

April 30, 2017
Third Sunday of Easter

Reading 1: Acts 2:14, 22-33
Reading 2: 1 Pt 1:17-21

Psalm:16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
Gospel: Lk 24:13-35



FROM THE DESK OF FR. LUDVIK
WELCOME EVERYONE

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". 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.

Many Blessings — Fr. Ludvik, Pastor

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed.

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others. ~ Loyola Press



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers.



Elaine Peck

Michael Considine

**~ for the repose of the soul of
Joe Albert ~**

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

PRAYERS

"We always have time for what is important to us" ~ Fr. Eamon Tobin

Taken from 13 Powerful Ways to Pray

**POPE FRANCIS PRAYER
INTENTION FOR MAY**

Christians in Africa

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

"Everything that exists is a gift from God. Yet oftentimes we look to the things and creatures created by God for a satisfaction and fulfillment that only God Himself can provide. When the soul wraps itself around the things and the people of this world, looking for satisfaction or fulfillment that only God can give, it produces a distortion in itself and in others as well. Many spiritual writers call the process of unwinding this possessive, self-centered, clinging, and disordered seeking of things and persons 'detachment'. The goal of the process of detachment is not to stop loving the things and people of this world, but, quite to the contrary, to love them even more truly in God, under the reign of Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Things and people become even more beautiful and delightful when we see them in this light. There are almost always painful dimensions to this process of 'letting go' in order to love more, but it's the pain of true healing and liberation. Christian detachment is an important part of the process by which we enter into a realm of great freedom and joy."

~ Ralph Martin
p.205 an excerpt from
The Fulfillment of All Desire

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK


Monday – May 01 - St. Joseph the Worker
 Rosary **3:30pm**
 Religious Education K- 6th **4:30pm**
 Youth 7th – 12th/Confirmation Prep **6:30pm**

Tuesday - May 02 - + Joe Albert by Berger family
 Mass **8:30am**
 St. Aloysius Altar Society **1:00pm**
 Prayer Shawl gathering **7:00pm**

Wednesday - May 03 - Isabella by Berger family
 Mass -Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles **8:30am**
 Ignatian Spirituality for men **6:00pm**

Thursday - May 04 - Becky Poppen, Peter Berger by Berger family
 Mass **8:30am**
 Parish Council meeting **7:00pm**

Friday - May 05 - + Tom Deady by Barbara Beyer
 Mass **8:30am**
First Friday Adoration **9a– 7:55p**

Saturday – May 06 – 
 St. Aloysius Church grounds CLEAN UP **9:00am**
 Confessions **3:30pm**
 Mass **5:00pm**

Sunday - May 07 -
 Mass at OLOL **8:30am**
 Mass for parishioners/intentions **10:30am**
 Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society BUNCO **1:00pm**

MAY IMPORTANT DATES

May 6th – Parish Grounds Cleanup! 9a-till
 May 7th – Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Soc. **BUNCO** 1p
 May 13- 21 – Knights of Columbus Food Drive
 May 20th – First Holy Communion Celebration 10:00am
 May 21st – Knights of Columbus Breakfast 10am

St. Aloysius Altar Society members will have **RAFFLE TICKETS** on sale after all Masses for their June raffle!

BUNCO!

SUNDAY MAY 7th - 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. Bunco's win prizes and most Bunco's at the end win cash!



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer will be observed on next Sunday, May 7th, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. You can find many resources to promote a culture of vocations on the USCCB webpage: www.usccb.org/vocations

THANK YOU

I wish to thank everyone for all the Masses, prayers, food, cards, flowers and candy.

~ *God Bless you all, Barbara Anderson*

YOUR PASTOR'S KIND OF HUMOR

A veterinarian was feeling ill and went to see his doctor. The doctor asked him all the usual questions, about symptoms, how long had they been occurring, etc., when the veterinarian interrupted him, saying, "Hey look, I'm a vet - I don't need to ask my patients these kind of questions. I can tell what's wrong just by looking. Why can't you?" The doctor nodded, looked him up and down, wrote out a prescription, and handed it to him and said, "There you are. Of course, if *that* doesn't work, we'll have to have you put down."



FISCAL YEAR REPORTS FOR 04-23-17

<u>St. Aloysius</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Weekly Revenue	\$3,294.00	\$2,963.00	\$331.00
Fiscal YTD	\$142,984.56	\$127,409.00	\$15,575.56
<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u>			
Weekly Revenue	\$461.00	\$790.00	— \$329.00
Fiscal YTD	\$36,465.40	\$33,970.00	\$2,395.40

CHURCH GROUNDS CLEANUP

-- SAVE THE DATE --
SATURDAY – MAY 6TH

It is be two weeks after Earth Day, let us do some common good for our church grounds at St. Aloysius. YOUNG and older are asked to come spring clean the weeds, branches and dirt. Maybe plant something or paint something! It has been almost 4 years since the area around Mary's Grotto has been thoroughly worked on. Please bring your muscles and back as well as trimmers, shovels, racks, etc.

