

**March 5, 2017**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**Reading 1: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7**

**Psalm: 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17**

**Reading 2: Romans 5:12-19**

**Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11**



**FROM THE DESK OF FR. LUDVIK**

Welcome! Whether you're just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we're delighted to have you here.

Our parish is a community of diverse believers who are supportive and loving. We encourage you to explore and get to know our community. We hope that you'll find our parish to be your source of your spiritual growth, to put your faith in action, and to use your gifts of time and talent as disciples of Christ. We look forward to answering any questions you may have. Check our website for registration and more information. —Fr. Ludvik, Pastor

**BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

—Sunday Connection - LoyolaPress.com

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Could you walk a mile in Jesus' shoes? The Stations of the Cross bring us closer to Christ as we meditate on the great love He showed for us in His most sorrowful Passion. Come pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening at 7:00pm after the Soup Supper's offered by the different ministries of our parish at 6:00pm.



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers.



**Baby Gabriel Stark**

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

**POPE TWEETS**

When the journey is uncertain and you fall, God, rich in mercy, will extend his hand to pick you up.

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

**Welcome!**

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.

**POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR MARCH**

**Support for Persecuted Christians**

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

**LENT 2017**

**Come Back to Me with All Your Heart**

Dear Parishioners,

On Ash Wednesday we began the season of Lent, a time in which we try to unite ourselves more closely to the Lord Jesus Christ as we journey toward his passion, death and resurrection. The Lenten season calls us to inner conversion and invites us to start taking the spiritual journey that reaches the deepest place of our self. "RETURN TO ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART" is the summons. As we all know so well, that is a challenge because we are tempted to sin. Even Jesus was tempted to sin!

Sometimes it is easy to think of Jesus as being so pure and innocent that he was detached from the possibility of sin – but we remember that he is fully human, in all things but sin. In the desert, Jesus was just as human as the rest of us. He was tempted by bodily desires. He was tempted by power. He was tempted by the desire to amaze others. May God provide graces for each of us to return to the Lord this Lent.

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Monday – Mar 6

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

**Tuesday - Mar 7**—Ss. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Mass – Ricky Gray by Berger Family 8:30am  
 St. Aloysius Altar Society meeting 1:00pm  
 Prayer Shawl 7:00pm

## Wednesday - Mar 8

Mass – Noel & Sarah Berger by Berger Family 8:30am  
 Divine Mercy Cenacle 7:00pm

## Thursday - Mar 9

Mass – Deona Rumpza by Rumpza Family 8:30am  
 AA meeting 7:00pm

## Friday - Mar 10

Mass – Michael & Grace Stark Family by Berger Family 8:30am  
 Soup Supper 6:00pm  
 Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

## Saturday – Mar 11

KC 4th degree meeting 9:00am  
 Confession 3:30pm  
 Mass 5:00pm

## Sunday - Mar 12

—2nd Sunday of Lent

Mass at OLOL 8:30am  
 Mass for parishioners/intentions 10:30am  
 KC St. Patrick's Day Dinner 5p 5:00pm



## SOUP SUPPER CALENDAR at ST. ALOYSIUS

All Fridays: Soup Supper 6:00p & Stations of the Cross 7:00p (except Good Friday schedule will be posted later)

We will be hosting our Soup and Bread meals on Friday nights again this year. Plan on coming for Soup Supper and then attending the Stations of the Cross in the church afterwards. Since they will be on Fridays, this means the menu will be Vegetarian soup, vegetarian chili, clam chowder, potato soup, and others.

Please REMEMBER to bring your OWN BOWL, this will help with cleanup. Ministry groups are providing the soups but if anyone wants to assist please come and volunteer for any of the Fridays.

### THANK YOU...

The Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society and the Youth Group provided the Soup Supper meals on Ash Wednesday and First Friday. Thank you to these ministries for the delicious soups. Thanks to all who came to enjoy the meals and their generous support of CRS Rice Bowl.

## THANK YOU

To all that attended the Spring Cemetery Fund Raising Brunch. We raised enough funds to keep the weeds somewhat under control this summer. Thank you for your generous support and to Carol and Daryl for their work.



## CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

MARCH 4 & 5TH

This is a USCCB National collection for the strengthening of the Church at Home. What is a Home Mission Diocese? Home mission dioceses are those dioceses in the United States and its territories and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass and the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses are considered home missions. For more information about the Catholic Home Missions, visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions). Envelopes are in the pews for your convenience, please give generously. Thank you for your support.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. PATRICKS DAY DINNER SUNDAY MARCH 12TH – 5:00PM

Come Enjoy the blarney, food, fellowship and the wearing of the GREEN!



## NEW DEFINITIONS

Arbitrator \ar'-bi-tray'-ter\ : A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's

Avoidable \uh-voy'-duh-buhl' \ : What a bullfighter tries to do

Baloney \buh-lo'-nee' \ : Where some hemlines fall

Burglarize \bur'-gler-ize' \ : What a crook sees with

Counterfeiters \kown'-ter-fit'-ers\ : Workers who put together kitchen cabinets

Heroes \hee-rhos' \ : What a guy in a boat does

Paradox \par'-u-doks' \ : Two physicians

Pharmacist \farm'-uh-sist \ : A helper on the farm

Selfish \sel'-fish' \ : What the owner of a seafood store does

## FISCAL YEAR REPORTS FOR 02-26-17

St. Aloysius	Actual	Budgeted	Variance
Weekly Revenue	\$2,282.00	\$2,963.00	—\$691.00
Fiscal YTD	\$112,370.92	\$103,705.00	\$8,665.92
Our Lady of Lourdes			
Weekly Revenue	\$619.00	\$790.00	—\$171.00
Fiscal YTD	\$28,909.40	\$27,650.00	\$1,259.40

## SEATTLE CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Iron Sharpens Iron is on Saturday, April 8, 2017

St. Pius X Parish Mountlake Terrace, WA

### THIS YEAR'S THEME IS SPIRITUAL WARFARE

In order to form, challenge and encourage men of the Seattle Archdiocese in their Catholic faith, spirituality and morality the Seattle Men's Conference is held annually and offers a solid, orthodox agenda. We invite men of all ages and ethnic backgrounds to build up their families through prayer and sacrificial action. Cost \$45.00, for information and registration visit:

[www.seattlemensconference.org](http://www.seattlemensconference.org)

### VERSE OF THE DAY

"Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'" —1 Peter 1:13-16

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 9637 FOOD FOR FAMILIES

March 18 -26<sup>th</sup>

Suggested Non-Perishable

Donation Items: Peanut butter, Jam, pasta & sauces, canned meats & vegetables, rice, etc.

You may place the items in the boxes provided at the entrances to the churches or in the Parish hall.



PLEASE..Make sure that all food donations are within the product pull date stamped on the items. We thank you in advance for your continued generosity. We will be collecting food all year on the odd dated months and again for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets.



### Catholic Youth Summer Camp Employment

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

### MARRIAGE MOMENT

A good marriage is not recognized by the absence of conflict, but the presence of peacemaking. One sign of a healthy marital relationship is the desire of a husband and wife to seek unity when there are disagreements and differences. (Family Minute)

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Then the eyes of both of them were opened," Let us appreciate the totality of our spouses by taking part in a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend is at the Sheraton Hotel, Bellevue on April, 28-30, 2017. Apply at [www.wyme.org](http://www.wyme.org). More information at 206-772-2344

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

## TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE

From March 1 to April 9, our community will take part in 40 Days for Life ... a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city — and beyond. For more information:

<https://40daysforlife.com/>

### LOCATION:

Public right-of-way outside  
Cedar River abortion clinic  
1401-A Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Tacoma, Washington



## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE DAILY INTENTIONS

[www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)

- Day 6 / March 6:** That knowing the shortness of life, all may value it more deeply.
- Day 7 / March 7:** May we have a heart and a zeal to save the poor and release the oppressed.
- Day 8 / March 8:** May the spirit and example of the Good Samaritan fill the hearts and minds of all our citizens.
- Day 9 / March 9:** May we grow in joy, knowing we serve a living God.
- Day 10 / March 10:** Pray for your local pregnancy help center.
- Day 11 / March 11:** Pray that when those representing Planned Parenthood and other abortion groups see volunteers for 40 Days for Life, they see ambassadors of Christ, and may each volunteer be consciously aware at all times we represent Him.
- Day 12 / March 12:** May the King of the Universe, who entered this world as a helpless infant, give us the humility to be healed.

