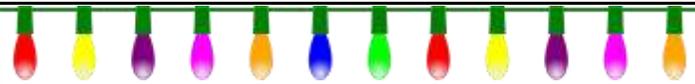
Mass 8:30am

## Saturday – Nov 26

Confession 3:30pm  
 Mass + Deceased Knights of Columbus members 5:00pm  
 KC Light up for Christmas social 6:00pm

## Sunday - Nov 27 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Mass at OLOL 8:30am  
 Mass for parishioners/intentions 10:00am  
 Christmas Giving Tree in the Parish Hall



## LIGHT UP FOR CHRISTMAS

The Knights of Columbus and families will "Light Up for Christ," an event to celebrate the true meaning of the Christmas season. The event will be held after the 5:00pm Mass Saturday November 26th by the Parish Hall. Families are invited to join the Knights of Columbus for caroling, hot chocolate and holiday treats to get into the spirit of the season. The event is free; however donations of canned or non-perishable food items will be accepted for the Christmas food baskets. "Each year the Knights of Columbus takes a leading role in reminding society that Christmas is first and foremost a holy day and that the birth of Christ should be the focus of the season."

## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Once a year the Knights of Columbus sell religiously themed Christmas cards. Support our local council by buying your cards next weekend Nov 26/27th after all masses. Robert Fetch will be in the parish hall with an assortment of cards. Buy early – Send early!

## HUMOR: DEAR ABBY...

I have always wanted to have my family history traced, but I can't afford to spend a lot of money to do it. Any suggestions? Sam

Dear Sam,  
 Yes. Run for public office.



## IMPORTANT DATES

DEC 3rd - KC Baby Shower for Jesus collection starts  
 DEC 3-11th - KC food collection for Christmas baskets  
 DEC 11th - Knights of Columbus breakfast, baby shower  
 DEC 21st - **Parish Christmas Potluck luncheon - noon**  
 JAN 8th - Epiphany Play by RE children & KC dinner

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBAS THANK YOU!

Thank you from the Knights of Columbus for all your generous donations. We distributed 10 Thanksgiving Baskets this year. We look forward to Christmas baskets and the Baby Shower for Jesus. Collections start Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY... ESPECIALLY WASHINGTONIANS!

"If you've made a habit of communing with God when the sun is shining, you'll find it much easier to sing in the rain."  
 —Bill Pannell

## THANK YOU

The ladies of the St. Aloysius Altar Society sincerely thank everyone, including parishioners, families and friends, for your attendance at our Annual Turkey Dinner. This was one of the most well attended dinners we have had! Your support is greatly appreciated and allowed us to realize a profit of nearly \$870. "Thank You" to everyone who helped make our day a huge success!

## MISSING DISHES OR PANS

If you have items missing from your kitchen, they may be found in the Parish Hall. We have a number of items in our kitchen that no one has claimed. Please stop by the hall after Mass this weekend or next and check out what is there on the table as you enter the door. Anything not claimed by December 4th will be donated to charity. Thank you for taking a minute to check.



## GOT WHEELS?

The Knights of Columbus have an electric wheelchair available to loan. Please contact Joe Schamer (253) 298-1720 if you have a need for this wheelchair.

## PLEASE TAKE A COPY OF THIS BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

## NEW FISCAL YEAR REPORTS FOR 11-13-16

<u>St. Aloysius</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Weekly Revenue	\$2,930.00	\$2,963.00	-\$33.00
Fiscal YTD	\$64,365.11	\$59,260.00	\$5,105.11
<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u>			
Weekly Revenue	\$585.00	\$790.00	-\$205.00
Fiscal YTD	\$16,328.30	\$15,800.00	\$528.30

**TIME OF MERCY:  
HOLY DOORS CLOSE,  
BUT MISSION OF MERCY CONTINUES**

By Cindy Wooden Catholic News Service

The pope's constant refrain during the Year of Mercy, which began Dec. 8, 2015, was that no one is excluded from the mercy of God, who has shown his love for each person by sacrificing his son for the salvation of all.

