

**December 4, 2016**

Second Sunday of Advent

Reading 1: Isaiah 11:1-10

Reading 2: Romans 15:4-9

Psalm: 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers.



**Karen Durgin and Rosa Remedies**

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



**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

**POPE FRANCIS DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**Universal:** End to Child-Soldiers

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

**Evangelization:** Europe

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**ADVENT REFLECTION**

Human nature means that we are all broken and all have experience of being hurt and damaged. We have also all felt shame. How does it feel to know that The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears and the reproach of his people? Spend some time today sitting with the Lord and try to open yourself to that healing touch.

**FOUR WAYS TO HAVE A MORE MEANINGFUL ADVENT**

- 1.) Pray the Liturgy of the hours, or even just the morning or evening prayers.
- 2.) Sing and listen to music that has Christian content.
- 3.) Plan out and do some acts of charity.
- 4.) Do some daily spiritual reading that relates to Advent and Christmas.



**RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES**

- 1) Saturdays from 3:30pm-4:30pm Private Confessions as usual
- 2) December 11 - Communal Service on 3rd Sunday of Advent - 10 minutes before all the Masses with Communal Absolution
- 3) December 14 at 7PM Communal Service with Private Confessions at Sacred Heart in Enumclaw
- 4) December 20 at 7PM Communal Service with Private Confessions at St. Aloysius.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Thursday, December 8th is the feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy Day. Masses will be at 8:30 AM and at 7:00 PM - St. Aloysius.

This feast celebrates God's choice of Mary to be the mother of Jesus. God preserved Mary from the stain of original sin from the moment of her conception. Thus, Mary was the first to receive the benefit of the redemption that her Son would merit for all. To reflect upon this mystery, the Gospel Luke 1:26-38 presents to us the story of the Annunciation. In this passage, Luke tells us much about Mary and the child she is to bear. The angel greets Mary in the most glowing of terms, acknowledging the favor she has found with God. Mary's affirmative response to this seemingly impossible message gives evidence to the grace we know that she possesses from God. Only one who is "full of grace" can be so receptive to and cooperative with the will of God.

**FAMILY CONNECTION**

To be chosen by God for a particular task is an awesome thing. That is why we honor Mary, the one chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus. Yet we believe that each of us is chosen by God in particular and important ways, and each of us is given gifts and talents by God to share with the world. As a family, identify some of the gifts and talents that God has given each person in the family. Talk about the ways in which these gifts and talents might be used in the service of others. Pray as a family that each person will be like Mary and respond to God with a resounding yes by using their gifts and talents to serve others in both large and small ways. Conclude by praying together the Hail Mary, or pray the Rosary, reflecting upon the Joyful Mystery, the Annunciation.

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Buckley 4p and 9p  
Dec. 25 Christmas Day Wilkeson 8:30a  
Buckley 10:30a  
Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Buckley at 5:00p  
Jan. 01 New Year's Day Wilkeson 8:30a  
Buckley 10:30a

**CCS APPEAL FOR THE POOR**

This weekend we welcome a guest from Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services who will talk to us about providing care for our poorest and most vulnerable neighbors. As good stewards of your gifts, 92 cents of every dollar CCS spends goes directly to those in need. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to CCS during this appeal, envelopes are in the pews. Learn more about their work or make a donation by visiting their website at [www.ccsww.org](http://www.ccsww.org). We are endlessly grateful for your support so that together we may bring the good news and loving presence of God to the poor and most vulnerable among us. Thank you.

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Monday –Dec 5

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

## Tuesday - Dec 6—St. Nicholas, Bishop

Mass + Roy Mendenhall **8:30am**  
 St. Aloysius Altar Society **1:00pm**  
 Prayer Shawl **7:00pm**

## Wednesday - Dec 7– St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Mass **8:30am**  
 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, 1941

## Thursday - Dec 8—

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—**Holy Day of Obligation**  
 Mass +Annie Grab **8:30am**  
 Mass - **Holy Day of Obligation** **7:00pm**  
 AA meeting **7:00pm**

## Friday - Dec 9

Mass **8:30am**

## Saturday – Dec 10

4th Degree Knights of Columbus 9a **9:00am**  
 Confession **3:30pm**  
 Mass **5:00pm**

## Sunday - Dec 11—Gaudete Sunday

Mass at OLOL **8:30am**  
 Mass for parishioners/intentions **10:00am**  
 Knights of Columbus Breakfast starting - **10:00am**

## WREATHS AND GARLANDS

St. Aloysius Altar Society is taking PRE- ORDERS for Fresh Noble Wreaths and Cedar Garland. Forms were in last Sunday's bulletin or will be in the parish hall. They are made fresh in Graham, WA. Please call BZ Wilson (253) 209-1663 with any questions. Enjoy the scent of Christmas!



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

December 11th 10:00a-noon! Pancakes, eggs, the works! Bring your gifts for Baby Jesus to assist those women who have chosen to keep their babies.



## SYMPTOMS OF SENILITY VIRUS

1. Causes you to send same e-mail twice.
2. Causes you to send blank e-mail.
3. Causes you to send to wrong person.
4. Causes you to send back to person who sent it to you.
17. Causes you to mis-number paragraphs
5. Causes you to forget to attach the attachment.
6. Causes you to hit "SEND" before you've finished the

## IMPORTANT DATES

**DEC 3-11th** - KC food collection for Christmas baskets  
**DEC 11th** - Knights of Columbus breakfast, baby shower  
**DEC 18th** - Giving Tree gifts must be returned  
**DEC 21st** - **Parish Christmas Potluck luncheon - noon**  
**JAN 8th** - Epiphany Play by RE children & KC dinner

## MASS FOR LIFE

Monday, January 23rd, 2017—9:30 am.