Thank you in advance for participating!

HELP WANTED

Weeks' Funeral Home is looking for a high school student that wants to work 2-3 hours after school (Monday-Friday) \$11.00 an hour. They would need to be 16 with a current driver license. The Job description: Mowing the lawn, weeding, help maintain the cemetery grounds and keep company vehicles washed and clean inside. If interested, please come by to complete an application Weeks' Funeral Home, 451 Cemetery Rd., Buckley, WA

BULLETIN COVER ART

Public Domain: Jesus and the two disciples On the Road to Emmaus, by Duccio, 1308-1311, Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Siena.

SACRED HEART RADIO

Please pray for Monsignor Mueggenborg. Tune into Sacred Heart Radio to hear the Archdiocese of Seattle's soon-to-be Auxiliary Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg's ordination. You can hear his ordination as Bishop and his installation as Seattle's next Auxiliary Bishop live on Wednesday, May 31 on Sacred Heart Radio! You won't be by a radio? No problem! Download the FREE Sacred Heart Radio app for Android or iPhone. Find it in your app store, and listen anytime, anywhere!

AM 1050 Seattle / AM 970 Spokane / FM 88.3 Kodiak / FM 88.1 Yakima / AM 1240 Olympia

INTENTIONAL SERVICE!

Jesuit Volunteer EnCorps (JV EnCorps) is now accepting applications for a new JV EnCorps group that will meet at St. Leo Church in Tacoma during 2017-18! JV EnCorps, a program of JVC Northwest, facilitates transformative opportunities for service, community and spiritual formation for adults 50 and older who are committed to social and ecological justice. During their ten months of part-time (5-10 hours per week) volunteer service, participants will meet regularly in community to deepen their spirituality and explore the values of community, simple living and social & ecological justice.

Priority application deadline: August 15th. For more information: JVETacoma@jvcnorthwest.org or www.jvencorps.org.

3-MINUTE RETREAT

1 Peter 2:5

And, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

As you begin your retreat, pause for a few moments to quiet yourself. Clear your mind of everyday distractions and remember your loving God, who cares for you and holds you close.

It might be hard to compare oneself to a stone. But imagining yourself as a living stone can be exciting. The scripture passage paints the picture: each follower of Christ, united together, is built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood that offers spiritual sacrifices. In other words, each one of us is called to make our life count in a way that builds up the Body of Christ here on earth. With a critical mass of living stones, the spiritual house is strong and large enough for all to enter and find comfort and peace.

How ready am I to allow myself to be used by God as a living stone?

Where can I be of service in building up the Body of Christ?

(Speak to God, using these words or those of your own.)

Here I am, Lord. Set me in the place you want me to be and grant me the courage to do your will. Amen.

~LoyolaPress.com

THANK YOU!

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say thank you! Remember, 25% of your Rice Bowl contributions stay in this archdiocese in the form of grants to fund local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl or donate online at www.seattlearchdiocese.org/ricebowl.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARISHIONERS!



We all enjoyed the company of fellow parishioners last Sunday. Thank you to all who brought food to share at the potluck for our newest parishioners over the past year. We look forward to seeing you at our many activities and ministries. Please contact the office if you have any questions, our phone number, email address and website are on the cover of the bulletin. Welcome to your new Parish!

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE

The Church is built of people, not bricks or stone. This weekend kicks off the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal campaign in our parish. Your support is essential to more than 60 ministries and services throughout Western Washington. Our foundation and our ministries are kept strong through contributions from generous parishioners just like you. Gifts of any amount are welcome. Please consider an increase to your gift last year, and we are asking for 100% participation again. Thank you.

JOIN THE CORPS: Catholic Relief Services Parish Ambassador Corps

The Missions Office is inviting us to participate in a new Catholic Relief Services initiative called the Parish Ambassador Corps (PAC). PAC is a corps of local Catholic volunteers who are passionate about global solidarity and want to take action. CRS ambassadors receive formation on the spiritual roots of our call to care for those in need during two trainings. Participants then become part of a nationwide CRS Ambassador community, sharing encouragement, prayer and resources. Trained and equipped, Ambassadors commit to helping support global solidarity efforts in their parishes. They help with Rice Bowl as well as two other initiatives over the course of the year. Are you committed to inspiring others, as disciples of Jesus Christ, to put the teachings of the Church into practice on a global level?

If so, please contact the Missions Office/Archdiocese of Seattle for more information.

www.seattlearchdiocese.org/missions or
www.crs.org/parishambassador