

**March 19, 2017**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Reading 1: Exodus 17:3-7**

**Reading 2: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**

**Psalm: 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9**

**Gospel: John 4:5-42**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers.



**Terry Champaux and  
Carol Miller's son Shawn**

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



**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.

Blessings — Fr. Ludvik, Pastor

**POPE SPEAKS**

In a recent reflection, Pope Francis encouraged Catholics to read the Word of God with the same enthusiasm as messages received on cell phones. The Bible, like a cell phone, should be carried always.

—Pope Francis

**SAINT QUOTE**

"No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ."

— St. Leo the Great

**BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING**

John 4:5-42 *Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well.*

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle.

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people. The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit.

**WELCOME!**

If you are alienated or upset, we welcome you lovingly. If you are in need of forgiveness, Jesus forgives you completely - with unconditional love. If you have been hurt by the Church, we are truly sorry. If you are angry, Jesus offers you peace. If life has become burdensome, we are here to support you. We are happy you are here and want you to stay. We would like to share our lives with you. Come join us each week so we can worship God together.



— **THANK YOU** —

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all who attended and donated to the **ST. PATRICKS DAY DINNER** and/or purchased raffle tickets.



**CRS RICE BOWL  
ENCOUNTER CHRIST**

Please visit: <http://www.crsricebowl.org/community-reflections>

Each reflection is just over 1 minute in length, for a total of about 16 minutes to reflect on the Stations of the Cross in a different way.

These Lenten reflections of the Stations of the Cross are a guide. Through them, you will encounter Christ in those who are suffering, those who are marginalized and throughout creation. You will encounter Christ in your own prayer, too. And after the 40 days of Lent, you will be prepared to encounter the risen Christ.

Think of a time when you encountered Christ through service. Did the person or community you intended to serve end up serving you? How did you meet Christ in that person or community? How did you share Christ?

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

**Monday – Mar 20** – St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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 21**

Mass **8:30am**

**Wednesday - Mar 22**

Mass **8:30am**  
 Divine Mercy Cenacle **7:00pm**

**Thursday - Mar 23**

Mass – Shelley Ernst by Patty Rumpza **8:30am**  
 Finance Council **7:00pm**

**Friday - Mar 24** - Blessed Oscar Romero

Mass **8:30am**  
 Soup Supper **6:00pm**  
 Stations of the Cross **7:00pm**

**Saturday – Mar 25**

Confession **3:30pm**  
 Mass **5:00pm**

**Sunday - Mar 26**

Mass at OLOL **8:30am**  
 Mass for parishioners/intentions **10:30am**

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION—NEXT WEEKEND

**MARCH 25/26TH**

The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. In keeping with the theme "Help Jesus in Disguise," the funds collected through the CRS Collection support vital Catholic programs that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person. Help Jesus in Disguise with your generous giving to this USCCB collection. Envelopes are in the pews or your offertory packets received at home.



### — TODAY — KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUNDAY BREAKFAST

after masses 10-noon

Menu:  
 Pancakes  
 Eggs  
 Bacon  
 Ham  
 Beverages  
 Biscuits and Gravy on side



### SOUP SUPPER at ST. ALOYSIUS

**All Fridays: Soup Supper 6:00p &  
 Stations of the Cross 7:00p**

We are hosting our Soup Supper 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 to the **Eucharistic Ministers** for providing the soup for Fridays' Soup Supper and to all who came to enjoy the meal and their generous support of CRS Rice Bowl.

### DIET WOES

*A dietitian was once addressing a large audience in Chicago.*

"The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Red meat is awful. Soft drinks erode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. Vegetables can be disastrous, and none of us realizes the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water.

"But there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and we all have, or will, eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?"

A 75-year-old man in the back row stood up and shouted, "Wedding cake." (Would be a great Lenten activity this week, to do something to renew your marriage?)

### FISCAL YEAR REPORTS FOR 03-12-17

<u>St. Aloysius</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Weekly Revenue	\$3,275.00	\$2,963.00	\$312.00
Fiscal YTD	\$120,794.17	\$109,631.00	\$11,163.17
<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u>			
Weekly Revenue	\$715.00	\$790.00	-\$75.00
Fiscal YTD	\$31,082.00	\$29,230.00	\$1,852.40



### Catholic Youth Summer Camp Employment

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



**MARCH 24TH IS THE  
FEAST DAY OF  
BLESSED OSCAR ROMERO**

Blessed Oscar Romero heard the stories of the poor, and his voice against the violence grew louder and louder. People in villages across the nation tuned in to Blessed Oscar Romero's radio homilies, finding strength and comfort in his words. Each week he would denounce the violence and urge people to live out Christ's Gospel message of peace and love. He used his position of prominence to become what many called the voice of the voiceless. Blessed Oscar Romero was shot and killed while celebrating Mass on March 24, 1980. Blessed Oscar Romero of El Salvador was formally declared a martyr for the faith by Pope Francis in February 2015. He was beatified on May 23, 2015. When the Church declares a person to be beatified, this means that the deceased is indeed in a state of bliss in Heaven, is worthy of veneration, is worthy to appeal to for intercession and is eligible for sainthood.