Marcus Pavilion  
 Saint Martin's University  
 Lacey, Washington

Due to limited parking, all are encouraged to use buses or carpool. Directions to campus and parking are available online.

For Mass details: Liturgy Office, 206-382-4878. For parking and other questions: [ocff@seattlearch.org](mailto:ocff@seattlearch.org)



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS COLLECTION

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting diapers, wipes, baby clothes; good used baby furniture or even new baby furniture, baby blankets, etc. The collection runs through Sunday December 18th. Please bring items to the parish hall. Thank you.

## HELP WANTED



We need a crew to help decorate St. Aloysius Church! Sunday December 18th after the 10:30am Mass. All tall persons are definitely encouraged to assist with those high spots. Everyone come help get ready for the Christmas weekend masses.

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Many, many thanks to all who have made gifts and pledges to our annual stewardship appeal. We are endlessly grateful for your commitment to St. Aloysius and Our Lady of Lourdes 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. To speak or write an affirmation is to make your membership intentional and not merely pro forma. In a community of prayer and spirit, such an affirmation, we hope, will also encourage reflection and break the, perhaps, merely habitual ties. So, that is why we ask for annual affirmation.....Many thanks... God Bless you.

## NEW FISCAL YEAR REPORTS FOR 11-27-16

<u>St. Aloysius</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Weekly Revenue	\$2,879.25	\$2,963.00	-\$83.75
Fiscal YTD	\$69,706.36	\$65,186.00	\$4,520.36
<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u>			
Weekly Revenue	\$775.00	\$790.00	-\$15.00
Fiscal YTD	\$17,791.30	\$17,380.00	\$411.00

## ADVENT CREDO

It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss;  
This is true: For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life;

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction;  
This is true: I have come that they may have life, and that abundantly.

It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word, and that war and destruction rule forever;  
This is true: Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, his name shall be called wonderful councilor, mighty God, the Everlasting, the Prince of peace.

It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world;  
This is true: To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo I am with you, even until the end of the world.

It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the Church before we can be peacemakers;

This is true: I will pour out my spirit on all flesh and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions and your old men shall have dreams.

It is not true that our hopes for liberation of humankind, of justice, of human dignity of peace are not meant for this earth and for this history;

This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.

So let us enter Advent in hope, even hope against hope. Let us see visions of love and peace and justice. Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage: Jesus Christ; the life of the world.

From Walking on Thorns, by Allan Boesak, Eerdmans

## THE GIVING TREE

The "Giving Tree" IS UP in the hall. It contains tags from the Heritage House elderly guests who reside there and other local persons in need of gifts. They would appreciate our generosity in receiving something they need or want listed on the tags. You will be asked to print your name and phone number on a list when you remove a tag. The gift you buy will need to be WRAPPED, with the TAG attached. The gifts should be brought to the hall by the 18th of December for most tags. Some tags are marked with a return date 11th, those are for the Christmas baskets. Contact Patty Rumpza in the office with any questions.

Thank you.

REMEMBER GIFT RECEIPTS



## POPE FRANCIS WORDS

### AT CLOSING YEAR OF MERCY DOORS

As soon as we give God the chance, he remembers us. He is ready to completely and forever cancel our sin, because his memory 'unlike our own' does not record evil that has been done or keep score of injustices experienced. God has no memory of sin, but only of us, of each of us, we who are his beloved children. And he believes that it is always possible to start anew, to raise ourselves up.

Let us also ask for the gift of this open and living memory. Let us ask for the grace of never closing the doors of reconciliation and pardon, but rather of knowing how to go beyond evil and differences, opening every possible pathway of hope.

As God believes in us, infinitely beyond any merits we have, so too we are called to instill hope and provide opportunities to others. Because even if the Holy Door closes, the true door of mercy which is the heart of Christ always remains open wide for us. From the lacerated side of the Risen One until the very end of time flow mercy, consolation and hope.

So many pilgrims have crossed the threshold of the Holy Doors, and far away from the clamor of the daily news they have tasted the great goodness of the Lord. We give thanks for this, as we recall how we have received mercy in order to be merciful, in order that we too may become instruments of mercy. Let us go forward on this road together.

May our Blessed Lady accompany us, she who was also close to the Cross, she who gave birth to us there as the tender Mother of the Church, who desires to gather all under her mantle. Beneath the Cross, she saw the good thief receive pardon, and she took Jesus' disciple as her son. She is Mother of Mercy, to whom we entrust ourselves: every situation we are in, every prayer we make, when lifted up to his merciful eyes, will find an answer.

## CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Non perishable food items can be left in the baskets at the entrance to church or taken to the parish hall **BLUE BOX**. Please triple check the used by date, some food items had to be tossed out on the Thanksgiving food drive.

### Suggested Non-Perishable Donation Items:

Canned vegetables	Canned Pie Fillings
Canned Fruits	Boxed Crackers
Boxed Jell-O, pudding	Bagged Chips
Boxed Potatoes mix	Sealed Coffee, Tea, Cocoa,
Boxed Cereal	Flour and Sugar (Sealed)
Pasta, Rice	Packets of mixes:
Spices	taco, spaghetti, gravy
Canned Soups	Canned or Boxed Ready to
Canned meat, fish	Eat Meals