

**January 1, 2017**

**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**

**Reading 1: Numbers 6:22-27**

**Psalm: Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8**

**Reading 2: Galatians 4:4-7**

**Gospel: Luke 2:16-21**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers.

**Andine Satterlund**

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



**FROM THE DESK OF FR. LUDVIK**

May Jesus be reborn in your heart and life during Christmas Season of 2016 and every day of the New Year 2017. May He radiate His presence from within you as sharing love, unconditional forgiveness, humble service, a compassionate heart and overflowing generosity. May the Holy Babe of Bethlehem bless you with health in body and soul and grant you a peaceful and blessed New Year. I assure you of my special prayers every day in the New Year. —Fr. John J. Ludvik

**POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2017**

**Christian Unity.** -That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity

**TO START A NEW YEAR**

"A new year is unfolding, like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within. Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others. As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible with Your help and guidance." Anonymous

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*Source EWTN*

The solemnity of the Mother of God, which now coincides with the octave-day of Christmas and the beginning of the new year, was probably assigned this day because of the influence of the Byzantine Church, which celebrates the synopsis of the most holy Theotokos on December 26. This is in accordance with the Eastern practice of honoring secondary persons on the day after the feast of the principal personage (in this case, the birth of Christ). The Coptic Church celebrates this feast on January 16, but in the West, as early as the fifth century, the feast was celebrated on the Sunday before Christmas, although in France it was celebrated on January 18 and in Spain on December 18. Even before Pope Sergius introduced four Marian feasts in the seventh century (the Birth of Mary, the Annunciation, the Purification and the Assumption), the octave day of Christmas was celebrated in Rome in honor of the Maternity of Mary. Later, in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, the feast of the Circumcision was added, although it had been introduced into Spain and France at the end of the sixth century and was later included in the Missal of Pope St. Pius V. The recent liturgical reform has restored the original Roman practice, which replaced the pagan feast of the New Year, dedicated to the god Janus, with this feast honoring the Mother of God.



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A popular movement began in Portugal in the eighteenth century for a feast honoring Mary's maternity, and in 1914 the date of the feast was fixed at October 11. It was extended to the entire Latin Church in 1931, the fifteenth centenary of the Council of Ephesus. The restoration of the feast to January 1, which falls in the Christmas season and has an ecumenical significance, coincides with other anniversaries; for example, the octave day of Christmas, the circumcision of the Infant Jesus (assigned to the first Sunday of January); the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus (which dates back to 1721); and the day for peace, introduced by Pope Paul VI.

In the encyclical *Marialis Cultus* (1974) Pope Paul VI states: "This celebration, assigned to January 1 in conformity with the ancient liturgy of the city of Rome, is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in this mystery of salvation. It is meant also to exalt the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the 'holy Mother . . . through whom we were found worthy . . . to receive the Author of life.' It is likewise a fitting occasion for renewed adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels, and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace. For this reason . . . we have instituted the World Day of Peace, an observance that is gaining increasing support and is already bringing forth fruits of peace in the hearts of many" (no. 5).

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Monday – Jan 2

Rosary 3:00pm  
 NO Religious Education K- 6th —  
 NO Youth 7th – 12th/Confirmation Prep —

## Tuesday - Jan 3

Mass 8:30am  
 St. Aloysius Altar Society 1:00pm  
 Epiphany Play practice 3:00pm  
 Prayer Shawl meeting 7:00pm

## Wednesday - Jan 4

– St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 8:30am

## Thursday - Jan 5– St. John Neumann, Bishop

Mass 8:30am  
 Parish Council 7:00pm

## Friday - Jan 6– First Friday

Mass 8:30am  
 Adoration 9a-7:55p

## Saturday – Jan 7

Epiphany Play Practice 10a-12p  
 Confession 3:30pm  
 Mass 5:00pm

## Sunday - Jan 8– Epiphany

Mass at OLOL 8:30am  
 Mass for parishioners/intentions 10:30am  
 Lasagna Dinner 5:00pm  
 Epiphany Play 6:30pm



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

## EPIPHANY TRADITION

A tradition at St. Aloysius and Our Lady of Lourdes is the celebration of the Epiphany with a presentation of the Christmas event by the children of our parish and a Lasagna Dinner (salad, bread, and dessert) prepared by the Knights of Columbus, a great way to come together as a parish and celebrate the Christmas Season. This year Epiphany is on January 8th. Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm, so please come early at 4:45 pm to choose a table or purchase a glass of wine. Prices for dinner are \$8 for a single adult, \$15 per couple, and \$25 per family. The Epiphany Play will begin at 6:30 pm.



## WORLD DAY OF PEACE

The theme of Pope Francis' message for the 2017 World Day of Peace, celebrated on January 1, is “**Non-Violence: a Style of Politics for Peace.**” The Holy Father urges us to practice active non-violence and work to prevent conflict by addressing its causes, building relationships, and facilitating healing and restoration.



## HELP WANTED

We need a crew to help **UN-decorate** St. Aloysius Church! Sunday January 8th after the 10:30am Mass. All tall persons are definitely encouraged to assist with those high spots.

## CARRYING ON ADVENT PROGRESS

Another way to carry on your Advent progress is to commit to one spiritual practice during the Christmas season: read through the Gospel of John, one chapter per day; once a week, spend some time with the Blessed Sacrament; decide to attend one extra Mass each week; pray one rosary each day, maybe in your car. All of these are simple, proven ways to deepen your spiritual life.  
 —Bishop Robert Barron

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## NEW PARISHIONERS

“Welcome to our Parishes!”

Please take the time to register, registration forms are in the back of Church, in the Parish hall or at our Office. Please return filled out forms to the Office or place in the Collection Basket.

