

**April 9, 2017**

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

**Reading 1: Isaiah 50:4-7**

**Psalm: 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24**

**Reading 2: Phil 2:6-11**

**Matthew 26:14—27:66**



**FROM THE DESK OF FR. LUDVIK**  
*WELCOME VISITORS*

Our profile as Church at St. Aloysius and Our Lady of Lourdes: We do second chances. We do grace. We do mistakes. We do I'm sorry. We do sing with zest. We do hugs. We do love. We do community. Our community is "Growing and Sharing in Jesus Christ"—please join us throughout this Holy Week. Our small but vibrant Catholic parish may be small but we are here to build community and be Church together using our gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure in the service of the Lord. Please review the calendar for Holy Week liturgy times.

Many Blessings — Fr. Ludvik, Pastor

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers.



**Dick Andrews,  
Nikki Brady and Scott Wallis**

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



**Holy Week**

**Palm Sunday - the Lord's Passion Gospel**

Matthew 26:14—27:66



Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. These days are indeed profound and holy. In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery.

**MEDITATION OF THE DAY**

"God will forgive you if you ask him to. Though your sins be numerous as the grains of sand on the shore, God's merciful forgiveness is far greater than your sins. Do not be afraid. Trust in his love. Repent of your sins without delay and return to the house of the Father. He is waiting for you. "

— Patrick Madrid

**SAINT QUOTE**

"If you wish to strengthen your confidence in God still more, often recall the loving way in which He has acted toward you, and how mercifully He has tried to bring you out of your sinful life, to break your attachment to the things of earth and draw you to His love."

— St. Alphonsus Liguori

**POPE TWEETS**

Even in the hardest and most disturbing moments, the Lord's mercy and goodness are greater than every thing.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE  
HOLY FATHER  
FOR APRIL**

Theme: Young People

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Monday – Apr 10

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

## Tuesday - Apr 11

Mass **8:30am**  
 Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society **7:00pm**  
 Knights of Columbus **7:00pm**

## Wednesday - Apr 12

Mass **8:30am**  
 Ignatian Spirituality for Men **6:00pm**

## Thursday - Apr 13

Holy Thursday Mass **7:00pm**  
 Adoration until 8:50p, then Night prayer **8:00pm**

## Friday - Apr 14-Good Friday (Fast & Abstinence)

Stations of the Cross and Veneration **3:00pm**  
 Divine Mercy Novena begins **3:30pm**  
 Lord's Passion and Veneration **7:00pm**

## Saturday – Apr 15—Holy Saturday

NO 5:00pm Mass  
 Divine Mercy Novena **3:00pm**  
 Easter Vigil – Service of Light & Mass **7:00pm**

## Sunday - Apr 16—Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord **8:30am**  
 Mass at OLOL **10:30am**  
 Mass for parishioners/intentions **3:00pm**  
 Divine Mercy Novena



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus 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. Be sure to visit [crsrice-bowl.org](http://crsrice-bowl.org) to watch videos of the people and communities your Lenten gifts are changing through CRS Rice Bowl. **NOTE:** We ask that you turn in your CRS Rice Bowl donations by Sunday April 23rd; you may place them in the large Rice Bowl in church or the white envelope in the collection basket. There are additional Rice Bowls and CRS Rice Bowl White Envelopes available in the entrance to church. Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family this Lent.

## ARTHRITIS?

The middle-aged man was shuffling along, bent over at the waist, as his wife helped him into the doctor's waiting room. A woman in the office viewed the scene in sympathy.

"Arthritis with complications?" she asked. The wife shook her head, "Do-it-yourself," she explained, "with concrete blocks."



## IMPORTANT DATES

April 19th – Parish monthly Potluck Lunch – noon  
 April 23rd – Welcome New Parishioners to our Parish  
 April 26th – St. Aloysius Altar Society Pizza Party - 6p  
 April 30th – Knights of Columbus 5th Sun. Rosary - 10a  
 May 6th – Parish Grounds Clean up - 10a

## NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY

**April 14 - 22 at 3:00p**

(Except Good Friday, the Novena will follow Stations of the Cross)



The Divine Mercy Novena may be prayed any time, but Jesus asked that it especially be prayed for nine days beginning on Good Friday and ending with what is now known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Each day of the Chaplet, we pray for a different group in response to Jesus' requests which He made known to St. Faustina. We pray for: all mankind — especially sinners, the devout and faithful, priests and religious, those who do not believe in God, the meek and children, those who venerate His mercy, the souls in Purgatory, and, finally, the lukewarm. Please join us, there will be booklets available during the Novena.

## THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION

For 800 years, the Holy Land Franciscans have served in the land made holy by the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. With your support, the Holy Land Franciscans will continue the nourish Christians in the Holy Land with presence, care and service. The contributions you make through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection make possible the programs that support Christians in the Holy Land.

Our sisters and brothers there depend on your generosity. This year, more than ever, we ask that you pledge your assistance to the people living there and those ministering in the land that Jesus made holy. A Good Friday donation envelope is in your offertory packets or you may use one of your own. As a reminder – write a separate check to your parish and in memo write Holy Land Collection. Thank you for your generosity.

## BULLETIN COVER ART

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## FISCAL YEAR REPORTS FOR 04-02-17

<u>St. Aloysius</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Weekly Revenue	\$3,938.00	\$2,963.00	\$975.00
Fiscal YTD	\$131,714.56	\$118,520.00	\$13,194.56
<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u>			
Weekly Revenue	\$1,676.00	\$790.00	\$886.00
Fiscal YTD	\$34,089.40	\$31,600.00	\$2,489.40

## THANK YOU!



You donated 243 pounds of food to the Knights of Columbus Food for Families in March. Our next drive will be May 13-21<sup>st</sup>. Please be generous with canned vegetables, fruits, meats and sauces. Dry goods can include: pasta, rice, beans, flour, sugar, Jello, pudding and spices.

## VIVA! A WEEKEND RETREAT

Sponsored and presented by Religious communities of Women in the Seattle Archdiocese.

For Single Catholic Women (ages 20-40)

Exploring a Call to become a Sister

Saturday, May 6, 9:30 AM

To Sunday, May 7, ending at 3:00 PM or earlier

St. Placid Priory & Spirituality Center

Lacey, WA 98516

Registration Fee of \$10; covers all meals and overnight accommodations

Please Register by April 28

Contact Sr. Lucy at 360-438-2595

e-mail: [lucywynkoop@gmail.com](mailto:lucywynkoop@gmail.com)

## 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. Brenda Holdner and Maureen Soler will have more information in the coming week. God Bless You.



## COMPUTER TRIVIA

The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve.

Surprise! Surprise!

It was an Apple, but with extremely limited memory.

Just 1 byte.

Then everything crashed.



## THE ANNUAL HOLY THURSDAY COMMEMORATION OF DECEASED PRIESTS AND PERMANENT DEACONS

Every year on Holy Thursday, our Faith Community remembers in prayer those deceased priests and permanent deacons who have served our Archdiocese and who have now gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace. We remember and give thanks for those priests and permanent deacons who dedicated their lives in service to the Church of Western Washington. The Most Reverend Eusebio Elizondo, Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle, invites you to pray with him at The Annual Holy Thursday Commemoration of Deceased Priests and Permanent Deacons April 13, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the Priests' Section of Calvary Cemetery, Seattle  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## YOU CAN DONATE TO ST. ALOYSIUS and OUR LADY OF LOURDES JUST BY SHOPPING WITH YOUR FRED MEYER REWARDS CARD!

### Here's how the program works:

Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to St. Aloysius at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards). You can search for us by our name or by **our non-profit number 86824**.

If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store. You must then open an ACCOUNT with your Rewards Card ONLINE first, then LINK your card in the community rewards program. Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping St. Aloysius Parish (this includes Our Lady of Lourdes) earn a donation!

*You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today!* For more information, please visit [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards).

*Try it out...donating to your church cannot get much easier!*

The new quarter just started on April 1st and runs through June 30th. Think about items you will purchase for Easter, food drives and summer is coming, sometime.