## 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 - April 28-30, 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!*



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS

Sunday March 12th – remember to **SPRING** your clocks ahead one hour, so you will not be late for Mass!

### THE WORD AMONG US... COME AND BE FILLED

“A Simple Plan for a Blessed Lent” booklet is available in the entrance to the church. It has the complete Catholic Mass and Daily Meditations from March 1 – April 16. Please pick up one copy for inspiration. Also pick up the purple “**A Guide to Personal Prayer during the Season of Lent**”. You may use these resources to aid in your Spiritual journey this Lent.

### MEDITATION OF THE DAY

"Wait a little while, my soul, await the promise of God, and you will have the fullness of all that is good in heaven. If you yearn inordinately for the good things of this life, you will lose those which are heavenly and eternal. Use temporal things properly, but always desire what is eternal. Temporal things can never fully satisfy you, for you were not created to enjoy them alone . . . for your blessedness and happiness lie only in God, who has made all things from nothing."

— Thomas a' Kempis

### SAINT QUOTE

"The fast of Lent has no advantage to us unless it brings about our spiritual renewal. It is necessary while fasting to change our whole life and practice virtue. Turning away from all wickedness means keeping our tongue in check, restraining our anger, avoiding all gossip, lying and swearing. To abstain from these things— herein lies the true value of the fast."

— St. John Chrysostom

### CATHOLIC ADVOCACY DAY Thursday, March 16th in Olympia

*Invite your friends along!*

The day will include briefings on legislative issues, Mass and appointments with legislators. Participants are put in small groups and there will be designated speakers that will lead the legislator conversations. Sponsors: Washington State Catholic Conference, Catholic Community/Housing Services, Archdiocese of Seattle, Pierce County Deanery, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center.

**To register go to: [www.ipjc.org](http://www.ipjc.org) and be a neighbor and advocate for all.**

### THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

### CRS RICE BOWLS

CRS Rice Bowls and Envelops are available by the Church entrances. Please take one home to help support this cause. Each day of Lent, individuals are invited to use the Lenten Calendar— included with every CRS Rice Bowl—to guide their Lenten almsgiving. These daily almsgiving activities—for example, give 25 cents for every faucet found in your home—help families reflect on the realities of our brothers and sisters around the world and how they can be in solidarity during the Lenten season. The proceeds from this will go to help fund CRS programs, such as water and sanitation projects, around the world and go to hunger and poverty alleviation in our community.

### CRS RICE BOWL ENCOUNTER INNOVATION

This first week of Lent we encounter the Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others this Lent? Visit [csrricebowl.org](http://csrricebowl.org) for short video's this Lent about some of the different countries CRS Rice Bowl and your contributions assist. Please pick up a Rice Bowl or a White CRS Rice Bowl Envelope, at the entrance to Church, for your donations.



### PRAYER

O God, you entrusted to us the fruits of all creation so that we might care for the earth and be nourished with its bounty. You sent us your Son to share our very flesh and blood and to teach us

your Law of Love. Through His death and resurrection, we have been formed into one human family. Jesus showed great concern for those who had no food – even transforming five loaves and two fish into a banquet that served five thousand and many more. We come before you, O God, conscious of our faults and failures, but full of hope, to share food with all members in this global family. Through your wisdom, inspire leaders of government and of business, as well as all the world's citizens, to find just, and charitable solutions to end hunger by assuring that all people enjoy the right to food. Thus we pray, O God, that when we present ourselves for Divine Judgment, we can proclaim ourselves as “One Human Family” with “Food for All”. AMEN [www.caritas.org](http://www.caritas.org)



A FUTURE FULL OF  
**HOPE**