## TECHNOLOGY...HA

“A TV can insult your intelligence, but nothing rubs it in like a computer.”

## NEW FISCAL YEAR REPORTS FOR 12-25-16

St. Aloysius	Actual	Budgeted	Variance
Weekly Revenue	\$4,869.39	\$2,963.00	\$1,906.39
Fiscal YTD	\$86,122.52	\$77,038.00	\$9,084.52
Our Lady of Lourdes			
Weekly Revenue	\$797.10	\$790.00	\$7.10
Fiscal YTD	\$21,694.40	\$20,540.00	\$1,154.40

## JOURNEYS WITH THE MESSIAH VACANCY - A CROSS FOR EVERYONE

From Rev. Robert Evenson's Homily  
on Christmas weekend

For more than 30 years, Michael Belk's photographs appeared in fashion publications including Vogue, Elle, GQ and Vanity Fair for clients that included Nautica, J. Crew and a host of fashion brands. He has been the man behind the camera, the creative director and the account executive for his own fashion advertising agency.

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"There is room at the cross for you and me in learning to die to our own needs and learning to live for the needs of others; in dying to having it our way and learning to live in His way; in dying to the darkness of this world while opening our eyes to the light of God's world."



## SAINT QUOTE

"Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections but instantly set about remedying them – every day begin the task anew."

—St. Francis de Sales, Sign of the Cross

## RECIPE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past; have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time.

Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing, don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution.

Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

## A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

May God make your year a happy one!  
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;  
Not by making your path easy,  
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;  
Not by taking hardships from you,  
But by taking fear from your heart;  
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;  
Not by making your life always pleasant,  
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help.  
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

## Solemnity Of The Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother Of God - 3 Minute Retreat

Before beginning your retreat, take some long, deep breaths. Become aware of God's loving presence within you.

Luke 2:51 [A]nd his mother kept all these things in her heart.

Our hearts are the center of our body, mind, and spirit. Our hearts are where we can encounter mystery. Our hearts are the place where we can store our personal truths to ponder and reflect on them. Mary shows us that some things need to be allowed to come to fullness slowly in order to make sense of them. Mary models patient discipleship—one who waits for the unfolding of God's plan. What things am I pondering in my heart at this time? What else might I learn from Mary's patient discipleship? (Pray using your own words or the following prayer.)

Loving Creator, you who formed my heart, grant me the ability to keep and ponder all that you show me in the stillness of my heart. Amen

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## CHRISTMAS QUIZ QUESTIONS

- 1) When hosts of angels appear to them, announcing Jesus' birth, a carol says the "shepherds quake at the sight." In what carol is the quoted line found?
  - a. Silent Night
  - b. Away in Manager
  - c. O Come, All Ye Faithful
  - d. O Little Town of Bethlehem
- 2) Since there were likely other babies in Bethlehem at the time what sign did the angel give the shepherds that would enable them to identify the baby Jesus?
  - a. price tag from Omar's
  - b. coat of many colors
  - c. swaddling clothes
  - d. in a diaper
- 3) Mary laid her newborn Son in a manger. A carol says Jesus had "no crib for a bed." What is the carol?
  - a. Silent Night
  - b. Away in Manager
  - c. O Come, All Ye Faithful
  - d. O Little Town of Bethlehem
- 4) What carol contains the line, "Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing"?
  - a. Silent Night
  - b. Away in Manager
  - c. O Come, All Ye Faithful
  - d. O Little Town of Bethlehem
- 5) Does the Bible say there were animals present at the birth of Jesus? True or False



### PACEM IN TERRIS (Peace on Earth)

"May He banish from the hearts of all men and women whatever might endanger peace. May He transform them into witnesses of

truth, justice and love.

May He enkindle the rulers of peoples so that in addition to their solicitude for the proper welfare of their citizens, they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace.

May He enkindle the wills of all so that they may overcome the barriers that divide, cherish the bonds of mutual charity, understand others, and pardon those who have done them wrong.

May all peoples of the earth become as brothers and sisters, and may the most longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always among men and women."

—Pope John XXIII, 4/11/63

### BLUE

A fellow slid his car off a road and ended up in a ditch. A farmhouse was nearby so the motorist asked the owner if he had a tractor he could borrow to get his truck back on the road.

"Nope, but I got my mule, Blue," said the farmer. "I doubt a mule is strong enough to pull my truck out." "You don't know Blue," said the mule's proud owner. So Blue was hitched to the truck. "Pull, Blue!" The truck didn't move. And the farmer then called out, "Pull, Elmer!" The truck moved a little. Then the farmer yelled, "Pull, Biscuit," and the truck was free. "Thank you so much," said the truck owner. "But I have a question. You called your mule by three different names. How is that?"

"Simple," said the farmer. "Blue is blind. And if he thought he was the only one pulling, your truck would still be in the ditch!"

## CHRISTMAS QUIZ (ANSWERS)

- 1) a. It is "Silent Night" that says, "Silent night, holy night / Shepherds quake at the sight."
- 2) c. The angel said He would be "wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger" (Lk. 2:12). Swaddling (or swathing) cloths were strips of cloth commonly used to wrap a newborn.
- 3) b. The carol is "Away in a Manger."
- 4) c. Speaking of the Lord Jesus as "the Word" sent from heaven by God the Father, John's Gospel declares, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory" (Jn. 1:14). The carol that refers to this is "O Come, All Ye Faithful."
- 5) False - In the New Testament accounts of Christ's birth there is no mention of any animals. However, Isaiah 1:3; An ox knows its owner, and as ass, its master's manger could be a prophecy talking about at least a donkey seeing the crib of his Master (God). It could allude to the fact that an ox was there too. If a bunch of shepherds were there, one would assume sheep would have been present. But there is no definite list of animals mentioned in the Bible.