

December 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

Reading 1: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Psalm: 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Reading 2: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers.



Rest of the soul of

JoAnn Trudeau, OLOL parishioner

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

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.



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



This Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally referred to as Gaudete Sunday, because GAUDETE is the Latin word for REJOICE! And GAUDETE REJOICE is the first word of today's

Entrance Antiphon (which is recited when a processional hymn is not sung). That one word REJOICE sets the theme of today's Liturgy, as this celebration marks the half-way point in our observance of Advent. And so we REJOICE today, because Christmas is now less than two weeks away. And we light the pink candle in our Advent wreath as a reminder that this is a time for us to REJOICE!

THE GIVING TREE

The "Giving Tree" in the parish hall has 12 more gift tags available. Please pick one or two. It contains tags from the Heritage House elderly guests who reside there. They would appreciate our generosity in receiving something they need or want listed on the tags for their Christmas Party. 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. The YELLOW tags are marked with a return date 11th, those are for the Christmas baskets being given out on December 17th at 5:00pm. Please return to the hall before that time. Contact Patty Rumpza in the office with any questions. Thank you.



CCS/CHS APPEAL FOR THE POOR

Last weekend we heard a guest speak about how Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services provide care for our poorest and most vulnerable neighbors. Thank you to those of you who have already so generously made donations to CCS. Your gifts are used locally to provide essential services and programs for people desperately in need. Please visit their website at www.ccsww.org for more information or to donate. You may also use the envelopes in the pews and place them in the collection basket next weekend. Thank you.

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



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

"Even if you do not confess, God is not ignorant of the deed, since he knew it before it was committed. Why then do you not speak of it? Does the transgression become heavier by the confession? No, it becomes lighter and less troublesome. And this is why he wants you to confess: not that you should be punished, but that you should be forgiven; not that he may learn your sin—how could that be, since he has seen it?—but that you may learn what favor he bestows. He wishes you to learn the greatness of his grace, so that you may praise him perfectly, that you may be slower to sin, that you may be quicker to virtue. And if you do not confess the greatness of the need, you will not understand the enormous magnitude of his grace." — St. John Chrysostom

RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

- 1) **Saturdays** from 3:30pm-4:30pm Private Confessions as usual
- 2) **December 14** at 7PM Communal Service with Private Confessions at Sacred Heart in Enumclaw
- 3) **December 20** at 7PM Communal Service with Private Confessions at St. Aloysius.

God So Loved, He Gave . . .

From a Heart of Gratitude, We Share our Time, Talent and Treasure

Thank you to those whom have already returned your 2017 Parish Time/Talent and Treasure Stewardship commitment card. Everyone please prayerfully evaluate your giving to the parish community and after praying, fill out a commitment card and return it as soon as possible. We are called to continue to sustain and build up our parish church by returning to the Lord from all the Lord has given us. Please contact Patty Rumpza in the office 360-829-6515, if your name is not listed and you have turned in your information.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

ST. ALOYSIUS

Richard & Mary Andrews
Gerald & Alice Alfano
Michael Anderson
Damien & Laurel Berger
Donna Berube
Neil & Sarah Beyer
Lloyd & Rosemary Blanus
Dean & Sandy Brand
Rey & Germaine Cabardo
Joe & Gerry Dieringer
Bill & Karen Eberlein
Marian Euscher
Jack & Michelle Franich
Nancy Fregon
Dolores Fresonke
Ron & Josie Gatto
Dave & Maureen Graham
Cindy Guillot
Tom & Gina Halkjar
Don & Laurie Hanny

Larry & Barbara Holbrook
Marie Holdener
James Hopkins
Dick & Bev Howard
Annette James
Ed & Joan Jarvis
Kevin & Alison Jenne
Dennis & Rosemary Johnson
Richard Jones
John & Susan Kaelin
Paul & Donna Kelly
Dave & Teri Koch
Justin & Christina Korolsky
Linda McCann
Mac & Lana McLaughlin
John & Patricia Mergens
Daryl & Carol Miller
Rick & Penny Mutcher
Dan & Perci O'Brien
Linda Osborne
Jeanne Parkko

BettyAnne Peterson
Bill & Sherrie Peterson
James Plowden
Terry & Mandy Pruss
Deryl & Teresa Ross
Bill & Marieta Rumpza
Billy Rumpza
Patty Rumpza
LeRoy Schueller
Marvin & Yvonne Slenning
Tosha Slenning
Eileen Smith
Susanna Smith
Leonard & Kathie Soler
Grace Stansell
Lora Tomaszewski
Greg & Barbara Vesey
Ed & Bea Wilson
Mike Zeiss