## MARRIAGE HELP

Do you feel alone in your marriage? Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Is it almost impossible to talk about difficult issues without arguing? Have you just given up? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vī) can help, no matter the source of conflict in your marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for our upcoming program beginning May 5-7, 2017 call 206-706-2608 or visit our website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

## A LENTEN TRADITION: VEILING THE CROSS FOR PASSIONTIDE

Towards the end of Lent you may notice purple or red cloths draped over the crucifixes, statues, and saint images at your parish. In some churches, these items may be removed from the sanctuary altogether. This old custom of veiling religious images is a way of focusing on the penitential aspect of this liturgical season. It reminds us in a visual way that our faith in all its glory is made possible only through the work of Christ in his suffering and death on the cross. When we cover or remove these holy and sacred images that we are so accustomed to, we are starkly confronted and reminded in a poignant way of all that Christ has won for us.

The tradition is often practiced during the last two weeks before Easter, starting on Passion Sunday and ending on Good Friday. This time period is known on the old liturgical calendar as Passiontide. Even though this period is no longer officially called by this name, the tradition is still practiced in many places.

Then, as in a dramatic unveiling, the holy images are again revealed for the Easter Vigil to mark the end of the penitential season. The joy of the Easter season and the hope of the Resurrection then comes to the forefront.

Temporarily veiling the crosses and religious images in the penitential color of Lent is a beautiful custom that helps us to reflect on the deeper theological meaning of the liturgical season.



**CRUCIFIXES & IMAGES VEILED: Passion Sunday**

**CRUCIFIXES REVEALED: Good Friday (to emphasize Jesus' death on the Cross on that day)**

**IMAGES & STATUES REVEALED: Easter Vigil (the early evening of Holy Saturday)**

**WHY:** In covering the religious images during the height of Lent, all attention is centered on the Passion and death of Christ. This is why the only images NOT to be covered are the Stations of the Cross. Just as the Church simplifies the sanctuary in these last weeks of Lent in order to focus on the penitential aspect of the season, we can also simplify our homes in creative ways by draping clothes over our crucifixes and other holy images. It reminds us that Jesus hid his glory during his Passion, so too we hide away our religious items in order to prepare ourselves to focus on and honor his Passion.

This tradition can be used as a learning tool for children. As a child, during Lent I would see the crosses covered and always wonder why, too afraid to ask an adult. Explain this custom to your children and encourage your family to engage in this Lenten practice. It is easy for children to become distracted by the things we receive at Easter. But Lent is an important time of preparation for the celebration for the Resurrection of Christ that deserves just as much attention.

What do we have in our home that distracts us from focusing on Lent?  
Do I have crosses and other images that could be covered and unveiled for Easter?

## POPE FRANCIS NAMES OKLAHOMA PRIEST AS SEATTLE AUXILIARY BISHOP



SEATTLE – The Vatican today announced that Pope Francis has appointed Msgr. Daniel Henry Mueggenborg as auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Seattle. Msgr. Mueggenborg is a priest of the Diocese of Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he has served as pastor of Christ the King Church since 2011. Daniel Mueggenborg was born in Okarche, Oklahoma, April 15, 1962. He was ordained a priest July 14, 1989, in Tulsa at Holy Family Cathedral. He will be ordained to the episcopacy on Wednesday, May 31, at 2 p.m. in St. James Cathedral.

Archbishop Sartain said “It is with deep joy that I share with you the good news that Pope Francis has appointed Msgr. Daniel Henry Mueggenborg, a priest of the Diocese of Tulsa, as Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle. Bishop-elect Mueggenborg has had a wide variety of experiences, as pastor to 3 parishes, leader in many diocesan capacities, and as a faculty member of the North American College in Rome. I have known him for 12 years, and it is clear to me that he will be a wonderful addition to the pastoral leadership of the Archdiocese. His warmth and affability, coupled with his pastoral experience and competence, will be great gifts to us. To say that I am delighted is an understatement. Please join me in welcoming Bishop-elect Daniel H. Mueggenborg to western Washington!”

“I am humbled by Pope Francis’ appointment to serve as an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Seattle,” Msgr. Mueggenborg said. “These recent days have been filled with prayer both in gratitude for the Holy Father’s decision and in petition for the strength and grace to fulfill the duties of this ministry.”

