

January 22, 2017
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Isaiah 8:23—9:3
Reading 2: 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Psalm: 27:1, 4, 13-14
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23



FROM THE DESK OF FR. LUDVIK

All who enter experience welcome and hospitality. Our parish doors swing wide open to convey a hospitable spirit. The stranger becomes a guest. People linger and engage one another. Those with different needs are accommodated like wheelchair seating space. We not only welcome new people, but new ideas and fresh ways of doing old business. Changes that new people bring into any system are met with a flexible and hospitable spirit. How can we make our parishes better in 2017?

— Fr. John J. Ludvik, Pastor

TODAY'S GOSPEL - CHOOSING JOY

The call to repentance flew from the lips of John the Baptist and into our ears during Advent. Now, after our Christmas trees have been picked up from their inglorious positions on the curb; now, when the confetti of New Year's Eve has been swept up; now, when we have witnessed an inauguration, we again hear the call to repentance, this time from the lips of Jesus. Is there a difference in those calls? What is God urging us to do? Urging—is there urgency in these calls?

To begin with, there is a difference. John asks for a change of heart to prepare the way of the Lord. Level the hills! Fill in the valleys! He, the long-awaited one, is coming! Subsequently, Jesus urges repentance because “the kingdom is at hand.” It is here!

An unwillingness to listen is basically because we don't understand the meaning of repentance. One can associate it with turning away from sin. Think of it as doing a 180 in your life. I need to change my ways through a painful process and over a long period of time. I need to establish new and better habits. Of course, more discipline is involved.

Repentance is “a way of love and freedom, of total trust in God's infinite mercy.” A second reason that repentance is misunderstood, “We do not realize the immensity of what we have lost as a result of sin.” This is what Jesus was urging. The kingdom is at hand! Hope blossoms into reality! Rejoice and be glad!

The question is, how do I repent in response to Jesus' message? Over the Christmas holiday, I became convinced that the “joy” our scriptural stories present repeatedly isn't something that just happens. It is a choice. Yes, I can choose to be joyful.

We can choose. That choice is urgent. We need to repent and be peaceful rather than disturbed and afraid. We need to continue walking with the Lord and spreading the good news. We need to intentionally choose the joy.~Patricia DeGroot, OblSB - Liturgical Publications Inc.

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

"Francis [de Sales] insists that true devotion must touch every area of our life. True devotion is not just a matter of spiritual practices but of bringing all our life under the lordship of Christ. Francis is known for his slogan: 'Live, Jesus! Live, Jesus!' What he means by this is an invitation to Jesus to 'live and reign in our hearts forever and ever' . . . In other words, for Francis, to live the devout life is to reach the point in our love for God and neighbor that we eagerly desire to do His will."

— Ralph Martin

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers.

KathyStanley



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

~ VACATION ~



Fr. Ludvik will be on vacation from January 24 through February 10. Rev Justin McCreehy, OSB will cover the weekend Masses. There will be no daily masses offered while Fr. Ludvik is away.

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.

HOW DO YOU LIVE LIFE?

There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is miracle.

—Albert Einstein



PRAYER FOR LIFE AND DIGNITY

Eternal God, creator and sustainer of life, bless us with the courage to defend all life from conception to natural death. Bless us with the strength to respect all peoples from east to west, from north to south, so that we may truly follow the call of Jesus to be neighbor. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



SAINT QUOTE

"I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but rather, I believe in order that I may understand."

— St. Anselm of Canterbury

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday – Jan 23

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

Tuesday - Jan 24—St. Francis de Sales,
 Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 NO Mass ---

Wednesday - Jan 25

Conversion of St. Paul , Apostle
 NO Mass ---

Thursday - Jan 26

SS. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
 NO Mass ---

Friday - Jan 27

NO Mass ---

Saturday – Jan 28– St. Thomas Aquinas,
 Priest and Doctor of the Church

Confession 3:30pm
 Mass 5:00pm

Sunday - Jan 29

Mass at OLOL – Anne Miller by Cover family 8:30am
 Knights of Columbus 5th Sunday Rosary 10:00am
 Mass for parishioners/intentions 10:30am

— CANCELLED —

The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST that was scheduled for today has been cancelled.

Instead, please come and enjoy coffee and donuts in the hall after the 10:30a mass.



The 2017 NORTHWEST CATHOLIC Campaign

Next Weekend January 28-29th

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC is the official publication of the Archdiocese of Seattle mailed 10 times each year to every registered Catholic household in Western Washington. Its mission is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to Catholics in Western Washington to teach, inspire, and form disciples who know the Lord and live their faith to the full. Your donation makes this possible please be generous. Thank you.

Envelopes are in the pew or you may give online at www.seattlearchdiocese.org/nwcc.

COME WORK AT CYO SUMMER CAMP!

Are you at least 18 years old and looking for an incredible summer job? Join young and young at heart adults from around the nation and spend your summer helping kids deepen their faith while building your own leadership skills, resume and memories that will last a lifetime.