During the third week of Lent, El Salvador is the featured Rice Bowl country for the week and the Catholic Social Teaching of the Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers. Learn more about Romero, CRS' work in El Salvador, and the Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers at [www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-3](http://www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-3).

“[Those] who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church which, since her origin and in spite of the failings of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defense and liberation through numerous works of charity which remain indispensable always and everywhere.”

—Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2448

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

"Is the LORD in our midst or not?" Let God enhance your marriage by participating a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend at the Sheraton Hotel, Bellevue on April, 28-30, 2017. Apply at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org). More information at 206-772-2344



**A Spoonful of Honey from  
St. Francis de Sales...**

“Have only a pure, simple, peaceful longing to please God; this will leave you to act without fear and with peace and gentleness.”

“Before we become a saint in heaven we must first be good men and women on this earth.”

“Let us strive to make the present moment beautiful.”

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



**TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE**

Continues to April 9, join our community in taking 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 20 / March 20:** That we may realize the generational impact of abortion.

**Day 21 / March 21:** Pray that we each will daily put on the full armor of God, so that we are strong in the Lord and the power of His might.

**Day 22 / March 22:** May those who hold life as trivial realize that we live because God wills it so.

**Day 23 / March 23:** We pray for the strength to love those who do not love us.

**Day 24 / March 24:** Pray that God will continue to bless the efforts that have gone into the 40 Days for Life campaign, as we trust Him for the results.

**Day 25 / March 25:** We pray for the conversion of all those who refuse to acknowledge that human life belongs only to God.

**Day 26 / March 26:** Pray that those who have forgotten their purpose may discover it in God and therefore have the courage to choose life.

**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!*

## 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.



## 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)

## IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY FOR MEN

**Lord, Teach Me To Pray** is a prayer series based on Ignatian Spirituality. Part 1, "Praying Christian Virtues", helps deepen prayer life, and discover what to do for dryness and obstacles in prayer. It also introduces the different methods of Ignatian prayer, meditation, contemplation and Consciousness Examen. A small group will meet with 2 trained facilitators for 1 - 2 hours once a week for 12 weeks to pray and faith share.

**Pt. 1 for men** begins date: Wednesday 3/29/17.

Place: St Aloysius Parish Hall

Time: 6PM to 8 PM

To register contact Deacon Ray at 208.819.0064 or e-mail: [deaconray@roadrunner.com](mailto:deaconray@roadrunner.com).

## ARCHDIOCESAN PLANNING STUDY

Archdiocesan Planning Study Update | All parishioners welcomed and encouraged to participate.

Archbishop Sartain and Father Ludvik want you to have the opportunity to have your voice heard regarding retirement needs of clergy and religious, as well as local parish needs. We encourage you visit the Archdiocese of Seattle's website to learn more and share your thoughts.

To participate in this important study, please go online to [www.seattlearchdiocese.org](http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org) and click on the "Planning Study Survey" link under the Archdiocesan Events and Activities section to learn more and provide comments. Use password: **Catholic**.

### PLANNING STUDY GATHERING

Wednesday, March 22 | 7 p.m. | St. Charles Borromeo |

## SOFTWARE ENGINEERING GLOSSARY OF PRODUCT TERMINOLOGY

**NEW:** Different colors from previous version.

**ALL NEW:** Software is not compatible with previous version.

**UNMATCHED:** Almost as good as the competition.

**ADVANCED DESIGN:** Upper management doesn't understand it.

**NO MAINTENANCE:** Impossible to fix.

**BREAKTHROUGH:** It finally booted on the first try.

**DESIGN SIMPLICITY:** Developed on a shoe-string budget.

**UPGRADED:** Did not work the first time.

**UPGRADED AND IMPROVED:** Did not work the second time.



Take the Lenten Listener Challenge, and tune in to Sacred Heart Radio AM 1050 each day from now until Easter. Sanctify your commute! For great reception all day and night, try out the beautiful new Sacred Heart Radio app. It's free, and available for iPhone and Android. Take Sacred Heart Radio with you wherever you go this Lent. 1-800-949-1050 / [www.sacredheartradio.org](http://www.sacredheartradio.org)

## SUPPORT U

Do you care for or simply worry about an adult or child with a chronic condition or disability that needs support for living their best life? Whether that person is living with you, nearby or far away, is related to you or not – you are a caregiver. While you focus on the person for whom you care, the Support U adult education series focuses on you – the caregiver. All classes are open to the public and begin on Tuesday, April 18, 6:00pm. We will meet each Tuesday through May 23rd. Can only attend one class? No Problem!

Ss Cosmas and Damian Catholic Church, 213 Leber St NW, Orting

Cost: Free will donation to cover cost of materials.

Call or email to sign up now: Leann Korbuszewski 360-893-3154; [bulletins@standrewsumner.org](mailto:bulletins@standrewsumner.org)

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Never give the devil a ride - he will always want to drive.