All can be forgiven, the pope taught over and over again. And once a person experiences just how loving and merciful God has been, the obligation is to reach out to others with that same love and mercy.

A highlight of the year was the canonization of Mother Teresa of Kolkata, an event that brought some 120,000 people to St. Peter's Square in September. In his homily, Pope Francis said, "God is pleased by every act of mercy because in the brother or sister that we assist, we recognize the face of God which no one can see." "Each time we bend down to the needs of our brothers and sisters," he said, "we give Jesus something to eat and drink; we clothe, we help and we visit the Son of God."

Preaching God's mercy has been a central focus of Pope Francis' ministry since his election in March 2013, and the closing of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica Nov. 20 will not end that focus.

Celebrating a jubilee Mass Nov. 13 with the homeless and other people in precarious situations, Pope Francis prayed that as the Holy Doors in some 10,000 cathedrals, shrines and churches around the world were closed, God would open people's eyes and hearts to the needs of others. The Year of Mercy was an occasion to help people recognize how merciful God has been to them and, then, in effect, he commissioned all Catholics to be

**"missionaries of mercy."**

***Prayer for the Holy Souls***

Merciful Father, hear our prayer and console us. As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**YOU CAN HELP OUR CHURCH  
EARN DONATIONS  
JUST BY SHOPPING WITH YOUR  
FRED MEYER REWARDS CARD!**

**Here's how the program works:**

Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to St. Aloysius at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards). You can search for us by our name or by **our non-profit number 86824**.

Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping St. Aloysius Parish (this includes Our Lady of Lourdes) earn a donation! - Food Drive, Giving Tree, Baby Shower gifts

**2017 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

Many, many thanks for the continued returns! Those who have made gifts of time and talent and/or pledges to our annual stewardship appeal last week are listed here:

**ST. ALOYSIUS**

Michael Anderson	Ed & Joan Jarvis
Lloyd & Rosemary Blanus	Paul & Donna Kelly
Dean & Sandy Brand	Rick & Penny Mutcher
Bill & Karen Eberlein	James Plowden
Jack & Michelle Franich	Billy Rumpza
Don & Laurie Hanny	Leonard & Kathie Soler
Larry & Barbara Holbrook	Greg & Barbara Vesey
Dick & Bev Howard	

We are endlessly grateful for your commitment to our parishes. If you haven't yet affirmed your active membership in our parish, please do so, and prayerfully consider what, if any, gift you are able to give to support our work in regards to time, talent and treasure. At this time only 28% of both churches have turned in your Stewardship.

We ask that you return your Stewardship pledge for 2017 in the next two weeks, as this greatly helps budget plans.

Thank you, Stewardship committee

**TAKE A STEP IN YOUR  
STEWARDSHIP PLEDGING**

- I have never pledged before and would like to this year.
- I would like to increase my pledge this year.

Please use the commitment flyer/cards to make a pledge or go online to: [www.saint-alloysius-catholic-church.org](http://www.saint-alloysius-catholic-church.org)

**INSPIRING QUOTE**

"We must turn to the Lord each day for the grace to enter more deeply into his plan for our lives and to accept his gift of salvation more fully."

—Alan Schreck, DynamicCatholic.org

**THOUGH THE DOORS CLOSE,  
MERCY WILL LIVE ON ALWAYS!**

"As we seal the Holy Doors, we shall be filled, above all, with a sense of gratitude and thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity for having granted us an extraordinary time of grace. We will entrust the life of the Church, all humanity, and the entire cosmos to the Lordship of Christ, asking him to pour out his mercy upon us like the morning dew, so that everyone may work together to build a brighter future. May the balm of mercy reach everyone, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the Kingdom of God is already present in our midst!"

- Pope Francis



## ADVENT PREPARATION

Unlike much of the world, Catholics don't plunge headlong into Christmas after the Halloween candy has been passed out. Nope, we take it slow. We like to REALLY prepare for Christmas. That means a four week period of getting ourselves ready, spiritually, for the celebration of the Incarnation: God-made-man.

Advent actually has two spiritual purposes: we prepare spiritually for Christmas in remembrance of Christ's first coming, and we also prepare ourselves for Christ's second coming, whenever that may be.