The Catholic Youth Organization Summer Camps Needs You!

For more information visit:

www.oyyae.org/camps/employment/

THANK YOU!!

A big thank you to all who assisted in UN-decorating the church this Christmas. It is a much quicker job when you have all the help. Also we would like to thank all of those in the music ministry, the lectors, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans, ushers, altar servers, who donated the best of their talent and time to make the season as prayerful as possible and for those who provided the beautiful environment inside and outside of the Churches. To serve God is our joy. Now we move into Ordinary Time and so soon....we will be preparing for Lent and Easter!

UPCOMING RETREATS FOR FEBRUARY

The Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at The Palisades

Feb 10-12: Habits of a Very Loving Marriage—

Married Couples' Enrichment Retreat

Fr. Pat Freitag

Feb 17-19: A New Lay Spirituality: Faith & the Secular World — Men's & Women's Retreat

Ron Ryan, D. Min

Feb 24-26: Encountering Christ in the Sacraments of Healing— Men's & Women's Retreat

Fr. David Mulholland

For more information or to make reservations:

Phone: (206) 274-3130 Fax: (206) 382-3482

Email: palisades@seattlearch.org

THE POLITICAL CHURCH

Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.

—Robert F. Kennedy

Politics is a noble activity. We should revalue it, practice it with vocation and a dedication that requires testimony, martyrdom, that is to die for the common good.

—Pope Francis

QUOTE

"...Yes, I see the church as the body of Christ. But, oh! How we have blemished and scarred that body through social neglect and fear of being non-conformists."

—Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

FISCAL YEAR REPORTS FOR 01-15-17

St. Aloysius	Actual	Budgeted	Variance
Weekly Revenue	\$1,709.00	\$2,963.00	-\$1,254.00
Fiscal YTD	\$94,775.52	\$85,927.00	\$8,848.52
Our Lady of Lourdes			
Weekly Revenue	\$748.00	\$790.00	-\$42.00
Fiscal YTD	\$24,453.40	\$22,910.00	\$1,543.40

A POWERFUL BIBLE STUDY ON THE BLESSED MOTHER

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ. Evan Twombly will facilitate this Study. You may contact the office or Evan at 253) 863-6755 or evan@nhcweb.com with any questions. See the flyer in today's bulletin.



Please pay in advance \$25.00 for the WORKBOOK, it will be ordered upon registration. Checks should be made out to St. Aloysius. Thank you. Please register by February 1st, by calling Patty Rumpza in the office 360-829-6515 or email: office@saint-aloysius-catholic-church.org.

February 13th - April 3rd, 2017 – 8 weeks
Mondays 7:00pm to 8:30pm

St. Aloysius Parish Hall Room 1

MASS FOR LIFE 2017 - CARPOOL

The Mass for Life is scheduled for Monday, January 23rd at 9:30 a.m. at St. Martin's University in Lacey. If you would like to carpool to the Mass for Life – Please meet in the St. Aloysius parking lot on January 23rd. We will leave the parking lot **8:00am**.



RACHEL'S CORNER HOPE AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION

"Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone."
—Pope Francis

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and find the strength you need to face your past is given to you by God as you trust Him with your healing. You have never been and will never be alone. Let Him show you how much He cares for you.

The next retreat is MARCH 10-12, 2017
Call Valerie for more information at (800) 822-HOPE (4673) Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services. You are loved with an Everlasting Love!

5TH SUNDAY ROSARY

To help bring parishioners together in a spiritual activity and promote devotion to Mary, the Knights of Columbus is pleased to facilitate the 5th Sunday Rosary Program. Knights, their families and all parishioners are encouraged to pray the rosary every time a 5th Sunday occurs during a month. The 5th Sunday Rosary service will be conducted on January 29th.

Please join us at St. Aloysius at 10:00am

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than 10,000 tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition and of unspeakable love."

—Washington Irving

THE ROSARY

There is no person closer to Jesus than His mother. Our Lady's prayers are very powerful. As Saint Padre Pio says, "Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today." The Rosary is not a prayer of vain repetitions, but very scriptural, and a beautiful meditation on the mysteries of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus through the eyes of His mother. The Rosary is not Mary-centered but Christ-centered. Each bead you touch is like holding the gentle hand of His mother and walking through the gospels, as she leads you closer to her son. Nobody loved Mary more than Jesus did. We honor Him more by loving his mother. Mary's soul always magnifies the Lord. If you want to grow closer to Christ, and develop a deep personal relationship with Him, pray the rosary.



DUST IF YOU MUST

Dust if you must...but wouldn't it be better to paint a picture or write a letter, bake cookies or a cake or plant a seed, ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much time, with rivers to swim and mountains to climb, music to hear and books to read, friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there with the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair, a flutter of snow, a shower of rain. This day will not come around, again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind, old age will come and it's not kind. And when you go - and go you must - you, yourself will make more dust!

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