Jan Alfano
Barbara Anderson
David & Janice Buck
Teresa Cover
Cecelia Chihuly
Barbara Dunn
Bruce & Claudia DuPuis
Karen Durgin
Robert Fetch
David Heldstab
Donna Hiam
Caroline Inglin
Steve & Rosanne Lee
John & Pat Magee
George & Francene Mikulich
Rick & Patti Ross
Les & Teresa Russell
Thomas, Susan & Joey Saunders
Joe Schamer
Keith & Michelle Westling
Paul & Andrea Weymiller

ST. NICHOLAS

St. Nicholas of Myra (270 - 343) was the only child of a wealthy Greek Christian couple living in what is today Turkey. He was a pious child, and upon the death of his parents he was raised by an uncle who was a bishop. St. Nicholas grew in holiness, was ordained to the priesthood, and was eventually consecrated a bishop. He was famous for his generosity to the poor, protection of the wronged, zeal against heresy, and performance of miracles. Many famous legends are ascribed to him. When a poor man was to be forced to sell his daughters into slavery, St. Nicholas secretly tossed bags of coins into their home to serve as the girls' dowry, the money landing in their stockings drying by the fireplace, the origin of gifts in children's stockings and shoes at Christmastime. At the Council of Nicea he was instrumental in defending the doctrine of Jesus' divinity and formulating the Nicene Creed, prevailing against the heretic bishop Arius. Many countries have the custom of making him the secret giver of gifts to children on his feast day, in the United States he is celebrated as Santa Claus who distributes gifts to children on Christmas Eve.



LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

As 2016 comes to an end, Please continue to pray for all those on our long term prayer list. Please contact Cindy Guillot (253) 862-9100 if you would like to add anyone to the 2017 list or know of any changes to this list.

Thank you.

Long Term Prayer List 2016 -

Kurt Alfano	Teri Koch
Barbara Anderson	Joanne & Neal Nittinger
Lori Childers	JoEtta Lane
Dan and Darci Coyne	Leo Meyer
Camron Cozzi	Todd Meyer
Fr. Darrin Connall	Bernice Money
Rhonda Dunlap	Richard Miller
Barbara Dunn	Dan O'Brien
Sylvia Ewaskow	Gladys Plowden
Otto Fresonke	Rosa Remedies
Bill Gray	Billy Rumpza
Leon Gray	Deona Rumpza
Ricky Gray	Tom Saunders
Kyle Guillot	Tosha Slenning
James Howell	Eileen Smith
Joann Howell	Maureen Soler
Kimberly Ifcic	Tom Steffen
Parker Ifcic	Diesel Symmes
Dennis Johnson and	Jan & Van Thomsen
Rosemary Eymann	Mercedes Eckelkamp and
Patty Kauzlarich	baby Journee

Support our advertiser of the month - GROCERY OUT-LET in Enumclaw. A coupon is on the back of the bulletin!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday – Dec 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Religious Education K- 6th Youth 7th – 12th/Confirmation Prep	3:00pm 4:30pm 6:30pm
Tuesday - Dec 13 Mass Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society	8:30am 7:00pm 7:00pm
Wednesday - Dec 14 – St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Mass Communal Penance Service – Sacred Heart	8:30am 7:00pm
Thursday - Dec 15 Mass	8:30am
Friday - Dec 16 Mass + Roy Mendenhall by Knights of Columbus	8:30am
Saturday – Dec 17 Confession Mass + Pancracio Cua by Mr.& Mrs. Cabardo	3:30pm 5:00pm
Sunday - Dec 18 Mass at OLOL + JoAnn Trudeau Mass for parishioners/intentions	8:30am 10:00am



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST—TODAY!!

December 11th 10:00a-noon!
Pancakes, eggs, the works! Donations
are welcome to assist other Knights of Columbus projects.

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!



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Class on the 3rd section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Beatitudes and the Commandments was completed Monday. Thank you to Evan Twombly for facilitating the discussion. Evan will offer another class on the 4th section of the Catechism, Prayer, in the New Year. This is a wonderful way to enrich your faith or to learn something new.

SAINT QUOTE FOR ADVENT

“At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern.”

—Mother Teresa, Love: A Fruit Always in Season

IMPORTANT DATES

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



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 RENEWAL FOR 2017

Thank you to all who have recently returned your Parish Stewardship Yearly Commitment Renewal Card. Your gift to our parish supports the many costs of running a parish, supporting our many ministries, and helps all of us build up the Body of Christ. If you haven't returned your card yet please take a moment to prayerfully consider what you can give.

