

**January 29, 2017**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reading 1: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13**

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

**Reading 2: 1 Cor 1:26-31**

**Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a**



### 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 READING—Loyola Press

*JESUS TEACHES WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HAPPY.*

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy ... the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as *happy, fortunate, or favored*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

### THE BEATITUDES

The Beatitudes do not provide specific directions on how we should live our lives, as the Ten Commandments do. Rather, they inspire us to adopt a certain mindset or vision for our lives, namely, the vision of Jesus Christ. The Beatitudes challenge us to be people of virtue. Virtue is a firm attitude, mindset, or disposition to do good. For the virtuous person, doing good is a habit. Through the Beatitudes, Jesus calls us to change our vision and learn that in order to be happy (blessed), we must be peace-loving, merciful, clean of heart, and meek. Living the Beatitudes is a lifelong task because the Beatitudes turn upside down the values of the world.

So what are some ways that we can develop the Beatitudes in our own lives? First, we can rest assured that the Holy Spirit is already at work within us, drawing us toward God and inspiring our desire to be a Beatitudes-type of person. Second, like anything we hope to develop in ourselves, we must be open, learn, and study. Pay attention to the people you know who model a particular beatitude. Think of ways you can model their behavior in your own life. Finally, talk with God in prayer. Ask him to help you out and to teach you how to develop the Beatitudes in your mind, heart, and actions.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers.

**Cindy Guillot**



*While Cindy is recovering please send all prayer requests through the office 360-829-6515. Thank you*



### ~ VACATION ~

Fr. Ludvik will be on vacation from through February 10. There will be no daily masses offered while Fr. Ludvik is away. Please Welcome Rev Justin McCreedy, OSB who will cover confession and the weekend Masses. Thank you.

### 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.

### MASS FOR LIFE 2017

Thank you for all that attended the Mass at St. Martin's Abbey and the March in Olympia.

There was a great turn out and our prayers and voice will make a difference. Keep praying to end abortion and respect for life.



### 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.



### QUOTE

"Jesus didn't just tell us how to be saved; he showed us, and we are called to imitate him."  
John R. Wood, Ordinary Lives,  
Extraordinary Mission  
Dynamic Catholic

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Monday – Jan 30

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

## Tuesday - Jan 31– St. John Bosco

NO Mass —

## Wednesday - Feb 1

NO Mass —  
 Divine Mercy Cenacle 7:00pm

## Thursday - Feb 2– The Presentation of the Lord

NO Mass —  
 NO Pastoral Council meeting —

## Friday - Feb 3– St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

NO Mass —  
 NO Adoration —

## Saturday – Feb 4 - Blessing of the Throats

Confession 3:30pm  
 Mass 5:00pm

## Sunday - Feb 5 - Blessing of the Throats

Mass at OLOL – Barb Miller by Cover family 8:30am  
 Mass for parishioners/intentions 10:30am

## SPRING CEMETERY FUND RAISING EVENT

Please mark your calendars – February 26<sup>th</sup> 10-12n enjoy a wonderful breakfast and support the maintenance needs of our cemetery in Wilkeson. Donations only, please give generously. Daryl & Carol thank you!



## AMAZING FEBRUARY!

February 2017 calendar structure will not occur again in your life time. February 2017 has:

- 4 Sundays
- 4 Mondays
- 4 Tuesdays
- 4 Wednesdays
- 4 Thursdays
- 4 Fridays
- 4 Saturdays

This happens once every 823 years.

## BUNCO!

SUNDAY February 12th -  
1:00PM

Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society would like to invite all parishioners to this afternoon of fun and fellowship. Entry fee is \$5.00. Buncos win prizes and most Bunco's at the end win cash!



## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Andrew in Sumner  
 First Friday - after Mass until 8am Sat.  
 Please come spend some time with our Lord.



## VERSE OF THE DAY

Jeremiah 29:11-13

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me; when you seek me with all your heart."

## January 29, 2017 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Stewardship)

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."* Matthew 5:3

This one confuses people. Replace the word "humble" for "poor" and it makes more sense. People that are humble recognize their dependence on God and trust that He will provide all that they need. Unfortunately, for many of us, pride and ego enters our lives and we think we can live without God. Remember – God first in all circumstances.

## BULLETIN ART

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## 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

## FISCAL YEAR REPORTS FOR 02-22-17

<u>St. Aloysius</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Weekly Revenue	\$2,811.40	\$2,963.00	-\$151.60
Fiscal YTD	\$97,586.92	\$88,890.00	\$8,696.92
<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u>			
Weekly Revenue	\$546.00	\$790.00	-\$244.00
Fiscal YTD	\$24,999.40	\$23,700.00	\$1,299.40



## 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](mailto:evan@nhcweb.com) with any questions. 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-alloysius-catholic-church.org](mailto:office@saint-alloysius-catholic-church.org).

February 13th - April 3rd, 2017 – 8 weeks  
Mondays 7:00pm to 8:30pm  
St. Aloysius Parish Hall Room 1

## ST. BLAISE BLESSING OF THROATS

According to the Acts, while Blaise was being taken into custody, a distraught mother, whose only child was choking on a fishbone, threw herself at his feet and implored his intercession. Touched at her grief, he offered up his prayers, and the child was cured. Consequently, Saint Blaise is invoked for protection against injuries and illnesses of the throat. Candles crossed in a special candelabrum are used to bless throats. The Blessing of the Throats is a sacramental of the Roman Catholic Church.

## SPECIAL EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Saturday, February 11, 2017 9:30 am  
Providence Mount St. Vincent Chapel  
(3rd Floor)

All are welcome to join Seattle Archbishop J. Peter Sartain in a special Eucharistic Celebration with Anointing of the Sick, special Blessing of Caregivers, and Blessing with Lourdes water.

## NORTHWEST CATHOLIC COLLECTION *this weekend*

Northwest Catholic magazine and Northwest Catholic Online are the official magazine and news site for the Archdiocese of Seattle. The mission of both 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. Launched in September 2013, Northwest Catholic evolved out of The Catholic Northwest Progress, a more than 100-year-old newspaper, which published its last issue on June 27, 2013. The magazine is published 10 times a year with combined issues in January/February and July/August. [Northwest Catholic Online](http://NorthwestCatholicOnline.com) is updated daily with fresh news, features and multimedia content not found in the magazine. You can also find Northwest Catholic on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. The Archdiocese of Seattle's Office of Communications produces Northwest Catholic. Seattle Archbishop J. Peter Sartain is its publisher. **Please give generously, envelopes are in the pews.**

## END OF YEAR TAX STATEMENTS

Tax season is upon us. St. Aloysius and Our Lady of Lourdes parishioners will be sent their End of Year Tax Statements next week. Please contact Patty Rumpza in the office if you do not receive one or it is in correct. Please call 360-829-6515 or email: [office@saint-alloysius-catholic-church.org](mailto:office@saint-alloysius-catholic-church.org)

## 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!

## 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!**

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[www.oyyae.org/camps/employment/](http://www.oyyae.org/camps/employment/)

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