Here are some Advent traditions for you, whether you live by yourself, have a bunch of kiddos at home, are grandparents or babysitters, something for everyone.

**The Advent wreath.** You can make this as simple or as elaborate as you'd like. If you have youngsters, you can certainly include them in the making of a simple wreath. You'll also need four candles: three purple and one rose. You can learn more about this tradition on the internet or go to a Catholic Church good's store.

**An Advent calendar.** Not sure what it is about this, but kids LOVE opening the little doors each day to reveal a picture, a Scripture passage, a treat. You can find versions of this online, purchase a paper calendar or create a more elaborate one.

**Set up the Nativity set,** and tell your kids about its history. Many families will assign one of the pieces of the Nativity set to each child, and as Advent progresses and the children work on good works, that piece advances until, on Christmas Day, each family member's piece is present in the manger next to Baby Jesus.

**Fully celebrate the holy days in Advent:** St. Nicholas' feast, the feast of St. Lucia, Our Lady of Guadalupe. There are plenty of crafts, food and stories surrounding each of these, so with a little planning, you can enjoy each of the celebrations regardless of the ages of folks in your home.

**Can't wait to get the tree up?** Decorate with Jesse Tree ornaments. These ornaments (and the accompanying prayers) tell the story of Christ from the Old Testament, a prophecy and promise of the long-awaited Savior.

**Learn and pray the O Antiphons.** These beautiful prayers date back to the 8th century A.D. You'll recognize them as part of the hymn, O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

**Want to sing your way to Christmas?** You don't have to tune in to the all Christmas music, all the time radio station. Sing some Christmas Carols so that the children will learn to know our great tradition of music.

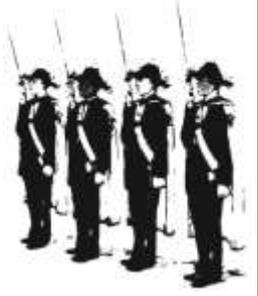
**Go to confession.** This is truly the best way to prepare for the arrival of the Christ Child. Go as a family, and then perhaps enjoy a special treat afterwards.

**Make someone else's day.** Bake something special for a neighbor, make a wreath for an elderly friend, volunteer at a food bank or shelter, visit a shut-in.

As always, our prayer life should deepen in this holy season, so whatever you choose to do: **PRAY.**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS

On November 26<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00pm Mass, the Knights of Columbus will offer a memorial mass for deceased Knights of Buckley Council #9637 and Hervey A. Vanasse Assembly #3106. They are: Joseph Goulart, Clyde R. Vesey, James Malneritch, Joseph Norberg, Gilbert Landwehr, Karl Tschumerlin, James Dunn, Bert Inglin and Charles Carletti. If you know the whereabouts of their family members, please call them and notify them of this memorial Mass. Thank you.



## THE GIVING TREE



The "Giving Tree" will be up in the hall beginning the weekend of November 26/27<sup>th</sup>. It contains tags from the Heritage House and Memory Care elderly guests who reside there. They would appreciate our generosity in receiving something they need or want listed

on the tags. The gift you buy will need to be WRAPPED, with the TAG attached. The gifts should be brought to the hall between the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 18th December. Contact Patty Rumpza in the office with questions. You will be asked to sign a list when you remove a tag. Thank you.

## PUSH NEEDED

A man and his wife are awakened at 3 o'clock in the morning by a loud pounding on the door. The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push.

"Not a chance," says the husband, "it is three o'clock in the morning!" He slams the door and returns to bed.

"Who was that?" asked his wife. "Just some drunk guy asking for a push," he answers. "Did you help him?" she asks. No, I did not, it is three in the morning and it is pouring out!"

"Well, you have a short memory," says his wife. "Can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and should be ashamed of yourself!"

The man does as he is told, gets dressed, and goes out into the pounding rain. He calls out into the dark, "Hello, are you still there?"

"Yes," comes back the answer.

"Do you still need a push?" calls out the husband. "Yes, please!" comes the reply from the dark. "Where are you?" asks the husband.

"Over here, on the swing."