A number of parishioners have not returned their commitment cards for Treasure and the Time/Talent form. In November, we mailed out commitment cards to invite you to pledge your support for our parishes. For those who have responded, please accept our thanks. If you have not had the opportunity to fill out your card, we will be mailing you another one at the end of December. Please contact the Parish Office if you need any assistance in filling out and submitting your card. We look forward to your continued participation in the life of St. Aloysius and/or Our Lady of Lourdes.

NEW FISCAL YEAR REPORTS FOR 12-04-16

<u>St. Aloysius</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Weekly Revenue	\$4,366.00	\$2,963.00	\$1,403.00
Fiscal YTD	\$74,072.36	\$68,149.00	\$5,923.36
<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u>			
Weekly Revenue	\$1,338.00	\$790.00	\$548.00
Fiscal YTD	\$19,129.30	\$18,170.00	\$959.30



EPIPHANY PLAY

All children are invited to participate in the Epiphany play on January 8th, 2017. We need little ones and older children, please contact Chris Korolsky (253) 686-0784 with any questions. Those planning on participating in the play must attend rehearsals listed: Tuesday, December 27, 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Thursday, December 29, 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Tuesday, January 3, 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Saturday, January 7, 10:00am - Noon



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

VERSE OF THE DAY

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." *Matthew 5:11-12*

SAINT QUOTE

"We must dig deeply in Christ. He is like a rich mine with many pockets containing treasures: however deep we dig we will never find their end or their limit. Indeed, in every pocket new seams of fresh riches are discovered on all sides."

---St. John of the Cross

Prayer From a Canticle by Saint John of the Cross

Through the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the intercession of Saint John, may we treasure the gifts of life which God have given us! Amen



TIE CONSPIRACY

At a clearance sale, the wife of a federal district court judge found a green tie that was a perfect match for one of her husband's sports jackets. Soon after, while the couple was vacationing at a resort complex to get his mind off a rather complicated cocaine conspiracy case, he noticed a small, round disc sewn into the design of the tie. The judge showed it to a local FBI agent, who was equally suspicious that it might be a 'bug' planted by the conspiracy defendants. The agent sent the device to FBI headquarters in Washington, DC for analysis. Two weeks later, the judge phoned the Washington office to learn the results of their tests. "We're not sure where the disc came from," the FBI told him, "but we discovered that when you press it, it plays 'Jingle Bells.'" 

PARISH END OF YEAR TAX DEDUCTION CONTRIBUTIONS

As we close out 2016, we want to thank you for your faithfulness to our Parish Communities; a commitment that is clear through your prayerful and financial support of our parish. We prepare for 2017 with great anticipation, knowing that God has a plan to continue to help us to bring people closer to Christ. But we can only do that through the generosity of people like you, who have been integral to us fulfilling our vision of "Disciples living witness to the Good News." Even though we have accomplished much together this past year, there is still much to be done! To that end, we want to invite you to help us finish the year strong and prepare ourselves for an exciting and productive 2017 by prayerfully considering an end-of-year financial gift to your parish.. Just a reminder, that in order for your gift to be tax deductible, it must be postmarked and/or given before December 31, 2016. Please remember that no amount is ever considered too small! Thank you for being a part of either St. Aloysius or Our Lady of Lourdes and for helping us accomplish the vision God has given us.

Your generous support is greatly appreciated, thank you.

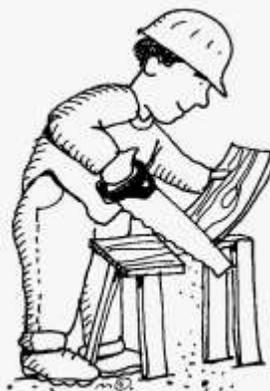
*** ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL ***

Annual Catholic Appeal year end payments or donations must also be postmarked by Dec. 31st to be applied to the 2016 tax year. Please do not make payments in the parish collection basket. Mail directly to the Archdiocese of Seattle: Annual Catholic Appeal, PO Box 14964, Seattle 98114. Your generous support is greatly appreciated—thank you.

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

PRIORITY: PAVILION



Because the Pavilion has had several wind storms that has caused wind damage, and is in need of repair, the Pastoral Council and Finance Committee have made this a priority to get repaired. The Insurance Adjuster visited us this past week. Cost will be under \$8,000. I just wanted to inform the parish so you'd know what is going on. Hopefully Insurance will cover part of the cost.