

March 26, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Reading 2: Ephesians 5:8-14

Psalm: 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Gospel: John 9:1-41



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. 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 more information.

Blessings — Fr. Ludvik, Pastor

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT READINGS

This Sunday is known as Laetare Sunday and is a Sunday of joy. Lent is half over, Easter is enticingly near and the vestments worn by the celebrant are rose-colored, not violet. The Church's liturgy, on this the fourth Sunday of Lent, invites us to retrace one of the fundamental dynamics of our baptismal re-birth through the Gospel account of the healing of the 'man born blind'.

It is the passage from the darkness of sin and error to the Light of God, who is the Risen Christ. In Old Testament Revelation, the Lord God had shown the People of Israel how the justice of the Creator was so much more profound and true than the thoughts of men. We have, in fact, heard in the first reading 'God does not see as human beings see; they look at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' (1 Sam 16:76).

The Lord pointed out in this way the true, unique, criteria on which men are judged. He also indicated the unique place in which man can meet God's gaze and enter into a relationship with Him—in his heart. Obviously, by the word 'heart' the Bible doesn't mean the centre of pulsation, but man's 'shrine', his conscience where he can really listen and recognize God's voice and so benefit from the Light:

'for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and uprightness and truth'. (Eph 5:9)

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR LENT 2017**

"The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift"

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive (cf. Homily, 8 January 2016). Lent is a favorable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply.

To read our Pope's entire message visit:

[https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/len/documents](https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/len/len/documents)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers.



Prayer request must be made through Cindy Guillot 253-862-9100. Please call with names for the Long Term Prayer Request log for 2017.

POPE TWEETS

It is vital that we sow the seeds of goodness in order to cultivate justice, foster accord, and sustain integration, without growing weary.

SAINT QUOTE

For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.

— St. Therese of Lisieux

— **THANK YOU** —

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all who attended their recent breakfast. Also, a resounding Thank You for your donations for the food for families!



**Archdiocesan Planning Study
Update**

Last chance to respond!

The archdiocesan-wide planning study is seeing great success. The surveys are pouring in and parishioners are sharing valuable input regarding the proposed initiatives to help us meet the retirement needs of clergy and religious, as well as local parish needs. This is the last week the planning study survey will be available online. If you have not already, be sure to go to: 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**.

Thank you to everyone who has provided prayers and input during this important study. Results will be provided soon.



CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday – Mar 27

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 28

Mass - Rumpza Family **8:30am**

Wednesday - Mar 29

Mass - Marieta Rumpza **8:30am**
 Ignatian Spirituality for Men First meeting **6 - 8pm**

Thursday - Mar 30

Mass - Bill Rumpza **8:30am**
 Stewardship Committee **9:30am**

Friday - Mar 31

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

Saturday – Apr 1

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

Sunday - Apr 2

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



SOUP SUPPER at ST. ALOYSIUS

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

There are two more opportunities to support our Soup Supper meals for CRS Rice Bowl.

Plan on coming and then attending the Stations of the Cross in the church afterwards. Since they are on Fridays, this means the menu is 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 **St. Aloysius Altar Society** 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.

SUMMER CAMPS 2017

Join us for the adventure of a lifetime at CYO Summer Camps – Washington's only Catholic Camps! Every day is filled with exciting outdoor activities, new friendships, and opportunities for personal growth – all in God's creation! Sessions start in July, register now at www.oyyae.org/camps. We are now offering payment plans in addition to our generous financial aid. See the poster on the Parish Hall big bulletin board for more information.



CRS RICE BOWL ENCOUNTER COMMUNITY

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.

This week we encounter Maria in Mexico, where a community of hardworking women share joys, sorrows and fellowship while growing economic opportunity at a greenhouse. How have your communities helped you encounter Christ anew this Lent?

Visit crsricebowl.org for more and enjoy this meatless recipe with fresh vegetables all year long:

Lenten Recipes

Arroz Rojo – Mexico

- 2 cup rice
- 1 T fair trade olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, diced
- 3 tomatoes, chopped
- ½ onion, chopped
- 4 cup vegetable broth
- 1 cup peas
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 1 chili pepper, chopped
- Salt to taste

Add oil to a large pan on low heat. Add rice and toast until golden. Add garlic, tomatoes and onion; cook until mixture is soft. Add the broth, peas, carrots, chili pepper and salt. When it begins to boil, reduce the heat and cover until rice is fully cooked. Makes 4–6 servings

GOING BACK, PROGRESS

I want to be a kid again. I want to go back to the time when...

- * Decisions were made by going "Eeny-meeny-miney-mo."
- * Mistakes were corrected by simply exclaiming, "Do over!"
- * "Race issue" meant arguing about who ran the fastest.
- * Money issues were handled by whoever was the banker in "Monopoly."
- * It wasn't odd to have two or three "best" friends.
- * Being old referred to anyone over 20.
- * It was magic when dad would "remove" his thumb.
- * Having a weapon in school meant being caught with a slingshot.

FISCAL YEAR REPORTS FOR 03-19-17

<u>St. Aloysius</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Weekly Revenue	\$3,185.00	\$2,963.00	\$232.00
Fiscal YTD	\$123,989.17	\$112,594.00	\$11,395.17
<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u>			
Weekly Revenue	\$505.00	\$790.00	-\$285.00
Fiscal YTD	\$31,587.40	\$30,020.00	\$1,567.40



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The national date for the CRS Collection is always Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent. Agencies benefiting from the Collection:

- Catholic Relief Services for the general fund (e.g. to prepare for and respond immediately to future disasters; separate from Rice Bowl-funded projects overseas);
- Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC);
- The Holy Father's Relief Fund;
- The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development;
- The USCCB Migration and Refugee Services (resettles approximately 30% of the refugees that arrive in the US each year);
- And the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church.

Visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief to find more information about who benefits from our support. Thank you for your generosity. Envelopes are in the pews or your offering packets received at home.

NEW MINISTRY IN OUR PARISHES

During our Lenten journey we are asked to reflect on the many gifts and blessing God has given us. Based on these reflections we have decided to start a new **SUNSHINE** Ministry to help our Parish community. This ministry would involve making and taking a meal to parishioners who have suffered an illness, surgery, rehab, or loss; or are caregivers and for a Blessed note - birth! Just a little TLC can mean a lot. We hope upon your prayerful reflections you will find it in your capabilities to become involved in this new ministry. Whether on a permanent or occasional basis, any and all help or suggestions would be appreciated. More information will be available in the coming weeks.



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/registration visit: www.seattlemensconference.org



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

Day 27 / March 27: We pray for humility in our work for God's Kingdom.

Day 28 / March 28: We pray for the conversion of abortionists and all abortion advocates.

Day 29 / March 29: Praise God for His compassion in pardoning our sins and forgiving our transgressions. Give praise that He delights in showing mercy.

Day 30 / March 30: That those tempted to abort may understand that their child is already present, and already a real person.

Day 31 / March 31: For the medical community, that the truth they know about the human body may become awe and wonder at the God who made it.

Day 32 / April 1: As we pray for the end of abortion, let us pray for the expansion of the pregnancy help center movement worldwide.

Day 33 / April 2: May we absorb the truth that God is paying attention to us, and to each human life, personally and individually.

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.